

IDYLWOOD NEWS

December 2007

Monday, December 10th, 7p.m. @ Diane & Dan Kopfensteiner's home - 6636 Fairfield

In what has become a neighborhood tradition, Diane and Dan Kopfensteiner will host a holiday celebration at their home at 6636 Fairfield for all Idylwood residents on Monday, 10 December (this event takes the place of the regular civic club meeting). The party begins at 7:00 PM and lasts until the last person leaves. Please join us for this event. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and to begin your holiday reveling! The BOD will supply all the snacks so we just want to invite the residents to come and have fun.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ Garden Club Meeting: December 1st, 10 am
- ❖ Kid's Day: December 2nd, 4:30 @ Spurlock Park
- ❖ Civic Club Meeting: no meeting this month, we have a party instead
- ❖ Board of Directors Meeting: no meeting for December
- ❖ Super Neighborhood: Tues, November 13th, 6:30pm, Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale
- ❖ Positive Interaction Program (P.I.P.): Mon, November 19th, 6:30pm, Eastside Substation, 7525 Sherman
- ❖ Curbside Recycling: Mondays, December 3rd, 17th, and 31st
- ❖ Heavy Trash: Mon., December 10th (2nd Monday every month)
- ❖ **Newsletter Deadline** - December 18th – This is earlier than usual due to the holiday.

The Houston Fire Department along with local non-profit organizations is now collecting new, unwrapped toys to make this holiday season a happy one for all kids. To donate a new toy, simply drop it off at one of our 90 HFD fire stations now **through December 18th, 2007**. Due to the demand for toys, we cannot accept any clothing items. A complete list of fire stations and their locations can be found at www.houstonfire.org. For more information on how you can donate toys, please call the HFD Public Affairs Office at (713) 495-7900.

Christmas Caroling

The Idylwood Kids' Club will be Christmas caroling on the evening of Sunday, December 16, 2007 in the neighborhood. If interested in participating (everyone is welcome), please contact Ana Mercado on Meadowlawn at 713-924-6027. We'll have a short rehearsal at 6:00 pm and begin caroling at 6:30 pm. Join us for a festive evening!

Deck the Halls!

The yard of the month for December will be judged on holiday decorations, and the judging will be completed by December 15th. Lets make our neighborhood shine for the holidays.

Pottery Exhibit at Cafe Flores

By special request and in time for Christmas shopping, Idylwood potter Rita Bradberry will host an exhibit at Cafe Flores. The exhibit runs from December 3rd through the 23rd. The opening reception is on Friday, Dec. 7th at 6 pm.

Christmas at Villa de Matel

Now a Houston holiday tradition, the Chamber Choir welcomes you, your family and friends to this joyous celebration. The beautiful Villa de Matel Chapel is a magnificent backdrop for these performances. Once again, we are joined by the fabulous Advanced Chorus from Parker Elementary

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Ombudsman Advocates Needed

submitted by Denise Atkerson

enhance the quality of life for Harris County nursing home and assisted living residents in your community by forming a trained and certified volunteer ombudsman. An Ombudsman is an advocate who works with residents, family members, and staff to bring about changes in the way older adults are cared for and help them to exercise their right to dignity, self-determination, and quality care. If you have the ability to listen compassionately and employ creative problem-solving techniques, this rewarding, long-term volunteer commitment may be just right for you. Initial ombudsman training, periodic continuing education, and ongoing volunteer support are provided. For more info, contact Denise Atkerson at 713-500-9932 or visit our website at <http://son.uth.tmc.edu/coa/ombudsman.htm>.

Wortham Golf Course update

submitted by Reni Millar

es Trimble is writing the history of the Houston Country Club for the Centennial of Gus Wortham Golf Course. 10k has already been donated to the restoration of the golf course and fund raising will commence on a grand scale at the beginning of 2008 when most companies and interested parties will be looking at projects of interest. Benito Guerrier has met with several golf course architects and reports that things are looking promising. The Parks Dept. has not yet installed the lights at the driving range, but we are in hopes that it will happen by the end of the year since the lights have been laying in the parking lot since early summer. Our winter birds are plentiful and it has been a delight to watch the eagles, hawks and osprey while enjoying a game of golf in this beautiful fall.

Successful Trick or Treat Evening and Garage Sale

submitted by Amber Mollhagen

Idylwood had a great turn out for the annual Idylwood Trick or Treat event. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially the Idylwood Civic Club, sponsors of the pizza dinner. We also had a successful garage sale in November. Grateful to those who donated items for the sale and especially appreciative of Charles Griffin on Meadowlawn who for the second year in a row, hosted the sale. We raised close to \$500.00 which we'll use to hold various Idylwood events during the year, as well as support the park. Thank you Idylwood!

Christmas Breakfast with Santa!

December 15th starting at 9 a.m. Santa will hand out gifts to the kids.

Upcoming Happenings About the Town

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November 2007 Civic Club Meeting

submitted by Maggie Mottesheard

It would appear that lots of Idylwood residents are interested in the New Hope Corporation's redevelopment plans for the former Hou-Tex Inn into single room occupancy housing (or perhaps residents were just interested in being eligible for the door prize which Charles Griffin won, that was generously donated by Wendy and Bill) because about 25 attended. What was most striking about New Hope's presentation was their commitment to maintaining contact with the community that surrounds the development and listening to and addressing any concerns the community voices. New

How Do We Due?

provided by Jeff Klemm

Getting better! Here's this month's ranking of paid dues percentages per street. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do. The address to mail your dues to is on the back of each newsletter or you can drop it off at our monthly civic club meeting.

Street	%Pd	Rank	Street	%Pd	Rank
N MacGregor	60%	1	Sylvan	40%	6
Lindy	50%	2	Park	40%	6
Meadowlawn	45%	3	Wildwood	39%	7
Merry	44%	4	Rockbridge	39%	7
Idylwood	43%	5	Fairfield	27%	8

