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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bayland Community Ctr

THURS., SEPT 26TH, 6:30 P.M.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

COME EARLY TO

GET A SEAT



President's Message

BY JIM BIGHAM



The summer months are fading as the kids head back to school. The promise of cooler days and a busy fall tempts us, and we look

forward to many events and activities over the fall season. Here's an update on what's been happening with the SCA:

The biggest challenge of the year was overhauling and staffing the Association office. Since last fall, VP Tony Tuckwiler and I essentially operated the office with no paid staff, answering calls, returning emails, and processing the mail. By mid year as our financial situation improved we developed job descriptions and interviewed candidates. Several neighbors filled in on a temporary basis while we worked out the details, dividing the daily responsibilities among operations and committee support. In July, Board Secretary Charmaine LeBlanc was named as Chair, Administration Committee and with the addition of two great staffers, Debbie Poe and Chet Ranger, has completely transformed the office operations. Once again the daily duties are under control, and our Officers no longer have second jobs down on Regency Square. We simply cannot thank Tony enough for all he has done during this long transition and appreciate his service.

In July, the Board of Directors appointed three interim Directors, filling open-unexpired terms through December 2012. This included **Pat Menville** (Sec 2), **Jeff Law** (Sec 2), and Former Council Member (and SCA President) **Ray Driscoll** (Terrace 3). Pat was named Co-chair, Deed Restrictions, Jeff was tapped as Chair, Beautification, and Ray named Chair,

Govt. Relations. Long time Directors **Vanessa Golden** and **Peter Acquaro** resigned due to work and time constraints. We truly appreciate their service and hope to have them back down the road.

Our first big break in the long time Boarding House saga came earlier in the summer as an informant gave us inside information on two homes, side by side, that had been converted into multifamily use. With his help we were able to begin building a legal case and we involved the City of Houston. Building Inspectors visited the location and observed many code violations as the owner had divided the properties into as many as ten rooms each, with a deck connecting the two, and an outbuilding that provided community laundry. The conditions inside were very, very poor, and the City of Houston issued sixteen (16) citations for various code related violations. The total fines reach over \$10,000 and the owner has a court date pending in the next few weeks. We plan to pursue this case vigorously. These boarding homes will be a high priority as we move forward, taking full advantage of the new Group Home Ordinance passed by City Council last month.

Crime continues to be a challenge, with incidents east of 59, in Sections 1, 2 & 3, pretty light. We've observed a good reduction in property crimes in this area (HPD Patrol Beat 17E20) and are pleased with the overall results. West of US59, Terrace 1,2,3, & Section 5, is a different matter, as a serial burglar has

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Board of Directors Meetings (3rd Monday)

Monday, Sept. 16th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Sharpstown Community Center

Harbor Town Dr. @ Bellaire

Meetings are open to the public.

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National Night Out

Join us on **Tuesday, October 1st, beginning at 6:00 pm** at various locations throughout the neighborhood as we celebrate National Night Out in Sharpstown. This will be the first year that the Sharpstown Civic Association actively sponsors and participates in the long time event. There couldn't be a better, more organized way to meet your neighbors and create a feeling of community. We know that many members have hosted their own individual parties for years, but this will be our first effort and will

SHARPSTOWN

Check our web gatherings are street and block, to host your own It's easy and the planning



neighborhood wide help launch our new WATCH program. site to see which planned for your or better yet register group of neighbors. we'll help you with and supplies.

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Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. From 6:00 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, residents of Sharpstown are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Neighbor knowing neighbor is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. Local law enforcement and S.E.A.L. Patrol Units with K-9s will briefly visit with residents of many of the blocks that register their parties with the SCA.

