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A Message From Your KVCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Wow, I wanted to say happy fall season, but it's recently felt more like winter already.

We had our second Resident meeting back on September 27th. Our guest speaker was **District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum** and she didn't disappoint. First, she honored the late Chief of Staff Donald Perkins with some good memories. She also shared that some of our focus in recent months has been on 1) Safety - we are the third safest district in all of Houston 2) Clean-up of trash and dump sites and 3) our Homeless problem. She also commented on recycling saying recent recycle pickup delays are a result of the truck fleet becoming very aged with lots of breakdowns. Lastly, Martha announced the new **Chief of Staff is Janae Winfield**. I am happy to share that Janae is planning to be one of our guest speakers at the January 30th 2019 Resident meeting at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars!

Now for some updates on all of the activities in and around the neighborhood: **Holiday Decorating Contest is coming fast!** There are some changes to this year's contest, see inside.

Buffalo Speedway Bridge Closure is coming before the holidays! Yikes! I am trying to be optimistic in that traffic won't be as bad as I expect, but it's probably wishful thinking. I am already counting down the days until it's done. More details inside.

National Night Out on Oct 2nd was quite possibly the best outing in the history of our neighborhood. Fourteen parties were held, HPD visited, Smith Security patrolled it, we had a photographer, a contest and hopefully those that participated had fun and met some new neighbors. I was fortunate to not only get to hang with neighbors on my block, but also was able to attend several other parties which was a treat for me. More on the evening in the newsletter. I just want to say thanks again to the many block captains, to Sara and Neha for organizing and to Joanna, a resident that documented the event with one of her passions -- photography.

NRG Concert in the Yellow Lot - Saturday, November 17th another outdoor concert (Travis Scott) was held. We've been told the concert will go from Noon to 11p, so I hope it proved not to be too much of an inconvenience for most.

Ponding Repairs - Over the last 6+ months, we have benefitted from some long

awaited water ponding issues being repaired. Repairs are complete on a stretch of Greenbush and Fairhope and another repair is under way on Fairhope Place and on Fairhope on the Braeswood Place side. I believe Prescott is also next to have a repair done. No others are planned right now. If you are wondering how these got selected, I think it was from a lot of 311 calls to the city and conversations with our district K representatives over many years. While residents can call and report ponding on any street, the commonality with each of these repairs is its on streets developed in the last 3-8 years. If you live on an older street that has been overlayed on the east side of the neighborhood, your battle is tougher. If you live on the west side, there is a 2020-2021 capital improvement project waiting in the wings to start. In any case, always get your issue reported to 311 and share the 311 case numbers with District K. You can reach the district either at 832-393-3016 or districtk@houston.tx.gov.

Financials - You will see in the Treasurer update that 51% of the neighborhood paid dues this year. Fortunately, that coupled with ~\$5K in advertising revenue allowed us to cover our expenses for the year. In the recent three years our expenses have been ticking up, so the Civic Club is looking to try to improve that situation. However, the real fix is to have better resident participation in paying the \$175 dues per year. We have way too many homeowners benefitting from those that contribute and in 2019, that trend really needs to change and improve. Below is a snapshot of the last 10 years and the percent of contributions.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
50%	42%	57%	52%	57%	52%
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	AVG
54%	56%	54%	45%	51%	52%

With our yearly dues so affordable, one would think we should have 60% or more. No matter what a homeowner's reason for not paying it, they can't deny that the Civic Club over the years has continuously added value to our neighborhood which comes back to the homeowner. If I had to single out any group, it's the large majority of homeowners leasing / renting their homes that are not contributing and that makes up nearly a third of the neighborhood. I think it's time to turn a new leaf and return the nice gesture in 2019 and beyond. I encourage renters

to propose to landlords that renters pay it and take it out of the rent as the majority of the contributions goes to security patrols. While our patrols are mostly a deterrent, it is making our neighborhood a safer place to live for you, your family, and your valuables / property.

On that note, I wish each of you and your families a safe and fantastic holiday and new year!
May peace be with you.

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2018/2019 Knollwood Village Social Calendar

- December 15-16, 2018: Christmas Decor Competition
- March 2019: Spring-giving- Volunteer at Houston Food Bank
- June/July 2019: Astros Night
- October 1, 2019: National Night Out
- December 16-20, 2019: Christmas Decor Competition

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Next Neighborhood Resident Meeting
Wednesday, January 30, 2018 6:30p-8p.

