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Dear Neighbors:

At our Annual Meeting on May 14, 2024, the members of the West Lane Place Civic Association (“WLPCA”) elected a new Board of Directors for 2024-25, notable for having four members that have never before served on the Board. For years, the same residents have worked hard to keep West Lane Place one the best neighborhoods in Houston. We thank retiring members, **Michael Paneral, Mike Ginzel, Marj Elhardt, and Gilda Bayegan** for their many years of service, and welcome new Board members **Teresa Heck, Susan Simpson, Vicki Brooks, and Rosemarie Roth.**

As I discussed with those who attended our Annual Meeting, the WLPCA benefits residents of West Lane Place in many ways: this **newsletter**, distributed to all residents for free, contains information about goings on in and around our neighborhood, including City services such as garbage and trash collection. **Gilda Bayegan** is the Editor of the newsletter and **Phyllis Maddox** oversees distribution.

The WLPCA **directory** also is distributed free to all residents. It contains the name, address, telephone number and email address of all members who opt to share their information. **Rosemarie Roth** is finishing a new version, so be sure to send in your membership form and payment asap to be included in the list.

The **Security Committee** oversees **Crime Watch** patrols within the neighborhood and alerts HPD of trouble. **Mohammad Bayegan** coordinates this service and sends out ad hoc bulletins for issues that require immediate notice. (to receive these email notices, you must sign up through our website, www.wlpca.org) You surely have seen **Ted Richardson** making his Crime Watch rounds for many years, keeping us safe.

Gilda Bayegan and **Ted Richardson** advocate on behalf of WLP with the City and the County for services including deed restriction enforcement. If you have a deed restrictions question, call Ted. He will direct you the deed restriction coordinator for your subdivision.

Recycling Notice signs are posted on the curb on the appropriate days to remind us to bring out our green bins.

The WLPCA hosts **Neighbors Night Out** in October, a fun, free event at which neighbors can drink margaritas and wine while meeting other neighbors and the police and fire personnel who protect us.

The WLPCA benefits each of us in all these ways. Nevertheless, there are many residents who enjoy these benefits without supporting us with our miniscule membership dues. Of the approximately 350 residences in West Lane Place, only 150 residents paid the tiny yearly membership dues (\$25 and \$15 for seniors) last year. Wouldn't it be better if everyone participated in paying for the benefits we all enjoy?

I urge all residents who have not done so to become members of the WLPCA by filling out the **application, page 3**, and **submitting it to Rosemarie Dimarco Roth** with the small yearly fee. You'll notice a space for additional donations, which I encourage and appreciate! We are strictly a volunteer organization, and we need each of you to participate in the activities we sponsor. For instance, if you have a story or news that would be of interest to your neighbors, please send it to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. If you have spare time, volunteer to be part of our Crime Watch team.

It takes all of us to ensure that West Lane Place continues to be a great place to live. Please become involved. You'll meet interesting neighbors and make new friends, I promise!

Pat Holmes
President, WLPCA

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Copper water pipes connecting meters to the new water lines

Westheimer Road Project Update: Loop 610 to the Railroad Tracks

by Darryl Shields

For the past two months, when we were unable to cross Westheimer or turn Left from Mid Lane, we were all aware that construction is underway. Since it is underway right behind our houses, those of us who live on West Lane Drive have been acutely aware! Being in close contact with the drilling, hammering, and pounding every day, I became acquainted with the men doing the work, and learned what they're doing while they dig and torment us.

Certain underground improvements must be made before any surface projects can start on the street or sidewalks. In the center lane that we couldn't cross for so long, the City is installing a new sewer line. The installation process is complex. First, they dig a hole that's eight feet deep, periodically inserting a jack-hammer type machine into the hole that smashes the existing, old line while dragging the new larger-diameter line into the existing space. This technology is similar to horizontal drilling in the oil and gas industry.

In addition to the new sewer line, the workers are installing a new twelve-inch diameter water line under the southbound lane of Westheimer, abandoning the old 8" water line that's located under the sidewalk. The fire hydrants and water meters that already exist on Westheimer must be connected to the new 12" water line.

The underground work on our section is scheduled to be completed by August 9th, then it will continue from Highland Village eastward to Buffalo Speedway. No date has been set to start the above-ground project (road and sidewalks).

