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A Message From Your KVCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Since the last KVCC newsletter, your Civic Club held our annual general meeting on January 30th. Elections were held for all the executive offices with the following being voted in:

President:	Scott Rose
Vice President:	Michael Doyle
Treasurer:	Laura Ferro
Secretary:	David Meinert

All positions were unopposed and all positions have new volunteers in them with exception of David who is our returning Secretary. Michael and Laura are first timers on our board and I am returning after being President from 2013-2015. On behalf of all of us, thank you for your continued support. I would also like to name drop Sara Munson (new Social Committee Lead) and Eric Martin (who is fairly new on our ACC Committee). We are really excited and thankful to have Michael, Laura, Sara and Eric in these new roles!

I also want to offer a special thanks to Brian Warwick, Grant Heemer, and David Fitts for their commitment to their officer roles over the last few years. We look forward to them staying with us in a lesser capacity.

Looking to 2018 but staying on a similar topic – VOLUNTEERS! We are looking for someone to help us (and me) with our newsletter. I have probably been doing this for at least the last 5 years and I would really like to free up my time on this so I can better serve you as President. We need someone to coordinate a collection of articles and artwork 4 times a year (quarterly). If you have a little time, have some organizational capabilities, are savvy with email, MS Word and Excel and can proof read articles then you can do this. Please contact me if interested and I would be happy to give you more insight without an obligation.

My first month back in the position has been a busy one with trying to get us new officers up to speed. Additionally, I had to get involved with Bethany Church and the ride share company (Lyft) on a concern raised by residents on the west side of the neighborhood (see separate article on this topic). While always being up for addressing resident's concerns, I am looking forward to playing a role to help improve and streamline any services we provide for you as well as for our volunteers that make up the Civic Club.

To conclude, I would like to appeal to all residents to consider the following in 2018:

- Meet your neighbors. Let's show more of a sense of community, be friendly.
- Protect yourselves and your homes – Most crimes in the neighborhood are crimes of opportunity so let's not give the criminals that chance. At a minimum, make sure you have proper lighting around your home, and make sure all doors (home/cars) are locked. If you can get a dog and if you can afford investing in alarm and camera systems, you further provide deterrents to criminals and reduce the chances of your home being a target. Most importantly, and let's keep an eye out for each other.
- Take pride in your home, lawn and overall property. Keep your lawn maintained, landscaping and trees trimmed and general appearance of your home in-check. Plant a tree!
- Be considerate of your neighbors. Pick up after your pets, attempt to manage an obvious business from your home. Be courteous!
- Get connected. If you aren't receiving neighborhood email news today and you have an email address, please go to our website (www.knollwoodvillage.org) and subscribe to our "Email List" so you can stay in the loop on the happenings in the neighborhood. Consider www.nextdoor.com too.
- Pay your dues (if you haven't already). We had a bad 2017 with only 42% of the residents contributing which is the lowest in 10 years. I know many of you had a rough year, especially those impacted by Hurricane Harvey but I would encourage you to try to find a way contribute as it all goes to helping protect your investment whether it be with services, beautification or security so I am confident your contribution will pay dividends.

Finally, I wish each of you and your families a successful, happy and healthy 2018. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year, as well as hearing from some of you soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us on the board, if you need our help.

Scott J Rose
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Holiday Decorating **Winners!**

We are past the holidays but would be remiss if we didn't share the results of the annual neighborhood Holiday decorating contest.

Below is a list of the winners and the winnings.

1st Place - (\$150 gift card)

Dewey Family at 3018 Linkwood

2nd Place - (\$75 gift card)

Eby Family at 2814 Prescott

3rd Place - (\$50 gift card)

Doyle Family at 3006 Tilden

Best Color Scheme - (\$25 gift card)

Vondenstein Family at 8526 Bluegate

Most Traditional - (\$25 gift card)

Wood Family at 3423 Broadmead

Most Creative - (\$25 gift card)

Keenan / Bonin Family at 3434 Norris

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all residents that participated, sincerely,
Knollwood Village Civic Club

Dewey Family at 3018 Linkwood



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Real Estate Report Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area

