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A Message From Your KVCC President

Hello Neighbors,

Summer is behind us and for many, school is back in! Things have continued to be busy with the Civic Club. Here are a few newsworthy things to share:

- Friends of Linkwood Park is raising donations for park improvements. Our board graciously approved a \$1,000 donation. See inside pages for a more detailed park update.
- Dead Trees on S. Braeswood –
 Last newsletter I reported we were
 trying to get about 15 trees replaced
 and I'm happy to report they now
 have! A service is suppose to be
 watering them but I still would like
 to ask any residents living on S.
 Braeswood, if you have a living
 young tree in front or near your
 home in the esplanade, please consider adopting it and watering it
 occasionally. Thank you!
- NRG Outdoor Stadium events —
 Over the last few months there have been a few recent outdoor events that our neighborhood has heard more than usual so our board followed up with NRG Stadium officials to verify that our 2013 agreement was still being followed. Indeed it is. The agreement ensures concert speakers are setup away from our neighborhood and that events end by 9pm.
- See separate articles on both the status of the **Esplanade Signs** and the **Street Overlay** project inside ...

Overall it's been another good quarter for the neighborhood and civic club. We inched closer towards our financial goals for the year, we donated to a good cause, we're keeping a close eye on all of the

Street Overlay Update

The City of Houston Street Overlay project took us by surprise with notices being posted on many of our doors in mid to late July. The Civic Club found out about the notices and reached out to the city and it turned out there was a COH internal communication breakdown as the plan was to coordinate with us and schedule a Street Overlay Informational meeting. That meeting was held a week later on July 30th for all residents with the purpose to allow the Public Works Dept. (PWE) Street and Drainage Division staff to fully address the overlay project and allow residents to ask questions. Due to the short turn around, KVCC could only communicate to everyone via email and with sign reminders in strategic locations.

Turnout was quite good with 40-50 residents in attendance. Overall, there was a lot of information shared, praise offered, concerns voiced, questions asked and answered. Opinions varied for and against the overlay which was to be expected. What was clear was that the overlay was not quite a win-win nor a lose-lose solution for the neighborhood.

Some important points voiced by city officials and /or residents at the meeting included:

- An overlay will result in a smoother riding surface
- An overlay will protect and extend the existing road base for several years
- An overlay can reduce the thickness of streets resulting in improved flood water capacity and improved curb appeal (depends on amount of overlays that may or may not exist on your street)
- An overlay will typically result in repairing of any major road base failures
- Most minor drainage issues, standing water, etc. are not expected to be resolved by an overlay

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home building and we are working on some projects to beautify our neighborhood. Things are good. We always have things we could be improving, but we need some new faces on the board and in our committees to assist. If you would like to get involved, reach out to myself or any of our existing members and see how you might be able to contribute.

Help keep Knollwood Village strong!

Scott J. Rose KVCC President president@knollwoodvillagecc.org

(Street Overlay, cont'd.)

- No overlay would mean continuing to live with our streets as is for who knows how long
- Most of our remaining older streets are not within the 10 yr. plan for replacement so this overlay will serve as an intermediate (band-aid) solution to our already aged infrastructure
- There is some concern that the overlay will further delay our neighborhood and reduce our leverage to campaign to receive the full suite of new drainage & sanitary lines as well as new streets, sidewalks and lighting.
- Definitely the biggest disappointment in the plans is that it excludes our street with the biggest need (Linkwood from Buffalo to Timberside). COH PWE reported that putting asphalt onto a damaged-foundation concrete street would not provide any relief for these residents. On the positive note, this section of Linkwood Dr. is included as part of the Westridge Storm Drainage Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project currently programmed for 2019-2020 (with a possible bump to another CIP project in 2016) but those residents will have to continue to endure the bad conditions in the meantime.

