

## Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

I looked at past newsletters from this time of the year and, apparently, the yoyo weather has been going on for a while! I shouldn't be surprised about this crazy weather, one day wearing a sweater and warm socks so that I can handle the sub-forty-degree weather and the next day sporting a t-shirt, shorts and flip flops. In case we experience freezing temperatures again, please remember the "4 P's": People, Pets, Pipes and Plants. Dress warmly, bring pets inside, protect pipes and cover plants.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

We are meeting this month! On Tuesday, February 1st, we will have the opportunity to speak with Lance Gilliam, Chief of Staff to District C Councilmember Abbie Kamin. We will meet in our usual space upstairs at Rudyard's at 7 pm. This will be a great opportunity to raise issues concerning our neighborhood. I've asked Lance to be prepared to provide an update on what is happening in the Montrose area (particularly, the street improvements on Waugh and Commonwealth and the new development on Commonwealth (i.e., the site of the former thrift store that is being turned into a large townhouse development) and the site of the new Ismaili Center) and how these developments will impact traffic and other infrastructure issues. If you have questions you would like to send ahead of the meeting, please e-mail me at [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

### WHAT'S GOING ON

I believe it was a chilly evening for the HPCA Happy Hour at Postino on January 20th to grab a table outside. Check out the photo from the event in these pages. Our next Happy Hour will be on February 17th at 5pm at Idle Hands. That's the new place over Uchi's that took over the Rosemont space. It's a great way to meet neighbors and try out the bars in our neighborhood.

If you are a pet owner, please be aware that Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances related to animal welfare have been updated. The changes include mandatory microchipping, updating "adequate shelter" standards, limitations on puppy mill retail sales, streamlining the procedure to designate a "dangerous dog", reductions on the hold time on strays at BARC from 72 to 48 hours to allow for adoptions or transfers for animals without microchips and requiring all animals to be spayed or neutered before leaving BARC's possession.

The 2022 Winter Olympics will be starting on February 4th through February 20th in Beijing. The schedule of events can be found at <https://olympics.com/en/beijing-2022/schedule/>.

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### February

#### › HPCA Meeting

February 1st @ 7pm

Rudyard's Upstairs

Lance Gilliam, Chief of Staff for District C Councilmember

Abbie Kamin

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#### › HPCA Happy Hour

February 17th @ 5pm

Idle Hands Houston  
910 Westheimer Rd.



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The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo starts at the end of February. The Rodeo was founded 90 years ago and is the largest livestock show in the world (and also the richest regular-season rodeo)! There are lots of activities other than the livestock show and rodeo competition. There is a NASA Fashion Show and a whiskey tasting on February 4th, the BBQ Cook-Off on February 5th, a Gumbo, Chili and Dessert Cook-Off on February 12th, and the Rodeo Uncorked! Roundup & Best Bites Competition on February 20th. That is just a few of the events. Check out <https://www.rodeohouston.com/> for more information. And don't forget the carnival with great rides and games!

## VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD VACANCIES

We remain in need of volunteers for the Hyde Park Civic Association, including vacant roles on the Board. If you have any time to give back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly worthwhile endeavor! Reach out to any of us if you are interested. The vacant roles on the Board include Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair and Volunteer Coordinator.

Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President



## February Speaker Profile: Lance Gilliam

Lance M. Gilliam has served as District C Chief of Staff since September 2021. He is a native Houstonian, University of St. Thomas alumnus, and United States Navy veteran.

Before joining the District C team, he served as Senior Policy Advisor and Public Policy Director to Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and most recently as Senior Policy Advisor to Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, where his work focused on flood control, disaster recovery, and community development.

# Did You Know? Houston's Women's Commission

The Houston Women's Commission serves as a permanent advisory board to the Mayor and City Council as they make decisions related to the well-being and advancement of women and their families. The commission meets quarterly, with subcommittees meeting more frequently, and work closely with City departments that focus on healthcare, wage inequality and employment, and safety and security.

The commission seeks to develop and propose recommendations, identify gaps in information that need further study, and advise City leaders on how to improve the quality of life for women throughout Houston.