Single Family Home Sales January 1, 2017 through February 16, 2018

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 %
48398549	1.13.17	Hatton St	KV	4/3/2	Y	10,797	2,898	1952	\$819,000	\$790,000	\$272.60	\$269.32	85	0.96
7908492	2.2.17	Linkwood Dr	KV 10	3/2/2	N	10,800	1,697	1955	\$399,900	\$378,000	\$222.75	\$221.57	233	0.95
80447649	3.17.17	Gannett	BT	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,582	1952	\$360,000	\$343,000	\$216.81	\$216.81	12	0.95
66668340	3.31.17	Broadmead Dr	KV 5	5/5/2	N	7,446	4,793	2016	\$1,225,000	\$1,215,000	\$253.49	\$253.49	76	0.99
84934838	5.16.17	Castlewood	BT	3/2/2	N	7,230	2,292	1951	\$479,000	\$471,000	\$205.50	\$205.50	5	0.98
23271807	3.24.17	Ilona Ln	BM 2	3/2/2	N	9,000	1,854	1955	\$510,000	\$515,152	\$277.86	\$277.86	6	1.01
50488744	4.13.17	Bluegate	KV	3/2/2	N	7,350	1,886	1954	\$370,000	\$340,000	\$180.28	\$180.28	261	0.92
94834838	5.16.17	Castlewood	BT	3/2/2	N	7,230	2,292	1951	\$479,000	\$471,000	\$205.50	\$205.50	5	0.98
74357390	5.22.17	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	8,050	1,716	1951	\$435,000	\$420,000	\$244.76	\$244.76	150*	0.97
62004584	6.1.17	Broadmead Dr	BM 2	3/2/2	N	7,803	1,693	1955	\$479,900	\$462,500	\$273.18	\$273.18	5	0.96
18722347	6.2.17	Stanton St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,125	1,618	1951	\$467,500	\$460,000	\$284.30	\$282.63	49	0.98
73391740	6.9.17	Gannett St	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,697	1952	\$389,500	\$357,200	\$210.49	\$210.49	61	0.92
61564947	6.14.17	Hatton St	KV 4	4/2/2	N	7,350	2,029	1952	\$520,000	\$505,000	\$249.89	\$248.89	24*	0.97
24287194	6.16.17	Conway St	BT	4/3/2	Y	7,200	3,446	1951	\$795,000	\$772,000	\$224.03	\$224.03	26*	0.97
72263389	6.19.17	Tilden St	KV 1	5/3/2	N	10,143	2,664	2003	\$725,000	\$710,000	\$266.52	\$265.95	48	0.98
97246833	6.23.17	Winslow St	BT	3/2/2	N	8,160	1,500	1951	\$410,000	\$402,500	\$268.33	\$268.33	32*	0.98
50461624	6.23.17	Linkwood	KV	4/2/2	N	7,070	1,976	1952	\$549,900	\$555,000	\$280.87	\$280.87	3	1.01
27962304	7.13.17	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	8,856	1,705	1951	\$515,000	\$522,000	\$306.16	\$306.16	3	1.01
62149453	7.19.17	Stanton St	KV 8	3/2/2	N	7,560	1,665	1952	\$444,900	\$440,000	\$264.26	\$264.26	40	0.99
71555429	8.11.17	Hatton St	KV 4	3/2/2	N	7,350	1,552	1952	\$425,000	\$415,000	\$276.40	\$276.40	9	0.98
44293634	8.11.17	Conway	BM KV	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,704	1955	\$439,900	\$439,001	\$257.63	\$257.63	4	1.00
5512247	8.16.17	Broadmead Dr	KV	3/3/2	N	7,630	1,710	1953	\$379,000	\$355,000	\$207.60	\$207.60	30	0.94
86120741	8.25.17	Deal	KV	3/2/2	N	7,038	2,055	1953	\$468,000	\$458,200	\$222.97	\$222.97	46*	0.98
36826249	8.23.17	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	7,445	1,741	1955	\$440,000	\$430,000	\$246.98	\$248.98	8*	0.98
67957146	9.25.17	Broadmead Dr	KV 5	2/2/2	N	7,728	1,680	1954	\$349,998	\$350,000	\$208.33	\$208.33	1	1.00
49172372	10.2.17	Stanton St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,632	1,709	1952	\$350,000	\$330,000	\$193.10	\$193.10	11	0.94
26741434	10.11.17	Conway St	KV	3/2/2	N	8,584	2,046	1952	\$459,900	\$459,900	\$224.78	\$224.78	140*	1.00
54019652	10.16.17	Deal	KV	3/2/1	N	7,140	1,809	1952	\$499,500	\$482,650	\$266.80	\$266.80	37	0.97
91600461	10.19.17	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	7,650	2,073	1943	\$515,000	\$500,000	\$241.20	\$239.75	80*	0.97
28768883	11.13.17	Broadmead Dr	BT	4/5/2	N	7,475	5,295	2015	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000	\$264.21	\$245.51	*120	92.92
75400576	11.17.17	Lorrie	KV	3/2/2	N	7,178	9,344	1955	\$494,000	\$460,000	\$287.54	\$267.75	33	93.12
74385048	11.20.17	Linkwood Dr	KV	4/3/2	N	4,173	7,150	2006	\$779,900	\$750,000	\$186.89	\$179.73	*160	96.17
15646074	11.20.17	Deal St	KV	3/2/2	N	1,895	8,670	1953	\$379,000	\$370,000	\$200.00	\$195.25	*248	97.63
92118884	11.21.17	Winslow St	KV	3/2/2	N	1,635	10,450	1952	\$339,900	\$310,000	\$207.89	\$189.60	11	91.20
51336247	12.4.17	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	1,805	7,070	1953	\$569,000	\$569,000	\$315.24	\$315.24	14	100.00
32624263	12.19.17	Stanton St	KV	3/2/2	N	1,554	8,132	1951	\$350,000	\$320,000	\$225.23	\$205.92	18	91.43
8592419	12.22.17	Linkwood Dr	BT 2	3/2	N	1,645	6,630	1952	\$399,000	\$385,000	\$242.55	\$234.04	63	96.49
9730970	1.11.18	Deal St	BM	4/3/2	N	2,814	9,063	1956	\$459,900	\$450,000	\$163.43	\$159.91	*214	97.85
AVERAGE				3/2/2		2,144	8,097		\$524,046	\$507,895			86	96.84