There was some discussion to see if the city could delay starting the project a few weeks so the board and the residents could have more time to make sure the overlay was what the majority of the residents wanted but the city said any postponement would result in the project being delayed several months and resources would be reallocated. Even worse, the project could end up being canceled completely. Since the majority in attendance seemed to favor the overlay, rather than risk losing it, the decision was made to let the project proceed which took about one calendar month to complete.

At time of writing of this article, the first heavy rains hit our neighborhood and it appears there are a few areas of standing water that existed before that are gone (a pleasant surprise) but in the same breath there are other new drainage areas that did not exist previously (a bit frustrating). Additionally, at the overlay meeting several residents spoke of their disappointment about some pre-existing areas where significant standing water existed. The city said they would investigate on a case by case basis but it appears these areas were not corrected (at least not yet). The civic club has asked the city for their stance on these

items and on 9/19 city representatives said they would be running a report soon to evaluate any new 311 reports since the overlay was completed. For those residents who have drainage issues in front or near your home (whether pre-existing or new), please either call 311 or go online as soon as possible and get it on record for the first time and/or again. We'll see if we can't get some resolution.

On a side note on Buffalo Speedway: Council Member Green has advocated for Buffalo Speedway (South Braeswood Blvd. to South Main St.) to be pre-engineered during this fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). If the pre-engineering study warrants it as a CIP project next year, most likely it will be programmed for 2020.

Braeswood Super Neighborhood Update

Here are the dates and topics for upcoming meetings of the Braeswood Super Neighborhood.

Sept. 18, 2014 - Public Safety Forum

Council member Larry Green's office will be co-hosting this meeting.

Oct. 16, 2014 - Public Works/Transportation

The Public Works department will be discussing projects in the area, how projects are selected, etc. We will also have an update from Rep. Sarah Davis on a transportation item that will be on the November ballot.

Nov. 20, 2014 - City Council Members at Large

Do you know why the city council has at-large members? Have you ever met them? What are they responsible for? Here is your opportunity to get to know the council members!

DEC 2014 - NO MEETING

Meetings are held from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Linkwood Park community center. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Esplanade Sign Update

We have official confirmation from the city that we *can* replace our signs! This was a huge step, but a necessary one to allow us to move forward. We also have obtained some initial quotes for replacement signs and we've collected some sample artists' renderings, but the quotes made us realize this is a more expensive undertaking than originally thought. Engineering for two sign locations, the demo of two old signs, and the construction and installation of two new double-sided signs makes up the scope of the work.

Before moving forward, the board decided to collect some feedback from the Residents Meeting held on August 12th which was attended by about 40 residents. We received a lot of great feedback and got consensus on the following things:

- Residents overwhelming supported the replacement the existing signs with new ones vs. other options like at
 - tempting repair or just removing existing leaving the neighborhood with no signage.
- Residents want signs to convey that it's a "deed restricted community" and to ideally include an established date (we would use the charter date which is 1951)
- Traditional look/style is preferred
- Materials to consider for use metal, masonry, granite, marble, steel
- Construct signs so they hold up to weather, soil shifting, mowers, weed eaters, sun and if possible, vandalism.
- Signs should be constructed of quality to ensure they they'll last another 60 years
- Approximately half were in a favor of a 3rd sign on Lorrie at Broadmead.
 - 1. Years ago one used to exist at this intersection.
 - 2. This sign would be much smaller with a different type/size sign with reduced cost.
 - 3. Location would need to be determined.
 - 4. Effort would likely follow as another phase

What are our next steps?

A sub-committee of our Beautification Committee has been formed which is made up of several board members and several residents that have volunteered to re-focus on design efforts with the idea of also keeping the affordability of the signs in mind. A final design will be selected and new estimates will be collected. The new design will be unveiled to the residents and a fundraising campaign will begin to raise the necessary funding.

To date, \$3,570 has been donated by residents and the committee will be attempting to collect from a recent City Council Neighborhood Matching Grant Program that helps neighborhoods fund various beautification and improvement projects by providing a dollar-for-dollar matching grant reimbursement ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. The program is designed to cultivate the spirit of volunteerism to help neighborhood-based organizations learn the art of planning and community building through neighborhood projects. Additionally, the board is committed to contributing funds from the neighborhood's existing balance as well.

