

Hyde Park United

A PUBLICATION OF THE HYDE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Trevor Eade, President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I am thrilled to be your 2011 Hyde Park Civic Association President.

This year's board consists of some incredibly talented and committed individuals who volunteer their time to ensure that our wonderful neighborhood of Hyde Park continues to grow, and remains a safe environment for all of us to live, work and play in.

For a full list of board members, and your go-to person for specific questions, please visit our website at www.hydeparkunited.org

As many of you know, late last year there was a spate of criminal activity throughout our neighborhood and I am pleased to report that the Houston Police Department finally caught the burglars thanks to a tip-off from a resident within the Montrose area. But we can't let our guard down. If you do see any form of criminal activity please contact the local law enforcement.

During the course of this year, I will be focusing a lot of my time and efforts in expanding our communication methods. Whether this is through improvements to our web-site, monthly newsletter, or reaching out into the Social Media world, what I am hopeful you'll see is a lot more commentary of activities, social gatherings and from the board, along with input from you.

And finally, if you see me at any of our neighborhood restaurants, bars, or other neighborhood businesses be sure to come over and say "hi", I am keen to meet as many of you as possible, and learn more about how your 2011 board of directors can continue to foster and grow our wonderfully diverse neighborhood.

Cheers everyone, to a prosperous 2011!

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HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTS UP LAMAR PARK

Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, Secretary



Our Lamar Park holiday tree is decorated and lit at the corner of Waugh and Hyde Park. Special thanks to Dimitri at Niko Niko's for again donating the tree, in memory of his father. For this reason, the tree has been dedicated in memorium to loved ones passed. Special holiday ribbon decorations feature messages from residents to those no longer with us. Atop the tree is a lovely lit angel dedicated to the memory of Libby Cook, longtime HPU resident who passed away last year. Thanks to resident Stephen Hill for staging the tree's secure placement and decorating the tree.

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HYDE PARK RINGS IN THE HOLIDAYS AT RIVA'S

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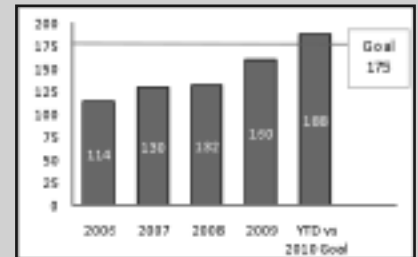
Over 50 neighbors celebrated the season with our Annual Holiday Party held on December 6 at Riva's Italian Restaurant. The newly appointed 2011 board members were introduced. And festive holiday ribbon decorations for our Lamar Park holiday tree were

provided, with the opportunity for signed dedication by residents to the memory of loved ones passed. Everyone enjoyed a lush buffet of delicious food - very special thanks to Rivas for hosting this event again and leaving us well-fed and spirited!



HPU MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

Submitted by Carlos Fernández, Treasurer



HPU Membership Trends vs. 2010 Goal

2010 Membership Progress: We have met and exceeded our 2010 membership goal! In the bar graph you can see that our year-to-date as of mid December membership is at 188 members of 107% of our 2010 year-end goal (188 out of 175). Thanks everyone for your continued support. If you are not a member or have not renewed your membership just fill and mail your payment along with one of the membership form in this newsletter or log on to our web page at www.hydeparkunited.org and use Pay Pal to accomplish the same thing more conveniently.

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PIP REPORT

December 2010 • Reported by Kathy Shipper

There was no speaker – only a nice party on Dec. 8th!

Many folks have the impression that the Hyde Park area is being targeted by criminals to a larger degree than other neighborhoods in the Neartown district. Each month I cull the crime statistics for Hyde Park from a 14-15 page database and it is very apparent that crime is happening everywhere in the Montrose.

As a neighborhood group, we need to practice being more aware of our surroundings. For example, if you see a guy riding around on a kid-size bicycle, watch him. It's a red flag. Walk to the end of your property and watch the person until he or she is out of sight. Watch their behavior and practice getting descriptions. The guys on bicycles are bad news. Many are suspected of casing houses, serving as lookouts for those actually burglarizing homes and fencing stolen property.

