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President's Letter

Summer has left and the holiday season is upon us. The fall and winter celebrations bring treats, good food and thoughts of gratefulness. This newsletter will include the usual financial, ACC and security updates, along with ideas to help bring our residents together and beautify the neighborhood.

In summary, the financial update will show the KVCC board's dues collection effort was successful to raise the funds necessary to cover our costs for security and standard maintenance without dipping into our savings. Several beautification projects are proposed in the newsletter but will only be implemented by separate and explicit fund raising efforts.

The board has decided to reinstate an old tradition of a holiday home decoration contest for Knollwood Village. The KVCC board will honor the winner with a recognition sign and a modest prize.

Our neighborhood has remained as safe as any in the surrounding area. As security issues have arisen, the board increased Smith Security patrols and communication with HPD. In an effort to stymie any potential increase in criminal activity during the holiday season, your board has approved additional funds to modestly increase Smith Security patrols during the holidays. Please notify Smith Security during the holiday season if you plan to vacation away from home. They do keep an extra eye on those homes as they patrol the area.

Repavement of South Braeswood Blvd. is near completion. Raytec (contractor) representatives have indicated the project is expected to be completed by the end of November, months ahead of schedule. Standard city street lamps should be installed shortly thereafter. With completion of the project near, planning for beautification projects within the S. Braeswood esplanade has begun. Proposals for new Knollwood Village Subdivision esplanade signs and a sprinkler system are under consideration and are discussed in this newsletter. If you have a specific interest in this area, please join the beautification committee!

New construction and home improvement projects in our neighborhood continue at steady pace. In fact, the KVCC board anticipates the rates of proposed projects to increase significantly in the coming year. The ACC board is in need of additional individuals from our subdivision to help

Next KVCC Annual Meeting

Jan 31st, 2012
Tuesday
7:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Presbyterian
Church (Room 201/203)
8915 Timberside Dr.

We will discuss general issue
concerning the neighborhood and
elect Officers for the year 2012.
Please join us.

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review the projects for deed restriction conformity. Please offer your time for this and other committee needs.

Election of Knollwood Village officers and board members will occur January, 2012. Please consider participating by donating your time and expertise. If you decide not to volunteer, **at least plan** to attend the general meeting to vote and be heard. **Your opinion matters** – we need to hear from you.

Finally, on behalf of the KVCC board and myself, I would like to thank all the residents who have contributed both money and time to our neighborhood.

To make our neighborhood desirable, it must be safe and secure. Have safe holiday season and I will see you at the general meeting on January 31, 2012.

– Hector Caram,
President



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Security Report

I have three items we'd like to share with you.

First, please report all incidents to Smith Security.

Sometimes after incidents occur in our neighborhood they are not being reported to our security patrol company Smith Protective Services. Residents report crimes to the Houston Police Department, but it is also important that residents let Smith Security know that a crime has been committed.

You can contact Smith Protective Services at **713-789-5944** or **713-782-9617** or just talk to our friendly security officer as he patrols the neighborhood.

Smith Security regularly patrols our neighborhood and it is useful for our Smith patrol officer to be aware of any activity that has occurred. Also, by reporting incidents to Smith Protective Services, information about them can be included in our newsletter security report so that all the Knollwood Village residents are aware of what is happening in our neighborhood. Specific names and addresses are NOT put in the newsletter, only block numbers (for example "5300 block").

If there is a pattern to incidents happen in a short period of time and there is useful information available about suspect and vehicle descriptions, then the KVCC Board may send out an e-mail advising residents.

Second, there have been a few incidents of note lately.

In light of this the KVCC Board would like to make residents aware of two similar crimes that have occurred in the past week on major streets close to Knollwood Village. The following information was provided by the Houston Police Department. On October 17 at 10:00 PM in the 7600 block of Kirby Dr. a pedestrian was punched and robbed of their cell phone by two suspects riding bicycles. On October 20 at 7:45 PM in the 2700 block of South Braeswood a pedestrian was punched and robbed of their cell phone by two suspects riding bicycles. Please be alert for bicycle riders in the neighborhood matching this description.

Third, the Board has approved increasing Smith Security patrol hours during November and December.

The holiday season historically has seen a rise in reported incidents. The Board recently approved increasing the weekly hours Smith Security patrols the neighborhood as a preventive measure. This action is possible thanks to the contributions of the residents to the annual Security fund. If you haven't made your contribution this year, it's not too late. You can pay online at www.knollwoodvillage.org.

As always, if you see something suspicious in the neighborhood and want it checked out you can call Smith Security or HPD, but if you see a crime in progress please call HPD.

Knollwood Village Smith Protective Incident Report (Sept-Oct 2011)

3500 block Deal (9/14/2011 12:26 PM) - Resident left house for an hour and then returned and discovered a broken lock on front door. Resident called patrol to come investigate. Patrol examined lock and determined that it had broken from wear and tear and old age. There were no marks or scratches indicating that tools of any kind were used to damage the lock.

3100 block Deal (9/26/2011 12:16 PM) - Resident called with concern that neighbor had left their garage door open by accident. Patrol arrived and closed the door.

