

## From Your KVCC President

by *Scott Rose, President*

Hello Neighbors,

I hope you and your loved ones had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a festive December holiday.

For your Knollwood Village Civic Club Board, this is the time of year we report to you the status of our club's finances, security and projects. While the year has overall been somewhat uneventful, that usually is a good thing.

Some of this year's accomplishments include:

- An organized 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event celebrating the existence of the neighborhood
- Successful completion of the street reconstruction/upgraded streetlight project (for those on affected streets)
- Meaningful negotiation with Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation and Reliant Park to limit noise during outdoor events on the west side of Kirby
- Increased newsletter issues from 3 to 4 (1 a quarter)
- Addition of some new faces to our Civic Club board and committees
- Continued improvements in being more efficient in our committees and how we do things

Some areas where we are continually challenged include:

- It appears we are going to fall about \$2,000 short on dues collected vs. 2012.
- Inability to get city support to replace all remaining street/sewer infrastructure in the neighborhood and on Buffalo Speedway (from S. Braeswood to Main St.). We aren't even in the 10-year plan ...
- Slow progress with replacing our esplanade signage due to city permitting challenges
- Slow progress with adding sprinklers to the esplanades (on hold until esplanade signs updated)
- Replacement of trees planned on S. Braeswood during its street reconstruction

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## Civic Club Annual Meeting

We will be conducting the annual meeting of the Knollwood Village Civic Club on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 6:30-8:30pm at Bethany Church, 3511 Linkwood, Classroom 42/43 (in back of church).

Drinks/snacks will be offered and our guest speaker will be **District K Council Member Larry Green**. CM Green will give an overview of District K initiatives during his first term, followed with Braeswood Super Neighborhood initiatives planned and programmed for the area. The floor will then open to Q&A, including questions relating to another possible attempt at creating an area management district. **Please come out to listen and be heard!**

An important agenda item required at the annual meeting is the election of officers for the club. Each officer is elected to serve a one-year term or until their successors are elected. The duties of each officer are detailed in the bylaws of the club, which are posted on the website under the Board and Officers resource link. We have summarized those duties below:

- **President:** Presides at all meetings; enforces the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws; decides questions of procedure and order; and exercises supervision of the club affairs.
- **Vice-President:** Assists the president as needed and occupies the chair in the absence of the president; a member of the board or directors and also of the finance committee.
- **Secretary:** Keeps true and correct records of club proceedings; conducts correspondence as directed by the board; takes minutes of club and board of director meetings.
- **Treasurer:** Receives all dues for the club; reports the financial status of the club at all club meetings; is a member of the finance committee.

All officers currently in these positions are expected to continue unless opposed by other candidates—we encourage nominations from the floor!

There are lots of other ways to participate in **YOUR** civic club! We welcome your involvement whether as an

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As you can see, we already are aware of some goals in 2014, but I am proud of the voluntary work, time and effort given by members of our community to support our subdivision with deed restriction adherence and special projects. We are heading in the right direction in building a renewed sense of community. Please do your part to keep that momentum in 2014. Pay your dues and if you have an interest in volunteering your time, come talk to us and we'll find a place for you.

**On behalf of the KVCC board and committee members, we wish you and your family a Happy Holiday.**

*Scott*

P.S. Once again, we are having our annual Holiday Decorating Contest this year. Judging will occur the week of December 16, so have fun with it!

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### **Civic Club** *from previous page*

officer, committee lead or just to periodically assist others. Interested individuals are encouraged to send an email to: [contact@knollwoodvillagecc.org](mailto:contact@knollwoodvillagecc.org) and a board member will follow up to answer any questions you may have.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Dear Neighbors,

We are on track to close 2013 with 327 of 615 homes in Knollwood Village contributing annual dues to support the Knollwood Village Civic Club and fund our contract with Smith Security for the neighborhood patrol.

Our expenses remain relatively unchanged from prior years, with the exception of a modest financial support for the successful Knollwood Village 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party this summer at Linkwood Park. Our savings remain safe.

As we have done in prior years, the KVCC will "pass the hat" to gather holiday contributions for **Officer Perkin La Cour**. Last year, the more than 200 neighbors collectively gave and we were able to issue a \$5,000 check to Officer La Cour—a much-appreciated gift. Let's see if we can top that this year.

You can find out how to give to Officer La Cour, pay your 2014 dues, get your deed restrictions, retrieve contact information, and more at our website:

[www.knollwoodvillage.org](http://www.knollwoodvillage.org).

