

# HYDE PARK

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Hyde Park Civic Association

## Letter from the President – February 2014

Hello Residents,

Thanks to those who were able to attend January's civic association meeting,



where folks shared their thoughts on priorities for our neighborhood this year.

### Neighborhood Priorities for the Year

Following is the list of

top concerns - each will be addressed by a subject matter expert and guest speaker at monthly meetings throughout the year.

- Increasing membership, meeting attendance and resident involvement.**  
 Less than 15% of residents are members. Less than 50% of members attend meetings. We need a bigger voice if we want to tackle some of the greater issues below. (Sign up now! See the enclosed envelope to pay dues - just \$30 annually.)
- Overdevelopment of Hyde Park:**  
 more and more multi-story lofts, loft and condo communities are surfacing on non-deed restricted lots being subdivided, leading to growing population density and traffic concerns. Chapter 42 awareness and encouragement can help.
- Traffic and street conditions:**  
 unregulated speeding, lack of directional one-way signage on Waugh and Commonwealth, protected lefts needed at West Gray and this intersection, poor condition of streets and sidewalks (especially concerning the handicapped),

inadequate drainage, parking issues.

- Neighborhood safety:** crime prevention, more Citizens on Patrol, concerns about Lamar Park loitering and criminal activity, cyclists and motorists safety.
- Recycling/litter:** full expansion of single-stream recycling to the entire neighborhood, concerns over large amounts of rubbish in Lamar Park and throughout streets near clubs and restaurants.
- Lamar Park Fountain Restoration Project:** Remember that our Lamar Park Fountain renovation fundraising is still in progress. We need more support from residents and local businesses to meet our goal. Visit [houstonparksboard.org](http://houstonparksboard.org), click the "Donate" button, then "Pay by Credit Card," then "Donation for" and select "Lamar Park" as the recipient.

### Volunteer Thanks

Much appreciation goes out to residents **Peter Bujosa** and **Daniel G. Stidham** for stepping up to co-serve in the role of Hyde Park Liaison to HPD. Peter and Daniel take over the job from **Rick Wannall**, who served us well for over a year. They will attend monthly Positive Interactive Program (PIP) meetings led by HPD, which cover important topics the police have on their agendas to protect our community. You'll see Daniel's first meeting recap inside this newsletter.

I also send kudos out to **Janet Nichols**, our board secretary, and her husband

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## Jan. meeting minutes

By Secretary Janet Nichols

On January 6 at 6:30 p.m., the first meeting of 2014 was called to order by President **Macy Bodenhamer**. Thirty-plus members and guests attended. After welcome and introduction of all in attendance, the meeting got underway.

Treasurer **Rex Richardson** reported the association's financial update and account balance. The two largest ongoing costs are (1) maintenance of Lamar Park, and (2) newsletter printing.

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### Don't Forget: Cohen to speak February 3

District C Houston City Councilwoman Ellen Cohen will address the Hyde Park Civic Association on February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Her 20 minute talk will be followed by questions from area residents. Please e-mail questions and topics you would like to see addressed to [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

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## Donor recognition extended through August 2014

By Rodney Morris and Dean Emmons

We're six months into our Dolphin Fountain Restoration Project and we are making progress!

With the fundraising in full swing, following is an update. Our local resident and business goal is \$50k or 1/3rd of our total budget, with 50% from local residents and 50% from local businesses.

### Local Resident (tax-deductible)

**Donations:** Our current fundraising total is at \$21,000 - \$15k from local residents with the remainder small donations from area foundations.

### Local Business (tax-deductible) Donations:

To date we have received one \$100 check from local businesses. Any encouragement that you may give when supporting these businesses would be appreciated - we need their help to reach our goal and preserve an important piece of Hyde Park History.

