

# The West Lane Place News

April 2016

## West Lane Place Civic Association

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**Webmaster:** Marj Elhardt

### A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

The Annual Meeting for the West Lane Place Civic Association will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 P.M. at Amazing Place 3735 Drexel. Your attendance and participation are important for the sustenance and betterment of our wonderful neighborhood. Refreshments will be served. We have arranged for parking with the Houston Metro Urology, so there should be ample parking spaces for everyone to attend. We will review the events of the past year, elect officers for 2016-2017, and have a few individuals from the community to speak to us on topics that are pertinent to our neighborhood.

It has been my privilege to have served as your president for the past two years. I feel extremely fortunate to have worked with an exceptional Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, all of whom have volunteered their time and expertise for our various neighborhood projects. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their support and hard work over the past year. We have accomplished a great deal, and looking ahead, I have great confidence in the slate of officers and directors nominated to serve for 2016-2017.

The current Board took office on July 1, 2015. Since then, this has been a very productive year for the West Lane Place Civic Association. All dues paying members received our annual directory in July. Planning for National Night Out commenced during the summer, and culminated with an extremely successful event in early October. We had great participation from both residents of WLP as well as law enforcement and fire department personnel. Our current membership drive began in January and I am pleased to say that our residents continue to join and support our Civic Association. If you have not yet paid your dues, please either send them to our Membership Chair or bring them to the

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Annual Meeting. A membership form can be downloaded from our website at [www.wlpca.org](http://www.wlpca.org). Please show your support for our neighborhood and our Civic Association with your membership.

Our newsletters have been published regularly, and I have been told that our residents really look forward to receiving the West Lane Place News. Many thanks go to **Gilda Bayegan** for her dedication and service as editor of our newsletters. Our website, [wlpca.org](http://wlpca.org) has undergone a transformation in both design and security. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work and diligence of our webmistress, **Marj Elhardt**. Please be sure to check out the new look of our website at [www.wlpca.org](http://www.wlpca.org).

As always, security remains a major concern. Last year it was determined that it is not feasible to maintain a private security patrol for West Lane Place. It is so important to continue our program of “neighbors watching out for neighbors.” If you see or know of any suspicious activity, please be sure to report such activity to [crimealert@wlpca.org](mailto:crimealert@wlpca.org). In addition, we are fortunate to have a group of dedicated residents who routinely patrol the area with “Crime Watch” signs on their cars. I am happy to say that training was held in February of this year for both current and new patrols. There is always room for more volunteers, so please let our Security Chair know if you are interested.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting on May 3.

Jane Root, President WLPCHA

## **WLPCA Website has a New Look & Additional Features**

By: Marj Elhardt

Please stop by to browse the updated West Lane Place website at <http://www.wlpca.org>. If you were familiar with the old site, you will notice that not only has the look changed, but the navigation for the site has moved to the top of the page with dropdown buttons for the various sections of the site. You will still find the same useful information on waste disposal and recycling and neighborhood security along with interesting information on the history of the neighborhood and copies of the newsletter.

Two new features have been added – an events calendar and a contact us form. Please consider using the contact us form whenever you have a question, a concern or wish to report an incident. By picking one of the topics listed as the subject of your concern, your email will be directed to the officer, board member or committee chair who will respond to you directly.

The events calendar highlights upcoming West Lane Place meetings or events along with events of general interest to the neighborhood. If you know of an upcoming event, i.e. the Azalea Trail, family day at Bayou Bend, etc., you can use the contact us form with the topic “Other” to provide the dates, times, etc. for the event. We will post these events as time and space permit. Please keep in mind that this is a public calendar, so unless you want the entire neighborhood and much of greater Houston to attend your son’s Bar Mitzvah, it’s probably best not to post it to the calendar.

Your comments on the website and suggestions for improvement are always welcome. Please send an email to [media@wlpca.org](mailto:media@wlpca.org) and thanks in advance for helping us to provide a website that you will find useful and informative.

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## **WLPCA Citizens’ Patrol**

By: Mike Weingart

For the past several years, a group of West Lane Place residents have been patrolling our neighborhood as members of the Citizens’ Patrol program. This program is an effort by citizens to help reduce crime in our subdivision. Through its Volunteer Initiatives Program,

the Houston Police Department (HPD) uses volunteers to enhance the delivery of police services to Houston neighborhoods.