2800 block Linkwood (9/26/2011 1:00 PM) - Resident called to alert patrol that spouse's keys, credit cards, and driver's license had been stolen from their vehicle in a different part of town. The resident changed the locks on the house.

3400 block Broadmead (9/26/2011 4:00 PM) - Resident called to report that a big white van frequently parked in front of their residence at night. Resident did not know if driver of van sat in van or not, but wanted to alert patrol.

3400 block Norris (10/3/2011 2:33 PM) - Resident called to report that a heavy-set black woman was going door to door and asking for money. Patrol located a woman matching the description and asked her what she was doing. She said she was looking for help for a friend in the hospital. Patrol asked her to leave the neighborhood and she did.

3400 block Linkwood (10/14/2011 9:50 AM) - Dispatch reported a burglar alarm alert at residence. Patrol went to home and determined that the alarm monitor was indicating a low battery. No other problems were found.

3400 block Linkwood (10/20/2011 7:30 AM) - Resident called dispatch to report that the window in their car, which was parked in the driveway, was smashed. Patrol and resident determined that nothing was missing.

2800 block Linkwood (10/30/11 10:47 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that during previous night that a silver Mercedes Benz vehicle was left behind residence. HPD advised resident that the vehicle was stolen.

- David Wood, Security Chairman
Security@knollwoodvillagecc.org

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Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area Real Estate Report

