



Winlow Place

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The latest news from our neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINLOW PLACE GENERAL MEETING

Topic: vote on new bylaws

Thursday, September 12th @ 7:30 pm
at 1827 W Alabama

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

We're back after summer break!

Friday, September 13th @ 5:30–8 pm
at La Grange
(2517 Ralph St, near Westheimer/Dunlavy)

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

President's Letter

By Greg Utterback

At the beginning of the year, I had priorities for the Civic Club in 2019 and many of those were achieved with two general meetings left, but there is still work to be done.

My top priority was to increase participation in the Civic Club, both through dues paying members and General Meeting attendance.

The Membership Committee sent out our membership campaign in May with the goal of 100 dues paying members contributing \$100 or more. The neighborhood history prepared by long-time resident (and a former President) Audrey Cook was a great addition to the history maintained by our current Historian, Argo Georgandis. At the last executive meeting, Margo Fendrich, our Vice President and

Membership Chair, announced that we had 78 dues paying members for 2019. Although this is higher than in past years, getting another 22 members would help us achieve the goal. It was a stretch goal, but our neighborhood is the best in Houston, and I think it can be done. With the additional members, we can continue what Lindsey Aldrich, our Past President, set in motion to stabilize the finances and prepare for the future of the Club. It's been awesome to hear Denise Hanks, our Treasurer, give the financial report showing Lindsey's plan in action.

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Increased General Meeting attendance is the next goal for the Club. The act of getting together a few times a year to meet and network with your fellow Winlow Place neighbors increases our sense of community. We are working to increase the outside speakers from throughout Houston and to keep you informed of what we are doing. Our attendance has been lower than I expected, but those that have been coming, thank you and I hope you continue to attend and talk to others about coming.

Block Party

At our last General Meeting, a neighbor suggested that we enhance our monthly neighborhood social activity by holding a mini block party. We're planning to host this in the spring. The festivities will be spread across a few of our neighbors' yards, due to some city restrictions. Everyone will be invited to attend this social function! We will have games for all ages and working to have a food truck or two.

Bylaws

And finally, our Executive Board proposed to amend our Bylaws to better represent current expectations and to improve the structure of our Club. The approved Bylaws will be voted on (again) at the September meeting. You can review them ahead of time at [**tinyurl.com/WinlowProposedBylaws**](http://tinyurl.com/WinlowProposedBylaws). They will become effective after the officer elections in December, but I wanted to highlight the changes that are proposed:

- Adding three (3) District Representatives to the Executive Board. The current structure was successful when

implemented, but recently board involvement has declined. In an effort to increase participation, while continuing to respond to the needs of the neighborhood, Winlow Place has been divided into three (3) districts that will be represented by an elected board member. The districts will vote for their representative at the December General Meeting. The districts boundaries were suggested by the Executive Board and will be approved or rejected at the September General Meeting.

- Adding a Deed Restriction Officer to the Executive Board. One of the most important responsibilities of the Civic Club is to protect and enforce our Deed Restrictions. With this position an officer, it confirms our commitment to our neighborhood's character and future.
- Maintaining necessary Block Captains, but removing these members from the Executive Board. By utilizing the Block Captains more as ambassadors of their blocks, we maintain the connection, without the time commitment that some Block Captains are unable to keep.
- Enhancing the inclusivity of the bylaws by utilizing gender neutral language. It is important that the Civic Club be welcoming to all. One of the greatest assets we have is our diversity.

It has been a great start to 2019 and as we enter the fall, let's keep the momentum by continuing to support your Civic Club. If you haven't already, please consider paying dues, and if you don't have plans on September 12th, we'd love to see you at the General Meeting.

Constable Patrol Update – Porch Pirate Arrested

By Michael Hawash

Although the adoption of our Constable Patrol has resulted in significantly diminished overall crime and the near elimination of serious crime, package thefts and car burglaries continue to be a frequent problem. Fortunately, vigilance has resulted in the arrest of at least one individual accused of perpetrating these types of crimes in our neighborhood. Following up on leads posted to NextDoor, one of our area deputies arrested a woman who has been suspected of package theft throughout the greater Montrose area, including Winlow Place. Constable Rosen continues to recommend that residents monitor their mailboxes and front doors via

relatively cheap security cameras. Then, if you are a victim of package theft, you can post a video capture of the suspect to NextDoor. This site is regularly monitored by our area deputies for crime tips. Better yet, since porch pirates have been known to follow UPS and FedEx trucks and steal packages shortly after delivery, arrange to have packages delivered to your office or place of business where someone will present to receive the delivery.

