



IDYLWOOD CIVIC CLUB
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Dear Idylwood friends and neighbors:

A neighbor will soon be contacting you to provide the opportunity to ask any remaining questions and sign your approval for the new Deed Restrictions, if you have not already done so. This document is the culmination of years of effort by many different residents working towards a collective goal. The new restrictions focus on redefining the original restrictions to reflect the changes of time and legal challenges that could not have been foreseen in the year Idylwood was founded. Many of you may remember the forums that were held over the last few years, both in the Civic club meetings as well as special “town hall” meetings, to allow neighbors to give input and assist in the development of these new restrictions. It has been a collective effort--coordinated by the Board of Directors of the Idylwood Civic Club--that has successfully resulted in a comprehensive document that reflects the desires of homeowners to protect property values and maintain Idylwood’s beauty and charm. The new restrictions successfully represent a diversity of many different opinions and values, and successfully preserve the core principles that Idylwood was founded upon. Copies of the proposed new Deed Restrictions are in the process of being distributed to all Idylwood homes. If you have not received a copy, or are new to the neighborhood, they can be downloaded from the Idylwood webpage: www.idylwood-houston.org. If you do not have internet access, please contact one of your board members to request this information.

Our current restrictions are still in effect as we work towards ratification of the new ones.

Recently, concerns have been raised about the enforceability of current deed restrictions due to the presence of the infamous “Caucasian clause” (section 8). This clause is a relic of our once-segregated society and is common in older deed restrictions. The US Supreme Court has made all discriminatory deed restriction language unenforceable, while maintaining the enforceability of the remaining restrictions. Idylwood residents clearly expressed their moral stance on this clause by including this declaration in the 1987 extension: “The undersigned do not intend....to make any such restriction enforceable, nor do the undersigned intend to express any preference, limitation or discrimination in the sale or leasing of property in Idylwood based on race, color, religion or national origin. *Each of the undersigned welcomes to the Idylwood community homeowners and renters of all races, colors, religions, and national origins.*”

It is the diversity of homeowners and homes that makes Idylwood the beautiful neighborhood which we all enjoy. Your Board of Directors remains committed to ensuring that future encroachments on the current (and upon enactment, the future) Deed Restrictions are promptly addressed in a neighborly fashion. Potential violations of the existing Deed Restrictions have successfully been resolved in the past by open communication and dialogue between neighbors. Please facilitate this communication by contacting your Board members proactively with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is again included in this newsletter.

Best Regards,

Your Board of Directors



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<http://www.idylwood-houston.org>

October 2004

Idylwood Neighbors made 2003-04 a Great Year!

Your Civic Club exists because of the efforts of volunteers who give time and financial support. Here is a list of the contributions and efforts made by your neighbors during the Civic Club's 2003-04 fiscal year.

2003-04 Accomplishments:

- Deed Restrictions Language Update Completed- (a collective effort of countless hours and volunteers)
- New* Enhanced Newsletter
- New* Yard of the Month Recognition Program
- New* Park Sign Landscaping
- Updated Website
- Monthly Meetings for Residents
- Holiday Open House (a renewed tradition)
- National Night Out Event (a huge success!)
- New* Welcoming Committee for new neighbors
- New* Neighborhood Security Committee

Additionally, neighborhood volunteers from the Civic Club represent Idylwood on a continual basis in community organizations and projects, such as the following:

- The Super Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Protection
- County Town Hall Meetings
- PIP meeting with Houston Police Department
- Southeast Neighborhood Coalition
- Project Brays
- TXDoT's Wayside Rehabilitation Project
- New Shopping Center at Wayside and Lawndale

Areas of focus for the 2004-05 are being discussed now. Please contact a board member or attend a civic club meeting and let us know your concerns or suggestions. The newly elected board plans to continue with the efforts of the previous years. Project Brays and S Wayside top the list of concerns during 2004-05, as those projects are currently underway. Next month's newsletter will give more details about the 2004-05 Civic Club Calendar of events.

Idylwood Security Report

For July 2004 there were 146 complaints overall, and **TWO** for Idylwood. These are terrific statistics, but please don't become complacent about personal and property crimes within our boundaries. HPD seems to have fallen a bit behind on their statistics publication, so we hope to have August and September in the November newsletter.

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Idylwood</i>	<i>East End (Beat 11H10)</i>
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	0	11
Aggravated Assault	0	18
Burglary	1	39
Burglary - Motor Vehicle	1	16
Auto Theft	0	26
Driving While Intoxicated	0	29
Narcotics	0	7

Are You Getting Your Idylwood Email Updates?

