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A Message From Your KVCC President

Hi Neighbors,

The first quarter of 2020 has been interesting no doubt. I hope and pray daily life is improving by the time you are reading this.

Civic Club elections were held at the January meeting for all the executive offices with the following being voted in:

President:	Scott Rose
Vice President:	Michael Doyle
Treasurer:	Laura Ferro
Secretary:	Patty Sherborne

All positions were unopposed and all volunteers held the same positions last year except Secretary. David Meinert held that position the last 3 years and did a great job. He has been a valuable voice as a board member. We are excited to welcome Patty Sherborne to our KVCC board! Additionally, we have two committee leads changing:

- Joe Powers (Architectural Control Committee) is taking over for Parul Vyas
- Bevin Barrett (Social Committee) is taking over for Sara Munson.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to all of the Civic Club's volunteers.

Goals /Progress

As we move forward it is an excellent time to set goals for the coming months. It is my personal goal to do all that I can to ensure we keep this ship called the "KVCC" afloat and operating consistently and continue to find ways to improve our neighborhood.

In this year's first quarter, the board has been busy. For those that live in Section 8, there is a proposed Deed Restriction Amendment to give property owners more flexibility, essentially allowing 3 story homes to counter the new city of Houston Flood Elevation requirements. Section 8 was the area of the neighborhood that incurred the most flooding from Hurricane Harvey. A ballot will be sent out in April to start the review process for homeowners.

Another big decision made by the board is to make a change in who is doing our Security Patrols. This decision not only affects our security, but also our dues.

We've dedicated more detailed articles to this topic in this newsletter, they are must-reads.

Over the next few months, we will be focusing on these items as well as

continuing to collect dues, working to renew our NRG Park agreement, working on some deed restriction violations, and coordinating more neighborhood events so we may continue to grow our sense of community. Additionally, we need to start to identify potential candidates for several executive board positions for next year.

VOLUNTEERS!

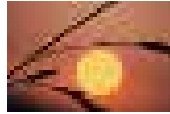
Our Civic Club always needs volunteers! The more we have, the less each of us has to do and the more minds we put together, the stronger we will be. If you are looking for a positive way to make a difference in your neighborhood, if you are bored and need a new hobby, or whatever the reason, please get with us and allow us to find a fit for you. We will be looking for new leaders as President, Vice President and Treasurer next year. Getting involved now to observe, learn, and provide input with no obligation is a way to test the waters. We have homeowners of all ages and backgrounds on our board. Many are parents with full-time jobs and little ones at home such as myself. Several board members have kids in high school, and some are empty-nesters and/or retired. We have a great mix of volunteers with varying areas of expertise and a wide range of years of experience in the KVCC (1 to 30+ years), which helps us keep a strong Civic Club. We invite you to observe meetings, ask questions, etc. to give you more insight without any commitment. Please reach out to me or any other board member at (<http://knollwoodvillage.org/contact-us/>) for more information.

Last, but not least, I want to say thank you to those residents who care about our neighborhood, who believe in our Civic Club, who support us by paying their KVCC dues, who volunteer, and who keep an eye out for our neighbors. It truly takes a village and we appreciate each of you and look forward to more jumping on board to make this neighborhood a better place to live.



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SOCIAL CALENDAR



Sunday April 5th from 3pm-5pm

In the spring, we will host a “Knollwood Village Nature Ramble” on Sunday April 5th from 3pm-5pm where we will learn a little about our neighborhood’s natural history and walk to a “pocket prairie” on Brays Bayou to learn more about the plants, insects, and animals that call that area home. Our own Knollwood Village neighbor, Jaime Gonzalez, of The Nature Conservancy in Texas, will lead this.



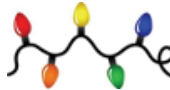
July

In July, we will continue our annual tradition of attending an Astros game together.



October

In October, we will organize some fun block parties for National Night Out



December

In December, we will host our traditional holiday lighting contest. Volunteers are always welcome to join the judging for this!

We are also looking for ideas for a neighborhood service project. If you have ideas, questions, or want to volunteer for the social committee, please email social@knollwoodvillage.org

If Your Dog Poops



You must scoop...

Even If No One Sees You!!

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KVCC INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY

NATURE RAMBLE

WITH JAIME GONZÁLEZ
KNOLLWOOD RESIDENT + BIOLOGIST

Join your neighbors on this exciting adventure!
We will learn about the natural history of our neighborhood,
look and listen for interesting animals and plants, and get
tips on making your yard nature-friendly.

Sunday, April 5, 2020 from 3pm-5pm
Meet at 8426 Hatton and ramble to Brays
Pocket Prairie on the bayou

Light snacks and water will be provided. Binoculars,
sun hats, and comfortable shoes are encouraged.



RSVP TODAY: SOCIAL@KNOLLWOODVILLAGE.ORG



FOR SALE

2807 Prescott Street

\$499,900

Beautiful Knollwood Village home on large lot close to Med Center. Four bedrooms, three baths, 2-car garage, indoor laundry, 2019 Pex plumbing, 2019 water heater, 2016 windows!

4 bedroom 3 bath 2,441 sq ft built in 1954



SOLD!

3102 Fairhope Street

Charming 3 bedroom Braeswood Place home on fantastic street. Fantastic lot with carport and butterfly garden registered with Monarch Waystation.