If you have any interest in volunteering some of your time for the design process or to help us fundraise, please send us an email at president@knollwoodvillagecc.org.



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In Steve Anton we have a Realtor who knows what he's doing, does it well, and clearly enjoys what he does. We trust him, appreciate him, and will always be grateful to him for our wonderful new home.

Sincerely,

Daniel and Mitzi

We had been living in the neighborhood for 11 years and wanted to expand our family – but finding a bigger home in the neighborhood was a necessary first step. We had never sold a home before and this would be our second purchase.

Calling Steve Anton for help was a great decision that got us started on the right path toward our new home. Steve quickly gave us a list of some minor upgrades and repairs to complete – and even put us in touch with a great handyman crew to do the work. When we found a home under construction in the neighborhood, he gave us a recommendation on what to offer.

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I can't even remember everything Steve did for us - at least 200 emails, several home visits, late night phone calls, a trip to the home builder's design center, a follow-up reminder to file for homestead exemption in the new year. If we needed him, he was always there.

Chris & Diane

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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.

National Night Out is coming up, Tuesday, October 7th. Try to get out, meet some neighbors, go for a walk, plan an ice cream social on your block!

Braeswood Place Mothers of Young Children (BPMYC) Calling all moms in the Braeswood area! Did you know that there is a fantastic mothers' group in your backyard? BPMOYC is an active group of ~200 moms who understand the importance of community and having a great "mom network" at your disposal.

Below is a list of many of the benefits the group offers:

- The ever-popular Yahoo Group (find a nanny, recommendation for a pediatrician, great pre-school, kid-friendly restaurant, etc.)
- Playgroups
- Bi-Monthly Meetings with great speakers
- Moms Night Out social events throughout the year
- Spring and Fall Couples Parties
- Community Service Projects
- Kid-friendly events such as Playdates at the Little Gym and Noah's Ark, Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, and Firehouse Visits
- Babysitting Co-Op
- Mommy Meals for new moms
- "Best of List" with doctors, bakeries, handymen, landscapers, and much more!
- Dues are very affordable at \$25 a year and totally worth it! Please send an email to BPMOYC President Beth Dunn at bethclarkdunn25@yahoo.com if you are interested.

NRG Stadium Upcoming Outdoor Events ScheduleNone to report



You Are Invited to Leadership Day at Longfellow Elementary with special guest SEAN COVEY

Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* self-help classic has been refined and reimagined to help young people cultivate a sense of personal responsibility and leadership skills, and the result is "The Leader in Me." With the collaboration of the PTA, the "Leader In Me" is now in place in Longfellow Elementary.

"'The Leader in Me' provides the most solid foundation I have ever seen to help kids lead a principled, centered life," said Longfellow Principal Norma Perez-Gwynn. "It has made an incredible difference with our children. The process challenges students to live by seven basic tenets that encourage personal responsibility and an appreciation of others, such as "Begin with the end in mind," and "Think Win-Win." Ms. Perez-Gwynn noted that in addition to an increased sense of camaraderie on the campus, Longfellow students have seen "significant gains" in academic areas since the school implemented the process two years ago.

Please join us at Longfellow's next Leadership Day on Wednesday October 8th, 1:00pm – 5:30pm! You will have the opportunity to visit different classrooms and experience the Seven Habits and academic instruction in action. Longfellow also offers a fabulous Fine Arts Magnet Program, which includes Music, Art, Dance, Band, and Orchestra.

