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DEAR NEIGHBORS:

Fall is here hallelujah!

The WLPCA Board of Directors is excited to host our first **National Night Out** in two years, scheduled for October 5. (*see the invitation, right*) This is an event to which we invite **all residents of West Lane Place** whether or not they are members of the WLPCA. We also invite law enforcement officers assigned to our area to have an opportunity to meet them in happy, nonemergency circumstances and let them know how much we appreciate the services they provide for us.

Once again, we will gather in **Berkeley Place** on West Lane Drive, thanks to the continued hospitality of our neighbors there, but you will notice a few new features this time. The board decided to add **frozen margaritas** and an **ice cream machine** to the event this year. It may be autumn, but this *is* Texas so we're pretty certain it will not be too cold to enjoy frozen treats!

We also plan to serve snacks and individually boxed fried chicken. **There will be a few tables and chairs, but be prepared to stand and walk around the courtyard as you visit.**

October means Halloween! We encourage the kiddo-s in the neighborhood to take this opportunity to show off their Halloween costumes and enjoy an early bit of trick-or-treat-ing. We'd love a sneak preview of our little goblins-to-be. As for the grown up goblins living among us who love Halloween, please feel free to fancy-dress along with the kids if you wish.

Unfortunately, it's not all fun and good news. By now everyone surely is aware of the terrible crimes committed near us recently. The WLPCA Board and committees constantly search for ways to improve security in West Lane Place, but each of us must take an active role in our own safety. We urge all of you to be vigilant and keep in mind that we live in an area that is a target of crime. Always lock your car and house, leave nothing in your car, turn on your alarm every time you leave your house, install security cameras, and always, *always* pay attention to who is paying attention to you!

Don't forget - mark your calendars now and plan to join us for NNO. Please urge your neighbors to join us, too. We haven't gathered in so long, it's time to clear away the cobwebs and for everyone to get reacquainted!

See you soon!

Gilda Bayegan
President-WLPCA

****National Neighbors' Night Out****

6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 5

2603 West Lane Drive

**Individually Boxed Fried Chicken
Wine, Beer, Soft drinks, and Frozen Margaritas**

Desserts and Ice Cream Cones

**Meet your neighbors and local law enforcement
officers**

All West Lane Place residents are invited!

Neighborhood children, please let us see your Halloween costumes!

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 = Tree waste; **J** = Junk waste pick up

Weekly household trash pick up on Mondays. 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.”

NNO - National [Neighbors] Night Out!

The West Lane Place Civic Association is delighted to invite all West Lane Place residents to our **National Night Out** (also known as “Neighbors’ Night Out”) Tuesday, October 5. Our gracious neighbors in **Berkeley Place, 2603 West Lane Drive**, have once again allowed us to gather in their lovely courtyard. **HPD Liaison, Mike Weingart**, invited local law enforcement, and it seems they will be with us in great numbers. We plan to serve **individually boxed fried chicken** and snacks, along with wine, beer, soft drinks, water and something new – **frozen margaritas!** We also will offer **soft serve ice cream** among our desserts.

We’d love for neighborhood children to arrive dressed up to preview their Halloween costumes, as well as any adult neighbors who can’t resist an opportunity for fancy dress.

Please r.s.v.p. to gildabb@msn.com if you haven’t yet.

Dead and dying gardens. A neighbor on Hackberry Lane asked us to send his compliments to West Lane Place neighbors who replaced landscaping killed by the February freeze. All of us appreciate the effort required to rebuild a garden during this time of peak demand, supply chain disruptions, and record-breaking labor shortages. The Hackberry Lane neighbor also asked us to convey a message to those whose gardens are still brown and crunchy: *he wants us to tell you the brown, crunchy plants are dead, and grieving will not bring them back.*

Crime Watch. You don’t need us to tell you that crime is an epidemic around here, and our neighborhood is in its epicenter. Despite heroic efforts by law enforcement, the number and severity of incidents continue to rise, and we must be proactive to keep West Lane Place secure. **One of the most effective things we can do for ourselves is our Crime Watch program**, trained volunteers on the lookout for alarming activity in the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the once strong West Lane Place Crime Watch patrol has dwindled to a team of only three or four individuals, and needs several more volunteers. To be clear, these volunteers will **observe only, never confront any suspicious person!** The program includes training by HPD and involves careful observation as you drive through WLP with a magnetic “Crime Watch” sign attached to the door of your vehicle. The big point, besides having “eyes on the ground” is that your presence lets potential criminals know they will be seen. **HPD credits our Crime Watch program for our historically lower incidence of crime in WLP!**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, **contact Security Chair, Mohammad Bayegan, mohawk@msn.com**

Private Security. Another possibility is to hire private security for West Lane Place. To explore this idea, contact Kyle E. at midlanecommons@gmail.com