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2017 Holiday Gift **Delivered**



Former Treasurer Grant Heemer (right) presented Perkin LaCour with his holiday gift of \$7,810 donated by Knollwood Village residents. Officer Perkin LaCour is very humbly thankful for so many neighbors generosity. He was completely surprised and grateful as 2017's total was over \$3k more than last year.

Meet your Neighbor on Fairhope Place

Tell us about yourself and your family. Ellen is a native Houstonian that she grew up near the Galleria area and went to Robert E. Lee HS and A & M. She is married to Craig who grew up in NOLA. They have three grown kids and two are married. Their first grandson just turned one and they are nuts about him. Ellen and Craig feel like this is the “gravy” time of life right now.



How long have you lived in the neighborhood? We moved to the neighborhood in 2001 when there were not many kids around. Now, I love seeing all the baby strollers and bikes going down the street!

Do you have pets? We have a cat named Zoe, who is a favorite to everyone who walks by.

If you work, what part of your job gives you the most satisfaction and why? If you're a stay at home mom or dad, what about that time with your kids have you enjoyed the most? Craig and I are both self-employed. He is a massage therapist who does seated chair massage for companies. Let us know if you need a perk for your employees! I work from home with two companies. First is with Touchstone Crystal, the home selling division of Swarovski. I love sparkly jewelry! The other is with a mission based company called Legacy Republic. This has been especially meaningful work after Harvey. The loss of family memories has been one of the most painful losses people suffered. Legacy Republic helps families celebrate and connect through preserving their life's memories. I offer services to digitize all types of old media as well as photo albums/scrapbooks and make them easily shareable via our app. I love that I have been able to salvage dried photos and videos for affected families and safeguard their memories for the future.

What's your favorite thing about the neighborhood? Our favorite part about the neighborhood is the neighbors! We live on a favorite walking street and as I mentioned before, I love the strollers, dog walkers, and bike riders that come down our street. I have seen neighbors who hardly know each other, come together to help another neighbor in need. It is like a small town in a big city. I even have a container of neighbor's house keys to prove it!

What would you like to see improve? Personally, the biggest thing we can think of is finally getting rid of the giant lake that forms at the end of our driveway after a rain. We even have named it! But, once again, our helpful neighbor has been working hard to get this fixed with the city.

Thanks for reading! I look forward to waving at ya'll as you stroll by sometime!

Braeswood Super Neighborhood (BSN) Update

By Cheryl O'Brien

The BSN took a Harvey-related hiatus in the fall of 2017 as many of our member civic clubs were busy assisting residents who suffered damage from the flooding. The BSN kept in continual contact with our City Councilmember Larry Green's office during that time. FYI, our SN had approximately 22% of the homes within our boundary that had significant damage. The SN continues to work with CM Green's office in getting Harvey debris collected and aiding people in the permitting process and other issues they face as they recover from Harvey.

The BSN continues to lobby for a pedestrian bridge to be constructed over Brays Bayou close to the Stella Link Bridge to provide safe passage across the bayou for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The BSN feels this is critical, especially for our youth who cross that area to walk to Pershing Middle School.

We need your assistance in one area in particular. We want to ensure that all parts of the hike and bike path along Brays Bayou is properly repaved, etc. after Project Brays is completed. If you are aware of any areas where the trail needs additional work, please let the civic club know. Pictures of the trail in areas that need attention would be especially useful. The BSN will be sending a list to the various county officials involved with Project Brays requesting that the trail be in pristine condition before the contractors leave the area as they work their way west.

The rebuild of Buffalo Speedway south of the bayou remains a high priority. The BSN continues to work with Councilmember Green on ways to get that accomplished. It is not currently in the city's CIP. The CIP does include street reconstruction for Linkwood in 2019 and Woodshire, Townhome Manor, Westridge / Knollwood Village (west of Buffalo Speedway) in 2020.

