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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KVCC PRESIDENT

By Michelle Moudry

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is off to a great year! It was an exciting way to start the year with the opening of the Buffalo Speedway Bridge, thank you all for your patience throughout the construction project.

We started the year with the KVCC Annual Resident Meeting on January 25th where new officers were voted in. Michelle Jarrell was elected Treasurer and Laura Ferro was elected Secretary, thank you both for stepping up to take on these important roles.

Please reach out to us if you have interest in getting involved in the club.

- We are looking for volunteers to work on the Knollwood Newsletter with Advertising and Publishing
- The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is looking for architects

Thank you to all who contributed their 2021 dues, KVCC collected \$98,810 in dues for 2021 putting the Civic Club at 101% of budget. We have kept the dues at \$290 for 2022, please get your payment in, if you haven't yet.

1. Online through PayPal at [knollwoodvillage.org/contribute/](https://www.knollwoodvillage.org/contribute/)
2. By check made out to the Knollwood Village Civic Club mailed to KVCC, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225

Plans were finalized and we are in for permit on the South Braeswood Signage replacement. The overall cost is \$13,515 and the landscaping and irrigation repairs will be in addition to this. The sign will be a 7'2" tall and 2' wide four-sided brick column with aluminum panels on all sides as shown below. This vertical style was selected to help with the challenged visibility feedback in this location.

Thank you all for your support of the KVCC.

Michelle Moudry, President
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PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Stephanie Hester

Pershing Middle School 7th grader, Josh Guzman recently placed 4th in the Texas Middle School State Wrestling Tournament. Josh went 5-2, winning two matches by pinning and three by decision. Josh was honored to be the only wrestler to represent Pershing and is shooting for first place in state in his 8th grade year.

Eighteen seventh and eighth grade students from Pershing Middle School received awards at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo annual School Art Program. One of the highest honors was awarded to Sophie Martinez who received the prestigious Gold Medal for her piece, "This Cowdog Means Business." Her art will be exhibited at the Hayloft Gallery throughout the rodeo. Other artists of distinction include Victoria Wang for her piece, "Longhorn," Carol Wang for her piece, "Ride Away," and Eden Harris for her piece, "Cat in Red." All three students were recognized as NRG Finalists.

Pershing students and their families braved the cold weather on Friday, January 28, for an outdoor family movie night. The warmly dressed crowd enjoyed Spiderman 2, complete with popcorn and candy, and spontaneous games on the Pershing sports fields.

Pictured in the photo (Movie Night):

Top Row: Ruben Zaldana, Anjali Kumar, Carlie Griesback, Elliot Loper

Middle Row: Cole McLean, Jada Avila, Kinsey Anderson

Bottom Row: Paige Moore, Isabella Munoz, Bahiyaa Wilson, Eric Veal, Avyon Young, Andrew Reed



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BRAESWOOD PLACE MOMS CLUB

Amy Perkins, President, amyperkins82@gmail.com

Last month, BPMC transitioned its officers for the 2022 year: Amy Perkins will commence the role of President, Rina Liou will resume her role as Vice President, and Donna Boyd will commence the role of Treasurer. Thanks to our past President, Carla Holly, our past Vice President, Rina Liou, and past Treasurer, Ashley Rushing for their efforts in making BPMC successful in 2021.

MEMBERSHIP: Our group is over 200 moms strong! Have you been thinking about joining the Braeswood Place Moms Group? Please email Amy Perkins at amyperkins82@gmail.com to join or if you are a current member and want to be added to our Facebook page.

EVENTS: Planning is underway for the 2022 year and events will be announced soon! BPMC will be partnering with Mark Twain Elementary for a special parenting webinar discussing the use of technology for children. Information on the webinar will be forthcoming. Thanks to Margaret Vinson, realtor at Martha Turner Sotheby's International, for her sponsorship of our club, which makes events such as these possible.

MOMMY MEALS: Are you a member who just had a baby and can't bear the thought of cooking up dinner? Let our group shower your family with 4 meals. Email Rina Liou at rtzeng@gmail.com.

