



IDYLWOOD NEWS

November 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❑ **Curbside Recycling:** Nov. 1st, 15th, & 29th
- ❑ **Heavy Trash:** Nov. 8th
- ❑ **Positive Interaction Program (P.I.P.):** 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15th Eastside Substation, 7525 Sherman (3rd Mon)
- ❑ **Garden Club:** Nov. 6th, 10 a.m.
- ❑ **Newsletter Deadline** – Nov. 19th submit articles to (713) 775-1443 or email wendy@thehoustonrealtor.com
- ❑ **Veteran's Day:** Nov. 11th
- ❑ **Thanksgiving:** Nov. 25th

At St. Austin Center @ 2002 Wayside:

- ❑ **Civic Club Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16th (Tue)
- ❑ **Board of Directors Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16th
- ❑ **Super Neighborhood:** 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9th (Tue.)

It's That Time... Dues Are Due

It's time to pay our \$20 (What A Deal!) voluntary Idylwood Civic Association dues. Bring it to a civic club meeting, leave it with one of the board members listed on back or mail it to the address it listed on back. We need these to protect our neighborhood by upholding the deed restrictions. They also pay for the newsletter among other things. Many residents pay extra and we are very happy when they do.

61st Annual H-E-B Holiday Parade

Downtown Houston, Texas

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th, 2010, 9:00am <http://www.hebparade.com/> for route information and advance ticket seating in bleachers.

NEW IDYLWOOD DIRECTORY: If you want your information to appear in the next Idylwood Directory, please call Wendy at 713.775.1443 or email me at wendy@thehoustonrealtor.com. If I don't hear from you and your information was included last year I will assume it is correct. If I've never heard from you, the directory will show the property holder according to HCAD. Distribution in Dec.

Veteran's Day Parade



Thursday, November 11, 2010

The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of City Hall. The American Heroes Parade will follow at 11:30 a.m. and travel down Smith Street between Texas and Lamar. The AT&T Veterans Job Fair will be from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at City Hall where top companies will be recruiting. Free parking will be available from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Theatre District Parking courtesy of Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department.

Garden Club – Yard of the Month

The Idylwood Garden Club has awarded 6658 Wildwood as November's Yard of the Month. Knockout roses, assorted flowers and beautiful seasonal yellow mums will definitely catch your eye as you drive by this month's yard of the month. Get your santas, reindeer and Christmas lights ready for the annual "Best Decorated Yard in Idylwood". The yard of the month committee will be judging on the evening of December 12. The winning yard will receive a beautiful Poinsettia plant for their front porch.

Houston Thanksgiving Superfeast

Houston City Hall – Tranquility Park
Volunteer Information: Kim Tran (713) 826-7492 or kim.m.tran@gmail.com

December 11th & 12th – Community Cat (TNR) Trap Neuter Release Day

7:30 a.m. (no November date)

77011 and 77023 zip codes @ Ripley House – Neighborhood Center, 4410 Navigation

Traps will be available to be signed out at Ripley House-Neighborhood Center on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9th & 10th, between 4:30-8:00 pm each of those days. Traps need to be returned to the same location on Wednesday, Dec. 15th between 4:30-8:00 pm. Traps are available on a first come first serve basis. This project is being offered by the City of Houston BARC, FCAP and SNAP.





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Speaker for November Civic Club Meeting

November 16th @ St. Austin Center 7:30 pm

Diana DuCroz from the City of Houston will be present to discuss new changes to the Houston Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance only effects areas with historic designations from Houston. Idylwood is being placed on the National Register of Historic Places which is an entirely different thing and which DOES NOT limit the use of our property in any way.