Single Family Home Sales

October 1, 2010 - October 1, 2011

MLS	CLOSED DATE	STREET NAME	SUB-DIVISION	BR/Bath/Garage	Pool	Lot SqFt	Bldg SqFt	Year	List Price	Sold Price	SP/SF	Adjusted SP/SF	DOM	LP/SP %
822359640	10.15.10	Hatton St	KV	3/2/2/2	N	9,450	2,167	1952	\$379,900	\$369,000	\$170.28	\$170.28	19	0.97
33053371	10.25.10	Winslow	KV	3/2/1	N	7,616	1,440	1951	\$319,000	\$318,000	\$220.83	\$217.71	4	1.00
33618646	10.29.10	Stanton St	BT	4/3	N	13,777	2,482	1951	\$335,000	\$300,000	\$120.39	\$120.39	3*	0.90
19037492	11.30.10	Braeswood Blvd	BT	2/2/2	Y	8,546	1,529	1951	\$299,900	\$299,900	\$196.14	\$193.53	14	1.00
61800445	12.9.10	Bluegate St	KV*5	3/2/2	Y	10,250	1,854	1953	\$309,000	\$299,000	\$161.27	\$160.13	83	0.97
40648834	12.15.10	Ilona Ln	BM	6/4/3	N	8,400	3,734	1960	\$364,900	\$246,750	\$66.08	\$66.08	117*	0.68
52530440	12.16.10	Hatton St	KV*4	4/3/2	N	8,400	2,166	1951	\$379,900	\$361,350	\$166.83	\$166.83	61	0.95
16187424	12.27.10	Castlewood	KV	3/2/2	Y	7,980	1,993	1951	\$299,500	\$292,500	\$146.76	\$142.70	33	0.98
33261103	1.21.11	Tilden	KV	3/2/2	N	11,895	1,710	1955	\$384,000	\$384,000	\$224.56	\$224.56	1*	1.00
96921394	2.17.11	Broadmead Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	7,620	1,691	1953	\$323,000	\$310,000	\$183.32	\$182.14	53	0.96
71158605	3.1.11	Broadmead Dr	BM	4/3	N	8,050	2,740	1954	\$435,000	\$425,000	\$155.11	\$154.20	17	0.98
98488417	3.4.11	Deal St	KV*7	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,588	1952	\$249,900	\$210,380	\$132.48	\$132.48	31*	0.84
8252411	3.4.11	Stanton St	KV*2	3/2/2	N	8,512	1,665	1951	\$330,000	\$305,000	\$183.18	\$183.18	84	0.92
6195154	3.30.11	Broadmead	KV	3/2/2	N	7,770	1,790	1954	\$325,000	\$314,000	\$175.42	\$171.23	31	0.97
81376227	3.30.11	Fairhope St	BT	3/2/2	N	7,560	1,957	1951	\$389,900	\$376,000	\$192.13	\$188.96	5	0.96
18305584	4.8.11	Winslow	KV	3/2/2	N	8,214	1,970	1950	\$309,900	\$311,575	\$158.16	\$153.72	53*	1.01
12340604	4.11.11	Deal St	KV*6	3/2/2	N	8,624	1,710	1953	\$235,000	\$207,500	\$121.35	\$121.35	153	0.88
85945227	4.22.11	Conway St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,657	1,500	1951	\$270,000	\$255,000	\$170.00	\$170.00	62	0.94
59903446	4.15.11	Deal St	BM	4/2/2	N	9,063	2,814	1956	\$299,000	\$281,800	\$100.14	\$100.14	18	0.94
55700930	5.2.11	Fairhope St	KV*3	3/2/2	N	8,625	1,614	1955	\$279,900	\$266,900	\$165.37	\$162.58	27	0.95
37590074	5.3.11	Linkwood	KV*7	3/2	N	7,150	1,704	1952	\$279,900	\$265,780	\$155.97	\$155.33	264*	0.95
13805473	5.3.11	Deal St	KV	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,588	1952	\$339,000	\$336,400	\$211.84	\$209.32	3*	0.99
38415441	5.3.11	Chiswell	KV	3/2/2	N	8,025	1,612	1952	\$269,000	\$262,060	\$162.57	\$157.69	5	0.97
52888446	5.6.11	Conway St	KV*2	3/2	N	7,725	2,220	1955	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$184.68	\$184.68	61	1.00
62106984	6.15.11	Greenbush	KV	3/2/2	N	6,760	1,741	1952	\$315,000	\$311,000	\$178.63	\$172.89	6	0.99
76466449	6.29.11	Braeswood	BM	3/2	N	11,306	2,552	1956	\$339,000	\$324,500	\$127.16	\$127.16	91*	0.96
33116405	7.1.11	Castlewood St	BT*1	3/2/2	N	9,932	1,982	1952	\$379,000	\$363,500	\$183.40	\$183.40	56	0.96
82463945	7.27.11	Broadmead	BM	3/2	N	8,482	2,125	1954	\$239,000	\$230,000	\$108.24	\$108.24	57	0.96
84018320	8.2.11	Deal	KV	2/2/2	N	7,038	2,023	1953	\$349,900	\$345,000	\$170.54	\$170.54	25	0.99
80837497	8.5.11	Stanton	BT	4/3/2	N	7,320	4,160	2006	\$699,900	\$690,000	\$165.87	\$165.87	19	0.99
84275064	8.11.11	Deal St	KV*6	3/2/2	N	10,640	2,124	1952	\$399,000	\$393,000	\$185.03	\$185.03	44	0.98
26614354	8.15.11	Deal	BM	4/2/2	N	9,938	2,390	1955	\$419,000	\$410,000	\$171.55	\$171.55	14	0.98
62380752	8.22.11	Deal	KV	3/2/2	N	7,020	1,695	1953	\$365,000	\$356,000	\$210.03	\$210.03	4	0.98
94699925	8.25.11	Lorrie Dr	KV*9	5/4/2	N	7,700	4,478	2008	\$749,000	\$712,000	\$159.00	\$159.00	130	0.95
80896344	8.30.11	Deal	BT	2/1/2	N	6,630	1,692	1952	\$299,900	\$296,500	\$175.24	\$175.24	7*	0.99
74047446	8.31.11	Stanton St	KV*2	3/2/2	N	8,395	1,635	1951	\$290,000	\$287,000	\$175.54	\$175.54	35*	0.99
92155683	8.31.11	Norris Dr	KV	3/1/2	N	6,630	1,511	1952	\$219,900	\$205,000	\$135.67	\$135.67	15	0.93
99211948	9.7.11	Fairhope St	KV	3/2/2	Y	9,775	1,796	1955	\$279,995	\$262,000	\$145.88	\$145.88	26	0.94
63745535	9.22.11	Stanton	KV	3/2/2	N	7,616	1,870	1952	\$235,000	\$197,000	\$105.35	\$105.35	15	0.84
36476088	9.23.11	Bluegate St	KV	3/2/2	Y	7,350	2,004	1954	\$450,000	\$435,000	\$217.07	\$214.50	41	0.97
AVERAGE				3/ 2		8,481	2,118		\$354,264	\$338,783			48	0.95

Information is believed to be accurate but is not guaranteed. THIS IS AN OPINION OF VALUE OR COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN APPRAISAL. In making any decision that relied upon my work, you should know that I have not followed the guidelines for development of an appraisal or analysis contained in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice of the Appraisal Foundation.

*KV= Knollwood Village BT= Braes Terrace BM= Braes Manor

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Community

by: Lin Weiss

This is Merriam Webster's definition of "community". "Unify" means to make into a cohesive whole. "Whole" means complete.

As a Knollwood neighbor for 21 years, I have witnessed much "community" within this sleepy little neighborhood adjacent to The Texas Medical Center, "just inside the loop", and on the sidelines (whether I like it or not) of each Houston Texans' home game. As a young mother I was surrounded, on all sides, by women who helped build this community and were ready, willing and able to welcome me into their homes and their lives as I explored the challenges and joys of being a Mom, a homeowner and a member of this community we call Knollwood Village. They have all gone now, but their example and legacy is important to me. I hope I will greet newcomers with the same welcoming spirit and pride in my neighborhood that they exuded. They told me what was "right" with the neighborhood and reminisced of the "good old days" when a home here was brand new and purchased for \$26,000. When something disturbed them

in the neighborhood they expressed themselves freely to a "unified" group of citizens and a friendly neighborhood association who represented the "whole" community and listened with a welcoming ear. Everyone was involved. Sid Sabel represented our "community" for 30+ years with an enthusiasm that was contagious. He walked the neighborhood and knew almost everyone by name. He knew what was going on because he listened to the people.