SPONSORS: We are always looking for event sponsors. As a sponsor, you are welcome to promote your business as appropriate per the event and will be mentioned in multiple media, such as this newsletter and the BPMC Facebook page. Please contact Amy Perkins at amyperkins82@gmail.com for more information.

BABYSITTERS: Do you or your child want to babysit? Please contact Rina Liou at rtzeng@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the sitter list.

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LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Jenny Rozelle

Do you know any elementary school students who want to be Longfellow Leopards next year? To apply for our fine arts magnet program — which includes our amazing art, band, choir, dance, and orchestra programs, visit www.hisdchoice.com. If you already have an application in the Smart Choice System, login to your account and click “start new application.” For more information, contact Ms. Pennington at 713-295-5268 or apennin1@houstonisd.org.

Pre-K registration has changed this year. It will be lottery-based, and applications must be completed on the HISD School Choice website. Qualified students will be given priority; information about qualifications is available on the website. PK3 and PK4 tuition-based spots will only be offered if there is space available. Stay tuned for information about kindergarten registration for zoned students.

Our PTO held a Hot CHALK-olate event on Dec. 12. Students and parents drew creative pictures and messages in chalk on the sidewalks for our teachers and staff members to see when they arrived at work the next day. While perfecting their chalk artwork, families enjoyed hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cookies.

Click Virtual Food Hall donated a delicious lunch for Longfellow’s teachers and staff on Dec. 15. Our nearby Marco’s Pizza location on South Main Street supported the Longfellow PTO with a fundraiser on Jan. 20 by donating 20% of Longfellow order amounts back to the school. A huge “thank you!” to both Click Virtual Food Hall and to Marco’s for their generosity to Longfellow!

The Longfellow Music Department presented Concert Under the Stars on the evening of Dec. 16 with performances from the 4th and 5th grade band, orchestra, and choir. There was also a special Art Glow presentation from the art department. Families enjoyed holiday tunes along with food and snacks from Kona Ice, Mama Ann’s BBQ Truck and Tom’s Coffee Truck.

Longfellow is holding weekly COVID-19 testing for our students. Parents or guardians must give consent for children to be tested. For more information, please visit the Longfellow website.

Spirit week took place Feb. 7-11. Students loved dressing up according to themes like “Longfellow Pride Day,” “Wacky Tacky Day” and “Sports Day” to show our spirit for all the things we love!

Longfellow students have earned top honors in the Imagine Learning IGNITE contest with their Language and Literacy campus-wide usage. Congratulations, Longfellow!



1st Prize - 3411 Broadmead



Beautifully done up for the holiday this house gets 1st prize. It is welcoming and festive and full of holiday joy!

2021 Holiday Decorating Contest

Knollwood Village Community

2nd Prize - 8306 Greenbush



With a wonderful linear line of color, wreath and ornaments this house takes 2nd with its expression of holiday cheer while entering the neighborhood.

3rd Prize -8227 Lorrie



Fun, colorful with childlike expression of joyfulness at holiday time, this house takes 3rd price for its color, whimsy and fun!

Most Traditional - 8552 Hatton



Nestled into the curve of Hatton Street this house could be in the English countryside with its welcoming lights a beacon to weary travelers.

Most Creative - 2903 Chiswell



This classic Mid-century modern house captured the real spirit of the Holiday with a tongue-in-cheek nod to the 50's. Clever!

Best Color Scheme - 8503 Bluegate (jujube lights)



Nicely done with multi lights-a-plenty and a featuring a beautiful Christmas tree on the second floor landing.