Those with questions about how Houston areas receive a historic designation should plan to attend. Diana will be able to answer any questions relating to Houston Historic Designation but will have no information regarding Idylwood's placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mayor Parker Announces New Low-Cost Prescription Drug Program

October 14, 2010 -- Mayor Annise Parker today announced a new discount prescription drug card program that will be available to all Houstonians regardless of income, age or health status. The Coast2Coast Rx card is part of a public/private partnership involving the City of Houston, the Heinz Foundation and Financial Marketing Concepts Inc. (FMC) of Ponte Verde Beach, Florida, the issuer of the card.

Similar programs in other cities have already saved cardholders an average of 45 percent this year on the cost of prescriptions. The card will be distributed free of charge and may be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies in Houston and around the country. The card also provides discounts of 50 to 80 percent for lab and imaging tests. Even pets and family members outside the city are able to take part in the program.

Marty McVey of Houston-based McVey and Associates coordinated all the arrangements between the city, Financial Marketing Concepts Inc. and the Heinz Foundation. "The card is primarily for people without health insurance although there are a number of instances where people with health insurance may save using the card," said McVey. "For example people with high deductibles or a Health Savings Account. Some drugs aren't covered by health policies – so the card will help provide savings in these situations."

There is no cost to the city. In fact, the city will receive a \$1 donation from FMC for every prescription filled. The donation will go to the Houston Health Department Health and Human Services Foundation, a nonprofit that supports special public health and human service programs that have no other dedicated source of funding. The foundation's support helps provide eyeglasses and dental care to Houston schoolchildren. The donation from FMC will not impact the cost of the prescriptions.

The free cards will be available at city health clinics, multi-service centers and libraries as well as hospitals, urgent care centers and pharmacies. Cardholders simply take the card with them to the pharmacy or get the card at the pharmacy when they have a prescription to fill. There is no registration process other than what the pharmacies need to process a prescription. Residents can print and download a card at www.coast2coastrx.com. Go to the "print free card" menu, select "cities" and print the City of Houston card from there.

Welcome New Neighbor

Mark Madely: I moved to Idylwood at 6644 Lindy on June 1st. I'm in a long-term relationship with my girlfriend, who is also an Idylwood resident. My father grew up in the 1930's and 40's near Telephone & Winkler and attended Austin High when it was new. My grandparents are permanent "residents" across the bayou. I grew up on the near west side of Houston and lived the last 15 years near the Heights. Coming to Idylwood has really been a pleasure. I love the bungalow style homes and older construction here. There's also a feel of history in the area that's hard to describe but quite palpable. In my free time I enjoy bicycling, old movies, getting outdoors, and meeting neighbors. Professionally, I provide bookkeeping and financial controller services for businesses up to \$5 million in revenue and not-for-profits up to \$5 million in budget. I specialize in QuickBooks and have earned the developer's Certified QuickBooks Professional Advisor certification.

Editor Note: Mark has hit the ground running in Idylwood and already has 4 months under his belt as our PIP representative. Welcome to the neighborhood! It's great to have you here.



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PIP Update

Notes from Steve Palmer

--We have a new police captain (both new to our substation and newly promoted) Robert Manzo, formerly of HPD's financial crimes division.

--The main presentation was given by Roderick Jackson, one of four operations managers at the Houston Emergency Center . The HEC was created in 2003 when the calls centers for 911, HPD, HFD, and Office of Emergency Management were consolidated. They receive an average of 9000 calls a day, about half of which are 911 calls. More than 99% of these calls are answered within 10 seconds. Mr. Jackson offered one piece of advice: If you move, make sure your phone company has your new address, so that 911 can instantly know where you are if you call from your land line.

--The next PIP meeting is a Thanksgiving potluck. PIP and one of the other civic clubs is providing the turkeys; others are asked to bring a side dish (enough for 25-30 people). Sgt. Cruz asked attendees to sign up with their name and what side dish they plan to bring.

--PIP held its biannual elections. The same people who have been serving for the past term chose to run again, and they ran unopposed, so they will continue to serve as PIP's officers for the next 2 years.