This inaugural year's charge is to address the disparities that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated for women in the region in areas including job loss, health care and leave coverage, child-care needs, and wage disparities.

## WHO SERVES ON THE HOUSTON WOMEN'S COMMISSION?

The twenty-five members being considered represent a diverse cross-section of Houston and are broadly representative of the community at large with regard to race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, LGBT+ status, and industry sectors including leaders from energy, tech, healthcare, service industry, education, both public and private sectors, to address women's issues holistically.

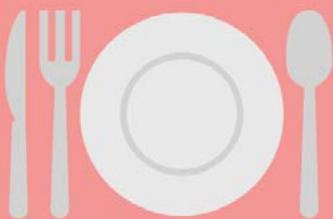
## HOW WILL THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION FUNCTION?

The Houston Women's Commission will serve as a permanent advisory board to the Mayor and City Council as they make decisions related to the well-being and advancement of women and their families. The commission will meet quarterly, with subcommittees meeting more frequently, and work closely with City departments that focus on healthcare, wage inequality and employment, and safety and security.

The commission will advise and produce recommendations annually to the Mayor and Council to address disparities, as well as identify gaps in information that need further study.

They will also provide feedback regarding prospective policy to the mayor and city council and will generate policy proposals bringing attention of the mayor and city council issues impacting women in Houston. Commission members will also help publicize City-led opportunities and programs benefiting women and their families in their communities.

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Visit <https://www.covidtests.gov/> to order yours for your household.

If you need a COVID-19 test now, are looking for another type of COVID-19 test, or need more than 4 tests, the resources below are available.

At-home tests are available for sale. Check with local retailers and pharmacies to see where at-home tests are available. Your health insurance company will pay you back for up to 8 at-home tests per month for each person on the plan.

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# HPD Crime Reports for December 2021

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/16/2021 5:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Other, Unknown
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/16/2021 12:00	1400 BLOCK INDIANA ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/3/2021 12:00	2600 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/9/2021 18:00	2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/12/2021 5:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Other, Unknown
Destruction, damage, vandalism	12/25/2021 23:00	2400 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Speciality Store
Driving under the influence	12/24/2021 12:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Drug, narcotic violations	12/8/2021 20:00	1400 BLOCK FAIRVIEW AVE	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Identify theft	12/28/2021 8:00	1200 BLOCK PEDEN	Other, Unknown
Intimidation	12/4/2021 13:00	1200 BLOCK WELCH ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Intimidation	12/26/2021 18:00	1400 BLOCK VERMONT	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Intimidation	12/31/2021 19:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Other, Unknown
Motor vehicle theft	12/11/2021 14:00	1400 BLOCK INDIANA ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Motor vehicle theft	12/31/2021 12:00	1700 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Parking Lot, Garage
Simple assault	12/6/2021 13:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Simple assault	12/6/2021 20:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	12/2/2021 18:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/3/2021 16:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	12/3/2021 18:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/4/2021 18:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	12/8/2021 17:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	12/23/2021 12:00	1300 BLOCK W GRAY ST	Parking Lot, Garage
Trespass of real property	12/1/2021 9:00	1400 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Drug Store, Doctors Office, Hospital
Trespass of real property	12/4/2021 13:00	1500 BLOCK FAIRVIEW AVE	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Trespass of real property	12/10/2021 14:00	2600 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Other, Unknown

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Have any fun pics from the neighborhood?

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## Postino Happy Hour

In January several Hyde Parkers got together to enjoy drinks and fellowship over at Postino! We would love to see more folks out at our monthly happy hours. See you in February at Idle Hands on Westheimer.

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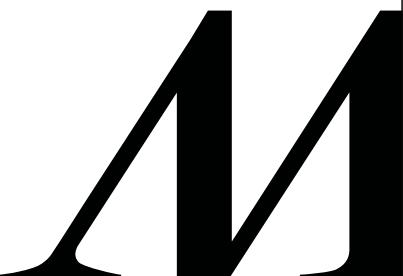
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