We are excited to announce that SEAN COVEY (son of author Stephen Covey and author of Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Seven Habits of Happy Kids and more) will be on campus as well as doing a book signing at 4:00pm-5:30pm. Community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

**Also save the date for the Longfellow Fall Carnival
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Real Estate Report January 15, 2014 through September 15, 2014

Single Family Home Sales

Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area

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 %
70721284	1.15.14	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	7,684	1,848	1955	\$470,000	\$475,000	\$257.03	\$255.95	8	1.01
82558094	1.29.14	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/3/2	N	7,700	2,057	1955	\$499,900	\$481,698	\$234.18	\$233.20	25	0.96
74503437	2.7.14	Bevlyn	BT	3/2/2	N	9,271	1,917	1954	\$449,000	\$449,000	\$234.22	\$234.22	2	1.00
28744334	2.10.14	Stanton St	KV	3/2/2	N	8,344	1,675	1950	\$275,000	\$328,000	\$195.82	\$195.82	5	1.19
31362008	2.13.14	Norris Dr	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,634	1953	\$398,000	\$398,000	\$243.57	\$243.17	39	1.00
56444606	2.18.14	Deal St	BT 2	4/2	N	6,630	2,248	1952	\$399,000	\$392,000	\$174.38	\$174.38	2*	1.03
443872	2.28.14	Gannett	KV 5	4/3/2	N	6,630	3,670	2007	\$875,000	\$845,000	\$230.25	\$230.12	11	0.97
69761494	2.28.14	Castlewood St	BT	4/3/2	N	7,200	4,117	2008	\$925,000	\$893,000	\$216.91	\$216.91	18	0.97
51170144	3.7.14	Conway St	KV 2	3/2/1	N	8,475	1,734	1953	\$430,000	\$425,000	\$245.10	\$245.10	15	0.99
9501911	3.14.14	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/3/2	N	7,650	1,711	1952	\$434,000	\$421,650	\$246.43	\$246.43	50*	0.97
99553674	3.18.14	Prescott St	KV	3/2/2	N	7,665	1,579	1951	\$369,000	\$350,000	\$221.66	\$221.66	7	0.95
42654259	3.20.14	Hatton St	KV	4/3/2	N	7,350	2,147	1952	\$525,000	\$500,000	\$232.88	\$230.55	41	0.95
86303346	3.21.14	Bluegate St	KV 10	3/2/2	N	7,350	2,292	1954	\$499,900	\$503,900	\$219.85	\$219.85	6	1.01
38589301	4.3.14	Braeswood Blvd	KV	2/2/2	Υ	11,287	2,485	1954	\$359,900	\$360,000	\$144.87	\$144.87	8	1.00
42835754	4.10.14	Linkwood Dr	BT 2	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,737	1952	\$449,900	\$461,000	\$265.40	\$262.69	3	1.02
1684729	4.15.14	Fairhope St	BT	3/2/2	N	8,737	2,245	1953	\$369,000	\$361,000	\$160.80	\$160.80	3	0.98
24383427	4.17.14	Greenbush St	KV3	3/2/2	N	9,677	1,656	1953	\$359,900	\$370,000	\$223.43	\$223.43	7	1.03
73718274	4.30.14	Stanton St	KV 8	3/3/2	N	8,960	1,622	1952	\$395,000	\$420,000	\$258.94	\$258.94	4	1.06
65012859	5.15.14	Chiswell St	KV	3/2/2	N	8,025	1,612	1952	\$449,900	\$407,500	\$252.79	\$252.79	10	0.91
60184258	5.28.14	Norris	BT 2	2/2/2	Υ	6,630	1,612	1953	\$399,900	\$410,000	\$254.34	\$254.34	6	1.03
78614248	5.29.14	Chiswell St	KV 9	3/2/2	Υ	8,400	1,584	1957	\$360,000	\$355,000	\$224.12	\$224.12	19	0.99
59670334	5.30.14	Stanton St	KV	3/3/2	N	8,145	1,896	1951	\$350,000	\$355,000	\$187.24	\$187.24	1	1.01
50769594	7.1.14	Broadmead Dr	KV	4/3	N	8,050	2,702	1954	\$585,000	\$547,500	\$202.63	\$201.89	39	0.94
14741949	7.3.14	Fairho pe	KV 9	3/2/2	N	9,030	2,082	1952	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$252.16	\$252.16	12	1.00
91708087	7.12.14	Fairhope St	KV 3	4/3/2	Υ	9,760	2,452	1952	\$510,000	\$483,000	\$196.98	\$196.98	20*	0.95
12949884	7.15.14	Greenbush St	KV 6	3/2/2	N	7,350	1,925	1952	\$380,000	\$330,000	\$171.43	\$171.43	9	0.87
94177245	7.16.14	Hatton St	KV	3/2/2	N	7,490	1,665	1952	\$450,000	\$456,500	\$274.17	\$270.27	3	1.01
88630484	7.21.14	Braeswood Blvd	BT 1	3/2/2	N	8,888	2,138	1952	\$350,000	\$355,000	\$166.04	\$166.04	107	1.01
74381494	7.22.14	Deal St	BM	3/2/2	N	8,541	1,749	1955	\$489,000	\$486,000	\$277.87	\$276.44	14	0.99
9381054	7.30.14	Norris	KV	3/1	N	6,630	1,494	1952	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$234.27	\$234.27	2	1.17
27702442	7.31.14	Gannett St	BT	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,890	1952	\$449,000	\$429,000	\$226.98	\$226.98	16	0.96
60413645	8.12.14	Broadmead Dr	KV 7	3/3/2	N	7,140	1,665	1954	\$379,900	\$368,600	\$221.38	\$221.38	3	0.97
78723195	8.15.14	Greenbush	KV	5/4/2	N	8,050	4,346	2013	\$915,000	\$905,000	\$208.24	\$208.24	0	0.99
43829414	8.25.14	Greenbush St	KV 2	2/2/2	N	7,072	1,531	1952	\$347,000	\$347,000	\$226.65	\$226.65	0	1.00
26146658	8.28.14	Hatton St	KV 4	3/2/2	N	8,925	2,224	1954	\$419,000	\$400,000	\$179.86	\$179.86	6	0.95
75060504	9.4.14	Ashwood	KV	3/2/2	N	7,665	1,931	1952	\$399,000	\$372,000	\$192.65	\$192.65	19	0.93
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*KV= Knollwood Village BT= Braes Terrace BM= Braes Manor