KVCC Treasurer Chris Hearne

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## Longfellow News

### Band and Orchestra Shine at the Ren-Fest!

On November 5, The Longfellow Symphonic Band and Chamber Orchestra performed at Texas Renaissance Festival's Music Competition. The orchestra performed three great pieces, *Dragon Hunter*, *Bohemian Stomp*, and *Dragon Slayer* under the direction of Mindy Snow. The orchestra placed third overall among elementary and middle schools! A great feat for any elementary school orchestra program.



The band took the stage in their lavish Renaissance costumes and performed their two selections, “*The Forbidden City*” and “*Chase Through the Midnight Forest*.” Neighbors and friends are welcome to come and support the Longfellow Fine Arts programs in their holiday performance at Longfellow Elementary December 12 at 5:30 p.m.

### Longfellow Elementary, a Lighthouse for Leadership

Longfellow Elementary implemented the “Leader in Me” program 3 years ago when Principal Perez Gwynn arrived to the campus. This year our neighborhood school serves as “The Lighthouse School” for this program, being an example to the nation’s schools by promoting the 7 habits of highly effective children. The program has empowered children to be responsible, caring leaders and promote success in life. On December 6, several leaders in education from other states and locally came to visit our school for Leadership Day. If you have a small child or are interested in volunteering, come take a tour of your neighborhood school by emailing Mrs. Smart, [esmart@houstonisd.org](mailto:esmart@houstonisd.org).

## Odds & Ends

**REMINDER** – Our trash day is THURSDAY each week and RECYCLING is every other Thursday (Dec. 12, Dec. 26, Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 6).

**HEAVY TRASH** is the third Monday of each month. Remember your ODDS & EVENS. Tree waste is collected ODD months and junk waste is collected EVEN months.

**JANUARY IS A TREE MONTH** – Place your Christmas tree out for pickup on January 20, 2014!

### Get ready for spring!

When it comes to yard trimmings, you have options!

The City has initiated a program that encourages the diversion of yard trimmings from landfills. Through techniques called “grasscycling” and composting, residents can reuse their yard trimmings and return valuable nutrients to the soil.

If residents choose to place their yard waste for SWMD collection, they must use a city-approved compostable bag. You can obtain these bags at WalMart, Lowe’s, Home Depot, Berings, Randalls, Kroger, Target, ACE, Living Earth or Costco.

Look for more details in the next newsletter!

An advertisement for a hair salon. The text reads: "Original Haircuts", "Leila Mitchell", "Estylist", "713-592-0064". Below this, it says "Mon By Appointment Only", "Tue-Fri 11am -7pm", "Sat 9am-6pm". At the bottom right, it lists the address: "4023 S. Braeswood", "Houston, TX 77025". There are two small photos: one of a man's hair and one of a woman's hair. A pair of scissors is also visible in the background.

- Compare sale vs. list prices
- See how homes are selling
- See homes on the market

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## Real Estate Report Knollwood Village & Surrounding Area Single Family Home Sales May 1, 2013 through November 21, 2013