The BSN meets on the 3rd Thursday each month at Linkwood Park from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Residents are welcome to attend! This is a great way to stay current on a multitude of projects both inside the boundaries of Knollwood Village and in the surrounding civic clubs, meet your neighbors in the neighboring civic clubs and to get involved in your area community!



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Bethany United Methodist Church and Lyft

Many of you may not even be aware but 50+ residents on a few streets (Linkwood, Gannett and Bevlyn) west of Buffalo Speedway had a not so pleasant experience the week of Feb 19th.

On Feb 20th, Lyft decided to broadcast to their Houston drivers that they were giving away Lyft light up amp boxes which is a device that goes on your dashboard that says “Lyft”. The pickup location was Bethany church on Linkwood and the response was overwhelming and that side of the neighborhood was inundated with hundreds or possibly 1,000+ cars and the streets were a massive traffic jam for several hours. In the days following this event, the KVCC and a few residents engaged the church / Day School and Lyft. All parties were apologetic as they were not expecting the response they received and Lyft is not planning another giveaway and seems sincere in doing their best (as is the Church/Day School) to address any concerns of the community (as well as the Day School) over the next 3 weeks.

As of the publishing of the newsletter, the KVCC has verified the following details:

- Bethany Church and Lyft have agreed to use a portion of the church parking lot as an optional rest area for its drivers if they so choose. The HLSR is sponsoring Lyft as patrons ride to and from the rodeo with the actual pickup/drop off being the NRG Park Green Lot which is along Kirby Dr between Murworth and Westridge.
- Service will be from 2/22 through 3/18 from noon to 11pm.
- Lyft Traffic Management and Security is being provided on church grounds to ensure parking occurs only in designated areas in the church lot (and not on our streets), to ensure noise is kept to a minimum and the area is kept clean. Security will be onsite until 2am just in case any drivers attempt to stop after hours.
- Lyft is planning to limit the number of cars in this parking lot to 40-50 cars at once and may limit the amount of time (~15 minutes) that drivers can hang out. Cars/lights will be turned off when parked.
- It should be known that Lyft found Bethany church and approached them about this opportunity and Pastor Dan Jones is who agreed to these arrangements. The Day School was not involved during the negotiations but they are now working with Lyft and the community since Pastor Dan is out of the country.
- The church is set to close this coming June and the Day School is planning to stay open indefinitely.
- The Day School and the United Methodist Council will be looking at ways to make the Day School and property more attractive in the hopes of increasing enrollment.
- The KVCC reported this agreement and events to our District K Council Member Larry Green office for feedback and it was determined since this is a private arrangement between the church and Lyft and no permits are required from the City for the church to grant parking at its facility.
- The KVCC is not currently aware of any legal angles or violations that we can leverage. Houston has no zoning and the church does not operate under our deed restrictions. We believe they also can run a business that generates revenue from other sources, it's just important on how they report that revenue come tax time.

There are 2 discount codes available to residents should any residents want to use Lyft. If residents want a ride to the rodeo from your home, use promo code UNITEDNEIGHBORS. It is 2 rides, up to \$10 off. The Chronicle also recently advertised one for new riders only with no known limitation on destination. Use promo code LYFT2RODEO which gets you \$5 off on 4 rides (i.e., \$20 credit).

The KVCC will continue to monitor the situation and we encourage our residents on these affected streets to be our eyes and ears over these next 3 weeks and let us know if you believe Lyft is not holding up to their promises considering the impacts to the residents in the neighborhood and with the concern for safety.

Please send any concerns to me at president@knollwoodvillage.org.

Scott J. Rose
KVCC President

Braeswood Place Mom's Group

By Shell Jenkins, President

We are the best neighborhood Moms group around, 250+ members strong and growing. Throughout the year we have lots of family, couples and mom centered events.

A message from outgoing President Kristin Horn – A new year brings a new president for the Braeswood Place Moms Club and another year of fun filled events. So, I would like to introduce Shell Jenkins, President and Jennifer Anderson, Vice President for the 2018 year. I leave you in good hands and I am sure Shell and Jennifer will host a fabulous line-up in 2018. Stay tuned! As I leave, I would like to give a special thanks to **Margaret Vinson** with *Martha Turner Sotheby's International Realty*, for supporting so many events throughout the year.