Sharpstown Civic Association, Inc.
Operating Results (Preliminary)
Period ending May 31st, 2013
(Modified Cash Basis)

RECEIPTS

Membership and Dues	\$	38,320
Membership - Associate		375
Security		64,098
Advertising		
Transfer Fees		15,700
Refinance Fees		1,950
Architectural Fees		445
Legal Fees Reimbursed		140
Other		1,427

Total Receipts 122,455

EXPENSES

Accounting	\$	2,554
Bank Charges		1,188
Security		52,825
Deed Restrictions (Legal)		527
Depreciation		8
Beautification		588
Insurance		973
Legal (Not Deed Restriction)		2,753
Membership		1,710
Mosquito Spraying		825
Office Supplies		1,770
Payroll		2,250
Payroll Taxes		198
Office Lease		4,314
Newsletter		9,150
Telephone		974

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER - 6400 BISSONNET

Thursday, September 26th

Thursday, October 24th

Capacity Crowd For HBU Event Houston Baptist Hosts Our May Meeting

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS CONTINUE TO EXCEED EXPECTATIONS WITH MANY NEW FACES ALONG WITH OUR "REGULARS".

Our general membership meetings continue to grow with each month, and we are pleased to report almost record attendance at our May and June Meetings.

With many neighbors interested in the proposed development at HBU, Rick Ogden with the university hosted our meeting on campus, and presented a brief overview of the coming changes. These include a \$160 million project to include a football stadium, basketball facility, convention hotel, new retail and shopping, and improved streets. The City of Houston is participating through a tax deal that will help extend the "road to nowhere" off US 59 through campus to Beechnut. You've likely noticed the end zone and field goal markers off Beechnut at Fondren as the Huskies begin their new football program. The Huskies claimed NCAA Division I status and field a football team for the

first time this year. Already competitive in basketball and men's soccer, good things are in store for our local college teams.

In June we were visited by City of Houston Council Member Mike Laster and his staff, as they provided an update on the many projects and challenges in the new District J. CM Laster was successful in obtaining funds to improve the major parks in the Sharpstown area, including Lansdale, Crain, Bonham, and Sharpstown Park. Over the next few years, millions of dollars will be spent to upgrade and improve the facilities including a new splash park at Lansdale. Those residents that wish to provide input and feedback on the improvements should contact the SCA Office as we are helping shape the details of these projects as they develop.



MAY MEETING; HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIV.

FEATURED GUESTS
May Meeting - HBU Campus
Rick Ogden, HBU
June Meeting - Bayland
CM Mike Laster, COH



JUNE MEETING; MIKE LASTER, M/M DRISCOLL



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A BRIEF MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 3RD, NEAR STATION 51. OVER ONE HUNDRED NEIGHBORS CAME TOGETHER TO HONOR THE FOUR FIREFIGHTERS KILLED, ALONG WITH THE MANY INJURED. ATTENDEES THEN WRAPPED BLUE & RED RIBBONS ALONG MILES OF ESPLANADE FROM HILLCROFT TO GESSNER.



“TO THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND PROPERTY, THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE WHEN WE CALL. IT MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW.”

On Friday afternoon June 3rd, our community was struck with tragedy as we learned the news that four of our own were lost, doing what they were trained to do; rushing in to a burning building with a calm, cool demeanor, with the sole purpose of saving those civilians who might remain inside. This seems so routine to those who have not chosen this profession, in fact for most of us, the idea that we would enter a structure on fire is just unbelievable; we could never consider it.

Yet, for the crews of Station 51 and 68, along with their hundreds of colleagues this is just routine, part of the job. As bystanders, those who pull over and watch the ladder trucks and engines go by, we're lulled into a sense of complacency, that this is just normal business. These firefighters will go home to their families, catch a movie, or make a little league game, and come back for the next shift. And yet reality slams us in the gut, and we are faced with the truth; that theirs is a truly dangerous and perilous vocation, with acts of bravery part of the every day job.

SCA President Jim Bigham remembers a few years back, being overwhelmed with panic as he looked out his back window to see the house behind him engulfed in flames. As he looked closer he could see four firefighters on the job, and the sound of an axe busting through the rear garage door. Another routine day, with no one hurt, the residents safely evacuated down the street and within months a new roof, paint, and family was living behind them; like nothing had happened at all.