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 %
71287847	5.3.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/2/2	N	9,040	2,089	1956	\$355,000	\$362,500	\$173.53	\$173.53	4	1.02
88329416	5.10.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,649	1953	\$322,000	\$317,225	\$192.37	\$189.34	9	0.99
72559870	5.14.13	Tilden St	KV 1	3/2/2	N	8,960	1,686	1955	\$349,900	\$339,900	\$201.60	\$201.01	0	0.97
29494830	5.17.13	Stanton St	BT 1	4/3/2	N	7,320	4,160	2006	\$795,000	\$742,500	\$178.49	\$178.49	153	0.93
73992216	5.23.13	Deal	KV	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,634	1953	\$398,000	\$393,000	\$240.51	\$240.51	15	0.99
30384064	6.1.13	Norris Dr	KV 7	2/2/2	N	8,670	1,822	1954	\$325,000	\$295,000	\$161.91	\$161.91	76	0.91
85374547	6.7.13	Buffalo Spdvwy	BT	3/2/2	N	8,723	1,732	1952	\$285,000	\$282,000	\$162.82	\$160.96	4*	0.99
71130407	6.7.13	Deal St	BT 2	2/1/2	N	6,630	1,223	1952	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$208.50	\$208.50	1	1.02
34833561	6.14.13	Conway St	KV 2	3/2	Y	7,725	2,220	1955	\$449,900	\$445,000	\$200.45	\$196.31	121	0.99
39354294	6.19.13	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/3/2	N	7,140	2,423	1954	\$379,500	\$378,000	\$156.00	\$152.66	10	1.00
1029084	6.21.13	Conway St	KV	3/2/2	N	8,584	2,046	1952	\$439,900	\$451,001	\$220.43	\$218.96	5	1.03
43914784	6.27.13	Braeswood Bl	KV 1	4/3/2	N	14,216	2,379	1956	\$525,000	\$520,000	\$218.58	\$218.58	4	0.99
80944054	6.28.13	Greenbush St	KV	5/4/2	N	8,050	4,320	2013	\$799,900	\$799,900	\$185.16	\$185.16	5	1.00
69139814	7.3.13	Deal	KV	2/2/2	N	7,038	2,023	1953	\$395,000	\$385,000	\$190.31	\$190.31	6	0.97
71058122	7.3.13	Bluegate St	KV 7	3/2/2	N	7,350	1,643	1951	\$345,000	\$340,000	\$206.94	\$205.42	7	0.99
74174385	7.12.13	Chiswell St	KV	3/2/2	N	9,030	1,659	1954	\$398,000	\$375,000	\$226.04	\$226.04	14	0.94
25957236	7.12.13	Broadmead Dr	KV 5	5/3	N	11,220	2,890	1954	\$350,000	\$326,000	\$112.80	\$112.80	98	0.93
80326499	7.15.13	Linkwood Dr	KV 7	3/3/2	N	7,650	1,711	1952	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$175.34	\$175.34	12*	1.00
43331998	7.19.13	Conway	KV	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,704	1955	\$415,000	\$388,500	\$227.99	\$227.99	13	0.94
4796479	7.23.13	Deal St	KV	3/2/2	N	7,140	1,688	1953	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$192.54	\$192.54	18	1.00
68122007	7.23.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 8	3/2/2	N	8,250	2,153	1954	\$479,000	\$465,000	\$215.98	\$215.86	58	.97
31246314	8.6.13	Castlewood	BT	3/2/2	N	9,360	1,806	1951	\$449,000	\$449,000	\$248.62	\$248.62	4	1.00
64792547	8.23.13	Linkwood Dr	KV	3/2/2	N	7,330	1,679	1954	\$414,900	\$415,000	\$247.17	\$247.17	7	1.00
8469704	8.30.13	Broadmead	BM	3/2/2	N	7,803	1,730	1955	\$420,000	\$435,100	\$251.50	\$251.50	2	1.04
8582984	9.10.13	Fairhope	KV	3/2/2	N	8,550	1,668	1952	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$209.83	\$209.83	20	1.00
63152044	9.12.13	Broadmead Dr	BM	3/2/2	N	8,389	1,824	1954	\$450,000	\$467,500	\$256.30	\$255.65	0	1.04
75652462	9.23.13	Greenbush St	KV 1	3/2/2	N	7,800	1,792	1953	\$279,000	\$270,000	\$150.67	\$150.67	1	0.97
61015482	9.23.13	Buffalo Spdvwy	BT	3/2/2	N	9,300	1,915	1953	\$419,990	\$403,500	\$210.70	\$210.70	36	0.96
81094797	9.23.13	Chiswell	KV	3/2/2	N	8,925	2,243	1952	\$449,000	\$405,000	\$180.56	\$180.56	27	0.90
40240817	9.27.13	Stanton St	KV 2	3/2/2	N	8,906	1,593	1952	\$409,000	\$420,000	\$263.65	\$263.65	5	1.03
87770363	10.07.13	Braeswood Blvd	BM	4/3/2	Y	10,968	3,633	1976	\$369,888	\$355,000	\$97.72	\$97.72	51*	0.96
70630841	10.15.13	Lorrie Dr	KV 9	3/2/2	N	7,700	1,672	1955	\$269,000	\$265,000	\$158.49	\$158.49	15	0.99
91413234	10.15.13	Fairhope St	KV 3	3/2/2	N	10,386	1,952	1952	\$450,000	\$420,000	\$215.16	\$215.16	8	0.93
70712756	10.17.13	Gannett	KV	4/3/2	N	7,140	2,476	1952	\$350,000	\$324,000	\$130.86	\$130.86	38	0.93
86121454	10.17.13	Bevlyn	BT	3/2/2	N	9,271	1,890	1954	\$315,000	\$280,000	\$148.15	\$148.15	57	0.89
50167911	11.04.13	Braeswood Bl	BM 2	4/3/2	Y	14,380	3,191	1956	\$599,000	\$556,683	\$174.45	\$173.39	51	0.93
74448496	11.05.13	Winslow	KV	3/2/2	N	7,543	1,576	1951	\$334,500	\$320,000	\$203.05	\$203.05	8	0.96
20772444	11.08.13	Greenbush	KV	3/2/2	N	7,770	1,993	1952	\$309,888	\$309,888	\$155.49	\$155.49	44	1.00
4513745	11.14.13	Deal	KV	3/2/2	N	6,834	1,853	1953	\$359,000	\$325,000	\$175.39	\$175.39	47	0.91
58382943	11.20.13	Deal St	BT	3/2/2	N	6,630	1,830	1953	\$365,000	\$355,000	\$193.99	\$193.99	5*	0.97
<b>AVERAGE</b>				<b>3/2</b>		<b>8,532</b>	<b>2,070</b>		<b>\$401,296</b>	<b>\$390,151</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>0.97</b>