This meeting we will be voting on our slate of officers for the 2018 Civic Club board. We are excited to also have the new District K Chief of Staff, Janae Winfield as one of our guest speakers. Additionally, as always, the meeting will also include a high level update on our budget, security, current topics and a resident Q&A.

The meeting is being held in its usual location – Bethany Church, 3507 Linkwood Drive in Classroom 42/43 which is on the back side – park in back and you can't miss it. Please make an effort to send a representative from your household.

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Real Estate Report Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area

Single Family Home Sales November 1, 2017 through November, 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 %
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	1,718	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
42648184	2.9.18	Deal St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,377	1,634	1953	\$395,000	\$389,000	\$241.74	\$238.07	206*	98.48
28515445	2.15.18	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/3/2	N	8,160	3,267	1954	\$689,000	\$665,000	\$210.90	\$203.55	115*	96.52
28358627	2.16.18	Gannett	KV	3/1/2	N	7,800	1,325	1952	\$300,000	\$310,000	\$226.42	\$233.96	130*	103.33
97849025	2.21.18	Broadmead Dr	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,770	1,847	1954	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$257.17	\$257.17	18	100.00
68586691	2.28.18	Greenbush St	KV 2	5/4/2	N	8,050	4,399	2012	\$969,000	\$925,000	\$220.28	\$210.28	186	95.46
49906610	3.15.18	Conway St	BT	3/2/2	N	7,200	1,380	1951	\$340,000	\$322,000	\$246.38	\$233.33	121	94.71
51116176	4.20.18	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	9,345	1,800	1954	\$540,000	\$532,500	\$300.00	\$295.83	8	98.61
4367488	4.24.18	Conway	KV	4/3/2	N	8,316	2,190	1951	\$386,000	\$320,000	\$176.26	\$146.12	181*	82.90
3294756	5.17.18	Conway St	KV	4/3/2	N	8,064	—	1951	\$319,000	\$306,000	—	—	17	95.92
18563783	5.18.18	Gannett St	KV 5	3/2/2	N	8,160	1,658	1952	\$389,900	\$389,000	\$235.16	\$234.62	14	99.77
79980098	5.22.18	Greenbush St	BM 2	3/2/2	N	7,280	1,730	1952	\$335,000	\$325,000	\$193.64	\$187.86	8	97.01
93260228	5.30.18	Broadmead Dr	KV 2	3/2/2	N	7,445	1,741	1955	\$465,000	\$453,000	\$267.09	\$260.20	7	97.42
45718889	5.31.18	Castlewood St	BT 1	3/2/2	N	7,680	1,782	1952	\$419,000	\$390,000	\$235.13	\$218.86	22	93.08
58590200	6.22.18	Fairhope St	BT	3/2/2	N	7,560	1,957	1951	\$529,900	\$522,000	\$270.77	\$266.73	2	98.51
87678568	6.22.18	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,070	1,805	1953	\$574,900	\$550,000	\$318.50	\$304.71	24	95.67
48474116	6.29.18	Norris Dr	BT	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,624	1952	\$429,900	\$410,000	\$264.72	\$252.46	30	95.37
48136299	7.2.18	Linkwood Dr	KV 5	3/2/1	N	7,150	1,489	1952	\$375,000	\$365,000	\$251.85	\$245.13	120*	97.33
66712782	7.3.18	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,700	2,096	1952	\$415,000	\$390,000	\$198.00	\$186.07	388*	93.98
9312449	7.20.18	Broadmead	KV	3/2/2	N	8,925	2,077	1952	\$389,900	\$365,000	\$192.06	\$175.73	244	91.50
65034519	7.25.18	Deal St	BM 2	4/3/2	N	8,247	2,423	1955	\$599,900	\$592,500	\$247.59	\$244.53	3	98.77
39907548	8.14.18	Fairhope	KV	4/5/3	Y	9,250	3,756	2010	\$899,000	\$850,000	\$239.35	\$266.30	304*	94.55
34979681	8.17.18	Braeswood Blvd	BT	3/2/2	N	18,133	2,868	1952	\$399,000	\$385,000	\$139.12	\$134.24	11	96.49
59892852	8.31.18	Bevlyn Dr	BT 2	2/2/2	N	9,052	1,502	1953	\$310,000	\$290,000	\$206.39	\$193.08	1	93.55
36531339	9.10.18	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	6,600	1,600	1950	\$459,000	\$455,000	\$286.88	\$284.38	13	99.13
8774023	9.11.18	Prescott St	BT	3/3/2	N	14,928	2,721	1953	\$699,000	\$692,000	\$256.89	\$254.32	3	99.00
13362531	10.3.18	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,641	1955	\$369,000	\$356,000	\$224.86	\$216.94	452*	96.48
16742065	10.5.18	Prescott St	KV 8	4/4/2	N	9,345	4,408	2010	\$975,000	\$935,000	\$221.19	\$212.11	71	95.90
20752915	10.19.18	Prescott St	BT	4/3/2	N	13,200	3,000	1952	\$598,000	\$535,000	\$199.33	\$178.33	659*	89.46
AVERAGE				3/2/2		8,651	2,285	1960	\$519,543	\$497,514	\$233.91	\$224.66	115	95.83

