

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

At long last a new year is upon us! I hope your respective celebrations were safe, and that this first of the year letter finds you and yours in good health and buoyant spirits. Although Covid kept many people away, we did get to do something that I really enjoy: helping to decorate our neighborhood tree at Lamar Park (kindly donated by **Dimitri**

Fetokakis of Niko Niko's).

Over the last year, we have been very fortunate to have our neighbor, **Melissa Zarikian**, spearheading the renewal and rejuvenation of interest and commitment to our very own Lamar Park. Two concerts were planned for performance in the park over the holiday season, and I am really thrilled to see what 2021 will bring for our efforts in the park! Your membership, contributions and volunteer hours really do make a difference.

A new year brings changes, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention that our Membership Coordinator, **Helen Zunka's** efforts have really helped our association along. Helen will be moving on to other endeavors, but everything she has done for HPCA has truly boosted our visibility and our membership. We're grateful for all of your ideas and hard work, Helen. Thank you!

GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on January 5th at 7 pm. We will have a guest speaker from **Preservation Houston**. We thought it would be interesting to learn about their work and to see what we can do to put a focus on preserving the buildings in our neighborhood. Before joining the meeting, I hope you will have a chance to check out their website at <https://preservationhouston.org/>. They offer a virtual "Good Brick Tour" that features some of Houston's most exquisite homes!

We will have **Amy Reed**, Executive Director of **Keep Houston Beautiful**, speak at our February 2nd meeting. We plan on having a clean-up around the neighborhood in March and hope that Ms. Reed's presentation will serve as an introduction to why its important to directly participate in clean-up efforts.

The log-in details for the January meeting are noted on page 3. Attendees can join the Zoom call even if they do not have a computer. There is a dial-in number that allows you to participate with audio only. We will also post the login information on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited>.

WHAT'S GOING ON

I hope you have enjoyed the holiday tree in Lamar Park. We were happy to have Monarch Players provide a free concert in the Park on December 5th. Picture is on page 3. We hope to be able to more events like this in the Park,

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This Month

> HPCA Meeting

Jan 5th via Zoom. Speaker from *Preservation Houston*. Details on Page 3.

Next Month

> HPCA Meeting

February 2nd @ 7pm

Amy Reed from *Keep Houston Beautiful*



Have you renewed your
Hyde Park Civic Association
membership yet?

Resolve to be more
engaged with your
neighbors and community!

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especially those that can be enjoyed with social distance and a mask! Due to limitations with lighting, Lone Star Lyric moved their Cabaret on the Green concert on December 17th to Niko Niko's. I'm hopeful that in the coming year, we will have a plan together to make the Park a permanent place for community gatherings and events!

It was also enheartening to see our neighbors getting into the holiday spirit in December with a light decorating competition!

Past-President Macy Bodenhamer and **Vice President James Spear** coordinated our efforts to make the competition a success. Thanks to all our neighbors who helped brighten our lives just a little more during what has been an incredibly dark season. We are pleased to announce that the winner is **Adam Buttermore** on Fairview. Adam did an amazing job using the vertical space of his house and making a big holiday statement and will receive a \$100 gift certificate. Honorable mentions go to **Carson Hagar** on Waugh and **Jayne and Rex Richardson** on West Drew. We were super impressed by Carson's ginormous yard installation, and Jayne's and Rex's house is such a classic example of beautiful holiday lights. They will receive a free couple's membership to the Hyde Park Civic Association. Congratulations to us for getting to witness such beauty!

VOLUNTEERS

We remain in need of volunteers for Hyde Park Civic Association. If you have any time to give, giving 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.

Thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines on social distancing and wearing a face mask. It does make a difference! Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

January HPCA Zoom Meeting Details

There are two ways to join:

Copy and paste (or click the link) the following into your browser and hit return: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89793156946?pwd=RXcvUVlhazBFaHBIVWVJY09Kck10Zz09>

Dial +1 346-248-7799 and follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID number followed by the pound sign (873 4180 1393 #) and then the passcode (544136#)

The meeting ID will change each month, so make sure to check the number each time you join.

January 5th @ 7PM Speaker from Preservation Houston



Monarch Players in Lamar Park in early December. Photo by Sara Fernandez.



