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WINLOW PLACE

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Havens Center (Next to the Chocolate Bar)

Speaker: Officer Victor Baserra

Houston Police Department

Summer has disappeared and fall is falling—time to have another general meeting and catch up on what has been happening in the area.

Our guest speaker, Officer Baserra, will be sharing some local safety statistics, as well as suggestions for how not to be attractive to burglars and others bent on mayhem. Like much of the rest of Houston, we have seen our share of break-ins, vandalism, graffiti and we would like to minimize our vulnerability.

For anyone new to the area, St. Stephens Church is on the corner of Woodhead and Westheimer; Havens Center is the building next door to the parking lot. There is additional parking in back.

National Night Out; Tuesday, Oct 7: We are not planning any specific activities this year but the Block Captains have been asked to help encourage some of their participants to stroll their blocks between 6-8 p.m. to meet their neighbors. Remember that some of the best possible insurance against potential bad actors is knowing your neighbors, and generally helping to keep an eye on things.



KEEPING THE CITY UP TO DATE ON OUR NEEDS

311 is Effective

The best way to get results from the City impassible sidewalks, big potholes, streetlights that need maintenance, etc. is to utilize the 311 reporting service options available through the city.

It only takes a few minutes to report an issue, and many have noticed how the City is becoming much more responsive/quick to address concerns. Contact 311 any of these ways

By using the Houston 311 app, available for free in the app store on your phone, tablet or computer: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/houston-311/id572912099?mt=8>

By using the SeeClickFix website: <https://www.seeclickfix.com/houston>

By calling 311

No one person is responsible for reporting these issues – if you see something, please report it ASAP!

OTHER NEARBY BUILDING

While we have all been known to complain about inappropriate building in the neighborhood, it is lovely to report that the **Menil Café** is proceeding apace and will be under the leadership of the former Café Express Executive chef, Greg Martin. The opening date is this week, the building and landscaping are progressing and the menu is in place. One sour note is that they have apparently asked for—and been given—a variance on the width of the sidewalk. C'mon guys—what's so hard about putting in that extra more walkable portion??

And if you haven't been down by the **Science Museum** lately, look at the total renovation of the Rose Garden. Waterfalls, beautiful sector gardens, a big new parking lot, and a hill in the middle, which may actually be one of Houston's highest points! Due to open in October this year, it will be a great addition to the amenities in Herman Park.

GARDENS, GARDENS, and the YARD OF THE MONTH

Thanks to all who have taken the time and energy to make their gardens a joy for everyone to behold.

April: Tori & Michael Hawash @ 1840 Kipling

May: Ximena & Stephen Wood @ 1747 Harold

June: Patrick McDermott & Larry Wiedemann @ 1908 Kipling

July: Nelson & Cecilia Thompson @ 1719 Kipling

August: Pat & Jim Cooney @ 1759 Hawthorne

September: Edgar and Christy Saldivar @ 1754 Harold Street

CONSTRUCTION ON SHEPHERD

Just in case you hadn't noticed, this is scheduled to go on for some time, namely until August 2015. Avoid it if you can, unless you love waiting behind a long line of cars at most times of the day. You can check our website for details.

Complex on West Alabama

Plans for this have now been filed with the city and appear to be meeting most of our desires, in that traffic will NOT be allowed to funnel through the neighborhood although there will be a locked emergency gate at the end of Marshall as there is by the Trammel Crowe development on Harold..

WINLOW PLACE LONG TIME RESIDENTS

We have lost several long-time WP residents this year; Donia Casperson, who was one of the original founders and supporters of the Civic Club has moved to a retirement home from her house on Kipling. Donia and her husband were among the earliest residents of the community, and up until last year Donia continued as the 1900 Kipling Block Captain. Somewhere in here she raised 12 children, but still managed to be an active, contributing member to the club activities for many years.

Donia—we wish you well in your new home, and we will miss you.

Another of our residents had a very distinguished academic career; too often we know too little about the interesting people who live in our area. (Alas, your editor could not persuade the picture from the Chronicle to be translated into Word Publisher)

GHOSH

Dr. Debabrata Ghosh Dr. Debabrata Ghosh, Professor of Biology, passed away at his home in Houston, Texas on April 29, 2014 surrounded by those closest to him. He was 80.

Dr. Ghosh graduated from the University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India with a B.S. degree in 1956. He then moved to the United States and obtained a Masters Degree in Plant Physiology and Chemistry and a Ph.D degree in Plant Physiology and Biochemistry from Texas A&M University, College Station. He completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Texas, Austin before joining Texas Southern University in 1966.

His contributions included teaching, research, publications, awards, and grants during his 42 years of tenure at Texas Southern University.