4 bed 3 bath 2,441 sq ft built in 1954

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2019 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Many thanks to all of our residents who decorated their homes this past holiday season. It seems the friendly competition is growing year by year. Special thanks to the Barrett and Shields families for conducting the judging, and to the Social Committee for organizing the contest. Here are the winners who will all receive Amazon gift cards. Thumbnail pics below, but you can find bigger pics on our main website page at knollwoodvillage.org



1st Place – 3018 Linkwood



2nd Place – 3018 Broadmead



3rd Place – 8227 Lorrie



Most Creative – 3010 Conway



Most Traditional – 3418 Deal



Best Color Scheme – 2814 Prescott

The Knollwood Village Social Committee is gearing up for 2020 and planning to host several events throughout the year to provide fun activities to do with your neighbors and build community in our sweet neighborhood. If you have ideas, questions, or want to volunteer for the social committee, please email social@knollwoodvillage.org

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

By Annemieke Luckey

Recently, my partner in crime Lisa Clissold, and myself set out with freshly baked cookies, welcome letters, and a list of 12 homes recently sold in our beloved Knollwood Village. Just as we were growing discouraged after 5 attempts to greet a new neighbor and were met with either no one home, a house undergoing renovations, or an empty lot, we got lucky! Someone came to the door! And five more after that!

Always the door is opened with some reluctance, but after quick introductions and the presentation of cookies, and the realization we're not trying to sell something, a friendly chat usually follows. We learned some were displaced by Harvey, some moved from an apartment and are starting a family, while others moved from far away. No matter what brought them, they all seemed happy to be part of Knollwood Village!

Unfortunately, sometimes we miss greeting some of our new neighbors. This is where you can help. If you notice someone moving into a house on your street or elsewhere in the neighborhood please let us know by emailing us at welcome@knollwoodvillage.org so we can give them a proper welcome!

AREA INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

By Billy Pilgrim

Project Brays Bridges Projects: According to the Harris County Flood Control District website on January 26, 2020, the following dates for bridge replacements/modifications in Segment 3 have been scheduled:

- **Stella Link Bridge:** The Stella Link Road Bridge modification began construction in the Fall of 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in (as of this report) 2-3 months. The Stella Link and Ardmore (under construction) bridges, which are both in the same contract, projects together will cost approximately \$7,900,000.
- **Buffalo Speedway Bridge:** The Buffalo Speedway Bridge will begin construction in the Fall of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2021. Estimated cost is approximately, \$7,200,000.

As mentioned here in February, due to public concerns about the potential hazards associated with the South Rice Avenue Bridge and Chimney Rock Bridge replacement projects, the Harris County Flood Control District, in concert with the City of Houston, has made major considerations in redesigning and construction of these two bridges. Both bridges will now be single span instead of dual spans as are the current bridges at those two sites. The plan now is to construct the new bridges between the existing dual bridges. This will allow both existing bridges to remain open to vehicle and pedestrian traffic during construction. The plan will also eliminate the dangerous double traffic signals at the intersections of North/South Braeswood(s). There will be one signal at each intersection. During construction, east-west vehicle traffic at the North/South Braeswood intersections will be reduced to one lane each way. These projects in Segment 4 are scheduled as follows:

- **South Rice Avenue Bridge:** The South Rice Avenue Bridge will begin construction in the Summer of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2021. The bridge project will cost approximately \$11,000,000.
- **Chimney Rock Bridge:** The Chimney Rock Bridge will begin construction in the Summer of 2020 and is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2020. The bridge project will cost approximately \$11,000,000.
- **Hillcroft Bridge:** The Hillcroft Bridge will be raised 15 inches and will begin construction in May of 2020 and wrap up in 3-4 months. The bridge project will cost approximately \$2,800,000.

Poor Farm Ditch: There have been no new developments for the Poor Farm Ditch Improvement Project (GC-12 D111-00-00-404) to report.

Buffalo Speedway Reconstruction Project:

Key components of the Buffalo Speedway Reconstruction Project include:

- Removal and replacement of the roadway pavement between Bissonnet Street and West Holcombe Boulevard.
- Installation of box culverts to improve drainage from Bissonnet Street to south of West Holcombe Boulevard to connect to the Poor Farm Ditch.
- Replacement of traffic signals at Rice Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, and University Boulevard intersections.

The city of West University held its final public design meeting on the massive Buffalo Speedway roadway and drainage project March 4th. At that meeting, City staff and engineers presented the plans and listened to feedback. Updated information on the plans will be available following the meeting at the dedicated webpage for the project, westutx.gov/buffalodesign.

After a review and adjustment, West U will send the final design to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) by June, with the project going out to bid afterward, and construction expected to begin in the first quarter of 2021. Completion is expected to take about two years. For more information, or to sign up for project alerts, please visit www.westutx.gov/buffalo.

Detention Basins: The Meyerland Detention Basin at South Post Oak and South Braeswood should be nearing completion in coming weeks. A number of trees were impacted by the construction, but during the next tree planting season following completion of the basin, a sizable number of trees will be planted. Tree planting season is typically the December to February time frame following completion of a segment of Project Brays. The Meyer Grove Detention Basin is under study.

Flood Alert System: Rice University recently unveiled the third generation of their Web-based Flood Alert System (FAS3). The tool now uses a mapping service provided by Google, which allows people with internet access to keep an eye on the area in the Brays Bayou watershed in which they live. The addition of Google maps allows users to see real-time flood warnings in the most accessible, easily understood way possible. This warning tool allows users to see if their particular street or neighborhood is being threatened. One of the tools features is its ability to predict how an area will look in 60 to 90 minutes after it is accessed. To access the tool, Google www.fas3.flood-alert.org. Click on Flood Alert – FAS4 is loading the map.