Did You Know

Submitted by Chris Delphin

From the CDC: "COVID-19 vaccines help our bodies develop immunity to the virus that causes COVID-19 without us having to get the illness. Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection, but with all types of vaccines, the body is left with a supply of "memory" T-lymphocytes as well as B-lymphocytes that will remember how to fight that virus in the future.

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to produce T-lymphocytes and B-lymphocytes after vaccination. Therefore, it is possible that a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to provide protection.

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Improving Lamar Park

Submitted by Melissa Zarikian

Houston Parks Board Forestry Division sent out a team to prune trees in Lamar Park. You may have noticed orange dots on many of the trees. Rest assured, these are not trees tagged for removal, other than one stump. These trees have been trimmed. It's been quite sometime since the last pruning and our beautiful trees sure needed some loving care!

Also the HPCA board is looking into the cost of installing tree lighting throughout the park. Exciting news because it's very dark in the park at dusk! Many in the community using the park are either passing through or walking their pups in the evening and adding lights to the area will help to keep us all safer.

Thanks to all who came out and participated in the annual Holiday Tree decorating. Take a minute to set a reminder on your calendar for 2021 to join in the fun and holiday cheer next year, the first Saturday in December.

A warm thank you to our area Niko Nikos for generously donating the beautiful holiday tree. We appreciate the donation and grateful to have such a fantastic family restaurant within steps of our community! Let's support them. Consider stopping in for a tasty lunch or dinner sometime soon at their establishment.

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2021 Monthly HPCA Meeting Schedule

Updated by Heather Almquist

Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm, with the exceptions of holidays and others noted below. We anticipate meeting through Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Volunteers work to secure guest speakers of general interest to the community each month. If you have a topic that you'd like to learn more about or want to suggest a guest speaker, contact president@hydeparkhouston.org.

- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 3rd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st
- July - Summer Break - no meeting
- August 3rd
- September 7th
- October - NNO, TBD
- November 2nd
- December - TBD

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Hyde Park neighbors?

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CITIZEN'S PATROL

Editor's Note: Due to the Stay Home, Work Safe order, all patrols have been temporarily suspended. Be sure to know who your neighbors are and check in on them!



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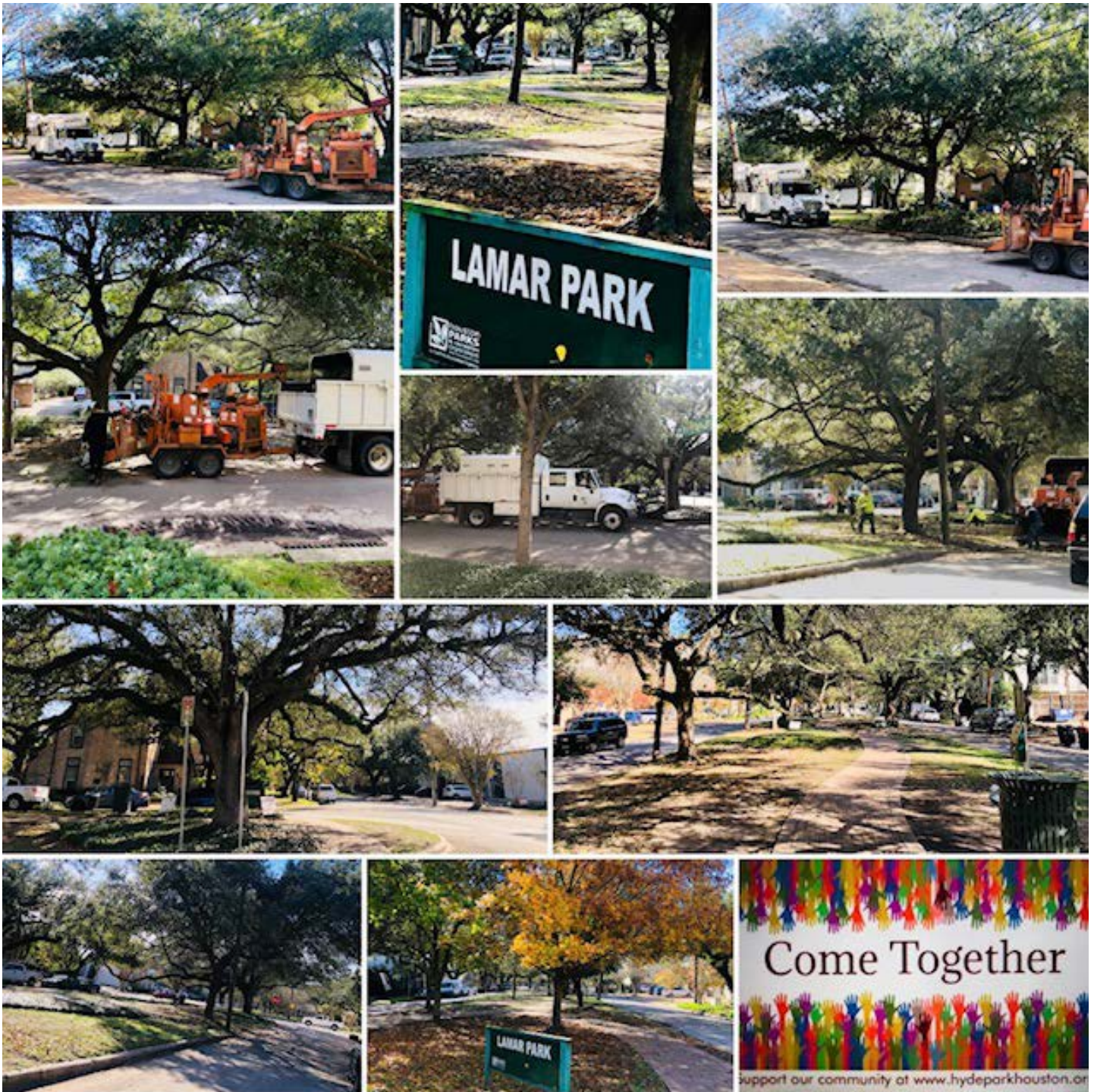
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COMPASS



