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Hyde Park Civic Association

Letter from the President

Greeting Hyde Parksters,

Welcome to "still kinda summer, definitely not fall yet" weather! I am loving it, hope you are too.



October's fairer weather means it is festival season. The Texas Renaissance Festival begins and both the Italian and Greek festivals take place just down the

street on Montrose. The Bayou City Arts Fest and the Margarita Festival will be held downtown. Find a full list of festivals at http://events.chron.com/houston_tx/events/fairs+festivals.

Speaking of getting outdoors, please plan to attend our biggest neighborhood event of the year. National Night Out event will be held in Lamar Park at 6 p.m. on October 7. Please plan to join other residents to socialize, learn

neighborhood safety, and enjoy food and beverages provided by our generous sponsors. You can also sign up for a special membership deal at the event. Find full details inside this newsletter.

If you missed our September monthly meeting regarding the city's Water Line Project concerns, especially regarding issues on street and curb restoration, please see the article on below for more details.

Our next Civic Association monthly meeting is November 3, featuring a guest speaker from the city's Department of Neighbors who will provide an overview and speak to neighborhood code enforcement issues and that process. Elections for our 2015 board of directors will also occur at this meeting.

Hope to see you at National Night Out!

Macy Bodenhamer, President

HPCA September Meeting Recap

City Water Project Concerns

By Macy Bodenhamer, President

Last month at our association meeting, residents gathered to discuss community concern over the city's Water Line Project including the less-than-desirable contractor conduct and poor efforts on the restoration of our streets, curbs, yards, and right-of-ways damaged by the project works.

Chief of Staff **Traci Elsner** from Councilmember Cohen's office provided a brief overview of the project and follow up efforts. The purpose of the project was to bring potable water pipes up to code, add new pipes and improve functionality. The "substantial completion" phase of this project is presumed complete, meaning all underground

work is done and functionality will be inspected soon. The final phase of this project is restoration work, which is not yet complete. An inspection of this work will likely occur in October. Civic association representatives will participate in both inspections to observe work and ensure our satisfaction. Traci was forthcoming in acknowledging resident concerns and the reality behind them, ensuring that CM Cohen's office would assist in follow through.

It was not known whether the project contractor has been compensated for the work yet, or if another contractor could be hired to complete the project in a proper manner.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National Night Out -
Tuesday, October 7 (See insert)

Annual Election

Monday, November 3, at Rudz
Guest Speaker - **Mayra Hypolite**,
City of Houston, Department of
Neighborhoods

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September 8 Meeting Minutes

By Secretary Travis Marshall

The meeting was called to order by **Macy Bodenhamer** at 6:40 p.m. with approximately 30 guests present including some members from the East Montrose Civic Association. The meeting opened with each guest briefly introducing themselves.

Treasurer **Rex Richardson** gave the monthly financial report. He reported a deficit last month. The civic association's major expenses include Lamar Park upkeep and newsletter printing. Advertising in the newsletter is primary source of income. Rex also announced the creation of the Deed Restriction Protection and Enforcement Fund. The purpose of this fund is to help secure the neighborhood from any potential unlawful development.

Board member **Susan Ellis** announced the California Pizza Kitchen profit share. This event will take place on October 10-12. Any purchase in Hyde Park Civic Association's name will have 20% of that purchase being donated back to the civic association.

Rodney Morris, co-chair of the Lamar Park Committee, updated the association concerning Lamar Park. Recently, shrubs were removed in order to save some of the oak trees in the park. Consequently, while the shrubs were being removed, an electrical conduit that supports the watering system was damaged. The Lamar Park Permanent Fund will pay the \$1,800 repair fee. Keep on the lookout for Lamar Park Dolphin Fountain Project flyer in the mail.

Membership Chair **Sandie Zilker** announced eight new members have joined since August. There is still a need for a Coordinator/Committee for Citizens on Patrol. Contact Macy if interested in serving.

National Night Out is coming up fast. Join the community at Lamar Park on October 7 starting at 6 p.m. for free food, drinks, and a chance to get to know your neighbor! We hope to see you there.

Commonwealth residents spotted recycling waste being picked up by regular trash disposal trucks all along Commonwealth on September 2. Both 311, the city department and **Ellen Cohen's** office were notified and are following up to make sure this does not happen again.

Traci Elsner, chief of staff for Council Member Cohen's office, and resident **Rocky Kneten** presented on the Avondale Water Line project and the lack of contractor workmanship in the current restoration phase of this project. See the article on the cover page for more details.

The Cherryhurst Civic Association will be hosting their annual Pup Crawl event October 25 from 3-6 p.m. at Cherryhurst Park. All are welcomed to bring their costumed dog to the event. There will be no formal meeting in October because of National Night Out. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Eat Pizza - Raise Funds for Hyde Park October 9-11 at California Pizza Kitchen

By Susan Ellis

To raise money for Hyde Park Civic Association we are partnering with the California Pizza Kitchens (CPK) on West Gray, Post Oak and Memorial City Way for a three day fundraising event.

Eat out, take out, or use CPK's catering services October 9-11 and tell your server that you support Hyde Park Civic Association. The Association will receive 20% of your bill including all food and beverages. Remember to mention Hyde Park Civic Association when ordering. Look for the flyer inserted in this newsletter, tape it to your fridge and put it on your calendar now. When the question comes up, "What's for dinner?" say CPK!