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Longfellow Elementary School

By Jenny Rozelle

Longfellow held its annual Fall Festival in October, and it was a huge success! The event included fun activities for families, with a costume contest, games, cookie decorating, face painting, bounce houses and more. Mama Ann's BBQ, Muiishi Makirritos and Kona Ice food trucks were also on hand with delicious food offerings. Teachers, staff members, parents and volunteers from Redemption Church worked together at the event. The festival raised more than \$6,700, which will be used to fund field trips and other activities for our students.

The students and their grandmothers and grandfathers enjoyed a special meal together during the Grandparents' Day Luncheon on Sept. 13. The school also held its Open House Night on Sept. 19, which was a great opportunity for families to see what their kids have been doing so far this year and touch base with teachers.

Parent University took place on Sept. 27 at Longfellow. This student-led event was an opportunity for parents to learn how to help their children succeed in school and featured performances by the Longfellow choir and orchestra.

Oct. 20 was our fall work day, during which Longfellow staff, students, family and friends did some planting, weeding and watering in our beautiful butterfly garden.

Six of our students won medals at the districtwide UIL competition on Oct. 13, and Longfellow won a sweepstakes award for quantity of wins. At the next UIL competition on Nov. 10, Longfellow once again had six students who placed. We're so proud of our talented UIL team and the teachers who dedicate their time to work with them!

Rice University students came to Longfellow to give an entertaining presentation with chemistry experiments on Nov. 7. The grade schoolers loved watching the college students make elephant toothpaste and shrink balloons with liquid nitrogen.

Longfellow's STEM Night on Nov. 8 was fun for students and their families. Participants enjoyed science, technology, engineering and math activities such as building structures with marshmallows and toothpicks or seeing how far they could launch pumpkin candies using spoons, rubber bands and craft sticks.

Longfellow is collecting nonperishable food items for its food drive through Dec. 10. Sharing with others in this way is a great chance for our students to get into the Thanksgiving spirit.

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Dec. 10-14. Parents can purchase books at the fair or online. We'll receive books for every reading level, and purchases benefit Longfellow.

Do you have the Longfellow Elementary app? Download it on your smartphone today to easily view the school calendar, check your student's grades, post photos from school events, join the PTA, read school notifications and more.

Longfellow will be closed Nov. 19-23 for Thanksgiving break. The last day of classes for the first semester is Dec. 20, with second semester beginning Jan. 7th.

We hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Braeswood Super Neighborhood

By Cheryl O'Brien & Billy Pilgrim

Project Brays -

- Current contract 2,200 feet upstream of Buffalo Speedway to South Post Oak - Excavation is near completion on south side of construction reach. Contractor Status: Earned 95%, time used 99%. Punch list inspection scheduled for 11/12 & 13, 2018.
- South Post Oak to Fondren - Contractor Status: Earned 10%, time used 26%. Contractor began upstream reach excavation at Fondren so as not to interfere with current contractor above.

Buffalo Speedway bridge replacement - The Super Neighborhood has been monitoring the Buffalo Speedway bridge replacement and will be providing updates monthly once construction starts which is expected to be Monday, November 19th. More details to follow.

Stella Link Pedestrian Bridge - This new bridge will be funded by Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis. The engineering department for Harris County has preliminarily determined that the best location for this bridge is at Glen Arbor and North Braeswood which lines up with the exercise stations on the south side of the bayou. When the bridge was first proposed by BSN in 2017, the

preferred site was on the east side of the Stella Link Bridge. A meeting with the Precinct 1 engineering department to review the design drawings and site location is pending.