A message from incoming President Shell Jenkins – I want to begin by wishing all the wonderful families in Braeswood a Happy New Year. Jennifer Anderson, Vice President, and I are excited about all the fun our group will have in 2018. Our group is open to all women who are interested in growing lasting friendships in the neighborhood. It is not restricted to moms or mothers of young children. The group hosts multiple events each month that range from mom only gatherings, to kid focused events to couple's date nights. So whether you are young or young at heart, come join the fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wine Garden, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – 3/2
- Bunko – Hosted by Jody Martin – Date TBD

LAST 3 MONTHS (Dec, Jan and Feb):

- We would like to thank Ivy and James from Evelyn's Park who made our Movie in the Park event a huge success! We would also like to thank Margaret Vinson for our very special visit from Santa. (Event hosted by Jody Martin & Kristin Hamilton & Margaret Pinkston) A special thanks to our hostesses as well!
- Also, much thanks to Liz Sirmans & Amanda Rubenstein for organizing the Moms Ugly Sweater Holiday Party on December 14th at Sonoma Wine Bar. Always a great time!
- Thank you to all the members that joined us in January for the Playdate at Huckleberry Park and Moms, Merlot and Mingling at Nail Bar & Spa.
- Kids Valentines Event – Hosted by Alissa Noshie and Lindsay Colvin was perfect for a cold and wet raining weekend. The kiddos got to make hand-made

pizzas with the toppings of their choice. Cookies with sprinkles were provided and the parents got to eat yummy leftover pizza!

MEMBERSHIP: Not currently a member and want to get in on the action? Simply email **Jody Martin** at jodymartin1@hotmail.com if you're interested in joining our group. Contact **Cricket DeWalch** at cricket@dewalchfamily.com if you are a current member and would like to be added to our Facebook page.

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BABY NEWS: Congratulations to these new additions to our BPMC family.

- Tiffany & Tim Munro who welcomed baby girl Evelyn Claire to the world on Saturday, October 28th, weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz.
- Alissa & Aaron Noshie on the addition of baby girl Penelope Lee born on Friday, October 13th weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

MOMMY MEALS*: Did you just have a baby and can't bear the thought of cooking up dinner? Let our group shower your family with 4 meals after the birth of your child. Email **Bevin Barrett** at bevinbarrett@yahoo.com. *Please remember that members are encouraged to provide at least one meal during the calendar year. This is also a great way to meet new friends in the neighborhood.

BABYSITTERS: Do you or your child want to babysit? Moms are always looking for great sitters. Please contact Jennifer Anderson at andfam5@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the contact list.

In MEMORIAM

With sad news, it was reported that we lost our very own District K Council member Larry Green on March 6th.

According to his profile on the city of Houston's website, Larry was elected to city council in 2012 when District K was created to serve the edge of the Texas Medical Center to the portion of Houston within Fort Bend County. During his first year in office, he brought over \$20 million worth of economic development projects to District K. He also chaired the council's transportation, technology and infrastructure committee.

While decisions were not always up to Larry, he always made sure he heard what we had to say in Knollwood Village and he was on many occasions, a proponent in fighting causes to our benefit, Larry will be missed says KVCC President, Scott Rose.

Longfellow Elementary

by Jessica Evans

February was a busy and fun month for Longfellow students with Valentine's parties, a Valentine's family dance and a Lunar New Year Celebration with traditional dancers. The fine arts classes participated in cultural and educational events around Houston. The Art and Eco team visited the Museum of Natural Science, the Dance students visited the Hobby Center, and Band and Orchestra students visited the Downtown Aquarium where they performed on the outdoor stage and then toured the exhibits. Longfellow students also took part in a Jazz Education Performance where professional musicians played for the students and taught them about the history of Jazz.

Students celebrated the 80th, 90th and 100th days of school by dressing up in 80s outfits, 90s outfits and as 100 year old people. From February 26th-March 2nd students will participate in the Read Across America event which includes fun activities and highlights a different Dr Seuss book each day. Longfellow UIL and Odyssey of the Mind Teams will also be competing in late Feb/early March. We are so proud of our students for all their hard work and creativity!

The G/T Expo will take place in March. Check with each grade level for specific times/days. Congrats to Longfellow for being re-certified as a Leader in Me Lighthouse school--this distinction is a great honor and reflects the embodiment of leadership qualities on the part of both students and staff! Longfellow will be hosting another Leadership Day this spring--please check the website for date and time. We are also very excited to welcome Rice College Students from the Black Male Leadership Initiative to Longfellow Elementary! These Rice student volunteers will be running an after school club that will include STEM projects and also focus on psychosocial well-being, identity development and relationship building.

Happy Spring!

Radar Speeds Signs Coming Soon

In 2017, the Braeswood Place Homeowner's Association (BPHA) authorized the purchase of 11 radar speed signs, similar to the ones on Buffalo Speedway in West University Place.