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\*KV = Knollwood Village BT = Braes Terrace BM = Braes Manor

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## **KVCC Fall 2013 Smith Security Incident Report**

Since the last incident report in August there have been five home burglaries; four thefts from a garage, yard, or car; one robbery; one vehicle theft (subsequently recovered); and one incident of bullying.

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 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 you see a crime in progress, however, 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.

### **Knollwood Village Incident Reports (late August through November 2013)**

**3000 block Deal (8/29/13 9:03 AM)** - Resident called Smith to report two suspicious males walking down the street. Upon arrival patrol asked a man walking his dog if he had seen anything. The only persons the man had observed were two mail carriers.

**3400 block Gannett (9/1/13 AM)** - Resident reported that a car was parked in the driveway of a neighbor who was out of town. Patrol checked with nearby residents and found the owner, who then moved the car from the driveway.

**8400 block Hatton (9/2/13 9:41 AM)** - Resident reported that their vehicle was stolen from their residence on Sunday morning between 3:00 AM and 4:00 AM. HPD was called.

**Fairhope at Greenbush (9/10/13 9:00 AM)** - On the previous day at about 8:00 AM or 9:00 AM, a resident out walking their dogs was approached by two black males in a fairly new red pickup truck with paper plates. The passenger stepped out and asked the resident if they would like their grass cut. The resident said no and the men left. The resident felt threatened by the men and called Smith to report them.

**3400 block Gannett (9/10/13 9:14 AM)** - Resident called to report that a person had opened their garage door part way between 6:00 AM and 6:15 AM. When the resident woke up and observed this, they noticed two people walking very fast toward Buffalo Speedway. Resident called HPD. Nothing was taken.

**3000 block Tilden (9/10/13 10:16 AM)** - Resident reported that at 1:50 PM on 9/7/13, a friend of theirs who was

visiting parked their car in the driveway. When the friend opened the car door, two white or Hispanic males wearing black bandanas pulled the visitor from the car and took their purse. As the perpetrators ran to the street, they fired a gun in the air, then fled in a silver Lexus with paper license tags. No one was hurt. HPD was called.

**2800 block Stanton (9/11/13 12:14 PM)** - Resident reported that a suspicious person had rung their doorbell. The resident did not answer and called Smith Security. On arrival, patrol found a package on the porch. Apparently, UPS had delivered the package to the wrong address and the neighbor who had mistakenly received it had left it on the resident's porch.

**3400 block Norris (9/13/13 8:47 AM)** - Resident reported to patrol that their house had been burglarized on 9/4/13 sometime between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM when the housekeeper called the homeowner to report the crime. The glass in the back door of the house was broken. Among the items stolen were watches, a purse, jewelry, cash, and cameras. HPD was notified.

**8400 block Lorrie (9/16/13 8:03 AM)** - Resident reported that on Sunday 9/15/13 their housekeeper observed a young slim black male, between five and six feet tall, in the yard holding a pad and pen. Apparently the man had jumped an eight-foot-tall wooden fence. The dog then started barking, which frightened the housekeeper. HPD was called, but when they arrived the man had disappeared.

**8400 block Hatton (9/16/13 1:30 PM)** - Resident reported that the car stolen from their house on 9/2/13 had been recovered by the police from an apartment complex on the west side of Houston. The suspect who took the vehicle also was reported to be in custody.

**8500 block Bevlyn (9/23/13 3:00 PM)** - Resident reported that someone had entered their garage and taken a toolbox, a large tent, and a power saw. Resident noted that they had forgotten to lock the side door to the garage.