If you look at the dates and times in the chart, criminal activity is happening at all times – even in broad daylight. It is up to us to be visible. Watch the guys walking down the street with backpacks, stare at the guys loitering around – make them feel uncomfortable and call the police. 713-884-3131. Loitering is illegal.

If you note any suspicious activity or are the victim of a crime and would like to share the specifics in order to help others, please send details to Kathy Schipper at kathleencanty@sbcglobal.net to report information for inclusion in this column.

Please consider joining the neighborhood patrol and donate as much time as you can spare. Some volunteers count time spent going for a stroll, walking the dog, delivering newsletters – others leave a little early for work and spend time driving around the neighborhood. Still others have followed suspicious characters in their cars. We only ask that you operate within your comfort level. If interested in joining, contact Cynthia Greenwood at cynthiagreenwood@sbcglobal.net.

Please report concerns or questions online to the 802 Westheimer Storefront using this email address: centralpatrol1district@cityofhouston.net. The Storefront will also use this

Neighborhood Crime Report • October 2010

Activity	Street/Block	Premises	Date/Time
Robbery	2500-2599 Montrose	Restaurant Parking Lot	10/01 03pm
Burglary	1300-1399 Welch	Residence/House	10/06 06am
	1500-1599 Indiana	Residence/House	10/10 10am
	1100-1199 Prden	Multiplex Home	10/11 08am
	1100-1199 Fairview	Multiplex Home	10/12 04am
	1200-1299 Welch	Residence/Home	10/18 07am
	1400-1499 Welch	Residence/Home	10/19 07am
	1300-1399 Welch	Residence/Home	10/20 08am
Auto Theft	1500-1599 Westheimer	Other Parking Lot	10/12 03pm
	1200-1299 Jackson	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/12 02am
Theft	1200-1299 California	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/01 02am
	1200-1299 W Gray	Driveway	10/02 08pm
	1400-1499 Missouri	Apartment Parking Lot	10/03 05am
	2000-2099 Montrose	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/07 12am
	1200-1299 Westheimer	Electronics Store	10/09 08pm
	1300-1399 Fairview	Driveway	10/10 07am
	1400-1499 Westheimer	Department Store	10/12 01pm
	2300-2399 C Wealth	Apartment	10/15 09pm
	1200-1299 Westheimer	Pool Hall	10/15 10pm
	1300-1399 Westheimer	Other Parking Lot	10/16 03pm
	2600-2699 C Wealth	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/16 07pm
	1300-1399 Welch	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/17 01am
	1500-1599 Westheimer	Other Parking Lot	10/24 12pm
	1500-1599 Fairview	Driveway	10/25 06am
	1200-1299 Welch	Road/Street/Sidewalk	10/25 07am
	1100-1199 Hyde Park	Other Parking Lot	10/25 08pm
	2400-2499 Montrose	Restaurant Parking Lot	10/26 10am
	1500-1599 Missouri	Residence/House	10/27 01pm

address to send out e-mail messages and alerts regarding recent criminal activity.

HPD again asked that people who want to report suspected criminal activity to contact the HPD Dispatch Line (713/884-3131).

As a reminder, please report or fax to the Storefront, non-emergency complaints or problems utilizing the Central District One PIP "Citizen Complaint Form", a copy of which is available on our website. Fax the form to HPD Storefront: (713) 284-8616

The purpose of PIP (Positive Interaction Program) is to facilitate an exchange of information between the Houston Police Department (HPD) and neighborhood residents, using monthly community meetings as a forum. Hyde Park United falls within the boundary of the Central Patrol/District One PIP Group and meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited (and encouraged) to attend the meetings, which are held at the Police Officers Union Bldg, 1602 State St. The next PIP meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26.

WARM THANKS TO HPU BLOCK CAPTAINS

Submitted by Cynthia Greenwood

The board of Hyde Park United would like to welcome Alex Aranda to the neighborhood's loyal group of block captains. Alex will represent and deliver newsletters to residents of the Hyde Park Apartments. In addition, as we conclude another productive year, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our loyal block captains. Each of you

has done a fantastic job representing your block constituencies and delivering newsletters in every type of weather. We have enjoyed working with each of you and getting to know you better. Thank you, immensely, for all that you do for our neighborhood.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2011

HPU meets the first Monday of every month!!!!