The signs will be placed on Buffalo Speedway (north & south sides), on Stella Link, and On North & South Braeswood Boulevard(s) within the geographical boundary of Braeswood Place. BPHA proposed the donation of the signs to Harris County which, following installation, would provide liability and upkeep of the signs. The Harris County Commissioner's Court authorized acceptance of the donation at its January 30, 2018 meeting. It's expected to take 3 to 6 months to deliver, install and have the signs operational so look for them this summer.

Enforcement will be conducted by Harris County Precinct 1 Constable Al Rosen.

You can see the authorization by Googling Harris County Commissioner's Court and selecting the agenda link (usually the top link displayed). Click on 2018 and then Jan 30 and look at Section 11, Constables, Item 4, Page 12.



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WINSLOW ST.	3	2	1,635	1952	\$339,900	\$310,000	11/21/17
STANTON ST.	3	2	1,554	1951	\$350,000	\$320,000	12/19/17
STANTON ST.	3	2	1,709	1952	\$350,000	\$330,000	10/02/17
BROADMEAD DR.	2	2	1,680	1954	\$349,998	\$350,000	09/25/17
DEAL ST.	3	2	1,895	1953	\$379,000	\$370,000	11/20/17
LINKWOOD DR.	3	2	1,645	1952	\$399,000	\$385,000	12/22/17
DEAL ST.	3	2	2,055	1953	\$468,000	\$458,200	08/25/17
CONWAY ST.	3	2	2,046	1952	\$459,900	\$459,900	10/11/17
LORRIE ST.	3	2	1,718	1955	\$494,000	\$460,000	11/17/17
DEAL ST.	3	2	1,809	1952	\$499,500	\$482,650	10/16/17
LINKWOOD DR.	3	2	2,073	1943	\$515,000	\$500,000	10/19/17
LINKWOOD DR.	3	2	1,805	1953	\$569,000	\$569,000	12/04/17
LINKWOOD DR.	3	3	3,267	1954	\$689,000	\$665,000	02/15/18
BROADMEAD DR.	4	5	5,295	2015	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000	11/13/17

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Treasurer's Report

Dear Neighbors,

As the new treasurer of Knollwood Village, I would like to introduce myself and tell you a little bit of my background. I retired from a forty year career as a Cost Engineer with Bechtel last May and needed something to make me feel productive so here I am. I am good with numbers and spreadsheets and computers so I welcome this opportunity and look forward to a healthy and wealthy year for the neighborhood.

As of the 15th of February we have received 75 (12% out of 623) payments averaging \$187 for a total of \$14,025.

I would like to thank all of you who have recently sent in payment and all of you who have been able to contribute more than the minimum.

I would also like to encourage the rest of the neighbors to also send their contributions so that we may continue to provide the services that improve our neighborhood, make it safer and sustainably more beautiful as time goes by.

It's easy to support our neighborhood and contribute:

By mail, send the check to Knollwood Village Civic Club, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225.

Or online at www.knollwoodvillage.org/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:
treasurer@knollwoodvillage.org.

Sincerely,

Laura Ferro
KVCC Treasurer



PROJECT BRAYS BAYOU UPDATE as of March 1, 2018

By Billy Pilgrim

Bertner to 2,200 feet upstream of Buffalo Speedway:

Construction contractor is complete, turf seeding to continue, along with tree planting by end of March. Metro also has to relocate lines at Fannin

2,200 feet upstream of Buffalo Speedway to South Rice:

Trail detours phase 1 and 3 in place. Excavation nearly completed on south side of construction reach. Working on walls at Braeswood Bridge and soil nails under South Post Oak/I610. Contract 33%, time used 57%. Contract had late start, but is on schedule to complete August, 2018.

South Rice to Fondren:

No change, consultant working on 95% submittal, soil borings completed, tree relocating to finish by end of March, and construction start scheduled 2nd quarter 2018.

Buffalo Speedway Bridge: Replacement of the Buffalo Speedway Bridge is on schedule to begin construction in the second quarter of 2018 and complete by summer 2019. If interested, design drawings can be found on our website. It's been designed with left turn lanes in both directions and 10 ft wide sidewalks which were enhancements requested by the Braeswood Super Neighborhood which represents many of the surrounding area including Knollwood. These enhancements are still waiting on funding though. Replacement of the bridge will include reconstruction of the North/South Braeswood intersections and yes, the entire bridge will be closed for a 12+ months. There will be signs placed near the bridge soon alerting travelers of the closure. Plan your alternate routes now!

Stella Link Bridge extension and Ardmore bridge replacement:

The Stella Link Bridge is planned to be extended to widen the bayou. That construction is not scheduled to start until late 2019 and will remain open while that work is performed. COH selected U-turn lane on Ardmore for width options. Consultant working on 90% submittal.

Willow Waterhole Detention Facility: Contractor has mobilized and construction has begun on the control structures in Willow Waterhole Bayou which directs high water flow in the channel into the Willow Waterhole Detention Basin(s). Construction had a late start, its 34% complete but is on schedule to complete in August, 2018.

