

# Idylwood News

September 2015

A publication of the Idylwood Civic Club

## CSA discount for East End residents at Finca Tres Robles Farm



The farm will be experimenting with its first CSA this upcoming fall. For those unfamiliar with the term, CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It's a model that was

established to help communities invest and connect with their local farmers in a real and direct way.

In short, supporters invest in the farm by paying a fee up front for a "share" of the season's produce. In return, they receive a weekly box of produce that will contain a mix of the farm's seasonally available produce. We will be starting off with a small number of "shares" for a 12 week commitment starting the week of

September 27th and going up to the last week before Christmas (December 13th).

If you are interested in being more directly connected with your local growers on the East Side please contact us by following the link below and completing the required information. We will follow up with more details for interested parties. This farm is only possible through the continued commitment of so many people and we are grateful for your support.

<http://www.smallplaces.org/fincatresrobles/csa-shares/csa-registration/>

## Grand Opening Success! East End Market delights the neighborhood

The East End street market is in full swing, with more than 30 vendors of organic produce, eggs, cheeses, flowers, paper crafts, jewelry and so much more! For more information about the market, contact Chef Roy Rodriguez, our market manager, at [rrodriguez@eastendfoundation.org](mailto:rrodriguez@eastendfoundation.org) 713-928-9916.

### FARMERS MARKET - OPEN EVERY SUNDAY

Artisans, Live Entertainment, Delicious Foods  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Esplanade at Navigation  
in the Heart of Houston's Second Ward  
2600-2800 Navigation Boulevard



## In this issue:

CSA and East End Street Market	1
Precinct 6 CCRT	1
Garden Club News	2
Civic Club News	2
MAKE PLANS! - Upcoming Events	3
State of the District Breakfast	3
East End Cultural District	3
Reporting a Problem	3
Leash Laws	3
Idylwood Civic Club Board 2015-2016	4
Crime Stats	4
Important Dates	4

## Precinct 6 Announces Newly Formed Crime Control Response Team

Constable Heliodoro Martinez, Jr. is proud to announce the formation of a new crime control unit dedicated to resolving community crime problems within Precinct 6. The Crime Control Response Team (CCRT) is being introduced precisely when the various communities within Precinct 6 are experiencing a revitalization phase with more residents moving into the Precinct.

The CCRT is presently composed of one sergeant and four deputies who will also work together with local and state law enforcement agencies. On a daily basis, they will investigate recurrent criminal activities such as burglaries, robberies, assaults, thefts and vice related offenses. They will dedicate law enforcement resources to address crimes taking place at cantinas, game rooms, local parks, along bike and walking trails, high drug trafficking areas and other areas of concern. Team members will respond utilizing marked patrol vehicles and marked police patrol bicycles. Team members will also monitor neighborhood schools and school zones. The goal is to protect and enhance the quality of life for all existing and new residents in Precinct 6.

## We Want to Cultivate Your Friendship!! It's Registration Time!!

Greetings neighbors and part-time gardeners! The Idylwood Garden Club is gearing up for our eclectic group of enthusiastic gardeners to start our 2015-2016 year of meetings, programs, and social gatherings. We would like you to join and reap the benefits of our group: learn a variety of gardening information, socialize with wonderful neighbors, and eat fabulous food! Just complete the IGC registration form included in the August newsletter and return it to Diane Kopfensteiner at our first meeting, Sept. 12, or by Sept. 19 so you can be included in our directory. Forms will also be at our first meeting. Yearly dues are only \$20! What a deal! Some of our meetings will feature speakers on ferns and tropical plants, fruit and nut trees and other plants for Zone 9, gardening tips from a master gardener, a holiday social, our annual plant sale, and much more! We look forward to seeing you!

***STOP BY THE  
IDYLWOOD  
GARDEN CLUB***

at Judy & Chris Berno's  
1402 N. MacGregor Way

Saturday, September 12  
10:00-Noon

Enjoy light refreshments and hear from Darla  
Harris about native and tropical ferns.

Friends, Guests and Partners are welcome.

RSVP by Sept. 8 to IGC President, Bettie Bishop at 713-921-5688 or  
email: ms1149@swbcglobal.net.



