

August 2012

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 7—St. Stephens Church 7:30 p.m.

Did you get a sewer letter?

Ellen Cohen will speak to this and answer questions

KIDDIE POOL PARTY

Saturday, August 11

Chez Russel Garrison

President's Message:

Some of you have received a letter from the city about the sewer line on Marshall, with a signing deadline of August 1. Ellen Cohen will be our speaker on the 7th – the city has postponed the deadline until then so that residents have a chance to ask questions. This is an important deadline, so please don't ignore the issue.

We are well on our way to meeting our goal of signing our updated deed restrictions! If you have signed, thanks very much. Please encourage your neighbors to sign. If you have been distracted, then now is your chance!

There are more opportunities to meet your neighbors, have a drink and get your deed restrictions signed.

We realize that everyone has very busy lives, but please do take a little bit of time and join our efforts to protect our beautiful neighborhood. As a reminder, deed restrictions were created long ago and updating and amending them is important. Don't be mistaken...not signing now DOES NOT change your previous status. If your property signed before, you are still very much deed restricted!!!

If you can't make the deed signing events, the signature page for the deed restrictions is printed on Page 3. You can either mail it to our P.O. Box or drop it in my mailbox (3614 Hazard) or Kay's mailbox (1723 Marshall). The Post Office address is Winlow Place Civic Club, P.O. Box 980712 Houston 77098. You can also mail your dues to the post office box.

If you have lost your original copy of the updated version, write me at Russel Garrison rus-sel@loydrusselhomes.com.



WPCC SOCIALS

Thanks to Michael Massa for generously sharing his house and the food from his restaurant last month! About 40 people, some of whom were new to the neighborhood, joined us as did a few former neighbors who still own property here. (We might add that future hosts are under no obligation to provide a comparable feast—the objective is still to socialize, get to know each other and strengthen our neighborhood ties.)

The deed restriction signing is progressing, so please get yours in if you haven't already done so.

YARD OF THE MONTH.

Last month, the winner of the plaque were Argo and Howard Georgandis on Harold. This month it is

Congratulations to all. If you want to nominate a yard, have ideas or want to be on the yard of the month committee, please email Steve Helton at SHelton@utmdaccptc.org

CRIME UPDATE

The police have been kept active in the last month with several breakins— if you didn't get the email with the pictures of the black man who stole things from Brian Ammons, please write to russel@loydrusselhomes.com. And request that they be forwarded to you.

The good news is that the thief who broke into Argo's house have been caught—apparently he lived in the apartments near Alabama and Hazard.

WATER

Even though we are technically out of the drought, it is clearly possible that we will slip back in if the weather doesn't cooperate. Please continue to be mindful of your water usage as we enter the hot summer months.

TRASH PICKUP DATES

August 9— Heavy trash and junk ; September 13—tree waste

October 11—Heavy trash

Regular trash remains the same; Monday pickup, with the green bin recycling also on Monday, every second week.

KIDDIE PARTY

On Saturday, August 11, bring your little ones and prepare to have hot dogs and lemonade between 3-6 at Russel's pool. The yard is fenced—you are still responsible for your toddler, and adults are allowed in the water as well! Come and enjoy an outing aimed at the small fry—we have a number of families with little children now, and it is a great opportunity to mix and meet.

NEARTOWN NEWS

Part of the planned expansion of the METRO light rail system is the University Line, which will run down Richmond Avenue and connect Neartown/Montrose with UofH, Greenway Plaza, and more, as well as link the current Main Street Line to Downtown and the Medical Center and the future Uptown Line to the Galleria/Uptown. While 3 of the planned new lines are under construction, the University and Uptown Lines are nowhere close to breaking ground. Under current funding circumstances, it could be a decade or more before construction even starts on those lines. But upcoming decisions by The METRO Board and the City of Houston (and ultimately, local voters) will impact how quickly work can commence on these lines.

In April, the Neartown Ass'n expressed its concern about the future of modern transit services for our neighborhoods, and at the June meeting, adopted a resolution that states, in part:

* We want METRO, in partnership with the City of Houston, to begin construction on the University Line in Neartown by the time the North, East End, and Southeast Lines in the Phase II METRO Rail expansion open in 2014;

and

* We want the METRO Board and the City of Houston to take all necessary actions with regard to the General Mobility Program funds to make that happen.

Under the current General Mobility Program (GMP), 25% of the local 1-cent transit sales tax that is METRO's primary source of funding must be shared with Harris County, the City of Houston, and the smaller cities in the METRO service area for roads, bridges, and related spending. These entities are fighting any change. The METRO Board must hold a referendum to determine the future of the GMP beyond 2014. The Board will decide on August 17th the ballot language for this referendum.

Continuation of the current GMP will mean virtually no expansion of bus and rail transit in the City into the next decade - even as we see an explosion of dense development in the inner city. The METRO Board has held many meetings on this topic.

Stay informed .Visit www.ridemetro.org and click on "2012 Referendum"

If we are ever to get past the total dependence on cars and have a decent public transportation system in Houston, much will ride on this vote.

Thanks to Kay Warhol for keeping us up to date on what Neartown is doing with regard to METRO.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**2012 DUES ARE DUE**

Recommended amounts are below. If you have been hit by these tough economic times, please pay what you can.

Mail to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 980712

Houston, TX 77098

Or, just pay at the meeting and save the stamp!

Patron: \$100.00

Regular: \$50.00

Sr. Citizens: \$10 or what you can afford.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Other News Sources

1. www.citizens.net
2. www.neartown.org
3. www.winlowplace.org
4. www.richmondtrail.org

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Steve Helton has volunteered to chair a "Yard of the Month" committee. – c'mon some of you great gardeners – sign up!

Also the Board would like to form a social committee to head the planning / execution for social occasions. We need a chairman – and of course some other volunteers.

Names anyone??

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2012 BLOCK CAPTAINS/ NEWSLETTER

1700 Hawthorne	Pam Jenkins	1707 Hawthorne	713.927.2880
1900 Hawthorne	Paul Cobb	1900 Hawthorne	713.522.8030
1700 Harold	Jan Ossman	1716 Harold	713.529.3191
1800 Harold	Connie Reilly	1829 Harold	713.524.9821
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1700 Kipling	Kris Kelly	1756 Kipling	713.523.2721
1800 Kipling	Ginny Jackson	1853 Kipling,	713-542-1480
1900 Kipling	Donia Caspersen	1902 Kipling	713.522.6543
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1800 Marshall	Bruce Chambers	1848 Marshall	713.822.1577
1900 Marshall	Denise Hanks	1911 Marshall	713.520.1277
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