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Oct 7 (National Night Out);
Nov 3 Hyde Park Elections
December Annual Holiday Dinner (TBD)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

October 7 in Lamar Park

TRASH/RECYCLING:

TRASH PICK-UP: MONDAYS
SINGLE STREAM Oct 13, 27; Nov 10, 24; Dec 8, 22
TREE WASTE: Nov 5
HEAVY/JUNK: Oct 1; Dec 3

NEWSLETTER: newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

Project Concerns (Continued)

Resident **Rocky Kneten** has been closely monitoring the project. He presented a slideshow of photographs detailing the poor workmanship of restoration efforts, lack of that work in key areas and evidence of workers not following safety protocols and leaving trash at work sites. Other issues included lack of landscaping replacement, poor concrete work, poor erosion control, lack of debris clean-up, and what seems like a general disregard for restoring sites back to their condition prior to the project start. Many residents were not notified of water interruption during the work and others are still experiencing problems with water pressure. Some residents have reported complaints to CM Cohen's office and directly to the city officials managing this project.

If you have project concerns, you may reach out to the following contacts:

Traci Elsner, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Council Member Ellen Cohen, District C
traci.elsner@houstontx.gov, 832-393-3004

Stephen Wright, CPM
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To help track all of residents' issues, please copy president@hydeparkhouston.org on your email outreach to officials or simply send them to that address.



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Annual Election Monday November 3

By Tammi Wallace

The Hyde Park Civic Association annual Board of Directors election is scheduled on Monday, November 3 during the regular monthly meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate a candidate or volunteer in any capacity, please email **Macy Bodenhamer** at president@hydeparkhouston.org or call 713-201-5810. Board candidates must be current paid members of the Association.

A Nominating Committee has been formed and committee members are **Macy Bodenhamer** (Chair), **Alice McCarthy** and **George Sroka**. Positions up for election include Vice President, Treasurer and Deed Restrictions, Position #1. The position responsibilities are listed in the Hyde Park Civic Association bylaws which can be found online at www.hydeparkhouston.org. The following individuals are currently serving in these positions and have been nominated by the Committee for reelection:



Vice President - TAMMI WALLACE

Tammi Wallace is the Founder and Principal Consultant for EnFocus Strategies, a consulting firm supporting

for-profit and nonprofit organizations engaged in transformative work with strategic counsel and high-quality consulting services.

Before launching EnFocus Strategies, Tammi was the Chief Growth Officer at KIPP Houston Public Schools; Chief of Staff and Campaign Manager to former Texas State Representative Ellen Cohen; and Executive Director of the Houston Equal Rights Alliance. She worked as Vice President for Bank of America/NationsBank, Project Manager at CheckFree Corporation, and Assistant Vice President at Mellon Mortgage.

Tammi lives in Hyde Park with her life partner, Mercedes Leal. She serves as Vice President and Grants Committee Co-Chair for the Hollyfield Foundation and Board Member for the Victory Fund Campaign Board. She was voted as the 2011 Female Grand Marshal in recognition of her work in

the community. She has previously served as President of the Townhouse Manor Homeowner's Association, Board President of the Houston Equal Rights Alliance and Board Vice President for the Houston GLBT Political Caucus.



Treasurer - REX RICHARDSON

Rex Richardson and his wife, Jayne, moved to Houston from Durango, Colorado in 2009. Initially living in an apartment off Allen Parkway, they found a home in Hyde Park three years ago.

Earning a BS in accounting from the University of Wyoming, Richardson started his career with an oil and gas company in Denver in the early 1980s. He subsequently earned a BBA in petroleum land management from the University of Texas.

He has worked as a landman for 30 years, the last 18 years with Red Willow Production Co., of Durango, CO. Currently, he manages their land holdings in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout Texas.

Richardson looks forward to contributing to protecting and furthering the Hyde Park community.



Deed Restrictions Committee - FINIS COWAN

Finis Cowan and his family moved to Maryland Street in Hyde Park after

getting flooded out by Ike. They love their new neighborhood. Cowan's office is within walking distance and his family enjoys the neighborhood parks.

He has been a trial lawyer and CPA for 28 years. He handles mostly commercial and tax litigation and assists people who have legal issues with the IRS. He enjoys making complex, boring matters understandable and interesting to a jury.

Cowan is interested in serving on the deed restriction committee to preserve the quality and character of the Hyde Park neighborhood.

Halloween "PUP" Crawl October 25

The Friends of Cherryhurst Park present the first Montrose Halloween Pup Crawl on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 3 to 6 p.m. in Cherryhurst Park (Rain date October 26, 2014.). Dogs and their human families are invited to dress in their Halloween wildest for costume contests, trick or treating and great raffle prizes.

At 4:30 p.m. join the Pup Crawl before celebrity judges. Prizes will be awarded for the best individual costumes for dogs, children, adults and best group theme. Following this, raffle prize winners will be announced. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all dogs must be on a leash.

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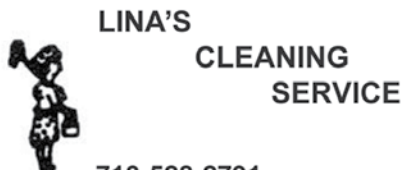
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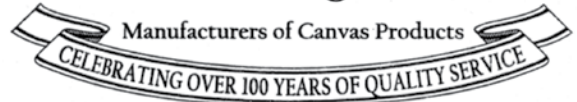


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>First Quarter</i>	2	3 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	4
5	6	7 National Night Out Cherryhurst Park 6:00 p.m.	8 <i>Full Moon</i>	9	10 11 California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser Oct 9-11. See Pages 2 and insert.	
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	15 <i>Last Quarter</i>	16 <i>National Boss's Day</i>	17	18
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