--An officer from METRO police gave a short crime report. He stated that last month, there were 2 auto thefts and 5 burglaries of a motor vehicle at METRO Park & Ride facilities. He also noted that the chief of the METRO police, Tom Lambert, is leaving that position after 30 years on the job to become a senior executive VP at METRO. Tim Kelly will serve as acting chief during the search for a replacement for Lambert.

URBAN HAVEST information

Are You Interested in green gardening, learning about sustainable living or going to farmers markets?



For additional information call urban harvest at 713.880.5540 or visit www.Urbanharvest.Org

FREE classes offered at Discovery Green on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Gardening fundamentals 2-2:40pm and seasonal gardening 3-3:40 pm. On Dec. 5th they will offer fruit trees for your backyard from 2-2:40pm and 3-3:40pm. See website for additional classes offered.

Please join urban harvest at our 18th annual harvest celebration:

Saturday, 6 November 2010 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, united way center, 50 Waugh drive, Houston 77007. POTLUCK lunch-bring something to share. Guest speaker: Laura Spanjian director, city of Houston office of Sustainability *The Part We Play For A Greener Houston*

Directions: the united way center is located at 50 Waugh drive, north of memorial drive and south of Washington avenue. From Waugh drive, turn west on Feagan street which leads to the parking garage.

- ❖ UH farmers market on eastside between Kirby and buffalo Spdwy each Saturday from 8am-noon rain or shine. See website for a complete list of vendors.
- ❖ UH farmers market at Discovery Green in downtown Houston on Sundays from noon to 4:00 pm.
- ❖ UH farmers market at city hall in downtown Houston on Wednesdays from 10 am – 2 pm.
- ❖ Rice University farmers market at 2100 University blvd on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 7:00 pm.

Sage Advice For Community Projects Providing. Expert consultation, using sustainable methods, with all aspects of vegetable, herb and fruit gardening. Have you been to classes, read books and asked friends about growing vegetables, herbs and fruits; and still need someone to take a look at your site and make specific recommendations and perhaps be there when you build and plant your garden or plant your trees? Urban Harvest is excited to announce a new program that meets the great demand for these services in community based projects.

Contact sageadvice@urbanharvest.org at Urban Harvest for consultation scheduling and pricing. 2311 Canal St., Suite 122, Houston, TX 77003 713-880-5540



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2010-2011

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please detail it in writing to the address below:**

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(713) 923-9156 Ask for Lt. Ellis
Or HPD non-emergency (713) 884-3131
Officer Trejo (713) 928-4631

Animal Control:
(713) 229-7300

Idylwood Crimes Reported thru Sept 2010 **Lawdale included 09-10*

	06'	07'	08'	*09'	*10'
Theft (home or auto)	3	2	4	18	17
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	1
Burglary (home or auto)	23	12	16	6	6
Narcotic Drug Laws	NA	NA	1	1	0
Robbery	2	0	1	3	1

Joy Philbin's Sweet Potato and Fresh Orange Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

4 Large Sweet Potatoes
2 Oranges
1 Stick of Butter
1 Cup of Light Brown Sugar
½ Cup of Chopped Pecans
1 Tbsp. of Cornstarch
1 Cup of Orange Juice
3 Tbsp. of Maple Syrup
1/8 Tsp. Cloves



DIRECTIONS:

Cover potatoes in water and boil until tender, approximately 25-30 minutes. Remove the potatoes and peel while still warm. Cut into ¼" slices and set aside. Peel, then slice the oranges into ¼" slices. Mix gently with potatoes.

Coat a 9x13 casserole dish with cooking spray and add the potato/orange mixture.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add brown sugar and pecans. Simmer 3 minutes. Pour sugar/pecan mixture over the top of the potato/orange mixture.

In a saucepan, mix the orange juice, cornstarch, maple syrup and cloves. Cook and stir until thick. Pour over potatoes and bake at 375° for 15 minutes.

(Serves 4-6 as a side dish) - So Delicious!!!

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