

May-June 2016

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Tuesday June 7, 2016

GENERAL MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

St. Stephens Church, Havens Hall

(Next to the Chocolate Bar)

WINLOW PLACE AND SECURITY

The constable system is working! Your insert to this newsletter is a graphic illustration of just how well - the number of incidents within our "border" is a fraction of the surrounding areas, and of the incidents reported, almost all were from homes that did NOT have the Constable sign in front.

The downturn in the oil business has slapped many of us in the face and in the wallet. Nevertheless, we urge you to put a high priority on your participation for the coming year. Our neighborhood is being made safer and we all benefit of if the criminal class feels uncomfortable in Winlow Place.

Meanwhile, porch and motion sensor lights are comparatively cheap insurance. **Use** your alarm system if you have one, keep a lookout for folk "casing the neighborhood" and remember that good neighbors are some of the best deterrents of all.

You have received a recent alert about a yellow Chevy Camaro. Be on the watch for a young couple armed with a shotgun and a distracting story.

Please email info@mwpatrol.org for information on how to subscribe, or with any questions you may have.



RECYCLING

FACT: Houston is perpetually short of money and has shown a great willingness to kick the can down the road in terms of fiscal responsibility. One of the ways we can help combat this tendency is to make sure we continue to recycle glass even though the city is no longer including it in the green barrels.

You can still go to Westpark recycling with old electronics, glass, paint, etc, but an imaginative 8-yr old has come up with an alternative you might also like to consider.

<http://www.haulingglasshouston.com/> At the moment they are not picking up in 77098, but we are so close to the edge (Dunlavy is the border of 77006 where they have the most new requests) that we might be able to arrange a slight detour. \$10/month gets you two pickups—we suggest you look at the possibility of combining with 1 or more neighbors—surely we can find a way to keep on getting the glass out of our rapidly filling landfills! If we can get several dozen households, it would be worth their while.

Cocktails & Conversation

Thanks to the Social committee and the Ruffo /Douglas household for May: We are booked for August through December, but we need volunteer hosts for June and July.

Can you help?

Call or text Carol Nelson at 713-857-3608

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2016

Board meetings:

August 4, November 10

General meetings:

June 7, September 6, December 6

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

First things first: It is with great joy that Ben and I welcome our son, Marshall Lee Garry, as one of Winlow Place's youngest. We are settling in and thank each of you for your support as we are learning how to be new parents. We are pleased that he will grow up in a community with folks who are involved, know one another, and willing to volunteer to make our City a better and more beautiful place.

We are fortunate not to have any hot-button issues at the moment, and to be instead participating in conversations around forward-thinking plans such as the future redevelopment of West Alabama, Dunlavy and even Lower Westheimer. As always, we will alert residents of public meetings hosted by the City so that you may attend to provide input. We are pleased, as a residential community nestled in the urban core of a major metropolitan city, that an emphasis on public safety and walkability are high priorities of the staff of the Planning Department and PWE.

Further, and more specifically to our neighborhood, Winlow Place plans to install sign toppers and will additionally replace any old signage to match – so be looking forward to that!

All the best, Caroline Garry, President, Winlow Place Civic Club

SEWER UPDATE

Several years ago the city scheduled WP as an area to have all sewer lines moved to the front of the houses instead of leaving them in the easement at the back. Some of this has been accomplished over the years and apparently the City is now re-opening the issue and starting in.

At the time when it was first broached, homeowners had the opportunity to sign a document intended to ensure you would be **on your property** when they came to make their recommendations / measurements / decision. The City will have a private contractor perform the work, and it is your obligation to see that things are put back as they were before the digging started (if indeed digging is necessary.)

Take lots of pictures! If any other information is left at your door, be aware that you are entitled to be home when they come, BEFORE they can actually start any work. Your alternative will be to pay a private contractor of your choice to get the work done for you.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR BETTER STREETS

The nonprofit group Scenic Houston, which got its start advocating for limits on billboards in the city, is preparing a new version of its Streetscape Resource Guide. This is described as “an illustrated Guide that supports optimal streetscape, planning, design and construction using current City of Houston Code Standards.” Scenic Houston is requesting public feedback to improve the new version of the Guide. You can learn more about the project and respond to a short questionnaire at: <http://www.scenichouston.org/streetscape-houston-project/>

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: WHEN DO WE GET INVOLVED?

The civic club’s main purpose is to track and enforce our deed restrictions. We are specifically constrained to not take part in advocating any political position, and indeed, as homeowners we represent every possible part of the political spectrum. Nevertheless, opportunities come up to comment on things that do affect our neighborhood.

One of these was the controversy about renaming Lanier Middle School. Very sensibly, the parents involved set up their own website to publicize their point of view—the civic club role was simply to make that information available to our residents, but not to take a position for or against.

Similarly, the party venue north of Westheimer on Woodhead may ultimately affect our parking. However, they officially have enough city-mandated parking spots to qualify for their operation. If it turns out that they overflow, we may want to consider reacting in some fashion, but currently they are well within City requirements.

IN MEMORIAM

In keeping with his wishes, the Civic Club has made a \$500 donation in Tony Carroll’s memory to an organization he helped found, “Homeless Gay Kids.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2016 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Caroline Garry
VICE PRES	Lindsey Walsh
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Other News Sources

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

Crime Stoppers: 713-222-TIPS (8477)

EMAIL ADDRESSES?

Do you get the email updates on the crime stats? In-between-newsletter news? If not, visit www.winlowplace.org and subscribe to receive emails.

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2016 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 take advantage of the fact that our computer wizards have made it possible to pay on line and save the stamp!)

Go to: www.winlowplace.org and click on the tab marked "Get Involved" this takes you directly to a pay system.

2016 BLOCK CAPTAINS/ NEWSLETTER

1700 Hawthorne	Pam Jenkins	1707 Hawthorne	713.927.2880
1900 Hawthorne	Marg. Nunez	1900 Hawthorne	713-529-2549
1700 Harold	Janet Ossmann	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	Lillian Anfosso	1720 Kipling	713-529-3367
1800 Kipling	Lee Loe	1844 Kipling	713-524-2682
1900 Kipling	Mike Hawash	1840 Kipling	713-417-1468
1700 Marshall	Michael Drifmeyer	1724 Marshall	713-523-0624
1800 Marshall	Ron Bland	1808 Marshall	713-703-6208
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