

Idylwood News

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A publication of the Idylwood Civic Club



Message from the President

The Holiday Season is off to a great start. We had an amazing turnout

for our Halloween Party on October 28 th in Spurlock Park. Lots of great costumes and hayrides around the neighborhood for everyone. Thank you so much to our annual organizers of this event who make Halloween in Idylwood special.

Some of you may have noticed some hot pink and orange markings on Sylvan Road. These are the proposed locations of our soon-to-be-installed speed cushions. Based on our community feedback process, we will test out these traffic calming devices on Sylvan Road to determine if we should expand speed cushions to other areas of the neighborhood. If you are interested in working on traffic calming issues, please feel to contact me

with your concerns. I am happy to share our research to date, and we still have \$15,000 from Council Member Gallegos' office left to spend on traffic calming.

As we give thanks at the close of November with our family and friends, let us be thankful that we live in such a wonderful community that reached out to help and support their neighbors during the most recent flooding caused by Harvey. Please take a moment to reach out to someone you know in our community that was impacted by Harvey. Although it's been a few months since the storm, recovery can be slow. Many are still reconstructing their homes and recovering. Perhaps there's a way you can help them with their continuing recovery or just listen to what they have been going through. I know I give thanks every day that I found this wonderful neighborhood with such a great sense of community.

December will once again kick off our Idylwood Holiday Party on December 12 th at 6:30pm at the home of Judy and Chris Berno on North MacGregor. We appreciate

their agreeing to host the party again this year. We had a fantastic turnout last year, and we hope to see everyone again this year. You should receive an invitation to the party with a request for annual dues payment in your mailbox in the next few weeks. Please know we welcome all neighbors to this annual holiday celebration.

I would encourage you to come out to our Civic Club meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and learn more about what's going on in your community. On November 21st, Galveston Bay Foundation will present on their 2017 Report Card for Galveston Bay and how Brays Bayou connects with Galveston Bay. We will also have various updates on what the Civic Club is working on for your community. Please join us! We do not hold Civic Club meetings in December, so please join us at the Holiday Party instead.

Amy Dinn,
President, Idylwood Civic Club

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Neighborhood Notes

If you have notes about an Idylwood neighbor that you would like to submit for the newsletter, please submit to editor@idylwood.org.

Former Garden Club President and former Idylwood resident, Katherine Perricone, passed away in October 2017. Presiding over the era of Garden Club meetings that transitioned from white glove meetings to garden glove meetings, Katherine was a long-time garden club member. She moved to Clear Lake many years ago, but she is still remembered fondly by Bettie Bishop and other members of the Garden Club. Our condolences to her family and friends.

A NOTE ABOUT HALLOWEEN AND EASTER CELEBRATION:

Both of these community events are entirely run with the help of our wonderful neighborhood volunteers. While the Civic Club does donate our hot dogs and buns for our Halloween event, all other food, printing and organizing are donated by neighbors. Our current team (Hannah Jans, Trudi Becht and Allison McPhail) have been organizing these events for about 7-8 years (passed down to us by the Mollhagens and the other families that now have teenagers) This will be the last year that we will be able to organize these events. It's time for a new batch of parents to take over! These celebrations are wonderful Idylwood traditions and they

will not continue unless we receive some volunteers. Hannah, Trudi and I will be happy to help with the transition.

Thank you!

Allison McPhail, Fairfield
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CIVIC CLUB NEWS

PIP Report

A well-attended Eastside P.I.P. meeting was held on October the 16 th (6:30PM) at the HPD sub-station on 7525 Sherman St. The Houston Police Department's Special Response Group (S.R.G.) gave a presentation to the group, in which they discussed how they handle protests, marches and prepare for potential riots (which thankfully have not occurred in Houston's recent history). The S.R.G. team also passed out equipment they use (helmets, vests gasmasks etc.) while performing their duties, and explained the difference between dealing with Houstonians who are protesting and "Out-of- Towners" and "Paid Protesters." It was explained that our Police often have a good relationship with the former, while the latter can be a much greater challenge. A general discussion on the East End's Homeless citizens, and the issues of living in an area containing a high-density of this population, ensued. Recent crime stats for the Eastside were also distributed. Questions? Please contact our new P.I.P. representative, Greg Shaw, at 713-201- 3748

The Dues Contest for 2017-2018 has begun!