BRAESWOOD SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD (BSN)

by Cheryl O'Brien, President – BSN Council #32

- BSN still working with CenterPoint on the Buffalo Speedway bridge lights (supply chain issues).
- BSN will host a cleanup day in April in conjunction with Keep Houston Beautiful on Sat. April 2, 2022. We'll be focusing again on Linkwood Park and the Stella Link corridor. More info will be emailed out this month
- Through a federal grant, the City of West University Place was awarded funding to replace the existing road surface of Buffalo Speedway. The project area consists of the section of road that traverses the city beginning at the 5300 block (south of Bissonnet) and ending at the 6700 block (north of West Holcombe/Bellaire). As part of this project, the city will also make improvements to the drainage system. The road construction portion of the project will be administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) with City oversight. The project completion is scheduled to finish by Feb 2023 and it consist of 1) A complete road surface replacement in approximately the existing footprint, 2) Major Drainage System Improvements including proposed dual 8 foot by 8-foot box culverts transporting stormwater to the Poor Farm Ditch south of Holcombe Boulevard and 3) Visual enhancements at both entrances and at major intersections. You can find and even sign up for weekly updates at <https://www.westutx.gov/639/Buffero-Speedway-Project>.
- Brays Oaks Management District has commissioned a nationally recognized architect team to develop a Master Plan called Levitt Houston for the Gasmer Redevelopment (formerly Shell Research Facility and future home of Levitt Pavilion located at 5521 Gasmer). You can find more info at <http://www.levitthouston.org/>
- There is a proposed pedestrian bridge across the bayou between Buffalo Speedway and Stella Link that is still pending. This has been an issue that the BSN has been pushing for since early 2018. The estimated cost for such a bridge is \$1,000,000 and County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis has agreed to fund this project from his precinct's budget. Plans have been drawn and are awaiting approval from the Corp of Engineers possibly sometime in Q1 2022.
- The Stella Link Shopping Center located at Stella Link and S. Braeswood is under some construction on the south side of the property. The new owner has plans to demolish the buildings on the property and construct 5 commercial pads for restaurant/retail space and to also build an 8-story building. The project will eventually have hundreds of market-rate apartments and approximately 75,000 square feet of retail. The BSN will update you as we learn more specific details. More info available at <http://www.agorapartners.com/stella-link>.





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Meet Your Knollwood Village Neighbor

The Ferro/Bandy Family on Stanton Street

Family Names:

Laura Ferro & Robert Bandy (married but different names – Laura promised herself she would never change her name again after her first husband... She also resolved never to marry again, but...)

Tell us a little about yourself and /or your family.

Laura is from Rome, Italy, but grew up in Houston since the age of 14. Robert is of Norwegian heritage, but is from Green Bay, WI where he played in the symphony and in the band for the Packers. Laura & Robert met in Frederick, MD where they were both working. Robert is a retired musician, musical instruments repair tech, and trumpet teacher. Laura worked for Bechtel, an Engineering/Construction company with projects all over the world. Laura went to Frederick after a stint in Romania and after several overseas assignments (Bahrain, Taiwan, Algeria, Chile, Indonesia, Ukraine, Germany, St. Croix). Laura asked Bechtel to send her back to Houston where she grew up and where her mother and family were, but could not go without Robert so she married him and took him with her. No children, but we've had several cats, the last 2, Zig and Zag, twins. Unfortunately, Zag died the day after Thanksgiving and Zig is now enjoying being the center of attention.

Favorite thing(s) to do as a family?

Cruising, golf, bike ride, go to Galveston and Robert is an excellent target shooter.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

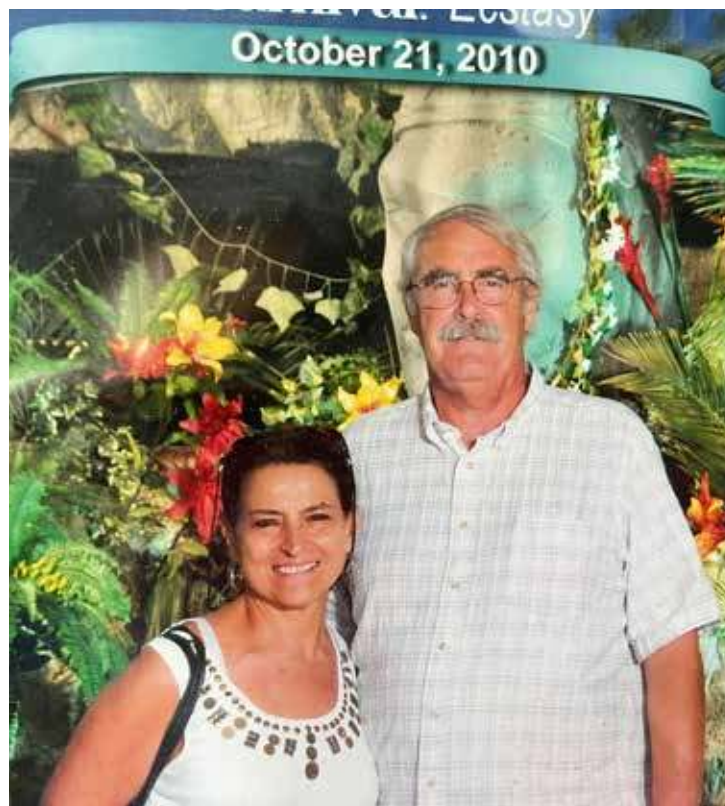
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What is your favorite thing about the neighborhood?