## Save the Date: Sat., October 3- Garden Club Meeting

Our next meeting will feature renowned gardener, Tom LeRoy, who will share his knowledge about container gardening with vegetables and plants in addition to a wealth of information from his career of 35 years in this field. Tom implemented the first Master Gardener Program in Texas, was the Horticulture Harris County Extension Agent, and is currently the Montgomery County Horticulture Extension Agent. He's driving in just for our club, so please join us!!



## CIVIC CLUB NEWS

At our **SEPTEMBER 15TH** meeting we will be having a "Meet and Greet" with the candidates on the ballot for the November 3rd elections. This event will include an opportunity to hear from and meet candidates for mayor, city council, controller, and other candidates on the ballot. After short introductions by each candidate, we will have a short Q&A session and a reception afterwards so that our residents may talk one-on-one with the candidates and make an informed decision for the November election. We are already receiving a large number of RSVPs from the invited candidates, and we hope we get a similar turn out from our residents at this meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER 20TH CIVIC CLUB MEETING

This year the Idylwood Civic Club will be focusing in on the issue of homelessness in our area by hosting a community panel at its October 20th Civic Club Meeting. A variety of panel speakers will share their perspectives and answer our residents questions about how we can effectively address this problem. As part of this presentation, we will also be conducting a donation drive to benefit our neighbor, New Hope Housing. We encourage you to start collecting the following items to participate in this community service project:

- Bathroom essentials (toiletries, including toilet paper, soap, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- Bedroom essentials (including regular twin bed linens, regular shower curtains)
- Kitchen essentials (pots, pans, flatware)

Neighbors can bring their donation items to the October 20th Civic Club meeting or make arrangements to drop them off the weekend prior to meeting with Amy Dinn (acdinn@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your participation in these upcoming events.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

Our September YOM is given to Sandra Barrera and Manuel Tello at 6628 Lindy Ln. They have been residents of Idylwood for 18 years.



## MAKE PLANS! National Night Out

**October 6, 2015**

Please come out and join other Idylwood residents for a fun evening in our neighborhood park. You can meet your neighbors, pay Civic Club dues, buy an Idylwood T-shirt, sign up for the directory, or get a window sticker for your car. Also, meet and greet with officers from the Precinct 6 Constable's Office and the Houston Police Department. Some refreshments and food will be provided, but you are welcome to bring something to share.

## East End Street Festival October 17, 2015

Houston's East End is a vibrant international business district rich in diversity and bursting with residential and commercial development. To celebrate the changes the East End is kicking off the third annual East End Street Fest on October 17, 2015. The event will take place on Navigation Esplanade, between S. Jensen Dr. and Delano St. We'll have two music stages featuring top local artists, food choices for every taste, art and plenty of fun activities for the family. A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit organization. Come out for some local family fun!

## Idylwood Trick or Treat October 24, 2015

Make plans to participate in the annual Idylwood Trick or Treat event that will take place at Spurlock park on October 24, 2015. More details about this event will be in the October newsletter, but if you would like donate food or decorations please contact Allison McPhail at [allison.mcphail@gmail.com](mailto:allison.mcphail@gmail.com)

## EAST END DESIGNATED A CULTURAL DISTRICT

The Texas Commission for the Arts designated the Houston East End Cultural District in fall 2014, making this area one of five such districts in the City. There are more than 75 named cultural assets in the East End, representing the area's diversity and talent, and including restaurants, performance venues, art galleries, theaters, and maker spaces. The East End Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will provide governance for the East End Cultural District. The foundation's mission is to celebrate the unique history, culture, and neighborhoods of the East End by strengthening the cultural and educational organizations, and to develop opportunities for residents to participate in cultural and educational enrichment activities. Learn more about the East End Foundation: [www.eastendfoundation.org](http://www.eastendfoundation.org)

## Reporting a Problem

The Idylwood Board of Directors has established a new way for neighbors to connect with the Board about any issues that need to be addressed in the neighborhood. Please complete the form at <http://www.idylwood.org/report-a-problem/> and your inquiry or concern will be forwarded to someone who can address or respond to your report. Deed restriction violations should still be sent to the Club's post office box pursuant to Idylwood Bylaws, but the Board designed this reporting method to increase the lines of communication between the Board and Idylwood residents. Some issues may be beyond the Board's power to address (loose animals, overgrown yards, etc.) and in those cases, the form will direct you to the proper resource.