Tuesday, January 11
Tree Waste pick up

Monday, January 24
Recycling pick up

Monday, February 7
HPU Civic Association Meeting, 7:15pm
at Grace Lutheran Church

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE!

HPU is looking for a volunteer to take over Newsletter Editor responsibilities!
Contact HPU for more information!

board@hydeparkunited.org
or **newsletter@hydeparkunited.org**

Monday, January 3 ★ NEW BOARD!
HPU Civic Association Meeting, 7:15pm
at Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 16
Deadline for January newsletter content. Email content to newsletter@hydeparkunited.org

Monday, January 10
Recycling pick up



JOIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ONLINE COMMUNITY

We now have a Facebook group set up! Be sure and join your neighbors under the group Hyde Park United Civic Association - it's a great way to connect with each other, find out about the latest news and share comments and suggestions. Our 2011 President Trevor Eade is a social media guru and will bring added presence and new technology to our association - thanks Trevor!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

December 2010 • Reported by Kathy Shipper

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Description of Problem</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>Police</u>
Two ~20 yo black males stealing mail.	C'wealth, Indiana, Waugh & Willard Sts.	Suspects running eastbound on Willard. One took off top shirt. Observed taking and opening mail from mailboxes on C'wealth and Indiana. Residents picked up mail – noticed financial statement torn open. To followup w/police & post office.	Dec	No	Yes 911
Burglary of a multiple motor vehicles.	2400-2600 Yoakum.	Resident heard breaking glass, called HPD with excellent description of suspect. ~40 yo black male wearing black hoodie, jeans & carrying flashlight. Broke into at least three cars. Purses and other items stolen. Police arrived within two minutes. Suspect arrested.	12/3 1:15am	No	Yes 911
Two black males behaving suspiciously.	1300 block of Willard.	Two black men observed running from the driveway of a home in the 1300 block of Willard. Both nervous. Excellent descriptions: one was dark complected wearing black hoodie and loose jeans; the other was light-complected wearing brown t-shirt and dark sweater and brown slacks. Both had small tote bags. Resident followed until they crossed Montrose. Could not determine from which home they had emerged.	12/12 ~11am	No	Yes 911

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HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Sanitation Schedule, January 2011

Garbage & Yard Trimming Collection:

Every Monday (except holidays)

Recycling:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Our new recycling day is MONDAY.

The following is the schedule for Dec., Jan. and Feb.:

January 10	February 14	March 14
January 24	February 28	March 28

Heavy Trash:

Is picked up the 2nd Tuesday of every month, however months alternate between "Tree Waste" and "Junk Waste":

January 11- Tree Waste
February 9- Junk Waste
March 8- Tree Waste

Please note- Your automated container and recycling bin should be at your curb by 7am and be removed by 10pm on your collection day. If it appears it may rain, do not put out your newspapers (they will be picked up but cannot be recycled).

Glass is not accepted curbside. You may bring glass to the Westpark Consumer Recycling Center or to one of the drop off sites that accept glass- Sunbeam, Kirkpatrick or Lawndale and on Center St. @ Harvard past Washington Ave.

If you do not have a recycle bin and would like to participate in the City's recycling program, please call 3-1-1 to order one.

If you are interested in looking at the city's recycling schedule yourself, or need to know what materials are accepted for curbside recycling go to

www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/77006.html.

DON'T FORGET! HPU meets the first Monday of every month!!!!

HYDE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Did you know that there are more than 1,100 households in our neighborhood, yet less than 20% are members of our civic association? Please help support your community by officiating your membership. The Hyde Park United Civic Association is a 501c(4) not-for-profit organization, and thus relies solely on donations, contributions and membership dues to fund its neighborhood and civic activities. Donations are not tax-deductible.

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You also can join online at www.hydeparkunited.org or bring this form to the next meeting.