Our new fiscal year began September 1, so help your street win bragging rights for 2017-2018 by paying your \$30 dues to the Civic Club. Many have asked what the dues paid to the Civic Club cover for each year. Your dues pay for: (1) directors & officers insurance for board members and officers, (2) our PO Box and other operational expenses, (3) deed restriction updates and enforcement, and (4) neighborhood events like National Night Out. Much of what the Civic Club does is on a volunteer basis, but we will be able to do more improvement projects for the neighborhood by continuing to ensure our basic expenses are covered. There are lots of ways to pay your voluntary dues that help support your civic club's efforts: mail to Idylwood Civic Club, P.O. Box 9225, Houston, Texas 77261-9225, pay with cash or check to our Civic Club Treasurer at the next Civic Club meeting, or via paypal through www.idylwood.org. For questions about your dues payment, please contact Kendall Qualls at treasurer@idylwood.org.

Cleaning up after Harvey

Our neighborhood cleanup post-Harvey continues. On October 28, 2017, a group of eight neighbors gathered to work on cleaning out plastic bag debris out of the trees in Spurlock Park and along the bayou. They also excavated 16 bags of trash and 2 tires out of the parkland at the end of Sylvan Road near North MacGregor Way. We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our neighborhood looking good. Our neighborhood's diligence to pick up after the storm was even given great kudos by the Houston Parks Board at its annual luncheon last month. It's a great time to live in Idylwood with all these motivated helpers. Thank you to everyone who pitched in since Harvey beautifying our parks and bayou to make Idylwood look good!

Idylwood Volunteer Citizen's Patrol

Our newly reinstated and trained Volunteer Citizen Patrol has started. Jake Goldstein and Steve Palmer co-chair our patrol group and report the group's collective 30 patrol hours per month to HPD. Please continue to make any crime reports directly to HPD and the Constable's office, but these individuals will be patrolling the neighborhood to report any suspicious activity directly to HPD to help keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you to everyone who has helped restart this program in our neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the citizens patrol, please contact Amy Dinn at president@idylwood.org. We are planning the next training in November 2017.

Idylwood is turning 90 in 2018!

Started in 1928, our subdivision is approaching 90 years as a neighborhood. We are hoping to have a series of events during the year to celebrate how wonderful this neighborhood is, including a home tour, memorial tree planting, and a large reunion event in Spurlock Park on Saturday, October 6th. Our first organizational /planning meeting for the reunion events will be on Sunday, November 12 th from 4-6pm. We hope to have some visitors from Eastwood Civic Association to share some best practices regarding home tours with us to get us focused on planning our events as well! If you are interested in contributing in one or more of these ways to the upcoming 90th celebration of our amazing neighborhood, please contact Civic Club President, Amy Dinn, at 713-501- 5070 or email president@idylwood.org.

Idylwood News is now electronic!

Distribution of the printed copies of the Idylwood Newsletter were discontinued in September 2016. You can make sure you are signed up for an electronic copy of our newsletter through this link: <http://tinyurl.com/q54th2m> If you must have a copy of the printed newsletter, you will need to call 713-501- 5070 and leave a voicemail with your name and delivery address to continue delivery. As previously announced, the Civic Club is scaling back its printing of the newsletter to conserve resources and more efficiently distribute the Idylwood News. Thank you for your understanding.

Gragg Park Cleanup

Bayou Preservation Association and Idylwood Civic Club, with the support of REI, is sponsoring a cleanup of Kuhlman Gully (part of Gragg Park) on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9:00 am – Noon. Volunteers will pick up trash along Brays Bayou at Kuhlman Gully (3509 Brock Street, 77023) and remove invasive plants. We welcome volunteers over age 10 (with parental supervision) and will include morning refreshments. Volunteers are encouraged to wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and sunscreen, and please bring gloves and a water bottle if you have them. All other supplies, including refreshments, are provided. For more information on the event, contact Amy Dinn at 713-501- 5070 or president@idylwood.org. Thank you!

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

FALL IS IN THE AIR! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO BE THANKFUL! NEXT MEETING: SAT., NOV. 4, 2017

Our November meeting will be the perfect opportunity to hear from our members and guests about the successes in our gardens. We're thankful when our seedlings and plants thrive, so come and share your tips. In addition, maybe we can figure out why some of our gardens struggle at times. While the conversations are flowing, we will refurbish the holiday wreaths that go on the stone planters during the holiday season. Also, you can still join our group. Dues for the year are just \$ 20, payable by cash or check (to: Diane Kopfensteiner).

