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Letter from the President

Calling volunteers for our community



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As we all face
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consider switching your service to Stream Energy. Offering a rate of 8.6 cents per kWh as of July 1, this provider is not only affordable, but provides bonus funds back to our community when you sign up. See the ad on page 7 for details on how to take advantage of this offer.

Annual board of directors' elections take place in early November, but our Nominating Committee is already seeking candidates in interest of donating their time to the Civic Association. Contact Tammi Wallace at vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org with interest. You must be a member to qualify as a candidate and run for election, and to vote in the elections. See the membership application on page 5 to

join for just \$30 a year, or visit www.hydeparkhouston.org to sign up.

National Night Out, our biggest event of the year and open to all, is coming up on Tuesday, October 6! Volunteers to help set up, coordinate donations, and pick up food are needed. It takes many hands to make this event successful — last year, more than 20 volunteers made the event our most successful ever for a crowd of almost 300. Email Roy Brooks at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org if you can help.

See the article on page 6 for more volunteer openings in need of filling.

Hope to see many residents at our August 3 meeting, when HPD will discuss the important topic of crime prevention.

Sincerely,
Macy Bodenhamer

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

HPD Non-Emergency (713) 884-3131

24/7 Montrose Management
District Security Patrol (832) 370-9191
Dial 311 for City Helpline

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings

AUGUST 3, Monday, HPD guest speaker
SEPTEMBER 8, Tuesday, general meeting
OCTOBER 6, Tuesday, National Night Out

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**Block captains: Notify
vicepresident@hydeparkhouston.org
of any changes in contact information.**

Hyde Park Volunteers Needed:

*Jackson Block Captain, Newsletter Delivery
Coordinator, Deed Restrictions Committee
Member, Lamar Park Committee Chair,
Dolphin Fountain Fundraising Committee,
Beautification Committee Members.*

Contact

**volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org
with interest.**

There are no meeting minutes this month.

Citizens on Patrol Report for JUNE 2015

Hours patrolled by car = 36
Hours patrolled on foot = 108.50
Suspicious incidents reported =
None for June

*Thanks to all the patrollers who kept
an eye out last month for the safety
of our neighbors and community.*

Submitted by Rex Richardson

2015 MEETING, TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

All residents are welcomed to monthly meetings (@ **6:30-7:45 p.m., 2nd floor Ruddyard's Pub on Waugh**). Featured guest speakers will be announced in advance. Come early to order dinner or a beverage and enjoy during the meeting. Meetings are always held on the 1st Monday of each month, with exceptions noted below.

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 8

(Monday 7th is Labor Day)

Tuesday, October 6 - National Night

Out in Lamar Park

Monday, November 2

December - No meeting, Holiday Party

TBA

TRASH/RECYCLING:

TRASH PICK-UP: MONDAYS

SINGLE STREAM: Aug. 3, 17, 31

Sep. 14, 28

Oct. 12, 26

TREE WASTE: Sep. 2, Nov. 4

HEAVY/JUNK: Aug. 5, Oct. 7, Dec. 2

NEWSLETTER:

Please submit all material for September consideration by Aug 18th to newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

Niko Niko's, where super gyros can be found

Submitted by George Sroka, past president

The original floors at Niko Niko's on Montrose lean a little, and that's fine with owner **Dimitri Fetokakis**, who wants to preserve a restaurant that's been "home" for most of his life.

"When we remodeled, I tried to keep aspects of the old place like the leaning floors," Fetokakis says. That remodeling expanded the restaurant's seating capacity and added much needed parking. And the crowds expanded, too, making the larger capacity and parking barely adequate some days.

"We sell the most gyros* of any location in the United States," Fetokakis says proudly. (* For the uninitiated, a gyro is meat roasted on a vertical spit or wheel, and usually served in pita bread with tomatoes, onion and tzatziki sauce.) "We used to have just one wheel. Now we have six."

Success at the Montrose location led to opening two other locations in the last few years, one in Market Square Downtown and another in an HEB in Pearland. "We look forward to growing that relationship," Fetokakis says of HEB. "They're like a family, and they treat us like family."

A fourth restaurant is opening soon at I-10 and Beltway 8, close to his new home in that area with his wife, Laura, eight-year-old son, Chrysanthos, and six-month-old daughter, Nikolleta. "This is my home base, though," Fetokakis says of the Montrose location.

His roots at the Montrose location run deep. Fetokakis grew up in a house behind the restaurant, which his parents started as a fruit stand in an old filling station. His father and his partner in the fruit stand both had sons named Nikos, so they named it Niko Niko's.

His father's desire to turn the fruit stand into a restaurant became a reality when Pete Pappas provided the equipment he needed, asking only to be paid back when he started making money. Years of hard work plus his mother, Eleni's, recipes and skills in the kitchen made the



A FAMILY TRADITION:
Niko Niko's owner Dimitri Fetokakis is shown at the Montrose location with his eight-year-old son, Chrysanthos, who is working part-time at the restaurant this summer — just like his dad did as a child years ago.

restaurant a success. "She still helps in the kitchen. She wants to make sure it's clean and the recipes stay consistent," Fetokakis says.