It's a quiet (most of the time) gem in the middle of a bustling, huge city and so centrally located that it's easy to get to just about anywhere. It's also close to the best medical center in the world (Laura's parents were both doctors – her mother the Chief of Radiology at the VA Hospital).

What would you like to see improve?

More neighborhood events to get to know neighbors better.



Architecture Control Committee Activity (ACC) Report

Dec 2021 to February 2022

By Joe Powers

Date	Address	Street	Description of Request	Approved	Rejected	Notes:
12/20/2021	2810	Chiswell	Outdoor Kitchen	x		1/10/22 still need roof overhang dimensions; 1/17/22 received roof overhang dimensions; approved 1/31/22
12/21/2021	2815	Conway	New Construction	x		1/10/22 top plate exceeds DR allowable height; 1/17/22 revised design to comply with top plate height restriction; approved 1/29/22
1/4/2022	3123	Norris	Fence/Landscape Question			1/10/22 responded to question and copied ACC
1/7/2022	8407	Lorrie	New Construction			1/10/22 asked for clarification of the design; 1/18/22 requested site plan update with fencing and sidewalks as well as clarification of planters at the front steps; 1/31/22 still have not received updated drawings; 2/14/22 sent note requesting missing submittal items; 2/16/22 Sent rejection letter to allow us to restart the 30-day review window allowed by the deed restrictions once the plans are updated.
1/7/2022	2811	S Braeswood	Question regarding lot subdivision			1/10/22 responded that lot was too small to subdivide and that multifamily residences are not allowed
1/18/2022	8511	Hatton	Addition and Remodel	x		Under review; approved 1/31/22
1/18/2022	3009	Broadmead	Started construction without submitting to the ACC			Pulled permit for repairs, need to know if they made a small addition to the master bedroom or if it was existing. Owner was not cooperative when asked for any sort of backup showing the addition was there before the repairs started.
1/18/2022	8439	Bluegate	Started construction without submitting to the ACC			1/18/22 Reported to 311; GC pulled permit for residential repairs per City of Houston permit report dated 2/14/22
1/24/2022	8423	Bluegate	Question regarding lot subdivision			1/25/22 responded that lot appeared large enough to subdivide, but that they need to get a drawing done by a surveyor or civil engineer and submit to the ACC prior to filing with Houston or Harris County.
2/13/2022	8426	Hatton	Demolish older addition and install storage building in the backyard			2/22/22 sent email requesting review fee.
2/14/2022	2831	Linkwood	Pulled permit for remodel			2/14/22 City of Houston permit report, pulled residential remodel permit project number 21127903 but did not submit to the ACC; trying to find out scope of work; 2/14/22 spoke with David Valdez and he said that they are doing mostly interior work but also replacing windows and siding. I asked him to send me plans and texted him my email address. His phone number is 281-620-9542;
2/14/2022	3434	Norris	Replacement Fence			2/14/22 Asked homeowner for a survey with the fence location marked on it.