REMINDER: subscriptions for the Constable Patrol 2019-2020 contract year are now due. Renew at mwpatrol.org today!

The Make I-45 Better Coalition

By Margo Fendrich

I-45 will be undergoing a massive (estimated \$7–10 billion) reconstruction downtown to align it with I-10 & I-59. As currently planned, this project will have a significant impact on our city.

With so much at stake, the Make I-45 Better Coalition has formed with support from more than 33 organizations (including Winlow Place) and almost 1,000 citizens that have come together to push TxDOT to

improve the NHHIP (North Houston Highway Improvement Project).

We believe TxDOT's NHHIP, as currently designed, poses a serious threat to neighborhood history, green space, flooding, housing, jobs, air quality, and the environment.

Want to learn more about upcoming events or get occasional email updates? Check out i-45coalition.org

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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.

2019 Winlow Place Board

President	Greg Utterback	Vice President	Margo Fendrich
Past President	Lindsey Aldrich Walsh	Communications + Membership + Social	Margo Fendrich
Treasurer	Denise Hanks	Neartown Assn Delegate	Kay Warhol
Secretary	Emily Miller	Deed Restrictions	Ryan Hicks
Newsletter	Carrie Markello	Crime & Safety (Constable Patrol)	Michael Hawash
Welcome Committee	Lindsey Aldrich Walsh + Chris Burnett	Historian	Argo Georgandis

Block Captains

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

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1800 Harold	Emily Miller	ebzmiller@gmail.com	1900 Kipling	Luke Hawash	713.417.1468
1900 Harold	Ken Wieseuegel	713.446.2472	1700 Marshall	Dave Dennison	713.203.3954
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Dear Neighbors,

The Mandell Winlow Security Foundation has raised approximately 75% of the money needed to renew our Constable Patrol program for the 2019-2020 contract year. However, we still need one or two households on every street in Winlow Place to contribute to next year's program.

Since we instituted a Constable Patrol, crime has significantly diminished in our neighborhood. The success of the Constable Patrol has caused many of our neighbors to adopt their own Constable Patrols. Currently, Vermont Commons, Park Commons and numerous businesses along Montrose Blvd. have all signed contracts with the County to bring uniformed deputies and marked patrol cars into their neighborhoods. Moreover, by coordinating the hours our deputy works with our neighbors, there is a uniformed constable in our neighborhood or one of our adjoining neighborhoods almost every day and night, seven days a week! This near round the clock presence translates to response times to calls for constable assistance that much faster!

Every subscriber to our Constable Patrol receives:

- 24/7 response to your calls for help or reports of suspicious activity;
- A bold and visible membership sign for your yard to deter criminals;
- Car window stickers too let our deputies know you pay their salary;
- Connection of your alarm company directly to the constable's emergency dispatch;
- Vacation watch while you are away from home, where our deputy actually checks your home;
- Special investigations and response to unusual, personal situations such as stalking, harassment, domestic situations and drug issues that HPD is too overworked to address.

To continue keeping our neighborhood safe and secure, we need to maintain our Constable's Patrol! For that, we need for you to contribute just slightly more than \$1/day. For those who have already subscribed, *thank you* for your contribution to our neighborhood's safety and security. For those who have not subscribed or renewed, now is the time to act!

We must renew our contract this month . . . so please contribute today!

To pay by credit card or PayPal, please renew or subscribe online at www.mwpatrol.org/payment/ (Online payments are preferred.)

If you must pay by check, fill out, detach and mail the form below with your payment.

For further details, visit mwpatrol.org

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Payment: ☐ Underwriter \$500 ☐ Regular Subscriber \$395

Checks to: "Mandell Winlow Security Foundation," 3401 Allen Parkway, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77019