My intention, as I move into elder status in my community is to be a good friend and neighbor here. If I see or hear something that is wonderful here in Knollwood Village I'll shout it out. If I see or hear something that is detrimental to my neighborhood, I'll shout it out. It is my responsibility. I live here and it is my home.

Here is a quote from a lovely poster I found on the web. It is inspiring and I plan to consider each of its thoughtful recommendations on "How to Build a Community," as my personal responsibility.

Will you join me?

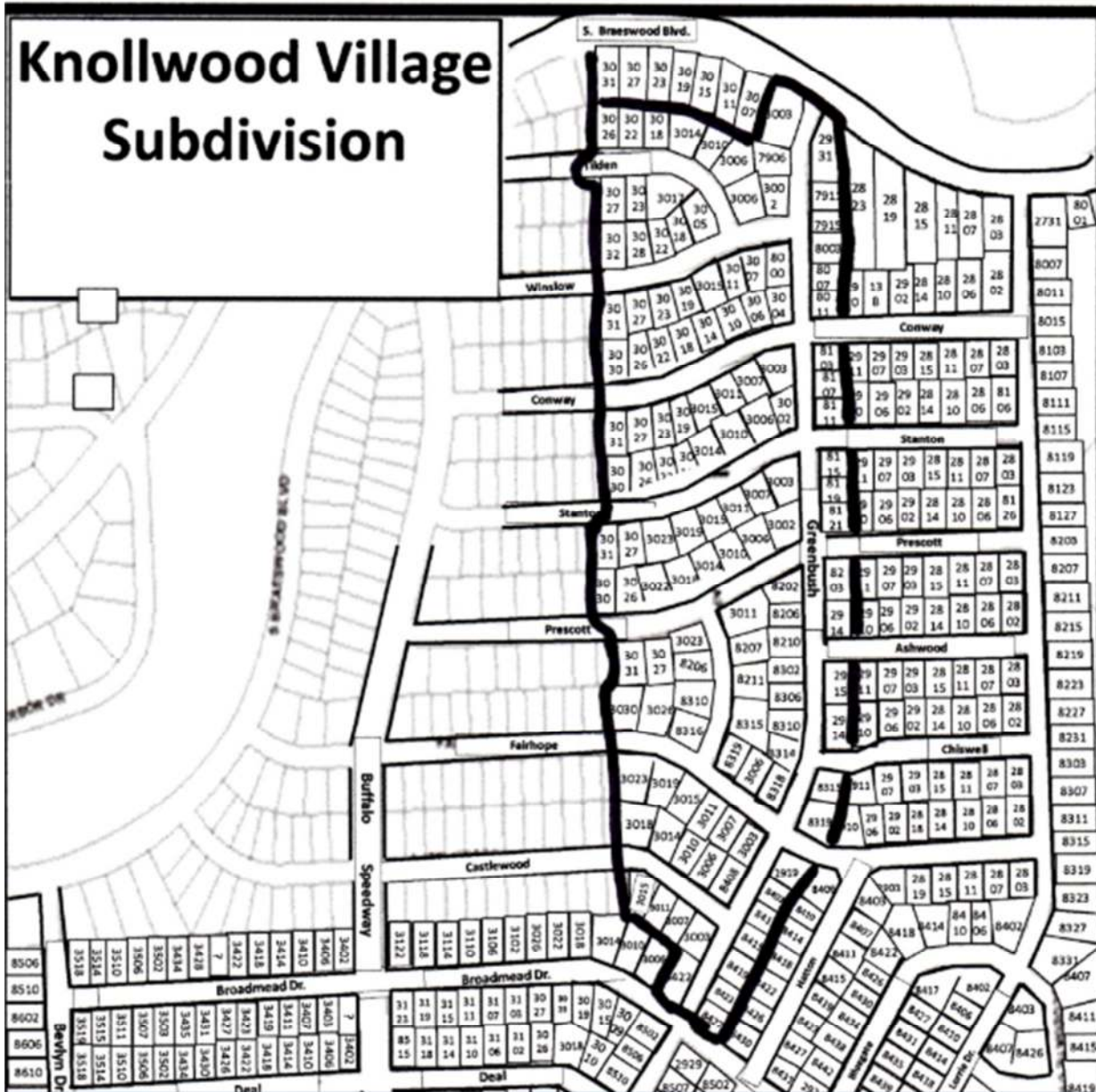
Turn off your TV. Leave your house. Know your neighbors, Look up when you are walking; Greet people; Sit on your stoop; Plant flowers; Use your library; Play together; Buy from local merchants; Share what you have; Help a lost dog; Take children to the park; Garden together; Support neighborhood schools; Fix it even if you didn't break it; Have pot lucks; Honor elders; Pick up litter; Read stories aloud; Dance in the street; Talk to the mail carrier; Listen to the birds; Put up a swing; Help carry something heavy; Barter for your goods; Start a tradition; Ask a question; Hire young people for odd jobs; Organize a block party; Bake extra and share; Ask for help when you need it; Open your shades; Sing together; Share your skills; Take back the night; Turn up the music; Turn down the music; Listen before you react to anger; Mediate a conflict; Seek to understand; Learn from new and uncomfortable angles; Know that no one is silent although many are not heard. Work to change this.