**Foundation Outreach:** We have mailed out donation interest packets to over 260 Foundations in the Houston and Texas area with our goal to raise \$100,000 from this group (or the remaining 2/3 of the project). We have submitted five proposals from those expressing an interest and we have four more to submit in the coming weeks. Do you have a contact at a local Foundation that you believe would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation? If yes, please forward to us at [lamarpark@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:lamarpark@hydeparkhouston.org).

**Local Community Outreach:** 1) We have mailed out over 1,000 personalized letters

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to local homeowners and businesses; and 2) we worked through the United States Postal Service through their every door direct program to deliver over 3,000 brochures to every door in the Hyde Park Association boundaries.

**Every Dollar Counts:** Every tax-deductible donation goes directly to the fountain project. Several thousand dollars of printing and postage have been donated since Summer 2013 - at no cost to our Civic Association or from donated funds.

### Houston Parks Board:

The HPB continues to be a great partner in our project efforts. We were recognized in their annual report and we work through HPB to allow every dollar donated to be tax-deductible.

**Current Donors:** For those residents that have made a tax-deductible donation, we will be working with the HPB this Spring to begin the final design process of the bricks and area surrounding the fountain. You will receive information on how to submit information for recognition opportunities.

**Full Project Information:** Go to [Hydeparkhouston.org](http://Hydeparkhouston.org) and click on the Lamar Park button - to be directed to the Dolphin Fountain Restoration Project link.

**YOU make a difference!** Every resident and business in Hyde Park keeps our neighborhood vibrant and dynamic. Together, we'll protect an important element of our community's history.



Mail your payment with the membership form on page 6 or bring it to the meeting on Feb. 3 at Rudyards. Or join online at [www.hydeparkunited.org](http://www.hydeparkunited.org)

## President's letter Continued

**Dairus Deneui**, who served on our Deed Restrictions Committee. Both volunteered many hours of valuable service. Join me in wishing the couple well as they plan relocation to a nearby condo community. We'll miss you!

### All We Need Is Love (Sometimes...)

On another note, Valentine's Day is Friday, February 14th. Cherish your loved ones, and think about spreading some love to your neighbors. While Hallmark may have created this holiday, I say it's a great excuse to appreciate others.

### Councilwoman Ellen Cohen on Feb. 3

Please plan to attend our February 3 association meeting at Rudyard's, 6:30 p.m., upstairs. Our city council representative, Ellen Cohen, will address questions and topics submitted by residents. If you have a topic please email [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org). I hope to see many of you there.

# CALENDAR • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2014 GENERAL MEETINGS

Rudyard's (upstairs) at 6:30 p.m.

**January 6**

**February 3**

**March 3**

**April 7**

**May 5**

**June 2**

**July - no meeting, Volunteer**

**Appreciation Reception, date TBD**

**August 4**

**September 8 - 2nd Mon., Labor Day**

**October 7 - National Night Out**

**November 3**

**December 8 - Holiday Party**

## HPU CITIZEN PATROL REPORT: December 2013

Number of known incidents

reported to police: **0**

Number of arrests: **0**

Hours patrolled on foot: **137.5**

Hours patrolled by car: **50.75**

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

Deadline is February 15.

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## TRASH/RECYCLING

Monday is the regular garbage collection day. Please do not put out your trash/recycling bins before 6 p.m. Sunday. When collection day is a Monday holiday, garbage and recyclables are picked up the following day.

**SINGLE STREAM** (large wheeled bin)

**February 10, 24; March 10, 24**

**DUAL STREAM** (small bin, no glass)

**February 3, 17; March 3, 17, 31**

**HEAVY/JUNK AND TREE WASTE**

**TREE WASTE: March 5**

**HEAVY/JUNK: February 5, April 2**

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## Meeting minutes Continued

Membership Chairwoman **Susan Ellis** reminded everyone that January is renewal month, and encouraged members to ask neighbors to join. Deed Restrictions Committee: no report this evening.