On October 1, David Bensey sent out a test message to all email addresses on our distribution list. Because some email services filter mass distribution lists (considering them spam), please let him know (Bensey@lifename.net) if you did not receive this test message. We want you to stay informed! Next month we will have details on the new online Idylwood forum—a great way for timely news to be distributed to residents as well as for residents to share their own neighborhood-oriented news!

The Newsletter is a monthly publication of the Idylwood Civic Club. Articles and ideas relevant to our area may be sent to IdylwoodEditor@yahoo.com. Deadline for November Newsletter is October 29, 2004.



Next Civic Club Meeting September 11, 7:00pm

Civic Club meetings are the best place to ask a Board member or HPD officer a question or raise a concern for us to follow up on. **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

Eastwood Historic Homes Tour

The 9th Annual Eastwood Historic Homes Tour will be Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17, from noon to 5:00 p.m. This year's tour will feature seven homes dating from 1911 to 1948, as well as Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School and Redeemer Church. The homes include two works-in-progress built in 1911 and 1913, as well as Rosecroft (1916), last year's work-in-progress. Tickets will be on sale at Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School, 100 Telephone Road (at McKinney) for \$10 each on the tour dates. As fellow East Enders, let's show Eastwood our support!

Board Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any Board member with questions, comments, action items, or (always welcome) praise.

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Spurlock Park Master Plan Completed

Spurlock Park is the gem of our neighborhood, so we were understandably excited when landscape architect Sara Newberry donated her time to develop a master plan that incorporates the recently annexed property at 1715 Idylwood Drive into the main section of the park. The idea is to create a space that would be filled with colorful native plants yet would be easy for Parks and Recreation employees to maintain. We have been in contact with the new Director of Parks and Recreation to begin the plan's approval process. Once this task is completed, we will begin to explore funding opportunities. Stay tuned for more details as we progress.

In Brief...

Perry Homes Site On The Market—The 20 acre site near the corner of Lawndale and Telephone is for sale. Perry informed us that they were disappointed with the selling prices of their Woodridge townhomes and felt that this would adversely impact the desired price point of the Lawndale development.

Starbucks Open In Gulfgate—Finally, Starbucks has set up shop in the Gulfgate Shopping Center. It is located on Woodridge near Lowe's. That trip to get an A/C filter just got a little easier!

Cheap Plants!—Fall in Houston is a gardener's dream. Not only is it the best time to plant, but also Houston Garden Center puts most of their plants on sale for 70% off. I prefer the North Loop/Hempstead exit location, but the West Loop and Pasadena locations are just as nice (though more crowded). Now is a great time to beautify your little corner of Idylwood!

File Under 'We Say It So You Don't Have To!'—When disposing of weekly garbage in your City of Houston trash bin, please be considerate of your neighbors and make sure that all foul smelling trash is in tightly sealed plastic trash bags. This will help keep odors, flies, and rodents to a minimum. And it will keep your neighbors happy too!

Lose your Newsletter? A copy is always available at <http://www.idylwood-houston.org>

Membership Drive Continues in October!

Here are the updated 2004-05 dues-paying members of the Idylwood Civic Club as of 30 September. We have also included a year-over-year comparison. So far, we are behind 2003-04 levels and way behind our neighborhood goal. **This year, we have included each street's goal so that you can see how your street is doing.**

Street	# Paying Properties 2004-05 Year	# Paying Properties Goal	% of Street 2004-05 Year	% of Street 2003-04 Year
Fairfield	9	33	22%	63%
Lindy	9	21	35%	69%
N MacGregor	9	18	41%	59%
Meadowlawn	17	40	35%	41%
Merry	7	22	26%	52%
Park	13	28	37%	57%
Rockbridge	8	19	35%	70%
Sylvan	11	36	24%	51%
Wildwood	12	41	24%	59%
Idylwood	4	12	27%	53%

2004-05 Civic Club Dues Form

Please complete this form and send with your \$20 payment (checks only), using the attached envelope, to:

Idylwood Civic Club, PO Box 9225, Houston, TX 77261-9225.



2005 Idylwood Civic Club Registration

Name:

Spouse/Partner:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number (to appear in directory):

Alternate Phone number:

Do you give permission for this information to appear in the Idylwood Directory? Information will appear as you have listed above Yes No