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Treasurer's Report

Dear Neighbors,

Last newsletter we were fifty homes short of our annual fundraising, and today we are just a dozen shy.

Thank you to the homeowners who have taken the time to make a contribution to the security fund and civic club. It makes a difference.

The KVCC Board aims each year to raise the funds necessary to cover our costs for Smith Security patrols, maintenance of the medians on Buffalo Speedway and South Braeswood, as well as other small projects that we take on from time to time. And every year, we try to add money to our legal defense fund to prepare for the considerable expense we might encounter in challenges to the deed restrictions.

With enough participation from the Knollwood Village home owners, we are able to keep our annual dues modest. If participation drops, dues will have to go up. And while many families already contribute a little something extra to their \$175 a year, we have many long-time residents on fixed incomes who find it harder to pay more.

Here's the issue that challenges us: Over the last 7 years, roughly 20% of our neighborhood homes contributed \$0 over that time span.

Ouch.

We live in a great neighborhood and over the years the KVCC has been instrumental in protecting and improving Knollwood Village. That's good for your peace of mind, and for the value of your home.

Jump online now and pay if you haven't already this year. Go to www.knollwoodvillage.org and look for the big **Join Us** button.

If you prefer to let the Post Office deliver your check, please address it to:

Knollwood Village Civic Club, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood safe and strong.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or you spot any errors on your home's contribution history.

Feel free to contact me at: treasurer@knollwoodvillagecc.org Sincerely,

Chris Hearne, Treasurer





changing attitude of the times. Still, many of us are able to use our porches and still enjoy the interaction with neighbors that they afford.