Lin Weiss is a Holistic Practitioner & Wellness Coach in private practice. She is grateful to call Knollwood Village & Houston "Home." If you're in the neighborhood & would like to stop by for a cup of tea, contact Lin @ 713-858-8595.

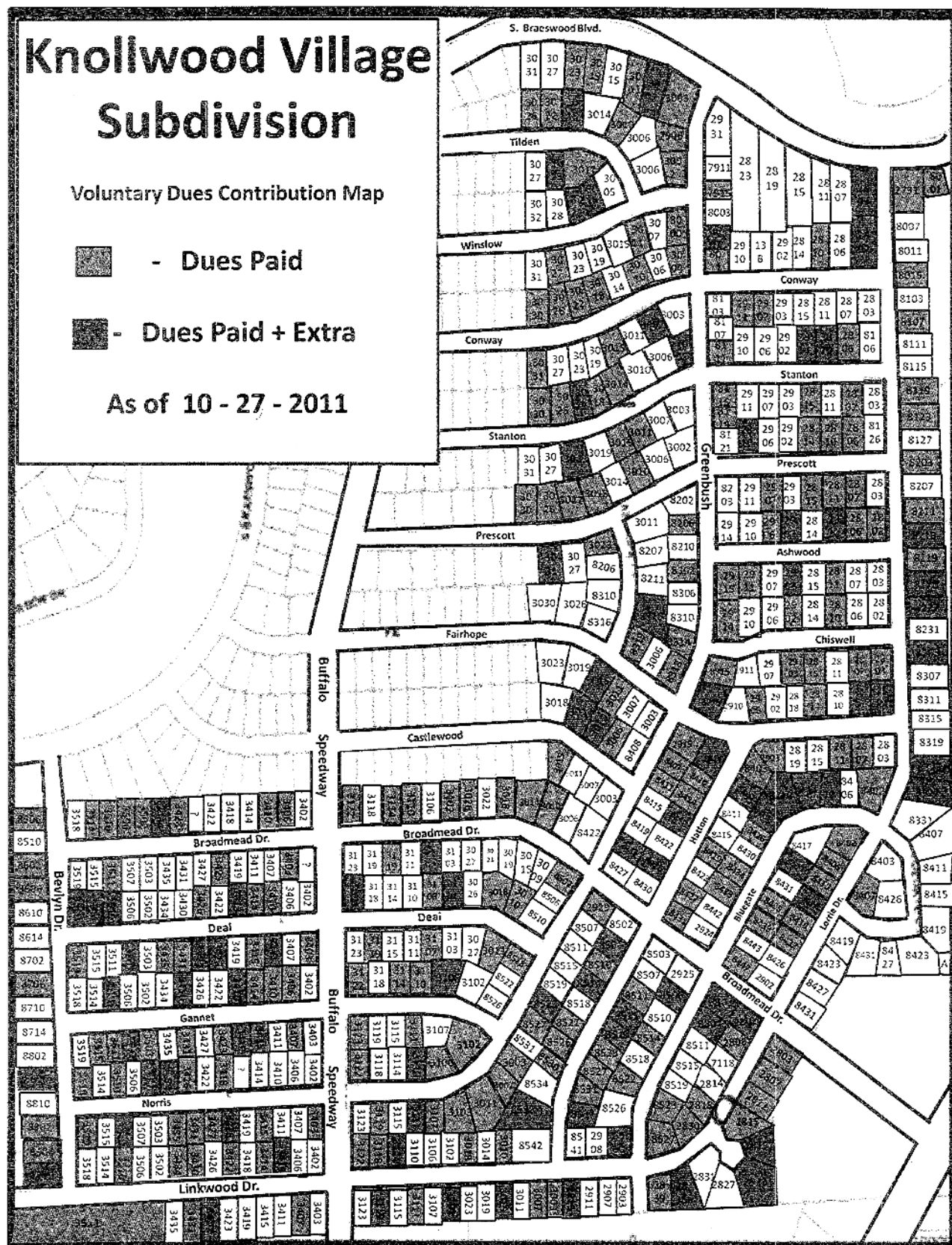
Volunteers Needed: Street Light Upgrade Campaign

If you live in the area outlined below which impacts 129 homes in Knollwood Village, please make sure you have read the Newsletter article about Street Reconstruction which includes sidewalks and new street lighting and please make plans to attend the meeting scheduled on December 13th.



The meeting is being held to educate everyone on the project as well as to find interested residents to help this project along. Block captain volunteers are also being encouraged to step up to help in the campaign to ensure that we have uniformity in our neighborhood. If we do not receive enough volunteers and if the fund raising efforts fall short, many residents on these blocks could have to live with different street lighting on your blocks.

