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*Letter from the President*

## National Night Out starts the Fall season in Hyde Park



Dear Hyde Parkers,  
Welcome to Autumn!  
As signified by ridiculous heat,

it's not really fall for us, is it? Gotta love Houston!

That fact won't impact the biggest party of the year – National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 6pm in Lamar Park. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. With more than 20 different sponsors, thanks to our local businesses and restaurants, there will be a feast to which all are invited. Many thanks to those who have stepped up to help. Special kudos to **board members Roy Brooks** and **Chris Delphin** for leading the charge in event planning.

In the name of getting to know each other better for neighborhood safety, we will celebrate! Elected officials and HPD representatives are expected. While the purpose of this event is to promote safety through unity,

we'll also just have a really good time. If you want to help further, consider volunteering a helping hand. Contact Roy Brooks at [volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org). I hope to see you there!

On another note, board elections take place at our monthly meeting on Nov. 7. Three positions are up for vote. See more on page 3.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me at [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

At last month's meeting, we heard all about the **Lower Westheimer Traffic Study** from the city's lead **Matthew Seubert**. Read more about this important initiative and how you can participate on page 3.

Much appreciation to those residents who take the time to support our neighborhood through their paid membership and volunteerism. We couldn't do it without you! See inside this newsletter for info on joining our cause. It's cheap, easy, and makes a big difference.

Sincerely,  
Macy Bodenhamer

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**General Meetings**, Rudyard's British Pub:  
**OCTOBER 3, Monday**, No General Meeting.  
**NOV. 7, Mon.**, 6:30PM, HPCA Board Elections.

**OCTOBER 4, Tuesday**, National Night Out, 6:00PM, Lamar Park.

**OCTOBER 20-22, Thursday-Saturday**, HPCAFUNdraiser, California Pizza Kitchen, W. Gray & Post Oak locations. **Happy Hour, Thurs, Oct 20**, 5:30-7:30PM, 1997 W. Gray.

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# HPCA September 2016 Meeting Minutes

The September Hyde Park Civic Association general meeting was held on Monday, September 12th at Rudyard's Pub. **President Macy Bodenhamer** opened at 6:35 PM. She introduced the guest speaker, **Matthew Seubert**, from the **Lower Westheimer Corridor Study**. He presented the city's plan to rebuild Westheimer from Montrose to Main Street. See page 3 for details.

Bodenhamer then gave the **Treasurer and Citizens on Patrol** report in **Rex Richardson's** absence. The August opening balance was \$15,709 and closed at \$16,276. Our biggest annual expense is the newsletter printing and the maintenance of Lamar Park. The biggest source of revenue is newsletter advertisements. Bodenhamer thanked Realtor **Mike Spear**, who was present, for his constant generous support. If anyone is interested in advertising in the HPCA newsletter, contact **Carlos Fernandez** at [advertising@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:advertising@hydeparkhouston.org). The Citizens on Patrol/Neighborhood Watch team is comprised of about 35 residents who act as eyes and ears of the neighborhood by patrolling in cars or on foot. Anyone interested in being a patroller should contact **Coordinator Rex Richardson** at [citizenpatrol@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:citizenpatrol@hydeparkhouston.org). A one-hour training session will be scheduled soon. Last month, there were 100 hours logged walking and 45 hours driving.

**Membership Chair Helen Zunka** provided a membership update, reporting a total of about 165 current members. Anyone interested in becoming a member should sign up for just \$30 a year to help support our community. There will be a sign-up special at National Night Out on October 4th for all new and renewing members to enjoy the benefits of the rest of this year for free through the end of next year.

## **Volunteer Coordinator and Board Director-at-Large Roy Brooks**

announced that a few more volunteers are needed for the Oct. 4th National Night Out event for food pick up around 3:30 or 4pm, along with volunteers to help monitor food (replenish or throw out empty containers). Those with trucks to help transport tables to and from event are especially needed. This year, kids' face painting will be available, so families are welcome.

Bodenhamer announced that volunteer **Rachael Fajardo** resigned from **Deed Restrictions Committee** due to an unexpected move. This position is open to other interested volunteers. Board elections will be held at the Monday, November 7th meeting. Interested parties may contact [volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org).