WHERE: The home of Judy and Chris Berno- 1402 N. MacGregor Way

WHEN: 10:00 am- noon

WHO: Idylwood residents- current and 'new' members are welcome to enjoy the festivities.

GUEST SPEAKER: Everyone!

TREATS: We will have fabulous food and a variety of door prizes.

RSVP by Nov. 2 to IGC Secretary Deb Carpenter at: debcarpenter09@gmail.com

NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS FROM BUCHANAN'S:

- Keep the moisture level up in your compost pile. This time of year we have a lot more dry material to add to the pile. Use a garden hose to water the pile as needed.
- Continue planting trees, shrubs, rose bushes and perennials. Planting now will ensure better survival next spring/summer and earlier growth and blooms.
- Plant fall and winter color - pansies, dianthus, snapdragons, alyssum, ornamental kale and cabbage, dusty miller, etc.
- Replace dead grass with St. Augustine sod. Weeds will sprout in dead patches if you don't. New sod will be well-established by spring.
- Apply pre-emergent weed control such as corn gluten or Barricade to prevent weeds from sprouting.
- Winterize the lawn with an organic, slow release fertilizer.
- Plant herbs and winter veggies. Cilantro, parsley, dill, mint, lavender and rosemary. Lettuce, spinach and other greens are just weeks from the salad bowl. Start onion sets, leeks and garlic now for spring harvest.
- Plant bulbs between Halloween and Thanksgiving for the holidays: Crocus, anemones, freesia, ranunculus, alliums, lycoris, etc. Plant paperwhites in pots by November 11th (Armistice Day) for blooming in time for Christmas.
- Refrigerate tulips until New Year's Day, then plant every two weeks through Valentine's Day for longer bloom time.
- Plant wildflower seeds through November - bluebonnets, paintbrush, larkspur, etc. Also plant sweet pea seeds in November for better results in spring.
- Last chance to get that mulch down before the weather gets cold. The mulch you applied last spring is long gone!
- Protect roots and maintain moisture while keeping weeds to a minimum with a 3-inch layer of the mulch of your choice -- pine straw, bark mulch, compost, leaves.

OUTSTANDING OCTOBER MEETING WITH DARLA HARRIS OF THE FERN PLANTATION!

Ferns... go figure... over 12,000 types worldwide, over 120 varieties native to Texas, can thrive in deserts to rainforests, have heights and widths from inches to 15 feet, live in sun to shade, come in colors such as greens, reds, and bronzes, produce spores, and have no blooms! Some fern names include: Crocodile, Cobra, Maidenhair, Brasilance, Rabbit foot, Birdnest, Boston, Lace, Blue Star, Gold Tip, Autumn, Silverlace, Staghorn, Superbum, and Mahogany. Contact Darla Harris at The Fern Plantation to visit her 450 specimens of which 150 varieties are for sale! Address: 16240 Hartman Road, Magnolia, Tx 77355; 281-733- 5564.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A YEAR OF GREAT MEETINGS AND GARDEN CLUB EVENTS!

Nov. 4: Members' Q & A on individual yards and gardens; Holiday Wreath Makeovers

Dec. 2: Annual Holiday Social and Fun Gift Exchange

Jan. 13: Texas Forest Service- Replacement Trees for Historic Neighborhoods

Feb. 3: Houston Botanic Garden – Claudia Gee Vassar (Interim Director)

March 3: Field trip- Finca Tres Robles and lunch

April 7: The Herb Society

May 5: Idylwood "Fundraising" Plant Sale

Other Events: Oct. 28 Halloween Celebration; Oct. 1-Nov. 1: Annual Poinsettia Sale



**REPORT ALL CRIMES TO HPD. 911.
TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL
713-884-3131, OPTION 0.**

Idylwood Crimes reported thru 10/30/17	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
*Lawndale included as of 07-09										
Theft (home or auto)	4	18	21	13	16	7	23	14	19	9
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary (home or auto)	16	6	7	12	13	9	7	6	4	15
Narcotic Drug Laws	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Robbery	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1



New Number for Constable is 713-274- 3400

Idylwood Civic Club 2017-2018

The current officers and directors of the Civic Club are:

PRESIDENT: Amy Dinn (Sylvan Road)

VICE PRESIDENT: Laura Manion (Meadowlawn)

TREASURER: Kendall Qualls (Meadowlawn)

SECRETARY: Kimberly Vincent (Park)

Directors: Class A (two-year terms ending in August 2019)

Charlie Storer (Fairfield)

Richard Vela (Lindy)

Richard Carpenter (Lawndale)

