



IDYLWOOD NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Beth Brinsdon

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Congratulations, Idylwood Residents, for making this year one of our best to date! As a neighborhood, Idylwood boasts a successful membership campaign for the 2003-04 fiscal year (membership is up!), an updated Website, a new Yard-of-the-Month recognition program, a new neighborhood directory, a newly cleaned and landscaped Spurlock Park Sign, and hours of work spent on our neighborhood deed restrictions update. The Civic Club Board just completed another round of questions and answers regarding the draft of Idylwood's updated deed restrictions. The Board is working diligently to ensure that the new restrictions reflect the neighborhood's requests. The goal is to have the deed restrictions ready for neighborhood approval as soon as possible.

Update on Perry Homes Development

A representative from Perry Homes attended the April SuperNeighborhood Meeting to share the most recent plans for their land at Lawndale & Telephone. The development will be called "The Enclave" and the main entrance will be on Lawndale with a secondary entrance on Telephone. There will be approximately 300 single- and townhome units priced in the \$130k to \$150k range. This will not be a gated community as previously thought, but the streets will be private and maintained by their Homeowner's Association. Perry is required to put a detention area in the middle of the development to contain water so that the City sewer system isn't overwhelmed. They plan to create a park-like setting in this greenspace. In addition, Perry hopes to add trees along Lawndale and Telephone. Construction is set to begin in the 4th quarter of this year. We will keep you apprised of any changes in their plans that would be of interest or concern.

May Yard of the Month

The YOM judges are pleased to announce that Sally Lehr at **1704 Idylwood** is the recipient of our April Yard of the Month award. Sally takes good advantage of her rolling terrain to create interest in every season. A photo of the winning home will be on the website.

Additional Lighting for Spurlock Park

With the recent teardown of the stone house at 1705 Idylwood, the ravine that separates that property from Spurlock Park has been plunged into darkness. And while we don't want to light up the park like a tennis court, the Civic Club feels that a certain amount of safety lighting is necessary. We are currently working with Parks & Recreation to provide a security light. As part of the agreement, the neighborhood will need to provide \$200 for a pole—everything else will be taken care of. We currently have pledges for \$120, so we are requesting the final \$80 to complete the job. Please contact me at IdylwoodEditor@yahoo.com if you are interested in contributing.

Volunteers Needed for Nominating Committee

Elections for the Idylwood Civic Club Board are held every August. During the month of May, a nomination committee will need to be organized. The nomination committee is made up of neighbors who are not currently serving on the Board. The committee should be in place by June and will make nominations for the 2004-05 Civic Club Board at the July monthly Civic Club Meeting. The elections will take place during the August monthly Civic Club Meeting and the newly elected Board will begin service with the new fiscal year, September 1, 2004. **Please contact Beth Brinsdon at beth_b@swbell.net, if you are willing to serve on the nominating committee or if you are interested in serving on the Civic Club Board.**

Hotel Still Set to be Razed

The wheels of progress most certainly turn slowly. The latest information we have is that the former hotel at the corner of I-45 and Wayside is still going to be razed. The owner is currently raising funds. In the meantime, it appears that the property is being scavenged to death, and is unsecured. We have been in contact with HPD and Neighborhood Protection about this and will let you know when we have more information.

Additional Newsletter

Distributor Needed

We are in need of a newsletter distributor for the 6700 block of Sylvan. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email me at IdylwoodEditor@yahoo.com

Spurlock Park Sign Gets Facelift

Recently, the very visible entrance to our city park was enhanced with powerwashing and new low-maintenance plantings. Special thanks go out to the **Idylwood Garden Club** for their monetary donation, to **Civic Club volunteers** for time & labor, and the **Parks & Recreation department** for installing the water supply. With continued neighborhood support, we hope that this will be prove to be the first of many such beautification projects for Idylwood.

Idylwood Security Report

HPD has not published their March 2004 statistics. We will publish 2 months' data in the next newsletter.

Directories have been Distributed

The 2004 version of the Idylwood Directory has been distributed to all recorded 2003 dues-paying members. We would like to thank Chris & Judy Berno (MacGregor Way) for underwriting the cost, Laura Drey (Wildwood Way) for the cover design, and Paul Leggett (Merry Ln) for the data compilation. Special thanks go out to Pamela Green (Wildwood Way) and the team at Copy.com for spending much desktop publishing time to make sure that the hardcopies were of the highest possible quality.

If you are a 2003 dues-paying member and did not receive a directory, please contact me at IdylwoodEditor@yahoo.com for a copy.

Neighborhood Security Update

The Neighborhood Security Committee has been busy during the recent burglaries. Many thanks to David Bensey for the consistent email updates. We really appreciate his time and dedication to this effort. Additionally, thanks to Paul Leggett for his work with Officer Trejo and for organizing the recent meeting with Captain King and the Constable in Spurlock Park. There have been requests from neighbors for a Citizen Patrol Program in Idylwood and several have stepped up to volunteer. At a minimum, Idylwood needs 20 hours of volunteer patrol time in order for HPD to invest their time to train the neighborhood volunteers and to provide the equipment. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about being a volunteer, please contact Beth Brinsdon at beth_b@swbell.net. Please include the number of hours you would be able to volunteer each month and the general times and days you would be available.

Civic Club Meeting May. 10, 7:00pm

Directions to the Eastside Substation: Go east on Lawndale to 75th Street and turn left. Turn right at the third street past Harrisburg, (Sherman). The HPD Eastside Substation is on the left side of Sherman about half way between 75th and 76th Streets.

Important Dates:

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| Heavy Trash (2 nd Monday of mo.) | May 10 |
| Recycling (every other Monday) | May 10 & 24 |
| Civic Club (2 nd Monday of month- HPD Eastside Substation) | May 10, 7:00pm |
| The Garden Club | June 5, 10:00am |

The Newsletter is a monthly publication of the Idylwood Civic Club. Articles and ideas relevant to our area may be sent to the **Editor & Vice President, Chris Wright (Meadowlawn)**, at IdylwoodEditor@yahoo.com. Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 29, 2004.