



April 2019

# West Lane Place Newsletter

West Lane Place Civic Association Board Members:

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## Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors:

The Annual Meeting for the West Lane Place Civic Association will be held on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at the offices of Martha Turner Sotheby's Realty located at 50 Briar Hollow Lane, Suite 700 W Houston, TX 77027. Parking will be available behind the building. Refreshments will be served. The agenda will be similar to years prior with a guest speaker and time allotted to answer resident's questions. **Please send me any questions or discussion topics by May 1st to [president@wlpca.org](mailto:president@wlpca.org).** Questions submitted ahead of time will be answered first. Doing so allows the Board to have the ability to properly address the subjects at the meeting. The nominating committee has proposed an excellent slate of Officers and Directors for resident members to vote on (see page 4) as well as an opportunity to join the Civic Association. The many Volunteers, Committee Chairs, Officers and Board Members have devoted considerable time during the past year contributing to the quality of West Lane Place. The Neighborhood Crime Watch, Quarterly Newsletter, Annual Meeting Planning, Neighborhood Night Out, Membership and Directory delivery, general beautification and other things that go unnoticed happen through the work of our volunteers. We welcome and encourage everyone to help us make West Lane Place a wonderful place to live.

I also wanted to mention that as a Civic Association, we do not have the authority to do the work of the City of Houston, such as trash and recycling collection, ticketing parked cars that have overstayed or debris removal. For City of Houston Services please call 311 or 713-837-0311

or visit [www.houston311.org](http://www.houston311.org) or download the Houston 3-1-1 app to your smartphone or tablet. Here are some of the departments there to address your concerns:

3-1-1 -- [311@houstontx.gov](mailto:311@houstontx.gov)

Birth/Death Certs -- [QA.VitalStatistics@houstontx.gov](mailto:QA.VitalStatistics@houstontx.gov)

Build Houston Forward -- [buildforward@houstontx.gov](mailto:buildforward@houstontx.gov)

City Council Agendas -- [citysecretary@houstontx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@houstontx.gov)

Fire (non-emergency) -- [hfdpubinf@houstontx.gov](mailto:hfdpubinf@houstontx.gov)

Green Houston -- [greenhouston@houstontx.gov](mailto:greenhouston@houstontx.gov)

Mayor -- [mayor@houstontx.gov](mailto:mayor@houstontx.gov)

Police (non-emergency) --

[public.affairs@houstonpolice.org](mailto:public.affairs@houstonpolice.org)

Trash / Recycling -- [swdworks@houstontx.gov](mailto:swdworks@houstontx.gov)

Veterans Affairs -- [cohova@houstontx.gov](mailto:cohova@houstontx.gov)

Water Bills -- [customer.service@houstontx.gov](mailto:customer.service@houstontx.gov)

In the meantime, I would like to mention some of the topics of the calls that I have received to remind everyone to be a good neighbor; don't leave your parked vehicles unattended in front of other people's homes for days, make sure that you or your landscape company does not leave piles of lawn and leaf debris in the street as it prevents water from draining properly into the sewer, slow down and watch for others especially with the high amount of traffic due to all the recent new construction (we recently had a jogger get hit by a car) and be the kind of neighbor that you would want living next door. As Gandhi famously said, "be the change you want to see in the world". Diane Kiecke President, WLPCA



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## West Lane Place - New Home Construction Update

Our neighborhood continues to be a popular and desirable Houston address. The location is hard to beat for convenience and proximity to just about everything, except maybe a boat launch. New home construction has accelerated in the past year. Here's an overview of current activity.



2905 A,B & C MID LANE Three, 3-story homes are nearing completion on the replatted property formerly owned by longtime resident and engineer Robert Cook. The developer is Pelican Builders.



3306 MID LANE WLP SEC 3: Two-story, 5000+ sq. ft. home is currently under construction on property formerly owned by long-

time resident and attorney Don Thiel. Completion expected by July 2019. Developer is Sherpa Builders.



**Meet Sheila** Dressed in Cobalt Blue, this classic 1956 Cadillac 4-door sedan may be seen in West lane Place almost daily. Hackberry neighbors Pat and Lydia Fant are the second owners of this classic example of the age of iron and steel (and no computers.) Sheila (The Octane Hunter) presents as an 18 ft long V8, with rare factory air, power everything and a great thirst. The car works every day, carrying passengers all of 5 minutes to the office or the Houstonian. West Lane Place is a neighborhood of color, charm, style and most of all, fun. Just

another part of one of Houston's classic places to live.



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4 A and B LANA LANE in WEST LANE ANNEX:

Two, 2-1/2 story homes, approximately 3200 each in area,

are under construction on the lot formerly owned by legendary Houston actress Bettye Fitzpatrick. Completion is expected by January 2020 and the developer is Scott Frasier Homes

16 HACKBERRY LANE in WEST LANE ANNEX: This 15,600 sq. ft. tract was formerly owned

by long-time resident Mark Nelson and was sold to a developer in 2016. The property has been re-platted twice and recently sold to another developer who has indicated he will replat



the property again - into three lots. Construction is expected to start this summer.



11 and 15 HACKBERRY LANE in WEST LANE ANNEX: Two, 2-1/2 story homes - approximately 3100 and 3400

sq. ft. in area area are under construction on the lot formerly owned by James Goeller. Completion expected early 2020. Developer is Lovett Homes



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### Gardening with Brian - Three Steps to A Great Landscape

Every Spring you can count on unpredictable weather, pollen covering your car and a slew of ads about how to nuke your yard to kill all the weeds. Hopefully, recent news about the dangers of pesticides and herbicides like RoundUp have caught our attention. There is a natural alternative:

- 1) Just say no to toxic pesticides and herbicides. Most of the Spring weeds will burn off in the heat that's coming soon, but the chemicals linger. A healthy stand of St. Augustine can beat out most weeds during the growing season.
- 2) Apply MicroLife Humate Plus 0-0-4 to all of your landscape. This great organic nutrient source improves soil structure and helps reduce salt buildup. The increased organic matter and healthy microbes will help suppress weeds over time and reduce your irrigation needs. The less we have to water the healthier for plants and soil.
- 3) Get your plants off junk food. Apply MicroLife 6-2-4 Multi-Purpose Fertilizer to feed the soil and plants. This organic fertilizer is loaded with over 100 minerals instead of the usual 3-7 minerals found in salt based synthetic fertiliz-

### Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors of WLPCA

- for the term beginning July, 2019

**These are the nominees for directors and officers of the West Lane Place Civic Association board for the next term. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 7th, 2019**

- Pres: Diane Kiecke
- Vice Pres: Gilda Bayegan
- Treasurer: Michael Paneral
- Sec: Sara Ng
- Directors:  
Pat Holmes - Bill Cash - Barbara Staley

### **Recycling Pickup Schedule (the green bins)**



*Curbside Recycling is scheduled for every other Monday*

*(4/22, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1 and so on...) OK to recycle glass again!*

### **Heavy Trash/Big Junk Pick Up Schedule**

*4th Wednesday of Even Numbered Months (like April 24th)*

### **Heavy Tree & Branch Waste Pickup Schedule**

*4th Wednesday of Odd Numbered Months (like May 22nd)*