

The latest news from our neighborhood

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

WINLOW PLACE GENERAL MEETING

Vote for our Civic Club Board

Thursday, December 5th, 7:30 pm at 1827 W Alabama

**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS** 

Our neighborhood social! Renters and kids are welcome.

Friday, December 13th, 5:30-8 pm

Never miss an event by signing up for our email list at winlowplace.org.

#### President's Letter

By Greg Utterback

In early November, the 2020 Executive Board Officers slate for the Civic Club was sent out to our members for review and consideration. This will be the first opportunity for the revised bylaws to be implemented with the addition of the District Representatives and the Deed Restriction Officer as Executive Board members. I am hopeful that this change will strengthen our Civic Club and allow for greater representation.

While the Block Captains are no longer on the Executive Board, these positions continue to be an integral part of our neighborhood and the Civic Club. In December, the Board will be reaching out for volunteers for Block Captains. If you are a current Block Captain and wish to continue, please email me. If you are interested in being more involved and serving as a Block Captain, please email me. I'd love to hear from anyone and everyone that has an interest in being a part of a stronger Civic Club.

I hope to see everyone at the next General Meeting on December 5th, and I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

#### **Neartown Update**

By Kay Warhol

It has been a busy several months in Neartown, with a major focus on the local elections. In September, Neartown hosted a community forum on the METRONext Bond Election and in October, the Super Neighborhood held a District C Candidate Forum, at which 12 of the 13 candidates for the District C City Council seat participated. With the District C race going to a runoff, Neartown is teaming up with our adjacent Super Neighborhood, University Place, to co-sponsor an opportunity for our residents to meet the two remaining contenders in the District C race, Abbie Kamin and Shelley Kennedy, and hear their positions on issues important to our city and our neighborhoods. Here are the details:

# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT C CANDIDATE FORUM

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd.

The runoff election is Saturday, December 14, with early voting going on now. Check **harrisvotes.com** for details.

Other things that Neartown has been tracking include:

Plans for moving the Montrose Freed Library and closure of the HPD Neartown Storefront:

Council Member Ellen Cohen hosted a public meeting in September at which Radom Capital LLC, who developed the Heights Mercantile on Yale St., shared plans for an upcoming new development at the northeast corner of Montrose Blvd and Westheimer Rd, to be called the Montrose Collective. The city is negotiating an agreement to include a new, modernized

Montrose Library within the project, which will be presented to City Council for approval. The existing library will remain open until the new space is completed in the next several years. The HPD Storefront at 802 Westheimer will not be part of the new development. Chief Acevedo explained his decision to close the storefront, expressing the belief that the storefront officers can serve the community more efficiently, and just as effectively, from the Central Division station. (Neartown President Greg LeGrande has continued to raise concerns with the chief about this decision.)

#### The Montrose TIRZ:

Two new TIRZ board members were sworn in at the October meeting, Jovon Tyler and Ray Valdez, replacing two members whose terms had expired. The formation of the Montrose Redevelopment Authority has been approved by City Council; the Redevelopment Authority, which is necessary to receive and disburse TIRZ funds and manage projects. The Board is in discussions with Radom Capital on the potential of adding public parking spaces to the garage planned for the Montrose Collective development.

## <u>Proposed Walkable Places and Transit-Oriented</u> <u>Development Ordinances:</u>

The City Planning & Development Department is currently accepting public comments on these proposed ordinances. Visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.org">houstontx.gov/planning</a> for more information.

The next Neartown meeting is Tuesday, January 28th, 7:00 pm at Cherryhurst Community Center. Visit <a href="www.neartown.org">www.neartown.org</a> for details and minutes of Neartown meetings, "other happenings" calendar, and to sign up for email updates.

#### **Constable Patrol Update**

By Michael Hawash

The traffic generated by Lanier Middle School, particularly during pickup and dropoff, has been a source of frustration for many years. Lanier was designed and built to be a "local" middle school. Opening in 1926, Lanier was deemed at full capacity in 1991. Needless to say, since that time, Lanier's student population has continued to grow. Lanier now has almost 1500 students who arrive and depart the school every day, some on foot, but primarily by bus and private vehicle. Coordinating all of this traffic has proven to be a logistical nightmare. The sheer number of vehicles completely overwhelmed the single HISD police officer assigned to Lanier.

In 2018, the Lanier PTO began funding deputies from the Constable's Office to assist with traffic control during morning drop-off and afternoon pickup. Although most Winlow Place residents have said the traffic situation around Lanier has improved once the Constable got involved, not everyone is happy. A few residents have complained that

the Constable's blocking of lanes and not allowing traffic to turn onto Hawthorne and/or Harold at certain times has resulted in further inconveniences. The Constable has looked at different options to move cars and buses as quickly as possible through Winlow Place without compromising student safety. The deputies who routinely work the Lanier traffic beat insist that the current plan is the best they can do under the circumstances and with the available resources.

Nevertheless, neighborhood comments and feedback are always welcomed. If you would like to comment or provide such feedback, please send an email to <code>info@mwpatrol.org</code> and your questions or comments will be forwarded to the appropriate person at the Constable's Office.

Your support for the Constable Patrol benefits the whole neighborhood. Become a subscriber at *mwpatrol.org* 

# **Monthly Socials: Cocktails + Conversation**

By Margo Fendrich

Winlow Place's socials are one of the highlights of living in our neighborhood. These events give us a marvelous way to meet new neighbors and catch up with familiar ones.

C+Cs are held monthly on the second Friday, so there are plenty of chances to attend.

All Winlow residents are welcome—including renters and kids. We'd love to meet you!

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- Heavy trash: 1st Wed of the month. More info at: houstontx.gov/solidwaste/
- Mandell-Winlow Constable Patrol: mwpatrol.org
- City of Houston questions: Call 3-1-1
- New neighbors in Winlow? Tell our welcome committee at president@winlowplace.org.

### 2018 Winlow Place Board

President	Greg Utterback	Vice President Margo Fendrich	
Past President	Lindsey Aldrich Walsh	Communications + Membership + Social	Margo Fendrich
Treasurers	Denise Hanks	Neartown Assn Delegate	Kay Warhol
Secretary	Emily Miller	Deed Restrictions	Ryan Hicks
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Welcome Committee	Lindsey Walsh + Chris Burnett	Historian	Argo Georgandis

# **Block Captains**

Have questions or concerns? Reach out to your block captain.

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