Read more about City services, infrastructure, and street repairs in a letter from our City Councilman, Julian Ramirez, right. If you attended our Annual Meeting in May, you heard from Councilman Ramirez then, when he graciously joined us and delivered an update on City business. We thank him for his continued attention to West Lane Place, and the issues that matter most to our residents. →

A Message from City Councilman At Large, Julian Ramirez

I hope everyone fared well during our two recent storms. I share your frustration, as my family was without electricity for five days and my storm debris wasn't picked up any quicker than yours. I strongly support the Mayor and state leaders who are holding CenterPoint accountable for their actions or lack thereof. **What I'm most concerned about, though, is the previous mayor's failure to adequately prepare our city buildings, including fire stations, multi-service centers, and wastewater lift stations, for a power loss. A resilience hub that can't stay open because it doesn't have a generator isn't very resilient.**

As you may recall, **public safety has been one of my main priorities.** I'm happy to report that my budget amendment to add a sixth police cadet academy class was approved for FY 2025 by City Council. In two of the last four years, we lost more officers through retirement than we added through the academy. An additional class is critical to put more officers on our streets to reduce response times and increase deterrence. We also **approved a budget for our crime lab to increase funding for DNA and firearms analysis** to reduce our backlog and bring swifter justice for victims.

What else can we expect this year? Well, **the Mayor has appointed Katy PD Chief, Noe Diaz, who investigated public corruption cases as a Texas Ranger, to be Houston's newest chief.** I've known Chief Diaz professionally for many years. He is smart, savvy, and honest. I expect that city council will vote to confirm him on August 14. And I think the Mayor was right to go outside the department to pick a chief untainted by the police case coding scandal.

I believe we can expect the Whitmire Administration to ask for a garbage fee following the conclusion of a consultant study currently underway. Without having specifics yet on the proposed cost and services provided, I haven't taken a position. I won't support a new fee for the same substandard service all too common in Houston. Ideally, we would start moving toward a system where private companies pick up all our residential waste.

Advocating for more infrastructure, including streets and drainage, is another of my top priorities. I support the Mayor's efforts for METRO to provide funding for improved streets. METRO is the entity funding the current street improvements along Westheimer from the 610 West Loop and heading east to Buffalo Speedway.

Thank you for letting me serve you on Houston City Council. If you are not on my email list, please email us at atlarge1@houstontx.gov, and we will add you. I want to know how I can help you.

Julian Ramirez
julian.ramirez@houstontx.gov

West Lane Place Civic Association - Membership Application
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Part I – Dues Level

Paying members ***may*** have their names, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses listed, as detailed below:

- *Two people living in a household paying for two annual memberships (\$15 or \$25 each), each name, address, phone number and e-mail can be listed.*
- *Two people living in a household paying only one membership fee ***may*** list two residents but must choose only one phone number and one e-mail address to be listed.*

Membership Type	Amount
Regular Dues (\$25.00 per member/person)	
Senior Dues - 65 years and over (\$15 per member/person)	
Donations are appreciated	
Total Enclosed	

Part II –WLPCA Master Database Update

Renewal _____ New Members _____ Interested in volunteering time/services _____

Step 1: Please print information clearly

Step 2: Place an “X” in the box beside the information to be excluded from publication in the directory

Member One Data	To be excluded In Directory
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone No. (Home):	
Cell Number	
E-Mail:	
Resident Since:	

Member Two Data	To be excluded In Directory
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone No. (Home):	
Cell Number	
E-Mail:	
Resident Since:	

Please mail or deliver completed application and check **made payable to West Lane Place Civic Association** to:

Rosemarie Dimarco Roth
 36 Lana Lane
 Houston, Texas 77027
 rosemariedimarcoroth@gmail.com

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

AUGUST

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	J	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER


Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24		26	27	28
29	30					

OCTOBER

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20	21	22	J	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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 = Tree waste; **J** = Junk waste;

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 those days 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.”

Trash pick up

Unfortunately, trash is on everyone’s minds since it is everywhere, stacked up on the curbs, backed up in our trash bins, and not just in West Lane Place. Once again, our collection calendar is only aspirational since the City has been keeping its own schedule after the storms.

If you still have tree debris, you must call 3-1-1 to schedule pick up. Debris must be on the curb, and you can not include any plastic bags.

Neighbors Night Out is October 1

Neighbors Night Out (NNO) is a nation-wide event where neighborhoods meet with law enforcement and fire department personnel to get to know each other and forge a close relationship with those who keep us safe. West Lane Place is proud to be known for hosting one of the best NNO parties in the city of Houston. It is a fall festival where we have a small dinner, beer, wine, margaritas, meet our neighbors, and have great time.

This year, the location will be the courtyard between 3004 and 3008 Mid Lane, roughly in the middle of the neighborhood. Festivities will begin at 6pm and continue through 8pm. Dress is casual. We invite residents of all ages.

We would like to have a record turnout this year, so please put it on your calendar now. Come by for a little while or for a long time, and have some fun!

****Neighbors Night Out****

Tuesday, October 1

6:00 till 8:00 p.m.

3004 – 3008 Mid Lane Courtyard

**Margaritas, Beer, Wine
Popeye’s boxed chicken
Ice cream**

**Meet your neighbors!
Meet our police officers and firemen!
Have fun!**

Every resident of West Lane Place is invited