"I want to keep something my parents started in the best condition. I saw their struggles. They started with nothing, literally," he says. Fetokakis also is grateful for the people who help make Niko Niko's a success. "I have good people around me, loyal people. This is a tough business. You can't let up."

And he isn't done improving the Montrose location. "We need a more efficient layout. I need to move the soda machines and we might cover the patios."

Fetokakis supports the Hyde Park Civic Association with generous donations of food to our annual National Night Out celebration in Lamar Park and the Super Fun Picnic in Cherryhurst Park. In memory of his father, Chrysanthos, who died in 1998, he donates the Christmas tree displayed every year near the dolphin fountain.

This is the second in a series of articles on the businesses and business people who support and continue to support the Hyde Park Civic Association.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 6

Enjoy Free Food, Drink & Fun

Volunteers needed for this fun event.
Contact Roy at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org



Mark your calendars
for our annual
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in Lamar Park

Houston Police Department's Alert Slip service

Submitted by Officer Douglas, HPD

HPD reminds citizens of a service called an Alert Slips, which is a special request for police service. Citizens can fill out a form to request increased patrols around their home or business for a prowler, speeding vehicle, excessive burglaries and thefts, being on vacation, or for reasons causing them concern in the "other" box.

Citizens may request this service by contacting their

area patrol station (or police storefront) and request an Alert Slip.

The Alert Slip may also be filed online at http://www.houstontx.gov/police/alert_slip/

The Alert Slip is used only for police presence during certain periods of the day or for HPD officers to make visual inspections for criminal activity. It is used as a special request for police service for temporary solutions.

The Alert Slip must be renewed or it will expire.

Procedures in regard to the Alert Slips may differ between patrol stations.

For more information, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/contact/>

HPD's "Help Us, Help You" campaign is aimed at sharing information and educating citizens on crime prevention and everyday tips related to public safety in our city.



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Diana Mobley Recognized as Volunteer of the Year

Submitted by Macy Bodenhamer, president

At the June Volunteer Reception, **Deed Restrictions Chair and Board Member Diana Mobley** was honored with the annual Camille Bogel Volunteer of the Year Award. Diana has dedicated countless hours to serving and bettering our community through her work in managing deed restrictions issues, coordinating with developers, builders and property owners, and contributing to overall civic association leadership. Ever-reliable, she is passionate about protecting the character of our neighborhood and serving the best interests of residents. In addition, she's a multi-talented, all-around cool person to know. Please join me in congratulating and thanking Diana—Hyde Park is lucky to have her!

This award was established in the name of longtime resident and selflessly dedicated volunteer, Camille Bogel, who passed away in April, 2014. She set a precedent by inspiring the creation of this award and was the first recipient. Camille was an avid animal lover and rescuer, a constant connector



Volunteer of the Year, Diana Mobley

of people, active volunteer recruiter, and generous giver of love and compassion. She is still missed greatly, so if you run into her husband Jim, please remind him of the legacy his wife carries in our community.

Hyde Park Civic Association Annual Membership

Individual - \$30

Couple - \$60

New or Renewal
(circle one)

Date Paid:

Amount Paid: \$

Check No.:

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

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Only about 10% of residents are civic association members. If you're not one of them, please consider joining for just \$30/year. And if you haven't renewed your membership for 2015, please do so. Use the form above or just go to our website to pay through PayPal. Memberships fund the cost of printing this newsletter, help maintain Lamar Park and more.

We need your support and welcome your involvement!

Mail form and check to:
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PO Box 66422
Houston, TX 77266-6422
Or just pay online at hydeparkhouston.org.

Volunteer Appeal for our Hyde Park community

Submitted by Volunteer Coordinator Roy Brooks

We are still in need of the positions below. Please e-mail me at volunteer@hydeparkhouston.org for more information.

Newsletter Delivery Coordinator:

This is an important role involves picking up newsletters from our printer, and bundling and labeling bags and getting them to our three newsletter distributors. This is not mailbox delivery.

Lamar Park Co-chairs:

These co-positions are needed to coordinate the maintenance and care of Lamar Park. Time commitment is between 3 and 4 hours a month.

Lamar Park Fundraising Committee:

We are looking for volunteers with experience with fundraising for the oldest fountain in the city—the dolphin fountain at Lamar Park. We've already raised over 20k, but we need that extra push to help us get closer.

Beautification Committee Chairs and Members:

Beautification Committee members work to enhance, maintain, and restore the beauty of Hyde Park. The committee endeavors to educate and

"You give but little
when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself
that you truly give."
- Kahlil Gibran

engage residents in beautification projects and cleanup activities for our neighborhood.

Deed Restrictions Committee Member/ Board Director:

This position assists the Deed Restrictions Chair in communicating with developers and homeowners regarding deed restrictions. Member meets with the committee periodically and attends HPCA's board meetings with some regularity.

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GENERAL MEETING RECYCLING			JUNK WASTE	Last Quarter		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					New Moon	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					
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