The ACC has had a busy few weeks as currently seems to be usual. We have approved another new home as well as two additions/remodels in the neighborhood. We have another new home under review as well as one other remodel. Our biggest issues seem to be with the house flippers that have recently gotten fairly active in Knollwood Village. So, if you see a project suddenly under construction for a major remodel, but don't see one of our ACC Approved signs in the yard, please send a note including the project address to build@knollwoodvillage.org. That will alert our committee to contact the homeowner and determine if an ACC review is required. Some of the "flipper" remodels are entirely interior with just exterior paint and those don't require a review; however, better safe than sorry, so just send us an email if you think that there may be a project under construction that could require a review by the ACC, and we will check it out.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR DO YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR (INCLUDING RENTERS)?

If so, let the Knollwood Village WELCOME Committee know you are here with an email to welcome@knollwoodvillage.org. We are happy to deliver information about our Civic Club, neighborhood and surrounding areas as well as help you get connected. You can also subscribe to the Civic Club distribution list by filling out a form that will take you just 1 minute, visit <http://knollwoodvillage.org/email/>

KVCC WINTER 2021-2022 INCIDENT REPORT

By David Wood

The Knollwood Village security incidents reported below are compiled from reports that residents make to S.E.A.L. Security Solutions (SEAL), crime data from the Houston Police Department that is available on the internet, and reports from residents. Information available on the crime data website is limited to the basic details of block number, date, time, and type of crime.

Since the last Knollwood Village newsletter, incidents that have been reported include four reports of suspicious persons, three reports involving dogs (a stray dog, a missing dog, unleashed dogs), two reports of solicitors, two reports of theft from a vehicle, one report of theft of a vehicle, one theft, two burglaries, one report of burglary of a garage, and one aggravated assault. The details of these incidents are listed below in this report.

NOTE: PLEASE report all criminal incidents to both HPD and SEAL Security. This reporting redundancy is important because HPD allocates their patrol resources to areas that report incidents. It is to Knollwood Village's benefit to report all incidents that occur here to HPD so we can have additional HPD patrols. In addition, SEAL Security does not receive HPD reports so if SEAL is not informed, our SEAL officer will not know what to be on the lookout for during patrols. Also, SEAL provides a detailed history of reported incidents to the KVCC, and that record is one of the sources of information used to compile this quarterly newsletter report which helps keep residents informed about how criminals operate so deterrent measures can be made more effective.

If you notice any persons in the neighborhood who are behaving suspiciously, please 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 SEAL Security at 713-561-5757 and report the suspicious person(s) to them.

If, however, you see a crime in progress, such as a person breaking the window of a house or kicking in a door, please 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 also call the Precinct 7 Constable. 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 Incidents (November 2021 to late February 2022)

Knollwood Village area (11/9/21, Tuesday, 5:06 PM) - Patrol observed a loose dog in the neighborhood. Two residents also reported that they had seen the dog in the area.

Buffalo Speedway and Broadmead (11/11/21, Thursday, 1:19 PM) - Officer responded to a two-car collision and requested EMS for person complaining of arm pain after airbags deployed. EMS arrived at 1:20 PM and HPD arrived at 2:30 PM.

8400 block Bluegate (11/14/21, Sunday, 5:00 PM) - Officer responded regarding a burglary that had occurred at 1:00 AM. Jewelry, cash, and documents were stolen. HPD responded at 2:00 AM and returned to gather additional information while SEAL Officer was there.

3000 block S. Braeswood (11/17/21, Wednesday, 9:20 AM) - Patrol responded to report of a suspicious male pedestrian with a backpack. Caller who reported the man said the man had walked off towards Kirby.

8200 block Lorrie (11/22/21, Monday, 7:54 AM) - Resident flagged down patrol and reported that on November 13 someone attempted to break into their home. Resident reported crime to HPD and provided camera footage of the suspect to the SEAL officer.

3100 block Gannet (11/22/21, Monday, 10:34 AM) - Officer spotted a wheeled walker in front of residence. The resident and a person at the house next door did not know to whom the walker belonged.

2800 block Fairhope (11/26/21, Friday, 11:46 AM) - Patrol spotted a package at a home and hid it from street view.