**8100 block Lorrie (9/25/13 11:30 AM)** - Resident reported that their car had been ransacked in their driveway early Monday morning. Patrol noted that 3 or 4 other cars on different streets had been broken into as well. Items were taken from some cars and not from others.

**Buffalo near Stanton (9/25/13 2:30 PM)** - US Mail carrier flagged down patrol and reported that he had observed a young male student who had gotten off the school bus being bullied by three other male students. The student being bullied was assisted by the helpful US mail carrier, who walked the student home. Patrol spoke to the parent of the bullied boy who said they planned to talk to the school principal about the bullying.

**8400 block Greenbush (9/26/13 10:28 AM)** - Resident reported that in the early morning of the previous day their home was burglarized. The burglar entered the garage from the backyard and then entered the house from the garage. HPD was called.

**8200 block Fairhope Place (9/27/13 10:43 AM)** - Resident reported that someone had entered their garage and took a self-propelled lawn mower and a five-gallon, wet-dry vacuum. Resident noted that the garage door was unlocked and a side window was open. HPD was called.

**3100 block Deal (10/18/13 12:40 PM)** - Resident reported that a truck with a camper was parked on the street. Patrol checked it out and discovered the truck belonged to two men who were surveying.

**3000 block Tilden (10/21/13 11:09 AM)** - Home was burglarized the previous day (Sunday) in the morning and a flat screen TV, jewelry, and electronics were taken. The back door was kicked in. Resident noticed a pickup truck parked in the driveway across the street when they left the house Sunday morning, which was unusual because the house was vacant. A neighbor with security cameras got pictures of the truck, which was a Ford gray or light blue 250 Supercab with two Hispanic males in the cab.

**2900 block Fairhope (10/28/13 10:00 AM)** - Homeowner, who had been out of town, reported that a window on the back of the house had been broken and some items

had been taken from inside the house. A neighbor across the street noticed a pickup truck parked in the driveway of the burglarized home, but thought it was the homeowner's truck.

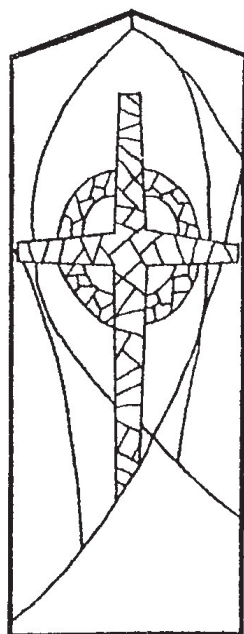
**Deal at Greenbush (11/4/13 9:03 AM)** - Resident reported a suspicious man on a bike riding with his head down. Patrol could not locate a man fitting this description.

**3400 block Deal (11/4/13 9:26 AM)** - Resident reported a suspicious male wearing short pants and a hooded jacket. Patrol could not locate a person with that description.

**3500 block Deal (11/4/13 12:20 PM)** - Home was burglarized. The burglar jumped over the fence into backyard, broke out the rear window of the house and took a flat screen TV and a DVD player. HPD was called.

**3400 block Tilden (11/4/13 12:20 PM)** - Homeowner reported two trucks parked in the street and reported that men from the trucks had walked around to the back of the houses. Patrol reported that the men were taking measurements and preparing one of the houses for demolition.

**3000 block Tilden (11/21/13 9:07 AM)** - About 30 sheets of plywood were stolen the previous day from a house under construction. Resident reported seeing a black Ford truck parked in the driveway of the house under construction and wrote down the license plate. Patrol advised the resident to call HPD.



## St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. Scott Harbison, Pastor

*Join us on Sundays, for study classes, and community events*

The Gathering (a contemporary family service) 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.      Worship 10:55 a.m.

Fellowship 12:15 p.m.

*"Building Community Among Our Neighbors"*

12/11      Live Nativity, 6:00–8 p.m. (Re-enactments at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.)

12/22      *Tapestry of Light ... A Celtic Christmas*, 10:55 a.m.  
Beautiful Celtic carols with Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Chamber Orchestra

12/24      Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

12/29      *Carol Sing* A carol sing-along for your family! 10:55 a.m.

*The Gathering* at 9:00 a.m. is a shorter, family service that includes communion, scripture, music, and a homily. Contemporary Christian music is led by Ryan Klasen.

*Traditional Worship* at 10:55 a.m. includes organ and choir under the direction of Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music/Organist-Choirmaster.

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## Holiday Security Tips

With the holiday season coming up, a few precautions can decrease the chance that your home becomes the target of burglars. The tips provided have been collected from a number of sources, including conversations with HPD crime investigators, our neighborhood Smith Protective Services patrol officer, and the HPD website.