FINANCIAL CIVIC CLUB UPDATE

By Laura Ferro (Treasurer)

Dear Neighbors,

As of March 16 we received 217 (35% out of 624) payments averaging \$191 for a total of \$41,446.

Thank you for your contributions and a special thanks to those who contributed the extra amounts.

Our projected revenue for the year is \$66,300 and to-date we received \$41,446 less \$822 PayPal fees. This income includes Architectural fees and Advertising. Our projected expenses for the year are \$66,290 and to date we have spent \$14,477 (Security being the largest expense at \$10k followed by Landscaping at \$3k and the Newsletter and mailings and other miscellaneous making up the rest).

If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. It's easy to support our neighborhood (\$175 per year) and contribute:

- By mail, send a check to Knollwood Village Civic Club, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225
- Or online, please visit our website at knollwoodvillage.org and click CONTRIBUTE

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

Sincerely,
Laura

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Knollwood Village Civic Club & Security Fund payments for 2020 by Address.			
Represents all payments received as of Mar 16, 2020.			
You can pay online at www.knollwoodvillage.org			
Or mail your check to: KVCC, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225.			
If you believe there is an error, please contact us at treasurer@knollwoodvillage.org			
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Longfellow Elementary School

By Jenny Rozelle

Make sure to view our school's new video on YouTube! The video was created by filmmaker, Victoria McCrary, who volunteered her time and talents to help Longfellow tell others about the great things happening there: <https://youtu.be/1b3LCJmfaZ4>.

We have a lot of news from our magnet programs. Longfellow's art program had a number of finalists at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Their artwork was displayed at the NRG Center. Twenty students from our orchestra have been selected to receive private lessons through a partnership with the Houston Youth Symphony. Drew E. represented Longfellow in the HISD All-City Band. Our fourth and fifth grade choir worked hard to prepare for the Black History Month program. And on Feb. 17, Longfellow dance held a "Snow Day" fundraiser at the school with music and fake snow to raise money to buy tap shoes for a class in the dance program.

March 7 was an exciting day for many Longfellow students. Ours was one of two elementary schools to play at the 14th Annual JAZZ@1900 Music Festival at Waltrip High School. Led by band director Mr. Loreda, Longfellow's jazz ensemble included Moses G. on piano, Braden R. and Drew E. on trumpet, Ambrielle B. on clarinet, Joshua L. on drums, Sylvia P. on flute, and Marco V. on tuba. Our UIL team competed at Northside High School that same day. Samuela A. won 3rd place in Impromptu Speaking, Leila H. won 2nd place in Impromptu Speaking and 3rd place in Oral Reading, Mason T. won 1st place in Oral Reading, Kyle B. won 3rd place in Oral Reading, and Gavin W. won 3rd place in Oral Reading. Also, our Odyssey of the Mind team competed at Paul Revere Middle School. They placed sixth in the Houston area, which earned them a place at the state competition! The team, led by Ms. Guzman, includes members Jack E., Jackson T., Lucy B., Vivian B., Drew E., James R. and Elijah J.

On Feb. 8, our UIL team competed at Scarborough High School, and several of our students placed. In Creative Writing, Sophia M. earned 1st place; in Music Memory, Samuela A. earned 10th place; in Ready Writing, James R. earned 9th place and Paytyn A. earned 10th place; in Spelling, Sanchita H. earned 3rd place; and in Storytelling, Mason W. earned 2nd place and Jace D. earned 3rd place. All of our UIL participants have practiced very hard to prepare for the district wide competitions, and we're proud of all of them!

On Dec. 12, our talented Longfellow dance group performed a special production of "The Nutcracker" in our Multipurpose Room. The next week, the school held its Holiday Spectacular, showcasing the amazing talents of our students. Families and friends enjoyed outstanding band, choir, orchestra and dance performances in a packed Pershing Middle School auditorium.

The school's GT Expo took place on March 5. Kindergarten through 5th grade students displayed their research projects on subjects ranging from endangered species to the International Space Station to their favorite leadership habit.

Some special representatives from the Houston Texans visited Longfellow on Jan. 10 for an exciting pep rally! Texans cheerleaders and Toro joined the festivities, and our band performed. KHOU 11 morning news and Fox News reported from the pep rally.

Longfellow's Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) sponsored a Father-Daughter Dance on Feb. 7. Many families attended, and everyone had a wonderful time!

The author and illustrator of "Peanut Butter and Jam" visited the school on Jan. 24 and read to students from their books.

Longfellow held the school's first "We Love Books" book exchange on the evening before Valentine's Day, Feb. 13. Families brought books to trade with others and went home with selections to read. All extra books were donated to the school for teachers to use in their classrooms.

Longfellow's Community Outreach Group is holding a drive to collect needed items for the Harris County Animal

Shelter. Talk to your students about how to donate food and supplies for the animals.

Longfellow's Gardening Club is up and running! Students enjoy learning how to plant seeds and tend to them as they grow while also enhancing the beauty of Longfellow's garden area near the playground.

If you would like information about enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year, please contact the school at 713-295-5268.