8500 block Greenbush (11/29/21, Monday, 1:56 PM) - Resident reported they returned from a walk to find their garage door open, and they wanted the Officer to check their home. The Officer found nothing suspicious.

Lorrie (12/7/21, Tuesday, 8:43 AM) - Officer spotted a solicitor and asked him to leave the neighborhood. The solicitor left without incident.

2800 block Ashwood (12/8/21, Wednesday, 12:00 AM) - Theft from motor vehicle.

Knollwood Village (12/8/21, Wednesday, 8:37 AM) - Officer was asked to keep an eye out for a missing dog during their shift and did so.

8200 block Fairhope (12/9/21, Thursday, 10:38 AM) - Resident reported that a man took pictures of them while they were out walking with their dogs. The subject and his vehicle were gone when Patrol arrived.

2900 block Linkwood (12/10/21, Friday, 2:00 PM) - Burglary, breaking and entering.

3400 block Norris (12/14/21, Tuesday, 10:53 AM) - Patrol responded to a call about a male pedestrian. The officer found him exiting the neighborhood.

8000 block Serenity (12/21/21, Tuesday, 9:56 AM) - Officer spotted an open garage and reported it to the resident, who closed it. Officer also documented an open garage in the 2800 block of Conway.

4800 block Hatton (12/21/21, Tuesday, 11:00 AM) - Officer observed two loose, unattended dogs in the yard of a home. The owner was at the front door and the Officer told them, "You just can't let the dogs out like that." The resident called the dogs in.

3100 block Norris (12/22/21, Wednesday, 1:00 PM) - Patrol observed a lot of water coming down the driveway of a home and alerted the resident. The resident said the sprinkler system had been reset during a power outage and they had not been quick enough to turn it off.

8200 block Lorrie (12/31/21, Friday, 2:55 PM) - Neighbors reported that they observed a woman ring the doorbell and a man jump the fence into the backyard of a nearby home. The neighbors contacted the owner of the home who gave the officer permission to search the backyard. The officer found a hole in the fence which the owner said had not been there before.

2900 block S Braeswood (1/9/22, Sunday, 10:00 PM) - Theft of motor vehicle parts or accessory.

8400 block Greenbush (1/13/22, Thursday, 7:12 PM) - Resident reported that a person they knew broke into their garage the previous night at 11:00 PM and took some property. The garage door appeared to be damaged as well. The incident was reported to HPD.

3000 block Broadmead (1/14/22, Friday, 11:58 AM) - Officer responded to a loud music complaint at a construction site. The workers turned the music down.

2800 block Broadmead (1/15/22, Saturday, 2:50 AM) - Officer spotted an open garage, but found nothing suspicious.

3500 block Broadmead (1/16/22, Sunday, 10:00 PM) - Motor vehicle theft.

Knollwood Village (1/21/22, Friday, 12:22 PM) - Officer took note of two solicitors.

Broadmead (1/26/22, Wednesday, 12:30 PM) - Officer responded to call about a vehicle being driven slowly. The vehicle was gone upon arrival.

2800 block Linkwood (2/10/22, Thursday, 4:20 PM) – Dispatch was notified that a construction site had plywood stolen the previous evening.

3100 block Linkwood (2/17/22, Thursday, 8:26 PM) - Patrol received call about gunshots near the 3400 block of Linkwood. Patrol arrived at 3100 block Linkwood prior to arrival of HPD and discovered five brass casings in the road. When HPD arrived, our officer reported the casings to HPD and informed them about a nearby camera that may have recorded the incident. HPD reported the incident as an aggravated assault.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Bevin Barrett

Your KVCC Social Committee is interested in hosting a spring event. Last year, KVCC resident and biologist, Jaime Gonzalez, led a group of neighbors on a “nature ramble” down to the pocket prairie near Brays Bayou and shared info about the nature in our area. We would like to host a similar event this year with the topic of the history of our neighborhood. If you know a neighbor who is knowledgeable about the history of Knollwood Village and the area, we would love to connect with them. You can also email the committee at social@knollwoodvillage.org with neighborhood history you would like to share for our project. Thanks in advance!



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