Stella Link Bridge - Contract awarded on 8/14/2018 to James Construction, Inc. along with Ardmore Bridge replacement. Stella Link Bridge extension (not a replacement) will not get underway until late 2019 after the Buffalo Speedway Bridge replacement is complete. The City of Houston will not allow both bridges to be taken out of service at the same time.

Stella Link Aesthetics - The Stella link corridor from the 610 Loop north to Braeswood continues to be a challenge. Trash, weeds, broken sidewalks, these are just a few of the issues that are contributing to the visual blight along Stella Link. The BSN is working with the city to determine how to best deal with this situation. Unfortunately, many homeowners whose property abuts Stella Link fail to realize that it is their responsibility to maintain the property, even if it is outside their fence line. We are working on ways to educate these homeowners about this issue. In April, we had a successful clean-up day where several of the civic clubs had people out who picked up trash, weeded, trimmed and made a big impact in cleaning up the corridor. We are looking at sponsoring another clean-up day soon.

Hike/Bike Trail - As part of the Bayou Greenways 2020 project, Houston Parks Board and its project partners are transforming Brays Bayou into Brays Bayou Greenway. They will not be able to complete their work along our section of Brays Bayou until after the HCFCD completes all of their work. We continue to keep in contact with the Parks Board and keep them informed of missing trail connections, broken paths, etc.

Linkwood Park - Work has begun on the renovation!!

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Social Committee Update

By Sara Munson and Neha Agrawal

Knollwood Village's National Night Out (NNO) 2018 was a big success! Thanks to the work of the volunteer Block Captains, there were 14 neighborhood parties, with friendly visits from Houston Police officers and also from photographer Joanna Brandt. The Civic Club thanks all who participated. Award winner include:

- Best Attendance - Ashwood Street hosted by Bevin and Michael Barrett
- Most Energetic - Bluegate Street hosted by Cheryl O'Brien and neighbors
- Most Creative - Stanton Street hosted by Kim Reiner, Roxanne Blackburn and Anne Dare.

It was a great evening for Knollwood Village and possibly the first BIG Knollwood Village organized event for NNO. To view and/or download (FREE) our photographer's (Joanna) pictures from the event, please go to our website at knollwoodvillage.org and look for the "Latest Posts" section.

And now it's time to think about HOLIDAY decorating contest! Knollwood Village Civic Club will be awarding Amazon Gift Cards for the First (\$150), Second (\$100), and Third (\$75) best displays in the neighborhood. Judging will be done on the weekend of December 15-16.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that KVCC sponsors four community events throughout the year. In the spring of 2019 we will host a volunteer day at the Meet Your Knollwood Village Neighbor

Houston Food Bank, and next summer we will select an Astros game to attend. National Night Out rolls around again in October, followed in December by the holiday light contest.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in a National Night Out party. As the photos show, our community is a great place to live!

Who is into Social Media? The Knollwood Village Civic Club is looking for a social media intern/volunteer to help us create an online presence to better connect with our residents. Residents and /or high schoolers are eligible to apply. Please email social@knollwoodvillage.org if you are interested.

**Are you new to the neighborhood
or do you have a new neighbor
(including renters)?**

If so, let the WELCOME Committee know with an email to welcome@knollwoodvillage.org!

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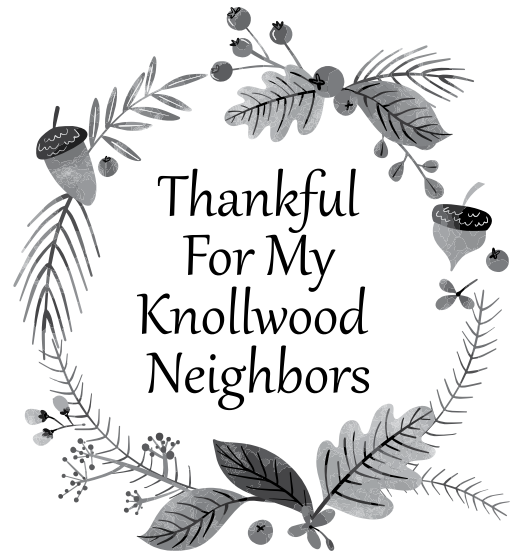
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Meet Your Knollwood Village Neighbor