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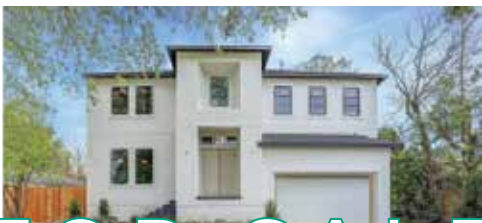
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Pershing Middle School

by Jennifer Vaughan

The Pershing Middle School campus finished up a busy winter season of activities. We hosted a Pop Up Art Show, Graphic Novel book fair, and Family Science Night showcasing an array of fantastic science projects and watched some remarkable students participate in the annual Pershing Talent Show. Students, families, and neighbors really enjoyed stepping onto the Pershing campus to check out all of these fun and interactive events.

All of our Fine Arts programs continue to be busy with practice, UIL competitions, and recitals. After months of preparation, all four JV and Varsity choirs earned 1st Division Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluations with perfect scores. We also had many talented students from the Visual Arts department receive honors and awards from regional contests earlier this year, including recipients of Gold and Silver Key awards from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition, finalists for the “Art on the Streets” HIV Awareness CCM Foundation Competition, and of course, the Best of Show Middle School winner, Eva Woodman in the HLSR School Art Competition.

The winter sports season wrapped up and our Pandas did great! Our 7th & 8th grade girls and 8th grade boys basketball teams were undefeated zone champions. The Panda girl’s swim teams ended the season with a 3rd place finish in District and the boy’s swim teams both ended the season with a 2nd place finish. Soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball and rugby (new this year!) are in action this spring. Check out houstonisd.org/pershing for all the teams’ home games!

Coming up, the Panda Theatre Junior Thespian Troupe will have a new or gently used children’s book drive in April during their MATILDA show week. They will be donating the books to local women’s shelters. All are welcome to come watch this fantastic show! Show times for MATILDA in the Pershing Auditorium are April 17 @7 pm, April 18 @ 2 pm and @7 pm.



This piece by Eva Woodman was the Best of Show Middle School winner in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Competition




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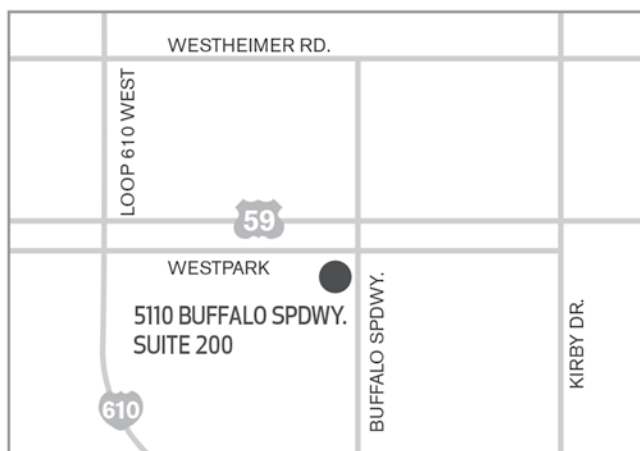
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Braeswood Super Neighborhood (BSN) Update

by Cheryl Palmer O'Brien – President, BSN

Thank you to all who came to our recent meeting! It was especially nice to have Barbara Hite from Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum's office back with us! Below is a brief summary. Litter, the homeless/vagrant situation and crime/security remain top concerns for our area.

Another concern is the updating of deed restrictions. Several of our groups are in the process of doing DR (Deed Restrictions) updates and are taking different approaches. It is good to have a forum where we can share with each other how the DR updates are being handled.

In regards to the homeless/vagrant concerns, Council Member, Martha Catex-Tatum is hosting a Neighborhood 101 that will deal with Homelessness on Saturday, March 21, 2020. This will be held at the Southwest HPD Substation located at 13097 Nitida from 9AM - 11AM. Martha has arranged for representatives from the Mayor's Office for Homeless Initiatives, HPD, DRT Mental Health and the Coalition for the Homeless to be at the meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to hear from the experts about how the city is approaching the homeless situation. Please email DistrictK@houstontx.gov or call 832.393.3016 and let them know you will be in attendance. I urge everyone to attend!

The Friends of Linkwood Park are working with the Houston Parks Board on the next phase of the renovations. This will deal with the tennis courts and the pickle ball court. Keep Houston Beautiful promotes a Saturday in April each year as a community-wide day to do projects around our city. We are planning a "clean-up" of a portion of our Super Neighborhood that day, April 25, 2020. We will post updates on Nextdoor soon.

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BRAESWOOD PLACE MOMS CLUB

Laura Curry, 2020 President (laura.curry@cbre.com)

From outgoing President, Liz Sirmans, with the welcoming of 2020, we also welcome a new team to lead the Braeswood Place Moms Club: President-Laura Curry, VP-Amy Bahlo, and Treasurer-Ashley Mattsson. These moms are sure to do an excellent job creating our 2020 calendar of events! As always, thanks to all the moms who have volunteered over the past year, and a big “thank you” to Monica Rose for volunteering as Treasurer for the past two years and Stephanie Schaefer as VP this past year.

MEMBERSHIP: Our group is over 200 moms strong! Have you been thinking about joining the Braeswood Place Moms Group? Our BPMC website is now through Tinyhood! Please email Laura Curry at laura.curry@cbre.com to join or if you are a current member and want to be added to our Facebook page.

December 2019: Our moms had a blast at our biggest event of the year, the annual Holiday Party! Our families enjoyed a night out under the stars during our Holiday Movie in the Park event, and also had a chance to get the whole neighborhood in the holiday spirit at our Caroling with Santa event! As always, thanks to our Premiere sponsor --Margaret Vinson, Realtor with Martha Turner Sotheby’s International Realty for sponsoring our December events.

