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A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time for reflection and to stop and count one's blessings. For all of us residing in West Lane Place, one of those blessings is to be fortunate enough to be part of such a congenial and vibrant neighborhood.

The success of our Annual National Night Out was due to the hard work of many individuals and the participation of over 125 people. We had representation from many local law enforcement agencies as well as the fire department. Thank you all for your participation and support of this event.

Our annual membership drive officially begins with the publication and distribution of this Newsletter. Enclosed you will find a membership form and a return envelope for your convenience. Your dues provide funding for our ongoing programs, which include **Crime Alert, Crime Watch, Crime Watch signage, WLP automobile decals, a quarterly Newsletter, an annual Membership Directory, Neighbors Night Out,** and our **Annual Meeting**. In addition, the association maintains the entrances to our neighborhood with signage and landscaping. It is our goal that all of the households in **WLP** will become members of the **West Lane Place Civic Association** this year. Please assure the stability and continual improvement of our neighborhood with the payment of your annual dues.

Several residents have expressed the desire for a Security Patrol for West Lane Place. Because the Civic Association is not in a position to hire a security patrol due to the fact that our neighborhood is small and dues are not mandatory, there is some interest in engaging a private security company on a voluntary basis. The Security Committee was charged with researching the cost and services of various companies throughout the Houston area. The Security Committee has also requested that a study be conducted to determine how many residents would be willing to make a financial commitment for a security patrol. In this regard, a survey has been prepared and approved by the Board. It will be mailed to all of the residents of West Lane Place within

the next few weeks. Once the answers to the questions on the surveys are compiled, the results will be communicated to you. In the meantime, please be assured that our Citizens' Crime Watch Patrol is continually active and that there is an increased presence of HPD patrol in our area. In addition, the Board has approved funds for additional Crime Watch signage throughout the neighborhood. Please do your part to assure the safety of our neighborhood by reporting any suspicious activity to our Crime Alert System, lighting your property well, keeping garage doors closed, hiding your valuables in your locked cars, and most of all, setting your burglar alarms.

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and I extend all my good wishes for a spectacular 2015.

Jane Root,
President

MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS ENCLOSED!!

Please take a moment today to fill out the enclosed application, write a check payable to WLPCA for your 2015 membership dues, (the teeny tiny sum of \$25 per person,) then find a stamp, and mail your check and completed application in the self-addressed envelope.
Thank you!

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

Announcements

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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.

Security Surveys on the Way. Soon, you will receive a survey in the mail from the WLPCA to determine your interest in subscribing to private security. Please fill out this survey and return it in the enclosed envelope by **Jan. 31, even if you have already expressed interest in the past.** This is the official tally, the one that counts.

Cameras. The Security Committee and WLPCA request that anyone whose security camera films pedestrians or traffic in the streets of West Lane Place, please let us know if you would be willing to share your videos of those public areas. Your film could be very helpful at some future date when circumstances require the Security Committee and/or HPD to investigate incidents in WLP. Please call **Mohammad Bayegan (713-882-7300)** to include your camera among our potential security resources.

Hello from the Governor. Recently, our former WLP neighbor, **Governor Mark White**, said “hello.” He also commented on how good things were looking around West Lane Place, and how much he missed our excellent location. Then he asked to send this message: If anybody in West Lane Place wants to sell him a house for a good (his exact word was “cheap”) price, please let him know, and he’ll move back!

Congratulations to Afton Oaks! We hear that our smart neighbors over in Afton Oaks applied for a grant from the City of Houston’s **Neighborhood Matching Grant Program**, and were awarded **\$2,845.13** to use toward a project to install an **irrigation system** and **landscape** the Newcastle esplanade and the traffic triangle on Newcastle and Kettering. Good job, Afton Oaks!

They Are Now Called Speed Humps by Ann Iverson

They used to be called Speed Bumps. Then there were called Speed Cushions. Now they are called Speed Humps.

Many of you have inquired as to whether WLPCA can have the city install more Speed Humps in our neighborhood.

The answer is yes and no. The city will no longer install them. However each street within our civic association organize together to go through the process of seeking more Speed Humps, or as on Bash, Lana, Hackberry, West Alabama and West Lane Drive, for the first time.

Each street would need to put a team together to do the following. You do not need WLPCA board approval to do this, however please let our WLPCA president know if you decide to proceed and advise of the outcome.

1. Visit this website:
<http://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/traffic/programs.html>
2. Click NTMP Application.
3. Download application, and complete it.
4. At a minimum, before sending in the application, download the petition at this link - <http://edocs.publicworks.houstontx.gov/division-files/traffic-operations-division/traffic-divison-general-documents/4032-ntmp-petition.html> - for the Speed Humps and obtain as many homeowner signatures supporting the need for Speed Humps as possible; the best of all worlds would be to get signatures from every homeowner on your street.

Please note on the application: you can personally apply for funding assistance, or you can collect funds from homeowners on your street. There is no guarantee that the city will provide assistance. The chances are better for approval if the homeowners on your street provide full funding which must include: planning, mailing, engineering, and temporary and permanent construction of approved devices. Humps can cost anywhere from \$500 per 6 foot long piece up to a little over \$1000. If you have any questions about this process, please phone, 832 395 3000 (Houston’s Traffic Hotline).