And yet, a routine day in June, turned into tragedy and we are all heartbroken and wondering what to do next. So, we met at our esplanade marker near Station 51 to begin the process of grieving and healing, knowing that this will not come easy, and we'll all worry a little more and be a bit more anxious when we see our friends and neighbors from 51 and 68 rolling to the next scene.

“Our hearts go out to the families of those we lost, and for those injured, who are facing a mountainous climb back”, said Jim Bigham. “We can only humbly express our gratitude, our appreciation, and our sheer amazement that these fine men and women would place themselves in harms way to save our homes, our property, and our lives.”

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plagued Terrace 2 (HPD Patrol Beat 18F60), entering homes with residents asleep or in the back, swiping purses, wallets, and phones. The small area between Osage-Tanglewilde & Hazen-Leader has been really hard hit. In addition we've had many automobile break ins and wheel-tire thefts.

To counter this problem we've added 24/7 multidirectional cameras to provide more surveillance, adjusted and added hours to our SEAL Patrol program, and have worked closely with HPD's Midwest Division. CM Laster in conjunction with the Mayor Parker's office has worked to allocate more resources and HPD's presence is felt inside the subdivision. Officers have arrested six suspects over the last few weeks and we're cautiously optimistic we've seen the worst of it.

Door-to-door home security sales reps blanketed the area, with the SCA getting many complaints about these summer sales folks. Several residents felt they were misled or misdirected into changing providers and we have worked with the company in question to resolve these complaints. Alarm sales activities are closely regulated by the State of Texas and we've been working with the Dept. of Public Safety to make sure only those reps with clean backgrounds and a valid state issued license are walking inside our subdivision. We'll have more on this in a later publication.

THIS FALL IN

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26th



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Candidate Forum City of Houston Elections

WHERE: BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPT. 26TH, 6:30 PM

MAYOR ANNISE PARKER and Challenger **BEN HALL** have confirmed their attendance at the SCA's Candidate Forum to be held on Thursday, Sept. 26th. The program, sponsored by the Association's Government Relations Committee, will be held at the Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074, at 6:30 pm.

The program should last about 90 minutes and a capacity crowd of three hundred (300) is expected. **The doors will open at 6:00 pm and Sharpstown residents should arrive early to ensure a seat.**

Candidates will provide remarks and accept questions from the moderator as time permits. Those questions will come directly from the Sharpstown neighbors that have submitted them via cards supplied at the event.

National Night Out In the Neighborhood

WHERE: ACROSS THE SUBDIVISION

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 6:00 PM

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SHARPSTOWN !

OCT.
12th



OCT.
19th



Movie Night in the Park

Food, Fun, Friends, & A Movie

WHERE: LANSDALE PARK, 8201 ROOS

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 5:00 PM

The Sharpstown Civic Association invites all families to spend the afternoon and evening at Lansdale Park. Kids activities, food, music and finishing the evening by watching the Disney classic Mulan.

For information www.sharpstowncivic.org or call 713-789-2311 and ask for Chet. Volunteers needed to help!

We are proud to partner with the following organizations who have generously helped sponsor this event.



Fall Clean Up 2013

Beautification Projects

WHERE: PARKING LOT - FONDREN & US 59

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 8:00 AM

The SCA will be sponsoring a community service project day, FALL CLEAN UP 2013, on Saturday, October 19th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Sharpstown neighborhood. With approximately 100 volunteers from community groups including Houston Baptist University, the SCA will work on a number of projects including mowing, edging, raking, trash pick up, and planting at various sites through out Sharpstown.

Registration and assembly will be held in the parking lot at Fondren and US 59, next to Burger King, beginning at 8:00 AM. Groups of 8-12 volunteers will then go to their local project sites for a morning of community service from 9:00 AM until about 1:00 PM.

Supplies and tools are being furnished by the City of Houston "Keep Houston Beautiful" program. Residents interested in participating should contact Jeff Law, Chair- Beautification Committee, at (713) 789-2311 or by email: scaooffice@att.net.