February 2020: The kids spread the love at Candelari’s with Valentine’s pizza making and moms got their game on with an evening of Big Bunco. Thank you to Carla Holly and Liz Sirmans for organizing these

UPCOMING EVENTS (Time and Place to be announced):

Couples will get their roll on at Pin Stripes for our spring couples event.

Thanks to our Premiere sponsor -- Margaret Vinson, Realtor with Martha Turner Sotheby’s International Realty for sponsoring our March event.

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 after the birth of your child. Email Briana Faherty at kearneybriana@yahoo.com
*Members are encouraged to provide at least one meal during the calendar year. This is a great way to meet new friends in the neighborhood.

SPONSORS: We are always looking for event sponsors. As a sponsor you are welcome to place promotional signage at our events and will be mentioned in The Sentinel and the KVCC Newsletter. Please contact Laura Curry at laura.curry@cbre.com for more information.

BABYSITTERS: Do you or your child want to babysit? Moms are always looking for great sitters. Please contact Amy Bahlo at akers.amy@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the sitter list.

Architecture Control Committee Activity Report

November 2019 to February 2020

By Joe Powers

Date	Address	Street	Description of Request	Approved	Rejected	Notes:
11/6/2019	8406	Hatton	Storage/potter shed	x		
12/13/2019	3435	Norris	Pool cabana	x		
12/16/2019	2919	Fairhope St.	DR Violation - Container in front yard			Strongly worded letter sent to Homeowner. Request for removal expired end of Feb, proceeding to send to attorney
2/4/2020	8426	Bluegate	Renovation/minor addition	x		Approved
2/7/2020	8519	Greenbush	New Construction	x		Approved

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Meet Your Knollwood Village Neighbor

The Rozelle Family on Lorrie Drive

Name: Joe, Jenny, James (8) and Clara Rozelle (5) and JoAnn Besch (grandma)

Tell us about yourself and your family.

Joe has worked for NRG downtown since 2007. He recently accepted a new position there as senior director of procurement. Jenny formerly worked at Rice University as an assistant editor in the Office of Public Affairs. For the past few years, she has been a stay-at-home mom and freelance writer/editor. Joe is originally from State College, Pennsylvania, and Jenny is from Little Rock, Arkansas. They met in 1996 when they were students at Rice. After graduation, Joe was commissioned into the U.S. Navy. They got married in 2000 and moved every couple of years with the military, living in San Diego,



South Carolina, back to San Diego, and then just outside Cambridge, England, before Joe separated from the Navy and they moved back to Houston. James is in third grade and Clara is in pre-K at Longfellow Elementary. James plans to become an astronaut and loves learning about space. Clara plans to become either a horse rider, dancer, artist, zoologist or paleontologist, depending on when you ask her. JoAnn, Joe's mother, lives with us and also spends part of the year with Joe's sister and her family in North Carolina. JoAnn retired after spending 30 years working as a guidance counselor in schools in Pennsylvania.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

We bought our home in 2013, and JoAnn and Dan (grandpa, who passed away in 2019) moved in that year. Joe, Jenny and James moved here in the summer of 2014 and spent a few months adding a second floor over the garage. Clara came along in early 2015.

Favorite hobby or thing to do as a family?

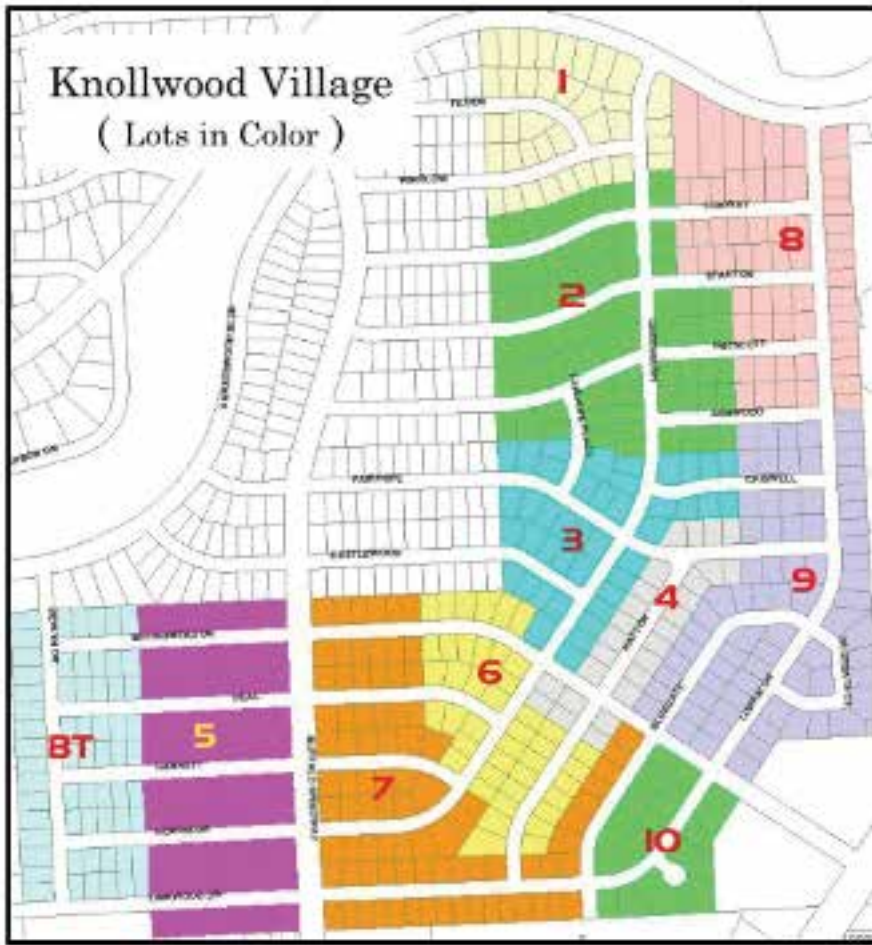
We love to read and travel! We have driven across the country several times as a family, spending time in San Diego, North Carolina, Arkansas, Washington, D.C., and many other spots, seeing exciting sights along the way. JoAnn has recently taken Jenny and the kids on trips to New York City. We also love exploring Houston's many museums, and the zoo is Clara's happy place. We love doing crafts and art projects together, and we also enjoy going out to eat at Houston's amazing restaurants (Joe and Jenny really missed Mexican food during the two and a half years they lived in England and have been making up for that ever since returning to Texas!).