The Jarrell Family on Lorrie Drive

Name: Derek, Michelle & Collin Jarrell

Tell us about yourself and your family. Derek is an Air Force veteran and is currently working as a Sr. IT Project Manager. Michelle is an Accountant working in the energy industry, and we have a son named Collin who is 7 years old. We also have a yellow lab named Max aka “Big Love”, and a tuxedo cat named Romeo that you may have seen hanging out on our front porch or driveway. If it were up to Collin, we would have rabbits, chickens, hamsters, snakes, you name it... Thankfully, it's not up to Collin ☺

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? We have lived in Knollwood Village since February 2002. I felt

like I'd hit the jackpot when I found this house...newly remodeled and so close to downtown. It's exciting to see how drastically the neighborhood has changed since then. There are so many new homes being constructed now and so many new families with children. My husband and I were both commenting on Halloween night how noticeable it was that more families with kids have moved into the neighborhood. We love meeting new neighbors.



Favorite hobby or thing to do as a family? We love to spend time at Lake Livingston. It's only 80 minutes away and is so beautiful and relaxing there. We also love to try new restaurants, especially if they're kid-friendly. On a weekend, we love to hang out at Hermann Park in the morning and then take the train downtown for lunch. It makes for a fun adventure.

What is your favorite thing about the neighborhood? I love how close we are to everything... the med center, Rice Village, downtown, Hermann Park. We take advantage of that closeness. We also love that our neighbors really make an effort to bring everyone together, with block parties and such. I feel much more comfortable living here because I know most of the folks who live around us or near us.

What would you like to see improve? I personally wish we had sidewalks throughout the whole neighborhood. I often see folks pushing strollers and walking dogs in the streets at night. I know they have no alternative but it's so unsafe.

Braeswood Place Mom's Group

Shell Jenkins, President (shelljenkins@ymail.com)

The Braeswood Place Moms Club continues to add new members each year, Jennifer and I can't be more excited to welcome any moms wanting to join our group. Our club not only includes an easy way to meet people in the neighborhood, lots of fun events, but it also includes a wealth of information and resources.

FYI: November and December are free to new members, see below for details!

BPMC always saves many fun events for the fall. With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, you can count on a great lineup of fall festivities to come. Our BPMC website will be transitioning from Big Tent to Tinyhood at the end of the year. Stay tuned for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall Couples Event at Kirby Ice House on November 10th – Hosted by: Nicole Louvar and Tiffiny Gist and partially Sponsored by Carol Brant – Luxury Travel Advisor.
- Playdate in the Park over Thanksgiving Break!

RECENT MONTHS:

- A big thanks to Jen Rupe for hosting the kid's cookie making class at The Village Bakery! Creating yummy cookies with friends, what a treat!
- Thank you to Liz Sirmans & Amanda Duguid for hosting the wine tasting event at Total Wine! What a great way to start out a new school year! And, a special thank you to Margaret Vinson of Martha Turner Sotheby's Realty for partially sponsoring this great event!
- A big thanks to Kate Stukenberg for hosting a Moms Night Out at Los Tios! Moms and Margaritas – always a great duo!
- Thank you to Kristin Horn and Roxan Zager for hosting the Annual Halloween Party at Karl Young Park! Always a fun kid favorite! And, a special thank you to Margaret Vinson of Martha Turner Sotheby's Realty for partially sponsoring this great event!

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

- Alicia and Jon Dutton welcomed Whitt Everett Dutton on August 8, 2018 at 6:29am weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz.
- Susan and Drew Kittey welcomed a new baby girl, Juliana, on August 13, 2018. Juliana weighed 8lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.

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.

MEMBERSHIP: Have you been thinking about joining the Braeswood Place Moms Group? Simply email Jody Martin at jodymartin1@hotmail.com. Contact Cricket DeWalch at cricket@dewalchfamily.com if you are a current member and would like to be added to our Facebook page.

SPONSORS: We are always looking for event sponsors. As a sponsor you are welcome to place promotional signage at events and will be mentioned in Braeswood Place's Sentinel and Knollwood Village's Voice newsletter. Please contact Shell Jenkins for more information.

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.

Buffalo Speedway Bridge Closure

By Scott J Rose

The replacement of the Buffalo Speedway Bridge is part of Project Brays (see projectbrays.org) and is on schedule to begin construction in November and be complete by December 2019. According to the website, it's a \$6.6 million dollar project. Essentially, it's expected to take a full 12 months to replace.