**Chris Delphin, Chair of the Deed Restrictions Committee**, relayed the community's concerns with Downtown Automotive, which parks a large volume of cars on the streets causing a safety hazard for pedestrians and traffic. Residents present echoed these concerns, along with those related to issues with the adjacent residential property. Concerned citizens who would like to engage further can contact [deedrestrictions@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:deedrestrictions@hydeparkhouston.org).

A California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser will be held from Oct 20-22. The restaurant will donate 20% of every sale from take out, catering, or in-restaurant dining at both the West Gray and Westheimer location. Residents should mention Hyde Park when ordering to participate and encourage others to do so. Please consider dining to support our neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

*Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, president*

## **NEWSLETTER:**

Please submit all material for November consideration by midnight, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 to [newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org)

# The Low Down on the Lower Westheimer Corridor Study

Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, president

**Matthew Seubert** served as guest speaker for our September Hyde Park meeting and gave a presentation on the city's project to rebuild Westheimer from Montrose to Main Street. This project is in the planning phase now. The design will follow next year and construction should start in 2020.

A public meeting was held in June to review existing conditions and identify community values and vision. There will be another public meeting this fall to confirm the vision/goals and review conceptual options. The next meeting time is not set, but details will soon be posted on the website: [lowerwestheimerstudy.org](http://lowerwestheimerstudy.org) for all those interested in joining.

Seubert highlighted the parking opportunities and restraints along with the crash density. The most dangerous locations are at Dunlavy and Montrose. One community member expressed concern with the Waugh/Commonwealth and Westheimer intersection. This area is very dangerous especially

when turning on Westheimer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Seubert made a note about this and promised to look into it.

The daily traffic volumes have not increased from 1999 to 2011; in fact they've remained relatively flat. This data suggests that we shouldn't anticipate a huge increase in traffic, but one neighbor pointed out that there is more traffic now since 2011. Many agreed on this point, which could mean that further and more recent research is needed in order to have a better understanding of the traffic volume to date.

Seubert then gave some highlights on the Public Input and Survey Results Summary that started June 6th and ended July 21st. There were over 440 responses (the full results can be found on the website).

89% of people surveyed stated that they use Lower Westheimer frequently for driving. Frequently includes more than once a day, daily, and at least weekly. Most people that are driving to a destination on



September guest speaker Matthew Seubert, Westheimer Traffic Study lead

Lower Westheimer park in a parking lot (off-street) or on a side street. The survey showed that people want wider sidewalks and love Westheimer's walkability and mix of uses.

One neighbor in the audience asked how much weight the survey actually holds on the outcome of the project plan. Seubert explained that the weight on the survey is very high even given the engineering and space restrictions. There is a lot of value in the vision coming from the community.

Another question dealt with the parts of Westheimer that currently are not yet funded or budgeted, but unfortunately there is not design or cost in place for areas that are not yet in the city's Capital Improvement Plan. Visit [lowerwestheimerstudy.org](http://lowerwestheimerstudy.org).

There are leaders that believe that now is the time to take on this project through a detailed planning project. The city doesn't have a plan and agenda on what will happen, so our input is highly valuable. We should talk to our leaders and neighbors about why we support what the project is trying to accomplish. **President Macy Bodenhamer** is on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and can relay any comments or concerns that you may have to the Westheimer study since she serves as our neighborhood representative. Contact her at [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org). You can also sign up on the website to get email notifications.

## Hyde Park Board Elections Held on November 7 Call for Volunteers

The Hyde Park Civic Association Annual Board of Directors election is scheduled for Monday, November 7 during the regular monthly meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate a candidate, please email Macy Bodenhamer at [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org). Board candidates must be current paid members of the Association and possess qualifications for the described positions. Please consider donating your time to give back to your community.

Positions up for election are Vice President, Treasurer and

Deed Restrictions Committee Member, Position #6. The position responsibilities are listed in the Hyde Park Civic Association bylaws which can be found online at [www.hydeparkhouston.org](http://www.hydeparkhouston.org). A Nominating Committee will vet all interested candidates.

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Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, president

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## Membership Special:

Non-members or expired members who join the Hyde Park Civic Association during National Night Out get the last three months of this year for free. If you pay your 2017 membership dues at National Night Out, you can vote in our November election and attend our annual holiday party at Rivas. **You must pay your \$30 dues that night** by cash, check or credit card.

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