As of 10 - 27 - 2011



Treasurer's Report

Hello Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! As I write this, I am completing my second year as Treasurer for Knollwood Village. My first thought is to evaluate the year and see how we did from a financial perspective.

With two months remaining in the year, we are approximately \$5K short of our goal and \$4k short on collections compared to last year. The overall collection totals are still very positive (and participating residents need to be applauded) compared to pre-2009 totals, but it's disappointing that we took a step backwards in dues collections considering the improving economy and continued turn around in the neighborhood.

82 homes that paid last year have not yet paid this year!

Our goal was to collect \$65k which, believe it or not, is only 60% of our entire neighborhood of 625 homes paying full dues. We've collected 89% (approximately 312 homes) of our goal.

We took a similar approach to collecting dues most of the year with one exception. We did some analysis on our collection data and determined approximately 200 of our 620 residents have not paid dues in at least the last 3 years which partially explains our inability to continue to improve on our dues collecting efforts. We researched and updated our contact

info for these 200 homes and sent them an individual letter which to date has resulted in 13% of them responding with payment in the amount of \$5k, which we are excited about. Apparently a large number of these appear to be owners who rent their homes so they typically never receive our reminder letters and newsletters. Going forward KVCC will try to ensure the owners with secondary addresses receive our mailouts as well as their renters.

As it stands, we are going to be able to make ends meet as we are currently under budget on our expenses for the year. Additionally, we are not going to dip into the reserves for a second straight year which is a huge success. However, this has only been achievable because of our reduced security patrols (reduced last year), reduced landscaping costs due to temporary street construction on Braeswood, and the lack of investment in improvements to our neighborhood to date. With that said, the Board is now considering taking on some of those improvements which you will learn about in the newsletter.

Lots of things are expected to be happening in our neighborhood in 2012! We need your help and would appreciate your contribution.

I look forward to a prosperous 2012. Thank you for your continued support.

—Scott J. Rose,
Treasurer

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Knollwood Village Esplanade Landscaping and Signs

With the construction coming to an end on the rebuild of S. Braeswood, your civic club board is looking at landscaping of the esplanades on both S. Braeswood and Buffalo Speedway and also at the Knollwood Village signage. As people drive down these streets, one of the first impressions they make of the neighborhood is based on the landscaping of the esplanades. We would like to have that first impression of our neighborhood based on some nicely done signs and landscaping that show the pride we all take in our neighborhood.

Have you taken a good look at the Knollwood Village signs in the esplanades recently? They are made of wood and were installed over 15 years ago. Having survived several hurricanes and years of rain and sun, they have deteriorated and are in need of replacement.

Here are some photos of our signs as well as some photos of signs from other civic associations around the area. Many of the signs are made of brick or some sort of metal. Do you have an opinion on what new signs should look like? Let us know! We welcome your opinions on what you would like the signs to look like and what

materials they should be made from.

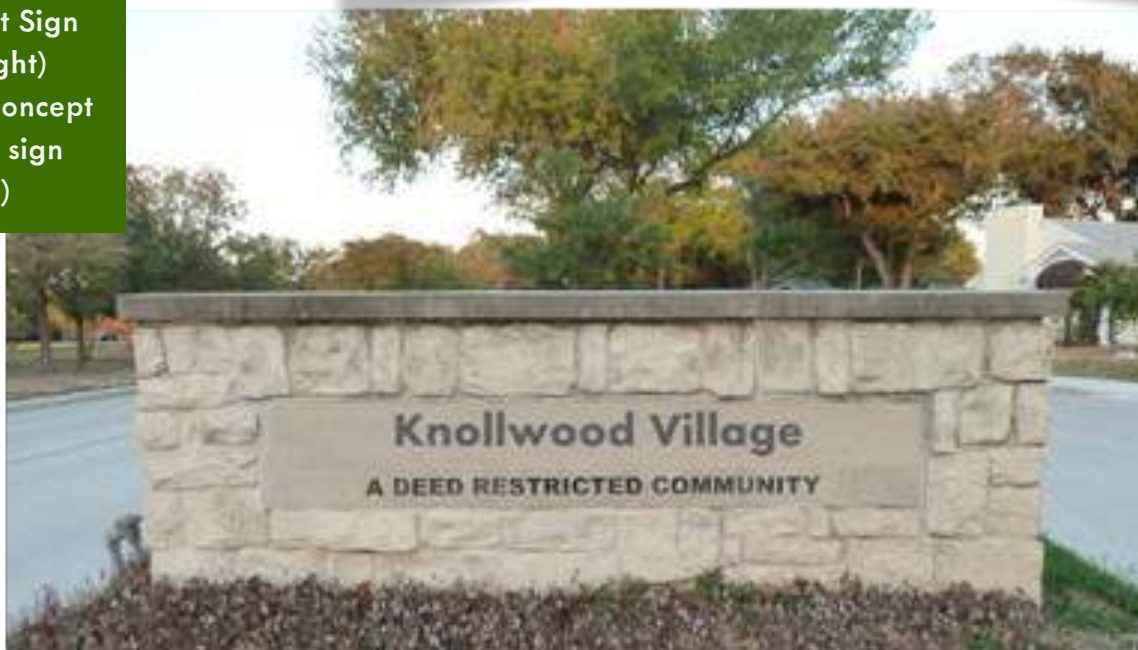
Please note that new signs will cost us some money. The club has a limited amount of funds to work with; we pay out what we collect each year for the security patrol and the mowing of the esplanades. If we do replace the signs, could you help out the club? A donation of \$15 -\$25 would go a long way in assisting the club in this project.