The bridge is being raised 3 feet higher to allow rising flood waters to not be impeded. The bridge has also been re-designed with left turn lanes in both directions and 10 ft. wide sidewalks (6 ft is standard) which were enhancements requested by the Braeswood Super Neighborhood which represents many of the surrounding areas. Currently, the bridge/intersection has no dedicated turn lanes and sidewalks currently allow for one pedestrian to pass safely at a time and most bicycles are usually forced to ride in the roadways.

The project has been awarded to James Construction Group, Inc which appears to be part of <http://www.primoriscorp.com/>. When the bridge closes, the initial focus will be on removing a pipeline that exists on the west side of the bridge so it may be a few weeks before the bridge is demolished but closing the bridge will allow this work to be done more efficiently. The bridge is planned to be closed in both north/side directions starting on Monday, November 19th for right now as we understand it for the duration of the 12 months. There will be times during the construction where one of the east/west lanes on both North and South Braeswood could also be closed (not necessarily at the same time but possibly).

The design documents do not include a final rendering but we know the bridge will look similar to Lidstone Bridge which was another new bridge constructed in South Houston along Brays Bayou. See this pic of Lidstone Bridge for a basic design. The Buffalo Speedway Bridge will be wider because of the turn lanes and larger sidewalks.



Once the bridge is complete, it will not only improve the area from flooding but will also improve traffic flow not only to area residents but to folks going to the Medical Center and NRG Stadium / Parks events, etc. Neighboring residents are also looking forward to the larger sidewalks for joggers, walkers and bicyclists who like to enjoy the many miles of paths along Brays Bayou.

There may possibly be a meeting setup in the coming weeks with Project Brays Project Managers and possibly the construction company that may be open to residents. If/when this is scheduled, the KVCC will do its best to notify residents (via email and nextdoor.com) as the meeting will likely not offer a lot of advanced notice.



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The Library is operating its temporary location with limited services at Sheltering Arms. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Customers can request library materials and have them sent to the temporary location at Sheltering Arms for convenient pickup in the neighborhood. Houston Public Library materials may also be returned during hours of operation to library staff. A limited amount of items are available for browsing at this mini-location.

Passport services and notary services have been relocated to the Jungman Neighborhood Library on 5830 Westheimer Rd. | Houston, TX 77057. Jungman Library's passport service hours are: Mondays 10AM-7 PM; Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 AM-5 PM; Thursdays 10AM-7PM; Fridays CLOSED & Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM. There is now a convenient way to make your appointment online to get a passport at one of 5 passport locations in the Houston Public Library system. Please visit www.houstonlibrary.org/passports for more information.

Reopening of the McGovern-Stella Link Neighborhood Library is anticipated to be sometime this Winter. Please visit www.houstonlibrary.org for any updates.

KVCC Fall 2018 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 Knollwood Village newsletter, incidents that have been reported include one car theft, nine car break-ins, and two habitation burglaries. 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, as well. 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 HPD officers patrolling further away.

Knollwood Village Incident Reports (September 2018 through early November 2018)

8900 block Bevlyn (9/7/18, Friday, 6:00 PM) - Burglary of habitation.

2900 block S Braeswood (9/18/18, Tuesday) - Resident reported that a man approached two service people working at the house and asked them for money.

2900 block S Braeswood (9/30/18, Sunday, 8:00 AM) - Burglary of a building.

8300 block Greenbush (10/3/18, Wednesday, 9:37 AM) - Resident stopped patrol and reported that their vehicle had been burglarized the previous night and that a backpack had been taken. Patrol suggested resident call HPD to report the crime.

8300 block Greenbush (10/19/18, Friday, 8:19 AM) - Resident told patrol that their dog started barking around 1:00 to 2:00 AM the previous night. When the resident went outside the next day they discovered that their vehicle had been broken into. A different resident reported to dispatch that a camera in the 2900 block of Chiswell had recorded a man during the night.

8500 block Greenbush (10/19/18, Friday, 1:42 PM) - Vehicle owner reported to patrol that while they were working inside the house for several hours their vehicle was burglarized. The left rear window of the vehicle was broken and a bag containing identification, credit cards, and money was taken. Patrol suggested that they call HPD to report the theft.

2900 block Fairhope (10/24/18, Wednesday, AM) - Vehicle was parked in the same place for two weeks. Constable said that if no one moved it in the next few days that it would be towed.