A training session was held in February for new volunteers. At the same time, existing members of the Citizens’ Patrol were re-qualified. Eleven WLP residents participated in the session conducted by Officer Wayne Pate of the HPD Westheimer storefront. In order for this program to be in effect for WLP, our volunteers must commit a minimum of 30 hours (total of all volunteers) of patrolling by car per month.

We are always looking for new volunteers. You must be at least 18 years of age and willing to be subject to a brief background check. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact our Security Chair, Mohammad Bayegan at [Security@wlpca.org](mailto:Security@wlpca.org). You will be notified of our next training session.

Many thanks to **Mohammad Bayegan, Chris Elhardt, Ann and Cliff Iverson, Marion McDaniel, Ted Richardson, and Mike Weingart**, for their ongoing participation in this program. Also thank you to our new volunteers, **Margery Anderson, F. Bozorgmehr, Jane Root, and Nancy Synnot**.

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## **The City of Houston Mini Murals Program**

By: Jane Root

It is possible that many of you have noticed the transformation of some of the gray utility boxes on various street corners around town during the past several months. The interesting designs on these boxes range from bold to whimsical, and from abstract to realistic.

The program for the painting of these utility boxes is being coordinated by UP Art Studio. This is a great way to utilize the talents of many of Houston’s “up and coming” young artists.

Please watch the southeast corner of Westheimer and Mid Lane over the next few months. We hope the transformation of the utility box will be a welcome change to the entrance of our neighborhood.

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# **WLPCA**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: AMAZING PLACE**  
**3735 DREXEL**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**DOOR PRIZES**

Parking available next door at Houston Metro Urology. Please carpool if you can.

### **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016-17**

Earlier this year, WLPCA President, Jane Root appointed a Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers and directors for election at the WLPCA Annual Meeting on May 3. The nominees are:

**PRESIDENT:** James Brodnax  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Diane Kiecke  
**SECRETARY:** Sara Ng  
**TREASURER:** Cynthia Trigg  
**DIRECTOR:** (2016-2018) Sue Shivers  
**DIRECTOR:** (2016-2018) Tim Smith  
**DIRECTOR:** (2016-2018) Brian Teichman

WLPCA thanks the Nominating Committee Chair, Pat Bohn and his fellow Committee members: Marj Elhardt, Marion McDaniel, Sue Shivers, and Brian Teichman for their service.

**Recycling, Heavy Trash, and Tree & Limb Pick-up Schedule for WLP**

**APRIL**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	<b>11</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	<b>25</b>	26	<b>J</b>	28	29	30


**MAY**


Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	<b>9</b>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	<b>23</b>	24		26	27	28
29	30	31				

**JUNE**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	<b>6</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<b>20</b>	21	<b>J</b>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**JULY**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	<b>5</b>	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26		28	29	30
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 = Tree waste; **J** = Junk & tree waste pick up

**Weekly household trash pick-up each Monday.** NOTE: Recycling is **every other Monday, on highlighted days in boxes.** Please have your bins out on the curb by 7 am and in by 10 pm.

“Tree Waste” is defined as “clean wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will NOT be accepted.)” \*

“Junk Waste” is defined as “items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.” \*

\* Junk and tree waste may be left on the curb a day or two prior to collection day.

**Announcements**

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**Recycling Change:** The City of Houston has just sent out an announcement regarding its new contract for recycling. Effective immediately, glass will no longer be accepted for curb-side recycling. Please continue to recycle plastics, paper and metal. Glass items can be brought to the consumer recycling center at 5900 Westpark. For further information, you may refer to: [www.houstonsolidwaste.org/recycling](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org/recycling)

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**WLP Decals:** Please be sure to display the WLP Decal on the left rear window of your vehicle. This is an important way of knowing, for security purposes, which cars belong in our neighborhood. If you do not have decals, please contact our membership chair at [membership@wlpca.org](mailto:membership@wlpca.org). Decals will also be available at our annual meeting.

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**Put your announcement here!** Please let us know about a neighbor who deserves some bragging, a child who made honor roll, or the extra styro foam peanuts you’d be happy to share with anybody who needs packing materials. Whatever *it* is, we’d like to know about it. Just send an email to [newsletter@wlpca.org](mailto:newsletter@wlpca.org).

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