What is your favorite thing about the neighborhood?

We love the people in our neighborhood! This is such a friendly place to live. We also love Longfellow, our fantastic neighborhood school. Our kids have made wonderful friends there and are very happy. They have amazing, caring teachers who find innovative ways to spark their interest every day. In first grade, James' teacher noticed that he enjoyed writing, so she got him involved in UIL. In the past few years, he has placed at several districtwide competitions in creative writing and ready writing. This year, his teacher encouraged him to join the school's Odyssey of the Mind team. It's now one of his favorite activities! Clara has shown an interest in growing plants, so she recently joined the school's gardening club. She's so excited to learn how to plant a garden in our yard (and Jenny and Joe appreciate the help, because Jenny has been known to accidentally kill a cactus, despite her best efforts).

Coming Soon - Section 8 Deed Restriction Ballot

By the Knollwood Village Architectural Control Committee



Hi Neighbors,

Please take a look at this map!

If you live in Section 8 (see map), the Knollwood Village Civic Club (KVCC) wants to give you a heads up that in April we expect you will be receiving a Deed Restriction Amendment (the “DR Amendment”) ballot in the mail. When you receive the ballot, we would like you to absorb the information and reach out to ask any questions you may have. There may be virtual meetings (conference calls) or actual meetings that you can attend as well as an email or number you can use to contact a person to get clarifications. You may even have some of your neighbors going door to door to see if they can help answer any questions. Ideally, once you understand what is being proposed, we hope you will fill out, sign, and return what is a secret ballot which will be tabulated at a future KVCC board meeting.

What triggered this need for an amendment?

Section 8 contains homes severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Redevelopment of homes and lots most affected by Harvey have been impacted; properties remain unoccupied, unrepaired, vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed. Additionally, the City of Houston (the “City”) passed a flood ordinance effective September 1, 2018 which requires the top of the floor in the first habitable story of the home (defined as the Minimum Flood Protection Elevation - MFPE) to be at least 24” above the computed level of a 500-year flood (the “City Ordinance”) in homes permitted after the City Ordinance became effective. The City Ordinance requires that this first floor for some homes in Section 8 of Knollwood Village be elevated to heights in excess of 8 feet above the adjacent ground level.

One or more residents wants to build homes with two habitable stories and utilize the space beneath the elevated first habitable story for garage, storage and building access (which the Knollwood Village Architectural Control Committee (ACC), based on the City of Houston Building Code definition of a story, has determined is one of the two permitted stories under the current deed restrictions). The only work-around under the current Deed Restrictions is to convert an attic into a furnished attic. Thus, changes to the Section 8 deed restriction have been developed that are supported by the Knollwood Village Board and ACC members. In order for the DR Amendment to pass, it will require 51% approval from the homeowners in Section 8.

It is hoped the DR Amendment will “kick start” the redevelopment of the impacted properties which should benefit all of Knollwood Village. This amendment will give homeowners and builders more flexibility and allow a home of a given size to be constructed with a smaller footprint creating opportunities for space, cost, environmental efficiencies and benefits.

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Here are five reasons why young families need life insurance:

- 1. You just never know.** While it's not the most pleasant thing to ponder, an emergency situation could quickly put your family's finances under water. In fact, only 40 percent of Americans have enough savings to cover an unexpected \$1,000 expense. And when you're starting out, not having protection in case something happens to a family's breadwinner is even scarier.¹
- 2. The earlier you opt in, the more affordable it is.** Because age is one of the factors that affects the cost of your premiums, the younger you are when you purchase a policy, the less you'll be paying each year.
- 3. It may not be as expensive as you think.** If you're on a budget and are convinced you can't afford life insurance, consider term life insurance. It guarantees protection for a set amount of time provided premiums are paid when due. Since it's not designed to last a lifetime, the annual premiums are considerably lower when you are younger.
- 4. It lets you concentrate on other goals.** Once you have the peace of mind and financial protection that life insurance grants you, you may feel secure enough to fund long-term goals, like buying a home, saving for your nest egg, or going back to school.
- 5. You can always upgrade at a later date.** Don't let the fear of making the wrong decision deter you from purchasing a policy now. The policy you purchase today isn't intended to be set in stone. As your family's needs change, you have the option of considering other policies.