Lee Carpenter (Park)

Patricia Hattenbach (North MacGregor Way)

Directors: Class B (two-year terms ending in August 2018)

Judy Berno (North MacGregor Way)

Lawrence Curry (Meadowlawn)

Jeff Klemm (Merry Lane)

Paul Leggett (Merry Lane)

Jennifer Silva (Idylwood)

Chris Simmons (Merry)

**If you suspect a deed restriction violation,
please detail it in writing to the address below:**

Idylwood Civic Club

P.O. Box 9225 Houston, TX 77261-9225

www.idylwood.org

Newsletter Editor: Allison McPhail

allison.mcphail@gmail.com

Idylwood Webmaster: Joni Mueller

www.pixelita.com

Crime Reporting:

Emergency: 911

Or HPD non-emergency: (713) 884-3131

Animal Control: (713) 229-7300

Neighborhood Protection: Contact 311

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PLEASE NOTE THAT CITY OF HOUSTON HAS SUSPENDED HEAVY TRASH AND RECYCLING DAYS POST-HARVEY UNTIL NOVEMBER 20th OR LATER.

November 4th - Dia de los Muertos Remembrance. (American Legion Hall Harrisburg Post # 472: 7599 Avenue C, Houston, TX 77012).

November 14th - Citywide P.I.P (1602 State Street)

November 14th - Super Neighborhood 88 Meeting - 6:30 pm (St. Austin Center, 2002 S. Wayside, Houston, Texas 77023) – Elections for Super Neighborhood Offices

November 20th – Recycling Day – Put out your green carts at the curb between 6pm the day before and 7am on the scheduled collection day.

November 20th – Eastside PIP Meeting, Thanksgiving Celebration – 6:30 pm (HPD Substation, 7525 Sherman)

November 21st - Idylwood Civic Club Meeting - 7:30 pm (St. Austin Center) – Speaker from Galveston Bay Foundation on the 2017 Galveston Bay Report Card

December 6th – Heavy Trash Collection – JUNK WASTE (“Junk Waste” is defined as furniture, appliance, and other bulky material). Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste months, but it may not be recycled.

December 4th & 18th – Recycling Days

December 12th – Idylwood Holiday Party – Chris & Judy Berno will host our annual holiday celebration starting at 6:30pm (1402 N. MacGregor). Bring drinks or snacks to share.

December 18th – Eastside PIP Meeting – 6:30 pm (7525 Sherman)

January 3rd – Heavy Trash Collection – TREE WASTE (“Tree Waste” is defined as “clean” wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted. Junk Waste may NOT be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.)

Get Connected!

NEXTDOOR.COM - Great way to connect with East End residents. It's a great place to report or look for a missing pet, announce a garage sales, put out a crime alert, etc. This site is endorsed and its use encouraged by HPD. **Sign up at tinyurl.com/nom8ycf**

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/IDYLWOOD

FOR PARENTS - Contact Allison McPhail at allison.mcphail@gmail.com on how to be added to our iKids Facebook page.

YAHOO Email Group Please join the Idylwood Community Exchange. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Idylwood_Community_Exchange/

We request full name and address of potential new members. To sign up email Lee Barcadel, Group owner/moderator, with this information at idylwood_community_exchange-owner@yahoo.com



Idylwood Garden Club Registration Form

Below is the membership registration form for the 2017-2018 year. Please return this form, with your \$ 20 dues, before or by Sept. 9, 2017 to be included in the Garden Club Directory to:

President: Patricia Hattenbach – 1404 N. MacGregor Way

Vice-Pres.: Diane Schenke – 6715 Fairfield

Secretary: Deb Carpenter – 6669 Park Lane

Treasurer: Diane Kopfensteiner

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Annual Dues: \$20 (_____ cash preferred or check # _____ payable to: Diane Kopfensteiner)

** Contact me by email or phone for meeting reminders: _____ Email _____ Phone

The following is a list of activities, committees, and projects of the garden club. Please check the ones that you are interested in assisting with for the coming year.

_____ Nominating Committee for the 2018-19 slate of officers.

_____ Wayside Planter Committee: assist with maintenance of plants and hanging Holiday wreaths.

_____ Yard of the Month: help with the selection of an outstanding yard in Idylwood.

_____ Telephone Committee: call members with meeting / event reminders.

_____ Assist with the Holiday Poinsettia Sale and / or _____ the Spring Plant Sale

Please list below any suggestions you might have of programs or speakers for future meetings.