Citizens on Patrol Update: no official report, but **Camille Bogel** obtained two new PIP Volunteers: **Daniel Stidham** and **Peter Bujosa**. PIP / HDP Past Liaison **Rick Wanell** has stepped down; thus, a PIP Coordinator is needed.

Lamar Park Dolphin Fountain Restoration Project, directed by **Rodney Morris** and **Dean Emmons**: of the \$150,000 goal, \$21,000 has been thus far raised. Donations are encouraged. Again, remember that donations should be made to Houston Parks and not the civic association.

**Open Discussion:** Members and guests were asked what issues in the Hyde Park area should be addressed. Many of these concerns are ongoing. But review is good, and discussion with each other and with our city government is a step in the direction of resolution.

- 1) Much concern was expressed by some residents about a proposed six-story building to be constructed at Commonwealth and Fairview. Discussion ensued regarding building restrictions, though this property is not deed restricted. There is no restriction on height if the property is deemed to be commercial, which this property appears to be. In general, a major concern of residents is unwanted development in the neighborhood.

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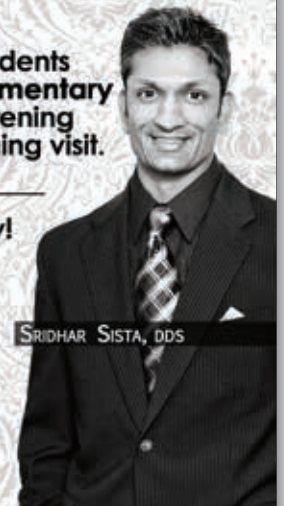
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## Meeting minutes Continued

- 2) Bottles, trash and litter is being discarded in the area. Lamar Park is an example of littered area. It was pointed out that legally, residents are responsible for cleaning up litter around their own properties, up to a certain boundary defined by city ordinance.
- 3) Parking is a concern. Passage on many streets is being reduced to one lane as sides are being parked on. These situations can be reported to Councilwoman Cohen's office.
- 4) Water line repairs: Can a schedule of repairs be obtained? Streets are being left with extra gravel and sludge. Often messes result, especially after rains.
- 5) Traffic signals: Light at Welch and Waugh is not coordinated. Often drivers go the wrong way on a one-way street. Protected left turn light at Waugh and West Gray is needed.
- 6) A spotter on bicycle watching for houses that look vulnerable was caught. Citizens Patrol watch was effective.
- 7) Safety: Pot smokers have been sighted in Lamar Park. It is proposed that additional lighting in the area would help to prevent this and increase security.
- 8) Single Stream Recycling: expand this all over Hyde Park. This is on the City's agenda already.
- 9) Covenant House near Kroger on Montrose: homeless prowlers have been sighted; however, there is an 8:30 p.m. curfew. Some suspect that loitering in Lamar Park is due to Covenant House clients.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m..

## Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meeting notes

Compiled by Daniel G. Stidham

### Crime Down

District One crime is down on all accounts with the exception of burglary of motor vehicles. **Scott Stewart** is a new night shift lieutenant. Welcome Scott.

### Parking

**Derrick Williams**, Manager of Parking Enforcement, has more than 30 employees and has 17 parking citation vehicles patrolling the city. He would like to increase that to 20. Midtown, Montrose, and East Downtown are the next areas to be considered for Parking districts. The Parking Management division is still analyzing the numbers of the Washington District. Williams feels that the Washington Corridor parking district has been a success. Meters generate revenue for the area. Residents in the "Benefit District Area" are eligible for parking permits. Non-permitted vehicles are towed. Deters club goes from encroaching on neighborhood's quality of life.

### Towing

The Avondale neighborhood made it clear that "Fastow" the city's registered towing have become a nuisance and safety hazard to the neighborhood. Williams said he would look into the issue and if necessary have the police try to moderate the tow trucks.

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### District Attorney

**Lisa Porter**, head of family criminal law at the District Attorney's office, established that a member from the DA's office would begin attending the PIP meetings to gain visibility and open lines of communication with the public and the DA.

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