Flooding: During the week of December 4, the Rice University Baker Institute For Public Policy published a paper entitled "Living With Houston Flooding" authored by Jim Blackburn, J.D. Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University; Co-director, Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disaster (SSPEED) Center; Faculty Scholar, Baker Institute. It is an excellent document for educating residents and property owners in Houston and Harris County with regard to the cause(s) of flooding and the consequences that result from that. Google the following:

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research/blackburn-hold/>

Or search the Internet for: baker Institute living with Houston flooding.

Invest locally and support your neighborhood, one can advertise to over 600 homes in the area for as low as \$50 or get a full page ad for \$240 (which is 39 cents per home). Visit www.knollwoodvillage.org/advertise for details.



KVCC Winter 2017-18 Security Report

By David Wood

The Knollwood Village security incidents reported below are compiled from reports that residents make to Smith Security, data available on the Houston Police Department's crime statistics website, and reports from residents. Information available on the HPD's website is limited to the very basic details of block number, date, time, and type of crime.

Since the last newsletter Knollwood Village residents reported three thefts, five car break-ins, one robbery, and one suspicious person incident. Please report all criminal incidents to both HPD and Smith. HPD allocates their patrol resources to areas that report incidents so it is to Knollwood Village's benefit to report all incidents that occur here to HPD.

After reporting an incident to the Houston Police Department PLEASE call Smith Security and give a report to them. The reports provide important details to Smith so they know what to be on the lookout for. Also, providing information from Smith about neighborhood crime in the Knollwood Village newsletter helps keep residents informed about how the criminals operate so deterrent measures can be made more effective.

If you notice any persons in the neighborhood who are behaving suspiciously please IMMEDIATELY call the Houston Police Department's non-emergency phone number, which is 713-884-3131, and report them. After you report the suspicious person(s) to HPD please call Smith Protective Services at 713-789-5944, and report the suspicious person(s) to them. It is important to call HPD and Smith because they both need to know what to watch out for.

If, however, you see a crime in progress, such as a person breaking the window of a house or kicking in a door, then call 911, the City of Houston's emergency number, to report it.

Knollwood Village is in Precinct 7 of the Harris County Constable's office. The patrol dispatch number for the Precinct 7 Constable's office is 713-643-6602. The Houston Police Department should always be called first at their non-emergency number listed above, but feel free to call the Precinct 7 Constable's dispatch number second. If a Constable Officer happens to be patrolling in the area they may be able to respond to a call more quickly than a HPD officer patrolling further away.

Knollwood Village Incident Reports (November 2017 to January 2018)

8500 block Greenbush (12/10/17, Sunday, 5:00 PM) - Theft (believed to be from car)

3400 block Linkwood (12/16/17, Saturday, 3:18 PM) - Resident reported that their vehicle had been broken in to and ransacked during the night. The resident thought that their vehicle had been locked. Patrol advised resident to call HPD.

3400 block Linkwood (12/20/17, Wednesday, 4:28 PM) - Resident reported that sometime between December 16th and 18th a box was delivered to their house and then stolen. The empty box was later discovered in the vicinity the apartments on Murworth. Patrol advised resident to call HPD.

3100 block Norris (1/4/18, Thursday, 12:43 PM) - Dispatch called Patrol to report that a resident had called about a man, dressed in dark pants and a dark colored jacket and tie, who was going door to door trying to sell magazines. Patrol located the man and asked him to not solicit in this neighborhood. The man walked across the bayou bridge and out of the neighborhood.

3000 block Stanton (1/17/18, Wednesday, 2:45 PM) - Resident reported that a man knocked on the door and stated that his company sent him to check the house for roaches and rats. After entering the house the man then told the resident to give him any jewelry they had. The resident complied and the man left. The resident called HPD.

8300 block Lorrie (1/21/18, Sunday, 10:00 AM) – Theft (believed to be from car)

8400 block Greenbush (1/30/18, Tuesday, 8:07 AM) - While driving through the neighborhood patrol noticed that the driver’s side rear window of a car parked on the street was broken. Patrol knocked on the door of the nearest house and informed the resident about the broken car window and suggested that they call HPD to report the incident.

3100 block Gannett (1/30/18, Tuesday, 8:12 AM) - Resident flagged down patrol and reported that their car, parked on the street, had been broken into the previous night. Resident called HPD to report the incident.

3000 block Deal (1/30/18, Tuesday, 9:30 AM) - Resident reported to dispatch that their vehicle had been broken into the previous evening.

McGovern Stella Link Neighborhood Library
7405 Stella Link, Houston, TX 77025
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The re-opening of the McGovern-Stella Link Neighborhood Library is anticipated to be sometime this summer. Please visit www.houstonlibrary.org for any updates.

