

August-September 2016

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Tuesday September 6, 2016

GENERAL MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

St. Stephens Church, Havens Hall

(Next to the Chocolate Bar)

WINLOW PLACE AND SECURITY

August has rushed up upon us and we need to organize our collective minds and our checkbooks. It's working, and it's working well but **we are behind on our renewals**. Current subscriptions are about 40% lower than this time last year. If the number of residents subscribing does not increase very soon, we will have to consider raising the cost to all subscribers next year or dropping the patrol altogether.

Since we adopted a Constable's Patrol, crime in our neighborhood has dropped significantly. According to crime statistics maintained by HPD and the Constable, crime in our patrol area is **MUCH LOWER** for the first six months of 2016.

Violent crime decreased 100%

Burglary cases decreased by 61%

Robbery cases decreased by 86%

Auto theft cases decreased by 88%

Theft cases decreased by 95%

These dramatic improvements come from having marked patrol cars in our neighborhood during high crime times as well as the multiple arrests the Constable has made to move the criminal element out of our neighborhood.

For those who have already subscribed, *thank you!* For those who have not, please look at the improvement – you are benefiting as well as those who have paid.

Please renew your subscription or subscribe online at <http://www.mwpatrol.org/payment/>. Online payments can be done by credit card or PayPal.



RECYCLING

Keep up the good work!

More Glass Recycling Options: With the changes in the City's recycling program to exclude glass from curbside pickup, we'd like to inform residents that now they may take glass to the Salvation Army donation center on Washington Avenue in addition to the Westpark Consumer Recycling Center. **Salvation Army:** 2208 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007, [713-425-8727](tel:713-425-8727). **Westpark Consumer Recycling Center:** 5900 Westpark Drive, Houston, TX 77057, [713-837-0311](tel:713-837-0311). For those who prefer to have their glass picked up from their house, there are paid services available such as **Hauling Glass Houston** (www.haulingglasshouston.com) and **iRecycle Glass** (www.irecycle.glass).

YARD OF THE MONTH

- **June Yard of the Month:** Karen and Jerry Thomas at 1755 Kipling
- **July Yard of the Month:** Leigh Stephenson and Russel Garrison at 3614 Hazard
- **August Yard of the Month:** Jon Porch and Juan Morales at 1852 Marshall Street

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2016

Board meetings: November 10

General meetings: September 6, December 6

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Winlow Place Residents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer! There's been a lot of activity in Winlow Place over the last few months. From a variety of new construction (and along with it, new neighbors) to the City's current work regarding the sanitary sewer system, to the fundraising efforts of the Constable Patrol. I want to thank all of you who volunteer your time and effort to ensure that no matter what's going on in Winlow Place, we always maintain our character and community. Everyone's efforts are essential to making sure that our deed restrictions remain effective, that the City lives up to its commitments, and that our streets are safe.

On top of all of the effort it takes to maintain our neighborhood, we've also had a lot of fun this summer, too. It's been wonderful to see so many of you at the recently re-started monthly Cocktails & Conversations. More than anything else we do, it is getting to know each other that makes us such a strong neighborhood. I hope that you will all join us for the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 6th.

My best, Caroline Garry

COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION

- **September 9:** Debby & Joop Oranje at 1908 Marshall
- **October 14:** Lindsey & Pat Walsh at 1834 Marshall
- **November 11:** Jeff Gramillion at 1744 Marshall
- **December 9:** Guy & Debbie Leflar at 1701 Marshall

SEWER UPDATE

As of the time this newsletter goes to print, the current phase of the sewage work is to be completed by ~August 25th. Please visit our blog at www.winlowplace.org/blog for more detail. In any event, we will have an update at the next General Meeting.

Those of us on the north side of the 1700 block of Hawthorne will apparently remain connected in the back, along with the commercial establishments on the south side of Westheimer. This was not made clear initially, and currently we believe this to be the case!

BIKE PLAN

Houston is making a significant effort to allow citizen input for regional planning. Last month it was for better street planning. This time, we are calling all bicyclists! Please participate!

The City is updating its bike plan, the first bike plan update in over 22 years, and the plan is nearly complete. The plan sets a target to more than triple the amount of comfortable bicycle facilities across Houston within 10 years. This could be an important benefit to Winlow Place! Houston's City Council will consider adopting the updated plan most likely in September or October of this year. If you'd like to be part of a Winlow Place team to encourage City Council to adopt the plan, please let Caroline Garry know at president@winlowplace.org. Details are available at houstonbikeplan.org.

SIGN TOPPERS UPDATE:

We are so pleased to have traction on the new sign toppers that we'll be installing on top of each street sign within Winlow Place! Caroline is currently working with the City regarding their process on approval and installation of custom neighborhood signs. Here's where we are now.

1. Research of the City's process and specifications, fabrication costs, etc. (complete)
2. Design of sign topper, which was shared at the last general meeting, where it was well received! (complete)
3. Submission of application for residential sign toppers to the City (complete)
4. Submission of schematic showing placement of each sign topper to the City + field inspection by the City (complete)
5. Submission of sign topper design for approval by the City (in-progress)
6. Fabrication of sample sign topper by the sign company/vendor + installation of one sign topper, which is to then be inspected by the City (upcoming)
7. Fabrication and installation of remaining 15 sign toppers (upcoming)

We have a total of 16 street signs within our boundaries. Watch for these to go up - we hope, by the end of 2016! After completion of this project we'll move on to replace the signage on the light poles as well, as they are fading and could be refreshed. It's fun to beautify Winlow Place!

WHO TO CALL?

- 911 Emergency
- 211 United Way: help with Health and human services
- 311 City non-emergency: potholes, trash in empty lots, City services, such as sewer rebuilding
- 811 Utility services—Call before you dig.

Construction in Winlow Place? Lindsey.Aldrich@gmail.com , re deed restrictions and requirements

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2016 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Caroline Garry
VICE PRES	Lindsey Walsh
SEC.	Brandy Laakso
TREASURER	D. Hanks / D. Leflar

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WEBMASTER	T. Boncagni
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WELCOME COMM.	Pat Walsh , and Kristina & Todd Bush

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
1900 Marshall	Denise Hanks	1911 Marshall	713.520.1277
1800 w. Alabama	Terrie Frankel	1902 w. Alabama	(713) 228-9445

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