Let your club officers know your opinion on the signs and if you own a business or can refer the board to someone in this line of work, please let us know at contact@knollwoodvillage.org

Also if you would like to assist us with this project, let us know! We could use a volunteer to be the chair of a sub-committee to work on this beautification effort.



**Current Sign
(top right)
Artist concept
of new sign
(below)**



Knollwood Village Civic Club Elections

We will be conducting the annual meeting of the Knollwood Village Civic Club in January 2012. Details on the date, time and location will be coming soon.

One of the items required at the annual meeting is the election of officers for the club. Each officer is elected to serve a one year term or until their successors are elected. The duties of each officer are detailed in the by-laws of the club. The by-laws are posted on the website under the Board and Officers resource link. We have summarized those duties below.

President: presides at all meetings; enforces the Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws; decides questions of procedure and order; and exercises supervision of the club affairs

Vice-President: assists the president as needed and occupies the chair in the absence of the president; is a member of the board or directors and also of the finance committee

Secretary: keeps true and correct records of club proceedings; conducts correspondence as directed by the board; takes minutes of club and board of director meetings

Treasurer: receives all dues for the club; reports the financial status of the club at all club meetings; is a member of the finance committee

In addition to the club officers, we have a board of directors. Ideally we would have 2 residents from each section, including Braes Terrace Section 2, on the board. New board members are elected by the board of directors. If you wish to serve on the board, let us know!

Maybe you have a particular interest and would like to help out without being a board member. The club has 7 standing committees defined in the by-laws. They are:

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
Membership, Telephone & Welcoming Committee
Restrictions Enforcement Committee
Street, Easement, Bridge & Drainage Committee

Legal Committee
Garden & Beautification Committee
Finance Committee



We need people on all of these committees! The ACC is the one that is most in need of volunteers. This is the group that approves building and remodeling plans after ensuring that they meet the requirements stated in our deed restrictions. We are required to have 3 members on that committee.

Are you good with website design and maintenance? We could use some help with our website.

There are lots of ways to get involved in **YOUR** civic club! We welcome your involvement!

ACC Report

Fall 2011

Items requiring city approval:

- 1) Replat of 2819 and 2823 South Braeswood approved by City on March 3, 2011

New homes approved:

- 1) 2929 Broadmead
- 2) 3003 Conway
- 3) 2906 Conway

Exterior work approved:

- 1) Addition of exterior siding at 8306 Greenbush

Misc items:

- 1) Approval of circle drive
- 2) Several new fences
- 3) Questions regarding exterior building materials
- 4) Requests relating to paint colors, set-back lines
- 5) Landscaping requests

Important News: Street Reconstruction

Do you live on the 3000 blocks of Castlewood**, Fairhope, Prescott, Stanton, Conway, Winslow, Tilden or on the 8000 block of Fairhope Place or Greenbush?

If so, it is important that you read this announcement.

The KVCC Board has just recently been informed that street reconstruction is scheduled to begin on your streets (Greenbush/Castlewood are exceptions, see below). Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2012 with completion occurring in 2013. The existing street lights will be replaced during this process, using the standard lights provided by the city. Many neighborhoods use reconstruction as a time to upgrade the street lights. Any changes to the standard lighting must be paid for by the residents of the street.

The homes on Fairhope, Prescott, Stanton, Conway, Winslow, and Tilden are divided between Braeswood Place Homeowners Association (BPHA) and KVCC. BPHA has already begun a fundraising campaign for upgraded lighting for their portion of these streets. The BPHA streets north of the bayou were reconstructed several years ago and they raised the funds to install upgraded street lights in that portion of BPHA.

In an effort to provide uniformity, BPHA is attempting to also coordinate street light replacement on Castlewood and Greenbush. Both of these streets were previously reconstructed with only standard lighting. Fairhope Place is included for both street reconstruction and updated street lighting because it links both Fairhope and Prescott.

The KVCC Board does not have the resources to manage this effort and is looking for motivated volunteers to help solicit donations from KVCC residents in the affected areas, so these streets will have a uniform upgraded appearance. If BPHA is able to reach their financial goals, they could and will receive upgraded street lights on their portion of each block, so it is crucial that KVCC residents in the affected areas step up for this cause. If this does not occur, the BPHA half of your street will have upgraded lighting and the KVCC half will not. Upgraded street lighting will have an impact on the beautification of your street and could further deter crime with improved lighting, adding tangible value to your homes.