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Services

- SHARPSTOWN TODAY Community Magazine
- Neighborhood and Community Events
- Vacation Watch Program
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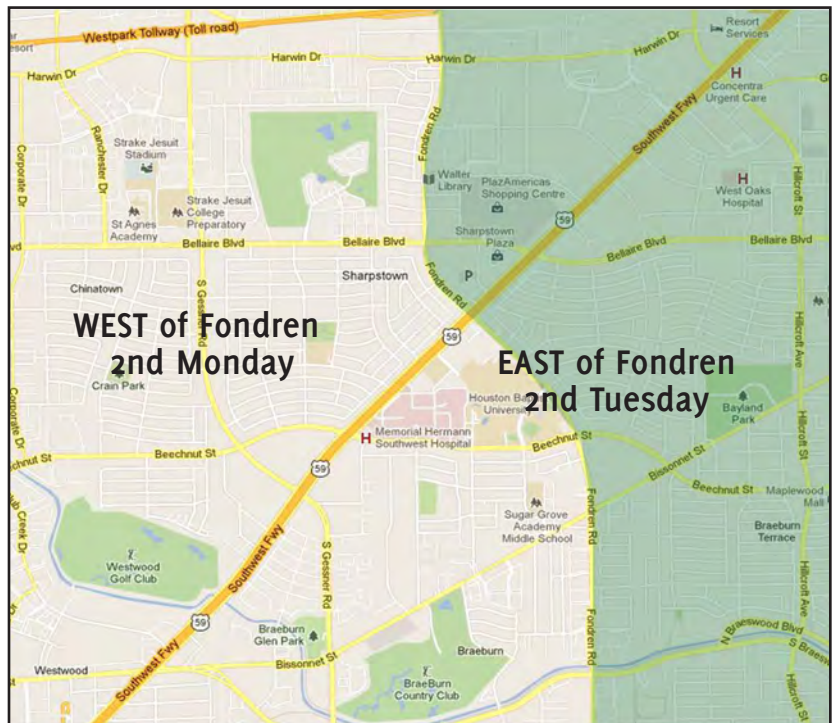
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April	8,9	Junk Waste
May	13, 14	Tree Waste ONLY
June	10,11	Junk Waste
July	8,9	Tree Waste ONLY
August	12,13	Junk Waste
September	9,10	Tree Waste ONLY
October	14,15	Junk Waste
November	11,12	Tree Waste ONLY
December	9,10	Junk Waste





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SHARPSTOWN FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY DAY



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 5:00 PM
Landsdale Park, 8201 Roos

For information www.sharpstowncivic.org
or call 713-789-2311
Volunteers needed to help!

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La Sharpstown Asociación Cívica invita a todas las familias para pasar la tarde y la noche en Parque Landsdale. Las actividades de los niños, la comida, la música y terminar la noche mirando el clásico Disney Mulan. Sábado, 12 de octubre, 5 de la tarde. Para obtener más información www.sharpstowncivic.org o llame al 713-789-2311 y preguntar por Chet. Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar.

夏普斯堂家庭活動快樂日

十月十二日 星期六下午五點到九點鐘
地方在蘭斯公園，
地址是 8201 Roos Rd, Houston, TX 77036

邀請所有家庭

歡迎一起來看**免費**電影**花木蘭**，來認識你的鄰居，交新朋友；有兒童活動，遊戲，有音樂，有表演；有吃的食物餐，有喝的飲料，有爆米花；帶上草坪的椅子，草坪地毯，來放鬆，愉快的一起玩樂。

Ngày Vui Chơi Tại Sharpstown

Thứ bảy, 10/12/2013 5-9 giờ tối tại
8201 Roos Rd, Houston, TX 77036

Hiệp Hội Công Dân Sharpstown mời tất cả các gia đình đến, chung vui tại Landsdale Park...

-nhiều sinh hoạt cho trẻ em; -thực phẩm; -nhạc; -trò chơi; Mục đích để biết hàng xóm của bạn.

Sự kiện này sẽ đưa đến cao đỉnh với thoải mái trong ghế và chân của bạn để xem phim Disney cổ điển Hoa Mộc Lan.

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