In 1968 he was awarded the Robert A. Welch Foundation Grant. In 1972 he was awarded the first NBRBS grant amounting to 5 million dollars to Texas Southern University. Dr. Ghosh mentored and guided the Master of Science theses of 35 graduate students from the TSU Department of Biology. Dr. Ghosh served as the chair of the Department of Biology from 1998 through 2004.

Beyond the biological sciences, he had many other scientific interests such as Quantum Mechanics and Theoretical Physics. He co-authored a scientific paper entitled “molecular mechanism of manganese exposure-induced dopaminergic toxicity” in the Brain Research Bulletin.

He was not only a scientist, teacher, and mentor, but also a true friend in having a profound effect on those closest to him. He was an avid reader of the New York Times and spent his retirement years in the pursuit and sharing of his knowledge, writing, philately, gardening, aviculture, and pets (Nightingale and Maggie). His intelligence, humor, and wit will truly be missed by his friends.

CRIME STATS

Like every other part of this huge, spread-out city, we are having occasional car break-ins and household robberies. PLEASE do not leave anything of value on the seat of your car even if you think it is “just for a moment”. Many of these crimes are opportunistic. Other cheap insurance consists of

- Knowing your neighbors
- Keeping your porch lights on or installing motion sensor lights
- Having someone collect your paper if you are out of town for the weekend
- Turning on your alarm when you leave the house, not just using the sign for decoration!

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP DATES

Remember that the city has changed our pickup to the FIRST WED

October 2—Junk, November 5- Trees; December 3—Trees; January 7—trees

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

SOCIALS

NEXT COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION—Join us!

Friday, October 10, 5:30—8 p.m.

Check the website for details or email us at

news@winlowplace.org

When the “Second Friday Socials” were introduced several years ago, it was assumed by some that these were financed by the civic club. Not so. Each of the host families who have shared their hospitality have done so at their own expense and in a spirit of good will and fellowship. We thank all of them. If you are not on the list for announcements, and would like to be, please email us, and then come and join us.

DRAIN CLUTTER

Our neighbors in Mandell Place have been battling the same scourge as we have—the little weekly paper that often gets left behind after its delivery on Thursday. Have you also noticed that these accumulate—frequently by the drains—and have contributed to the corner flooding that we already experience?

If you don't want it and never read it, please email the Houston Community Newspapers to request a cancellation. (DeliveryService@hcnonline.com, or call 281-378-1900) It will save paper and plastic. Meanwhile, please pick up the extras, strip the plastic wrap off and throw them into your nice, new huge green bin.

WHO DO YOU CALL??*

EMERGENCY ONLY: 9-1-1

MONTROSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SECURITY (HPD) 832-370-9191

HPD NON-EMERGENCY: 713-884-3131

<https://ehpd.houstontx.gov/citizenalert/>

HPD STOREFRONT 713-284-8604 or email to

centralpatrol1district@cityofhouston.net

CITY OF HOUSTON—general help 3-1-1

Or download the app Houston 311 on your smartphone.

ABANDONED GROCERY CARTS:

HEB—713-529-2475

Kroger: 713-526-7865 (press 0)

Randall's 713-284-1200 (press 8)

GRAFFITI - also call 3-1-1

*** Thanks to the Mandell Place newsletter editor for compiling these!**

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2014 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Russel Garrison
VICE PRES	Caroline Garry
SEC.	Brandy Laqasko
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Other News Sources

1. www.citizens.net
 2. www.nearatown.org
 3. www.winlowplace.org
 4. www.richmondtrail.org
- Crime Stoppers: 713-222-TIPS (8477)

YARD OF THE MONTH;

Send your nomination to Deb Leflar

dhleflar@aol.com

EMAIL ADDRESSES?

Do you get the email updates on the crime stats? In-between-newsletter news? If not, send your address to president@winlowplace.org

2014 DUES ARE DUE

Suggested amounts: Patron: \$100.00

Regular: \$50.00

Seniors : \$10 or what you can afford.

Mail to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 980712, Houston, TX 77098

(Or save the stamp and come to the general meeting!)

All welcome.

Name: _____

Address _____

Email _____

2014 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
1900 Harold	Ken Wiesehuegel	1911 Harold	713.446.2472
1700 Kipling	Kris Kelly	1756 Kipling	713.523.2721
1800 Kipling	Lee Loe	1844 Kipling	713-524-2682
1900 Kipling	Open	Kipling	
1700 Marshall	Michael Drifmeyer	1724 Marshall	713-523-0624
1800 Marshall	Steve Dennis	1825 Marshall	304 685 5626
1900 Marshall	Denise Hanks	1911 Marshall	713.520.1277
1800 w. Alabama	Teri Frankel	1902 w. Alabama	(713) 228-9445

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You can improve our neighborhood security