2900 block Prescott (10/24/18, Wednesday, 11:33 AM) - Homeowner called dispatch to report that their residence had been broken into and that the alarm system had been triggered. Resident said that the gate was locked so the burglar(s) must have climbed the fence to gain access to the backyard before breaking the glass in the back door to enter the house. The resident did not think that the burglars had enough time to take much since the alarm was triggered. The break-in was reported to HPD.

8500 block Hatton (10/31/18, Wednesday) - Resident reported that their vehicle had been stolen from their driveway the previous night around 2:00 AM. A neighbor had security camera footage that may aid in HPD's investigation.

3000 block Linkwood (11/2/18, Friday, 9:00 AM) - Resident stopped patrol and reported that two of their vehicles had been broken into and ransacked the previous night, but that nothing had been taken.

8500 block Hatton (11/2/18, Friday, 9:45 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that their vehicle, stolen on 10/31, had been found. It was found in a junkyard near the North Freeway and the engine and transmission had been removed.

3400 block Broadmead (11/2/18, Friday, 3:00 PM) - Theft from vehicle.

3100 block Gannett (11/5/18, Monday, 10:32 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that two vehicles parked in their driveway had been burglarized on 11/3/18 between midnight and 2:00 AM. The car burglaries were reported to HPD.

8700 block Bevlyn (11/5/18, Monday, 9:00 AM) - Theft from vehicle.

Treasurer's Report

By Laura Ferro

Dear Neighbors,

As of November 6 we received 316 (51% out of 624) payments averaging \$181.42. Below is a summary of the high level totals with about 6 weeks in the year remaining:

2018 Target Budget (Goal):	\$62,575
Actuals (Collections + Advertising):	\$62,084
Expected Expenses:	<u>\$60,118</u>
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses:	+\$1,966

We should make it to the end of the year below budget and might even have enough to cover additional security for the holidays. We also received a nuisance payment from NRG Park and may receive one more payment before end of year which will really pad our end of year balance although it is not something that we can count each year.

I would like to thank all of you who have paid and all of you who have been able to contribute more than the minimum. If you have not, there is still time to contribute for 2018.

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.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Laura Ferro KVCC Treasurer treasurer@knollwoodvillage.org 713-962-4266



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Don't Let a Porch Pirate Steal your Holiday Joy

Starting this month, there will be hundreds of packages delivered to homes in Knollwood Village. If you have been following the posts on NextDoor.com, you already know that some of us fall victim to a theft from our own front porch. Here are few tips from the Houston Police Department and other organizations that might help keep the Grinch away:

1. If you're ordering from Amazon, consider using their locker system. The Whole Food on Bellaire has an Amazon locker installed in the entry area to the store. Amazon's carrier delivers to the locker, and you receive a digital pick-up code via email or text. When that code is entered into the locker's touch screen, an assigned door opens for package retrieval. Once you receive the code, you have 3 days to get your package. Package sizes are limited to the locker sizes available.
2. Package thieves are known to follow UPS and FedEx trucks and steal packages shortly after delivery. If you're using those companies for delivery, arrange instead to have packages delivered to your office or to someone who will be present to receive the delivery. Requiring signature confirmation is a good idea but not always honored by a busy driver.
3. As with most crime prevention, neighbors are the best defense. Give your neighbors permission to remove and keep your packages until you come home. And remember that leaving regular mail sitting out attracts thieves.
4. United Parcel Service and Federal Express will send updates via email and they will accept specific delivery instructions at their websites. The U.S. Postal Service provides tracking and will hold your packages at our local post office on Braesmain.
5. Be kind to your mail carrier! Wish them a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Consider leaving them a tip. Federal regulations allow them to accept gifts up to \$20. Remember - they do their best to get our packages to us safely and on time.



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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.

REMINDER – Our regular trash day is **THURSDAY** each week. Recycle pick has been late in recent months, if this happens, keep your can out as they have been good at coming even if as many as 2 days later.

HEAVY TRASH is the 3rd Monday of each month. Remember your **ODDS & EVENS**.
Tree Waste is collected on **ODD** months and Junk Waste is collected on **EVEN** months.

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

STREETLIGHT ISSUE? With the change to LED's, some street lights are on during the day or off during the night. If you see one that needs to be repaired, please call CenterPoint Energy at 713-207-2222 and be sure to have the pole number when you call.

A black and white photograph of a female doctor in a white lab coat using a stethoscope on a female patient sitting on an examination table. The background shows a modern medical office with large windows and blinds.

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