A meeting to provide details and identify volunteers will be held **Tuesday, December 13, from 7-8:30pm** at:

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
Room: Sanctuary
8915 Timberside Drive
Houston, Texas 77025

Please mark your calendars for this meeting. Drive through the BPHA areas north of us across the bayou, especially at night, to observe what the addition of these lights has done for their area. The pleasing, decorative visual effect of these lights, coupled with the seamless horizontal illumination of the street and sidewalks make this a project that we, south-of-the-bayou, hopefully will fully embrace.

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Families of South Braeswood Blog

A group named Families of South Braeswood (FSB) has been formed and they have an awesome blog on the web. The purpose of Families of South Braeswood is to bring together families living in the neighborhoods South of Braeswood (Braes Manor, Braes Terrace, Linkwood, Knollwood Village, Westridge, Woodshire, & Woodside) to address our common interests and concerns and work toward making positive changes in our neighborhood.

FSB seeks to impact our neighborhood in three main areas:

- **Social Events**—Forming connections between families through a variety of social events
- **Park/Roads**—Improve our local park and roads through fundraising and community involvement
- **Longfellow Elementary**—Support our local elementary school and spread the word about all Longfellow has to offer

Please take the time to explore their blog, see what is going on and find out how you can get involved!

The blog can be found at <http://familiesofsouthbraeswood.wordpress.com>.

Electronics Recycling

Recycling of used electronics is now available on the third Saturday of each month through a partnership between CompuCycle Inc. and the City of Houston at the city's Center Street Neighborhood Recycling Center (3602 Center Street, Houston, TX 77007). This location is near Heights Blvd at Washington. CompuCycle is also accepting end-of-life electronics at their 7700 Kempwood Drive facility 8:30–4:30 weekdays and 9:00–3:00 on Saturdays. Computers and computer equipment can also be taken to the City's consumer recycling center, 5900 Westpark.

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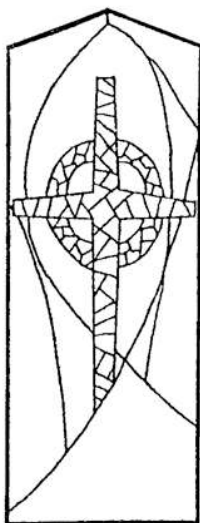
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Numbers to Know

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Houston Police (Non Emergency).....	(713) 222-3131	Better Business Bureau.....	(713) 868-9500
Poison Control.....	(800) 222-1222	Harris Co. Flood Control.....	(713) 684-4197
Smith Security.....	(713) 789-5944 / (713) 782-9617	Nuisance Violations.....	311
All Houston City Departments.....	311	(Call to report dangerous buildings., weeded lots, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, substandard housing & raw sewage.)	
Citizen Assistance Office.....	311	Public Works - Water/Sewer Repairs.....	311
Mayor's Office.....	(713) 247-2200	Recycling Service Center.....	(713) 551-7355
Solid Waste/Heavy Trash.....	311		
Street Light Replacement.....	(713) 207-2222		



St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. Scott Harbison, Pastor

Join us on Sundays for a timely message and great music.

The Gathering (A contemporary family service) 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship 12:15 p.m.

"Building Community Among Our Neighbors"

12/14 Live Nativity, 6:00-8 p.m. (Re-enactments at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.)

12/18 *Tapestry of Light . . . A Celtic Christmas*, 10:55 a.m.
Chancel Choir, Ensemble, St. Luke's Ringers,
with Chamber Orchestra

12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

12/25 Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m. (one service)
Blessing of the Toys. Bring the family and come casual!

1/1/2012 New Year's Day *Carol Sing*, 10:00 a.m. (one service)

The Gathering at 9:00 a.m. is a shorter, family service that includes communion, scripture, music, and a homily. Contemporary Christian music is led by Ryan Klasen.

Traditional Worship at 10:55 a.m. includes organ and choir under the direction of Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music/Organist-Choirmaster.

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TO ALL KNOLLWOOD VILLAGE RESIDENTS:

YOUR SUBDIVISION NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

The current Knollwood Village Civic Club officers and board members are working men and women of various professional backgrounds with families and personal responsibilities. Busy residents just like you.

Many Subdivision Projects Remain Idle Due to Lack of Manpower, NOT MONEY.

We need qualified and motivated residents from diverse professional backgrounds, ethnic backgrounds, and ages to fill vacant officer and committee positions and act as special project coordinators.

Could your special expertise be put to good use for your community?

If so, we would love for you to join a committee, head a project or volunteer for a day working around the neighborhood.

Projects in need of leadership include, but are not limited to:

Subdivision Street Improvements, Newsletter Advertisement & Publication, Street Lamp Coordinator, New Neighborhood Signage, Subdivision Beautification, Esplanade Sprinklers, Web Developers, New Resident Welcome Committee, and those with Accounting/Financial experience.

Please Volunteer Your Time and Effort!

**It is one of the few ways for you to make a direct
impact to improve your neighborhood**

Hector Caram, KVCC President

Interested individuals please send an email to contact@knollwoodvillagecc.org and a board member will follow up. Our Annual General KVCC Meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012 but some projects are happening now so if interested, let us hear from you!



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