Porches often give shelter to the entries to a house; providing cover from the burning sun or pouring rain for you as you fumble for your keys or for your guests as they wait for you to answer the door. But porches can also serve as a marker for the entry itself or can be used as architectural embellishment to define the style of the house. Importantly, porches can provide a unique type of space in our homes, neither entirely inside nor outside that can allow us to enjoy the more temperate months in a space that isn't the refrigerated coolers that many of our homes have become.

What's A Porch?

Most of the names we use for the rooms in our houses describe the function or use of the room. We know that halls are passages and closets are for storing clothes and it takes little imagination to guess what functions occur in rooms like the laundry, dining, living, entry, bedroom and bathroom. But what is the function of a porch? Porches, of course, have a history nearly as long as the house itself and the word comes to us through Latin, by way of which we get *portico* which often has the meaning of entry or gate.

Prior to the widespread adoption of air conditioning, porches in Houston were a necessity as they provides a refuge away from the stifling heat of the interior of the house as well as providing a place that could take advantage of any available breeze. Because porches were often places that people sat at in the evening, they also became an important part of socialization between neighbors. Many homes not only had front porches but also sleeping porches for when the heat made it nearly impossible to sleep in a closed-in room.

The original houses in Knollwood Village were built at the time that air conditioning was becoming more common in American middle class homes and the variety in shapes and sizes of the porches show the

Today we see a mix of homes, some with ample porches and others for which the porch appears a mere afterthought. Several have in fact, embraced the idea of the porch and made outdoor living spaces, complete with lighting and fans that will give the homeowners a flexible space that can be used nearly year round and perhaps, will allow them to meet and to get to know many of their likeminded neighbors.

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Pics

and

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in the Park



Sunday. November 2nd

2 – 4 pm

linkwood Park

Neighborhood photographers will be on hand to capture some family pics in the park, just in time for holiday cards – pets welcome too!

Food trucks, fun and fabulous entertainment from neighborhood musicians!

Proceeds benefit linkwood Park Renovation

KVCC Summer 2014 Security Incident Report

Since the previous issue of the newsletter, incidents in Knoll-wood Village reported to Smith Security include four burglaries, a vehicle ransacking, a report of possible vandalism, and four reports of suspicious persons or vehicles.

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, which is the City of Houston's emergency number, to report it.

Knollwood Village Smith Incident Reports (mid June 2014 through early September 2014)

3500 block Deal (6/13/14 9:32 AM) - Resident was concerned because they received notice from the COH that a work crew was going to dig in their yard to access a utility line. Patrol suggested that resident call the city to have an inspector come out to answer questions about the work. The workers were asked not to start until the inspector arrived.

3000 block Norris (6/13/14 1:42 PM) - Resident reported to patrol that a plane had been flying over their house repeatedly for 2 hours. Patrol told the resident that the plane involved was advertising a product and suggested they call 311 to see if the COH could assist them.

2900 block Stanton (6/17/14 8:10 AM) - A man sitting in a parked car was reported by a concerned resident. Patrol questioned the young man sitting in the car and learned that he was on a break from his job nearby in the neighborhood.

8400 block Bluegate (6/20/14 12:07 PM) - During the previous night resident's vehicle was ransacked in front of their house. Nothing seemed to have been taken, but the contents of the glove box and the console had been dumped out onto the seat and floor of the vehicle.

8100 block Lorrie (6/23/14 1:23 PM) - Neighbor called resident and informed them that the resident's house had been broken into and that HPD was on the way. The burglars broke the glass on the back door to enter the house. The burglars took pieces of jewelry. The house's burglar alarm system was on.

8200 block Lorrie (6/25/14 2:00 PM) - Residence burglarized sometime between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Burglars broke full glass door in rear of house to enter. Multiple items taken including jewelry, cash, electronics, and firearms. HPD was called.