¹Annie Nova, "A \$1,000 Emergency Would Push Many Americans into Debt," CNBC, January 23, 2019.

We know it's not easy for young families to make their life insurance needs a priority, given all their competing financial obligations. However, permanent life insurance is a vehicle for protection that is not only affordable, but can also help families accumulate cash value and can ultimately propel them toward reaching both their immediate and far-reaching goals.



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KVCC Winter 2019-2020 Incident Report

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 five thefts from vehicles, three burglaries, two robberies, and seven reports of suspicious persons. 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 (Late November 2019 through early March 2020)

8200 block Fairhope (11/19/19, Tuesday, 11:19 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that they had observed a suspicious male person walking in the neighborhood. The resident said that they had never seen the man before and that he seemed to be lost.

3500 block Linkwood (11/19/19, Tuesday, 3:00 PM) - Theft, credit card, ATM fraud.

2600 block Linkwood (11/19/19, Tuesday, 3:03 PM) - Pedestrian found a backpack and gave it to patrol officer. Patrol turned backpack in to Smith Protective office.

Lorrie (11/20/19, Wednesday, 10:10 AM) - Resident reported that a vehicle was parked too close to the curb on Lorrie.

3500 Norris (11/21/19, Thursday, 12:05 PM) - Patrol assisted resident by taking trash can out to the street for trash collection.

8400 block Bluegate (11/29/19, Friday, 11:00 PM) - Theft from vehicle.

Braeswood S, block not listed (12/1/19, Sunday, 3:00 AM) - Robbery.

Knollwood Village (12/2/19, Thursday, 2:40 PM) - Resident reported that they had seen a lost dog running around the neighborhood. Patrol did not see the lost dog.

3400 block Deal (12/12/19, Thursday, 12:45 PM) - Patrol met with resident who observed a suspicious man walking

through the neighborhood.

3100 block Norris (12/13/19, Friday, 9:23 AM) - Resident reported to patrol that a man wearing a turban-like hat rang their doorbell repeatedly at about 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 11. When the resident looked out of their window the man ran off.

Prescott (12/13/19, Friday, 2:14 PM) - Resident stopped patrol and reported that contractors were attempting to remove a fence without permission.

8400 block Lorrie (12/18/19, Wednesday, 8:00 PM) - Robbery. Resident assaulted by two armed men who attempted to enter the victim's residence and attempted to take the victim's vehicle.

8500 block Bluegate (12/30/19, Monday, 8:00 AM) - Theft, counterfeiting, forgery.

3400 block Gannett (1/2/20, Thursday, 3:00 PM) - Theft from vehicle.

Conway at Buffalo Speedway (1/6/20, Monday, 2:06 PM) - Patrol observed a parked Channel 2 News van. Patrol asked what was going on and the driver said they were getting some footage of the street.

Conway (1/8/20, Wednesday, 1:18 PM) - Dispatch called patrol about a silver Honda vehicle that had been driving up and down Conway. Patrol determined that the occupants of the vehicle were looking at homes for sale in the area.

Knollwood Village (1/9/20, Thursday, 10:30 AM) - Patrol was suspicious about a red Ford pickup truck and followed it until it left the neighborhood.

Knollwood Village (1/10/20, Friday, 12:40 PM) - Patrol observed three packages fall out of the open back door of a UPS delivery truck and picked them up. Patrol flagged down UPS truck and returned the packages to the driver.

8500 block Hatton (1/21/20, Tuesday, 12:24 PM) - A resident reported to dispatch that they were concerned about a possible break-in because their dog had gotten out of the yard. Patrol did a walk-around of the residence and found no evidence of a break-in.

3000 block Prescott (1/22/20, Wednesday, 2:30 PM) - Dispatch reported that a suspicious man was going door-to-door asking questions. Patrol drove around the area, but did not find the man.

2900 block Braeswood S (1/23/20, Thursday, 6:00 AM) - Theft from vehicle, parts or accessory.

2800 block Braeswood S (1/24/20, Friday, 8:00 PM) - Theft from vehicle, parts or accessory.

8500 block Greenbush (1/26/20, Sunday, 1:00 PM) - Burglary, breaking and entering.

2800 block Fairhope (2/8/20, Saturday, 5:00 AM) - Theft from vehicle.

2900 block Stanton (2/10/20, Monday, 7:00 AM) - Burglary, breaking and entering.

Chiswell near Fairhope (2/14/20, Friday, 12:34 PM) - Patrol observed a suspicious man dressed in a black tracksuit walking on Chiswell. When questioned the pedestrian said he liked walking in the neighborhood. Patrol followed the man to Fairhope. The man got in his car and sped away.

8300 block Lorrie (3/2/19, Monday, 7:00 AM) - Neighbor reported a lot of unusual activity at a residence over the weekend including two men waiting in a vehicle to pick up items and young people coming and going throughout the night. Patrol spoke with a resident of the house.

2900 block Braeswood S (3/2/20, Monday, 12:00 PM) - Burglary, breaking and entering.

Big Security Changes coming to Knollwood Village

By Scott J. Rose (President)

The Knollwood Village Civic Club (KVCC) Board members made an historic decision in March to move to a new Security Patrol company, S.E.A.L. Security, after over 20 years with Smith Protective Services.