If you are leaving town, take steps to make your home appear lived in while you're gone. Mow the lawn and trim the hedges before you leave. Temporarily stop delivery of your mail and newspapers while you're gone. Plug a few lamps into wall outlet timers so they come on after dark. Inexpensive lamp timers are available at home improvement stores. Some timers can randomly vary the times they switch on and off. Leave a car parked in the driveway.

Your neighbors can be a valuable resource in helping to minimize the chances that your home may become a target for burglary. Let your neighbors know you'll be gone so they can keep an eye out. Give your neighbors contact information so they can let you know if there is a problem. Ask them to pick up any flyers or packages that might be left on the front porch, and if you don't want to stop the paper or mail ask if they would pick them up for you. If you don't have a car that can be left in the driveway while you're gone, you might ask your neighbor to park in your driveway.

Try not to have your holiday packages on display in front of a window. Don't make it easy for people to "shop your house" while driving by!

When parking, roll up the windows, lock the vehicle, take the keys, and ensure your valuables are concealed (preferably in the trunk). Better yet, take them inside your house!

Smith Protective Services can help keep your home secure while you are away. As part of the services Smith provides to Knollwood Village, you can call Smith at 713-789-5944 to let them know you'll be out of town. The security patrol will keep a closer eye on your house while you're away.

Some examples of things the security patrol has done in the past for residents who were gone include returning forgotten trash barrels to the house, picking up accumulated newspapers from the yard when delivery did not stop, shutting off water when pipes have burst, and closing open gates and garage doors.

**Have a safe and fun holiday season!**



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8414 Hatton	Question regarding demolition – no further action
3410 Broadmead	Question regarding sun room demolition – no further action
3203 Lorrie	New construction – approved as submitted
3403 Broadmead	Question regarding plumbing and electrical work – no further action

**REMINDER: Before you begin any remodeling, renovation, or construction of any type at your home, please contact the ACC.**



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## **Holiday Decorating Contest**

Your civic club will be sponsoring a holiday decorating contest again this year. Judging will be the week of Dec. 16. Top 3 winners will have signs posted in their yards and will receive gift cards (\$100, \$50, \$25). So start decorating!



# Officers and Contact Information

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## PHONE NUMBERS

HOUSTON POLICE:

Report suspicious activity to:

(713) 884-3131

SMITH SECURITY:

(713) 789-5944

(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](mailto:districtk@houstontx.gov)

State Rep: Sarah Davis, District 134

(713) 521-4474

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PO Box 20801  
Houston, TX 77225

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- Volunteer*
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★ CONNECT:  
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[Email us](#)

## Knollwood Village Civic Club

For more than 50 years, the Knollwood Village Civic Club has been instrumental in keeping our neighborhood healthy, attractive, and safe. Thanks to the annual contributions of its residents, the KVCC enforces the Deed Restrictions, funds the Security Patrol, maintains the street medians, welcomes new residents, liaisons with government officials, and more. **Please make your annual contribution now.**

[Pay Annual Dues 2013](#)

### Current News

**Completed**  
**Held General Meeting**  
 on January 15, 2013.

Read the Minutes from the General Meeting [here](#).

Officer Mike Flores from the HPD, Beechnut substation, addressed a large meeting of the KVCC and shared his insights into the burglary activity in the southwest neighborhoods of Houston. Residents asked lots of questions and received valuable insights into how to best protect their homes and neighborhood. Most important: Keep your eyes open to people and activities that seem out of place. Report the suspicious activity to HPD immediately. They will check it out. They need our help to spot possible criminal activity before it happens.

New officers were elected for 2013. Scott Rose was elected president. Hector Caram will serve

### Building & Deed Restrictions

Knollwood Village is a deed-restricted community. We take the restrictions seriously. Before you consider building or remodeling, check the Deed Restrictions for your property and submit your plans to the Architectural Control Committee for approval. You will get timely, personal support.

[View Building Questions](#)

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### Contacts and more

The KVCC is run by a Board of Directors and various committees. Get a roster of Officers, club documents, Trash pick-up schedules, and phone numbers you might need.

[View contacts +](#)

Get recent issues of the *Knollwood Village Voice*  
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### Stay in the loop

We use e-mail to share fast-breaking news, meeting notices, and other bits of information of value to anyone who lives in Knollwood Village. Be in the loop. Get on the list. And rest easy; we never share our list with anyone.

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