8200 block Lorrie (6/25/14 2:00 PM) - Neighboring residence to house in previous incident also burglarized at the same time. Neighbor in incident above noticed rear door and window broken. Multiple items of jewelry taken. Witnesses reported seeing two men in jumpsuits at the residence who then jumped into a SUV.

3400 block Deal (7/8/14 10:01 AM) - Resident reported that their house had been burglarized the previous afternoon sometime between the hours of 12:30 PM and 6:00 PM. Burglar apparently jumped the rear wood fence of the residence and broke the glass in a rear door to gain entry to part of the house. The burglar gained entry to the remainder of the house by crawling through a dog door. Multiple items of electronics and jewelry were taken. HPD and Smith Security both were notified

8400 block Greenbush (7/23/14 11:30 AM) - Resident noticed an unfamiliar vehicle parked in front of their house. After calling dispatch resident learned vehicle belonged to a new neighbor.

3000 block Conway (7/29/14 11:01 AM) - Dispatch reported that resident called about an unknown man parked on the street. Patrol arrived and found a young man in the car talking on the phone. Patrol inquired if the man was having car trouble and the man said no that he was lost. The man reported that he was on his way to a job interview located off of 45 N in Montgomery County and that he was on the phone trying to call the company he was on his way to interview with. Patrol told him how to get to 45 N and the man left.

3400 block Norris (8/6/14 9:00 AM) - Dispatch reported a triggered burglar alarm. Patrol checked around the house and did not find any obvious evidence of a break-in. Patrol called and reported this to the homeowner and suggested that they have the alarm system checked out. HPD also checked the residence.

3400 block Norris (8/18/14 9:06 AM) - Alarm system triggered and patrol determined that housekeeper forgot to turn alarm off after entering the house. The alarm went off again about 90 minutes later and patrol was able to contact the homeowner who provided instructions to shut the system off until they got home.

8400 block Bluegate (8/19/14 1:47 PM) - Dispatch called and reported that the alarm system of residence had come on. Patrol checked out the house and found no evidence of a breakin. Patrol speculated that heavy road work machinery near the home may have produced vibrations that triggered the alarm system.

3000 block South Braeswood (8/21/14 2:22 PM) - Resident reported that their house had been burglarized. The burglars broke a sliding glass door to gain entry. Jewelry was stolen and a dresser was broken when the burglars ransacked the bedroom.

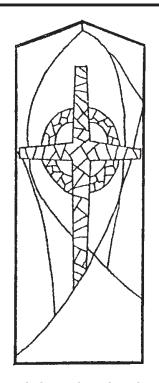
2900 block Fairhope (8/27/14 9:28 AM) - Resident reported that the previous night a window on their house was broken. The window may have been damaged by a thrown rock or BB shot.

3100 block Conway (9/3/14 8:30 AM) - Resident called to report that a woman was peering into cars. Patrol went to incident location and was not able to find the reported woman.



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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. Scott Harbison, Pastor

Join us for a timely message and great music. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday! **NEW Worship Time at 10:00 a.m.**

Our new 10:00 a.m. worship blends contemporary with traditional music and liturgy. We hope you will join us on Sunday mornings to experience worship in new and exciting ways!

Sunday School for adults, children, & youth begins at 9:00 a.m.

Worship & Tailgate October 26

Drop in for worship at 10:00 a.m. and tailgate with us in the church parking lot afterward. Our pastor promises some good things from the grill. Come for tailgate fellowship and meet the St. Luke's family!

Save the Date!

Live Nativity Wednesday, December 17

As Christmas draws near, join us to relive the story of Jesus' birth with our 8th annual live nativity. Re-enactments will include narration, choir, carol singing, and of course our nativity animals!.

Knollwood Village Civic Club & Security Fund payments for 2014 by Address.

Represents all payments received as of September 9, 2014.

Annual dues are \$175. You can pay online at

www.knollwoodvillagecc.org. Or mail your check to:

KVCC, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225.