Use this form to report questionable activity in Idylwood. Remember, if you feel this is an emergency, we suggest you call 911. This form is to report non-life threatening situations or concerns. We will never divulge your contact information but we do need to have either an email or telephone number, or both, so we can obtain more information about the issue if necessary.

## State of the District Breakfast

Rep. Alvarado's State of the District Breakfast will be on September 12 at 9:30am at the HCC-Southeast Campus (Learning Hub Auditorium, 6815 Rustic, Bldg. D, Houston, Texas 77087). Rep. Alvarado will provide a legislative update about many of the laws that are going into effect this year. We will also have a representative from TxDOT who will speak about upcoming TxDOT projects and HPD who will provide a crime and safety update.

---

## LEASH LAW

### A friendly reminder about your pets

Dogs and cats may not run at large in Houston. Running at large means going on public or private property without the owner or another person having direct physical control of the animal. An animal on a leash is considered to be under direct physical control of a person.

When animals are not on a leash they must be otherwise restrained, either behind a fence or in some other enclosure that will prevent their escape.

Running at large may result in impoundment of the animal or in the issuance of one or more citations.

Date taken from [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)



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

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

## Idylwood Civic Club 2015-2015

Please welcome your Idylwood Civic Club Officers and Directors for 2015-2016! There are several new faces among them, and former Idylwood President **Maggie Mottesheard** is returning as a director to lend her considerable wisdom. Welcome one and all.

**PRESIDENT:** Amy Dinn (Sylvan Road)  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Laura Manion (Meadowlawn)  
**TREASURER:** Kendall Qualis (Meadowlawn)  
**SECRETARY:** Joni Mueller (Sylvan Road)

**Directors: Class A, 1 Year**  
**Catherine Bixler** (Rockbridge)  
**Larry Brown** (Meadowlawn)  
**Lee Carpenter** (Park Lane)  
**Patricia Hattenbach** (North MacGregor Way)  
**Maggie Mottesheard** (Meadowlawn)

**Directors: Class B, 2 Year**  
**Judy Berno** (MacGregor)  
**Lawrence Curry** (Meadowlawn)  
**Jeff Klemm** (Merry Lane)  
**Diane Kopfensteiner** (Fairfield)  
**Paul Leggett** (Merry Lane)  
**Barney Giesen** (Meadowlawn)

**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](http://www.idylwood.org)

**Newsletter Editor:** Allison McPhail  
[allison.mcphail@gmail.com](mailto:allison.mcphail@gmail.com)

**Idylwood Webmaster:** Joni Mueller  
[www.pixelita.com](http://www.pixelita.com)

**Crime Reporting:**  
Emergency: 911

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

**Animal Control:** (713) 229-7300

**Neighborhood Protection:** Contact 311

Thanks to The K Team for their generous discount



1128 Pasadena Blvd. | Pasadena, TX 77506  
[www.kwikkopypasadena.com](http://www.kwikkopypasadena.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Labor Day/Monday, Sept. 7, 2015** - No Collection Services; All Neighborhood Depositories will be closed.

**Tues., Sept. 8** - Monday's Garbage, Curbside Recycling, Yard Waste, 1st Monday & 2nd Tuesday Tree Waste will be collected. Neighborhood Depositories closed, Westpark re-opens.

**September 28, 2015** - Recycling

**September 15** - Civic Club Candidate Forum and Meet and Greet. - St. Austin Center - 7:30pm

**October 6, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** - National Night Out - Spurlock Park

**October 20** - Civic Club Meeting - Homelessness Panel St. Austin Center - 7:30pm

**October 24** - Idylwood Halloween Party and Trick or Treating - Details coming soon!

**November 17th** - Civic Club Meeting - Constable's Office on new Open Carry Law and Keith Hamm discussing city election results - Austin Center - 7:30pm

**December 15th** - Civic Club Holiday Party

**February 13th** - Civic Club Tree Planting

## 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.

**WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/IDYLWOOD**

**FOR PARENTS** - Search "iKids" (closed Facebook group) to find out about family activities in the neighborhood.

**YAHOO Email Group** Please join the Idylwood Community Exchange. [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Idylwood\\_Community\\_Exchange/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Idylwood_Community_Exchange/)