The McGovern-Stella Link Neighborhood Library is one of ten library locations affected by Hurricane Harvey. Like many of our neighbors in the community, the library is focusing its efforts on rebuilding. The library is thrilled to announce that it has been selected by the Texas State Library and the Brownstone Book Fund to receive 100 new books.

In other good news, the McGovern-Stella Link Neighborhood Library began hold pick up service at the Weekly Family YMCA on February 5th. This means that customers can now go online to request library materials and have them sent to the temporary location at the YMCA for convenient pickup (and subsequent drop off) in the neighborhood. Many thanks to the YMCA for opening its doors to the library to make this service possible. New books that were part of the Brownstone Book Fund will begin arriving in the coming weeks to this location and will be available for checkout.

The library hours of operation at the YMCA are:

Mon: 10am-6pm	Tue: 10am-6pm	Wed: 10am-6pm
Thurs: 12pm-8pm	Fri: 10am-5pm	Sat: 10am-5pm
Sun: CLOSED		

Library staff may be reached at 832-393-2630.

Edgar Fuentes
Administrative Supervisor

City of Houston Heavy Trash Update

Attention homeowners who had the unfortunate luck of having damaged homes due to Hurricane Harvey.

As of March 1, 2018, the City of Houston Solid Waste Department will no longer be responsible for pickup up debris. If you have paid contractors working on your residential home and/or businesses, the contractor is solely responsible for disposing of their debris. Also, if you witness contractors dumping their debris onto vacant lots and/or unoccupied residential property, please contact the Southwest HPD Substation at 832-394-0400 and report this incident.

Please help to keep District K and our neighborhood clean as everyone continues to work through the post-Harvey recovery process.

Architecture Control Committee Activity Report

By David Roder

Date	Address	Street	Description of Request	Approved	Rejected	Notes:
27-Nov-2017	3114	Linkwood	Submitted plans for new fence and gate	✓		Approved
30-Nov-2017			Inq about garage sale			
1-Dec-2017			Inq about new construction @3511 Deal			
4-Dec-2017	8316	Fairhope Pl	submitted plans for new pool	✓		Approved
9-Jan-2018	3114	Linkwood	Inquiry about a shed removal	✓		
10-Jan-2018	2924	Broadmead	Inquiry about setbacks,easements and fence criteria			Sent criteria for setbacks,easements and fences
11-Jan-2018	3114	Linkwood	Sent plans for a new swimming pool	✓		
14-Jan-2018		Section 2	Inquiry about leaving lot empty for a year			Advised to keep lot maintained
16-Jan-2018	2900 blk	Stanton	Inquired about "unusual consruction methoeds"			They were putting in piers
1-Feb-2018	3007	Norris	Inquiry about construction noise from neighbors house			Advised to contact 311/neighbor/contractor
13-Feb-2018	3007	Castlewood	Inquiry about Hardie siding to replace cedar siding	✓		

Knollwood Village Odds & Ends

Upcoming NRG Park Events that you may want to be aware of:

Its Rodeo season again (through March 18th) and many of our neighbors will experience an elevated level of parking on our streets, particularly at Broadmead and Linkwood. While our streets are public property and visitors certainly have rights to use them, there are rules which must be followed. Below is a list rules for which HPD may issue citations in addition to not having license plates or expired registration:

- Parked on wrong side of street (meaning facing the wrong direction)
- Parked on street more than 24 hours
- Parked blocking a private driveway (even if it's a small amount)
- Parked within 15 ft of a fire hydrant
- Blocking or parking on a sidewalk
- Parked more than 18 inches from right hand curb
- Commercial vehicle parked between 2AM & 6AM
- Parking a large vehicle in a residential district (moving truck, construction truck, trailers, etc...)

For non-emergency issues like parking issues or suspicious activity, please call HPD at 713-884-3131. For suspicious activity you can also call Smith Security at (713) 789-5944.

Residents and Renters...Stay in the loop with neighborhood news, sign up for important neighborhood notifications at www.knollwoodvillage.org , click on "Email List", enter info and subscribe.

Nextdoor.com (web or app) is also a good source of resident postings of things happening in our neighborhood as well as other area neighborhoods like Braeswood Place, Westridge, Linkwood, Woodridge, Braes Heights and Old Braeswood.

Recently moved into our neighborhood? We are happy to deliver a Welcome Brochure to you with Information about our Civic Club, neighborhood and surrounding area. Contact Annemieke at jl5607@aol.com This includes renters!

REMINDER – Our regular trash day is THURSDAY each week.

HEAVY TRASH is the 3rd Monday of each month. Remember your ODDS & EVENS.

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RECYCLING is every other Thursday. (Remember, glass is no longer accepted).



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