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Pershing Middle School Update for Knollwood Village Newsletter

School got off to a great start in late August for Pershing Middle School. The PTO hosted a First Day Coffee for parents and has a variety of other activities planned. For example, before the monthly general meeting on September 9, the PTO hosted its first "Parent Talk" in which licensed professional counselor Audrey Omenson shared tips on how to get your children to show respect, responsibility and independence. General meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Use the resources below to keep up with what is going on at Pershing:

Check out the school website: http://www.houstonisd.org/pershing

Check out the PTO website: http://pershingpto.org/

Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/

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Pershing First Day Coffee



Are you looking for a reliable dog walker or pet sitter for while you are at work or on vacation??

Boon Pet Care

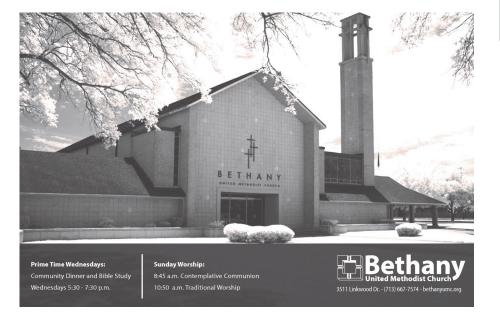
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Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Update

This is a listing of the ACC activity for 2014. As you can see, we have a lot going on in Knollwood Village! Remember: Contact the ACC BEFORE you commence construction! They can be reached via email at build@knollwoodvillagecc.org.

Date	Address	Street		Approved	Rejected	Notes:
9-Jun-14	2810	Chiswell	Submission for new	✓		Approved for
11-Jun-14	3007	Stanton	Submission for new	✓		Approved for
23-Jun-14	2906	Fairhope	Submission for land- scape retaining wall	✓		Approved
10-Jul-14	3014	Tilden	Re-submission for new home	√		Approved for construction
8-Aug-14	3022	Prescott	Question about limits on home business			Responded - Resident Contacted
13-Aug-14	2906	Fairhope	Question about side- walk requirement			Contacted the City of Houston
21-Aug-14	8107	Lorrie	Submission for porch addition	√		Approved for construction
27-Aug-14	8007	Serenity Ct.	Submission for new home construction	✓		Approved for construction



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HOUSTON POLICE:

Report suspicious activity to (713) 884-3131

SMITH SECURITY:

(713) 789-5944 or (713) 782-9617

Emergency: 911

All City Departments: 311

Poison Control: (800) 222-1222

Mayor's Office: (713) 247-2200

City Council: Councilmember Larry

Green, District K (832) 393-3016

districtk@houstontx.gov

State Rep: Sarah Davis,

District 134 (713) 521-4474

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Linkwood Park Update

Fundraising efforts continue for the Linkwood Park renovation plans. Approximately \$15,000 has been raised to date. Many thanks to the Knollwood Civic Club for the generous gift of \$1,000 which provided a great boost toward the first project goal of \$50,000. a fenced toddler playground addition. The weather will begin getting cooler soon, which means it's time to get out to your neighborhood park! A fall park celebration is planned for Sunday, November 2nd from 2-4pm. Come out to Linkwood Park for Pics and Picks, an opportunity to get some family pictures made by neighborhood photographers while socializing and enjoying the music of local musicians. For announcements of park activities and to receive weekly neighborhood communication, sign up for Families of South Braeswood emails at www.familiesofsouthbraeswood.wordpress.com.

Remember, well maintained parks benefit <u>everyone</u> by improving the attractiveness of the neighborhood, encouraging social engagement, and providing an active, healthy environment for residents of all ages. Thank you to the neighbors who have made individual contributions to the Linkwood Park initial renovation goal. If you would like to support the Linkwood Park renovation plans, you can donate online at http://houstonparksboard.org/projects/linkwood_park. Checks can also be made payable to Houston Parks Board, 300 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX 77024 (note "Linkwood Park" on memo line of your check). All donations to the Houston Parks Board, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.









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