The residents in attendance at the January resident meeting were on the same page about it being time for a change with the quarterly Neighborhood Security Report being one of the worst in recent memory. While many residents and Civic Club members believe it may have been a wave of non-related incidents that coincidentally fell in a short window of time, many residents voiced their concerns. Since the departure of long time Knollwood Village Smith Security patrol officer, Perkin LaCour, residents' confidence in Smith Security's effectiveness and reporting has decreased. Some residents have also expressed dissatisfaction with their customer service experiences when they called in to report incidents. In addition, there have been reports of a lack of proper patrolling by the officers. In light of this, the KVCC Board started evaluating a number of different options for Knollwood Neighborhood Security.

The board first reached out to the Linkwood / Westridge / Woodside neighborhoods who made the switch from Smith to S.E.A.L. back in 2014. These neighborhoods have seen their incident numbers drop by half since that time with immediate incident decreases starting in year one. Back in 2014, all of these neighborhoods and the KVCC distributed a Request for Proposal to a number of different patrol companies and S.E.A.L Security was the most impressive organization. At that time, the KVCC board elected to stick with Smith Security, due in part to the cost increase that would be required with S.E.A.L.

The board also recently investigated a neighborhood camera solution called FLOCK Safety, which can be deployed to read license plates at the entrances to the neighborhood. The positives would be 24/7, 365 days a year monitoring versus our 40 hours per week patrols. The cameras would serve as an added deterrent to criminals and could result in the eventual apprehension of thieves after the fact – which rarely happens today. Some residents have privacy and other concerns about FLOCK, but some of those concerns could be addressed in part, by signing up to Opt-out so your car is erased from the recordings. That solution's annual cost is less than Smith Security, but most residents liked the idea of having live patrols rather than just cameras set up. As a result, S.E.A.L. was chosen.

Here is a list of many of the benefits that come with the move to S.E.A.L Security, most of which Smith Security does not provide today:

- Highly marked vehicles
- Certified, trained, and armed officers
- Officers are able to make arrests
- Ability to video-record with body cams
- Immediate reporting tools/methods
- S.E.A.L vehicles have GPS Monitoring for KVCC Board to request checkups, if needed.
- 24/7 S.E.A.L Operations Center which communicates with officers and monitors movements
- Interpreter available for multiple Languages
- Dedicated Knollwood Village Customer Service number
- Vacation watches
- Welfare checks
- \$13M in Liability insurance
- Works closely with District K and local HPD (as needed)
- Officers do working lunches, patrol times start when they reach the neighborhood
- Officers have the flexibility to work additional hours without overtime rates (except select holidays), upon request
- Possibility of dispatch of supervisor, if nearby and needed outside of regular patrol hours
- S.E.A.L. will attend any security meetings and community events at no charge (i.e., National Night Out)
- KVCC will participate in the interview process and select the officer who will work in our neighborhood
- Detailed daily, weekly, monthly reporting metrics

This decision does have a financial impact to residents, but it won't be felt until 2021 when we will need to increase dues a total of \$115 per resident, per year. \$100 of that will go towards Security and the remaining \$15 will go towards the Civic Club to help pay annual expenses that have been creeping up since our last dues increase which was 12 years ago, back in 2008 when it was just a \$25 increase. This increase is mostly due to the greater expense of hiring S.E.A.L. The KVCC realizes this is a steep increase, but we hope residents appreciate that we have done our best to keep dues extremely low for many years compared to other area neighborhoods. This increase will actually bring us back in alignment with many of the surrounding neighborhoods current annual dues amounts:

- Braeswood Place (2200+ homes) - \$370
- Linkwood – (146 homes) - \$275
- Westridge – (220 homes) - \$225
- Woodside – (483 homes) - \$225

It's important to point out that Linkwood, Westridge, and Woodside (combined total of 849 homes) are sharing the costs of S.E.A.L. Security so their cost per resident is lower than it will be for our neighborhood. Their combined total of 849 homes is close to the maximum size S.E.A.L. recommends for one officer to patrol. With our own patrol officer, we will be ensured that the officer passes by our homes more frequently. The KVCC is working with S.E.A.L. in the hopes of starting new patrols effective May 1st. Since we are already a quarter of the way into dues collections for 2020, and since ~32% of residents paid dues to date, the Civic Club Board has voted that the additional cost to bring on S.E.A.L. this year (~\$22,000) will be paid using Club reserves.

While we still have some details to work out, we plan to keep the same number of patrol hours as we did with Smith Security, but we hope to work in several night shifts per month to help reduce any crime occurring in the night time hours. The first 8 months of using S.E.A.L. will serve as a trial period to ensure S.E.A.L. is meeting our expectations. Should they not, we will look at other options. Since there is a financial impact and a dues increase for 2021, the first and second quarters of next year will also be an opportunity for residents to show their support for S.E.A.L. in the form of getting their \$290 annual dues (previously \$175) paid in a timely fashion to ensure we can continue to afford this upgraded level of security.

Based on the positive evidence presented by Linkwood, Westridge, and Woodside residents, we are confident our Knollwood Village community will see a marked improvement in neighborhood security, and that we will all eagerly step up to the new rate to help keep Knollwood Village a safer place to live. We are certain this investment in security will improve the neighborhood's safety, appeal, our property values and your comfort level.

Knollwood Village Odds & Ends

Stay in the loop with neighborhood news and 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.

REMINDER – Our regular trash day is THURSDAY each week.

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

Tree Waste is collected on the 3rd Monday of ODD months

Junk Waste is collected on the 3rd Monday of EVEN months.

RECYCLING is every other Thursday.



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