

May-June 2015

WINLOW *Place*

A WINNING DEED-RESTRICTED NEIGHBORHOOD OF OVER 400 FAMILIES RIGHT IN THE HEART OF HOUSTON!

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Tuesday, June 2

GENERAL MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

St. Stephens Church, Havens Hall

(Next to the Chocolate Bar)

WINLOW PLACE AND SECURITY

Plans proceed apace for the new system. You can get the basics from info@mwpatrol.org.

Mandell Place and Winlow Place each have two officers; in our case, Mike Hawash and Tony Carroll, and for Mandell, Al Amado and Jake Mase. The organization, The Mandell Winlow Security Foundation, is a 501(c)3, which has been created as a separate entity from the civic club and thus removes all liabilities for payments, etc. from the WPC. The organization can accept funds now, but officially, we hope and expect to institute the Constable patrol at the beginning of 2016.

Constable Al Rosen and his team attended the last social and answered questions from the residents; many people have worried that if they don't contribute the full amount they will not get a response. This is simply not true; Mr. Rosen emphasized that the Patrol will cover the entire area, although those who pay will have the added option of being able to get a vacation daily visit and certain other privileges. It does not mean that if you don't pay, they would ignore a call for help.

The expectation is that a participating fee would be \$400 annually. However, for senior citizens and those on fixed incomes, this is not mandatory and



Special arrangements can and will be made available on an individual basis.

Please note that as the Security Foundation is completely separate from the Civic club, CC dues are also a separate item, and do not count as a contribution to the Security foundation or vice versa. Meanwhile the Civic Club greatly appreciates your continued support.

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DUES—PAY ONLINE! IT’S EASY.

We are gratified to report that with the ability to “point and click” on the website, dues have been coming in much more readily and in far greater numbers. Thank you, Lindsay, for setting up the mechanism to do so.

WINLOW PLACE AND A PROPOSED TIRZ DISTRICT

Thanks to the involvement of Kay Warhol and Mary Needham, Winlow Place has been able to stay up-to-date on the most recent discussions. The Neartown Association has been hard at work researching TIRZ options. The options that Neartown explored include: 1) Supporting the annexation of portions of Montrose by the Midtown TIRZ (even if it requires the modification of the original annexation plans we learned about in late 2014); 2) Supporting the creation of a separate Montrose TIRZ; or 3) Not supporting either TIRZ option. The Winlow Place board met Tuesday, May 12th – the majority of the board was in support of the possibility of a Montrose TIRZ. We will continue to keep you apprised.

Four Neartown volunteer committees explored the possibility of Montrose creating its own TIRZ as well as whether other options (annexation, or no TIRZ at all) were worth considering. The committees looked four different aspects and presented findings at the Neartown meeting on April 28, 2015. Please email president@winlowplace.org to access these presentations.

In addition, if you would like a more detailed account of the overall background and conclusions to date, please email newsletter@winlowplace.org .or go online. There will still be many questions to be answered, such as:

1. Who pays for set up costs? (Estimated at \$400K minimum by a professional consultant, who has set up many of these, and by the head of the Upper Kirby District)
2. Who gets on the Board? Do they live in Montrose?
3. What is the motivation behind the Board members – do they already own property along the thoroughfares?

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our most recent winner,
(April) Jackie Calhoun@ 1723 Kipling.

The committee is changing its *modus operandi* slightly to have this become a seasonal award rather than a monthly undertaking. As always, nominations should be forwarded to Deb Leflar at d.h.leflar@gmail.com

COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION

Thanks to our many gracious hosts and our upcoming participants.

June 13 Charles Ameno @1751 Kipling
(Note this is a Saturday)

July 10 Steve Helton @ 1801 Kipling

August 14 Chris and Brandy Laasko @ 1745
Hawthorne.

And we are “booked” through December!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings, Winlow Place.

It's hard to believe that we're already almost halfway through 2015. There are some very exciting things happening - The constable's patrol is now much closer to becoming a reality with the formation of the Mandell Winlow Security Foundation. Expect to hear more in the upcoming weeks about how you can participate in this organization.

Our board has also tackled other major discussions including supporting the potential formation of a Montrose TIRZ after many conversations and intensive research, continuing to monitor and take an active role in discussions with the builders of the apartment complex at 1920 West Alabama, and gearing up to protect Dunlavy during the 2015 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan amendment process.

It's not all serious work, though. We've had some great socials this year, and as always, a huge thanks to our residents/hosts for their generosity and making these fun events possible. I hope to see and meet as many residents as I can at the upcoming events, including our General Meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd.

I'm honored to continue to be able to serve as your Civic Club President and I'm grateful for all of the help I receive from our dedicated officers, members and residents. Here's to a strong finish to a great year.

Caroline Garry

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

Outgoing Block Captain. A big thank you to **Steve Dennis**, who not only was the block Captain for one of the longest blocks but who spear-headed the setting up of the Welcome Committee, helped collect the last 20 signatures for the Deed restrictions, hosted one of the Friday night socials, and generally pitched in wherever and whenever needed. Steve— we wish you and Satid well in your new home—but we will miss you!

Widening Dunlavy. This is back on the agenda: Current plans call for it to be re-designated as a two-lane collector, (rather than a 4-lane) and there is a Planning commission workshop on May 21, **plus an open meeting on June 25, 5:30—7:30 at the United Way HQ, 50 Waugh Drive.** One member of the Planning commission is very keen to “go the other way” towards widening, so it behooves us to attend this meeting if at all possible. Please mark your calendars now! City Councilor Ellen Cohen helped get it defeated last time—please keep her informed of your opinions about this whole concept.

1920 Alabama The developers have been keeping us apprised of their progress; all of the general neighborhood concerns have been addressed; a full Q&A discussion is on line at the website if you wish additional information. (Winlowplace.org/blog)

Welcome to Webmaster, Ticiana Bocagni! Thank you for your help, and welcome also to Ron Bland, who replaces Steve Dennis as block Captain, and Luke Hawash, who will do the 1900 block of Kipling.

We still need someone for email communications—please email Caroline, president@winlowplace.org if you are interested or have a suggestion.

WPCC Meetings for the remainder of 2015—mark your calendars!

Tuesday, Sept 1, Havens Center

Tuesday, Dec 1, Havens center

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2015 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Caroline Garry
VICE PRES	Ben Garry
SEC.	Brandy Laakso
TREASURER	Lindsey Aldrich

2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER	T. Bocagni
DEED RESTRICTIONS	R. Hicks/ L. Aldrich
PUBLICATIONS	M. Needham
MEMBERSHIP	L. Aldrich
YARD OF THE MONTH	D. Leflar
SOCIAL	T. Carroll
HISTORIAN	A. Georgandis
NEARTOWN REP	K. Warhol
WELCOME COMM.	J. Ray

- 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, send your address to president@winlowplace.org

2015 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.

2015 BLOCK CAPTAINS/ NEWSLETTER

1700 Hawthorne	Pam Jenkins	1707 Hawthorne	713.927.2880
1900 Hawthorne	Marg. Nunez	1900 Hawthorne	713.
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	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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You can improve our neighborhood security