Lamar Park is literally shaping up!

Submitted by Melissa Zarikian

Tree trimming today has made a big difference in the appearance of the trees and the light in the park.

The crew the city sent out were focused and efficient completing the job in several hours and cleaning up afterwards.

HPD Crime Reports for November 2020

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Aggravated Assault	11/14/20 20:00	1700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
All other larceny	11/6/20 23:00	1500 BLOCK MARYLAND	Bar, Nightclub
All other larceny	11/25/20 11:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
All other offenses	11/11/20 15:00	1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub
All other offenses	11/30/20 10:00	1400 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Restaurant
Destruction, damage, vandalism	11/10/20 18:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Disorderly conduct	11/26/20 7:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Church, Synagogue, Temple
Driving under the influence	11/13/20 2:00	2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Driving under the influence	11/18/20 20:00	2700 BLOCK WAUGHCREST ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Driving under the influence	11/27/20 1:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Intimidation	11/14/20 13:00	1700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Robbery	11/13/20 19:00	1500 BLOCK HYDE PARK BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Robbery	11/26/20 7:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Simple assault	11/1/20 21:00	2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Parking Lot, Garage
Simple assault	11/12/20 8:00	2600 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Simple assault	11/22/20 16:00	2500 BLOCK WAUGH DR	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Simple assault	11/29/20 1:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	11/2/20 18:00	1200 BLOCK WELCH ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	11/3/20 0:00	1500 BLOCK CALIFORNIA	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	11/7/2020	1400 BLOCK VERMONT	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	11/14/20 22:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from motor vehicle	11/14/20 22:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	11/15/20 4:00	1000 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from motor vehicle	11/18/20 13:00	1100 BLOCK FAIRVIEW AVE	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	11/20/20 6:00	1100 BLOCK WILLARD ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Trespass of real property	11/4/20 18:00	1400 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Robbery	10/9/20 22:00	2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Speciality Store
Shoplifting	10/20/20 8:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from building	10/20/20 11:00	1300 BLOCK W GRAY ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from motor vehicle	10/8/20 19:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Theft from motor vehicle	10/9/20 1:00	1200 BLOCK HYDE PARK BLVD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	10/18/20 5:00	1100 BLOCK BOMAR ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Theft from motor vehicle	10/22/20 17:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Theft from motor vehicle	10/30/20 22:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Trespass of real property	10/3/20 14:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Other, Unknown
Trespass of real property	10/14/20 11:00	1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Parking Lot, Garage
Trespass of real property	10/16/20 17:00	1100 BLOCK BOMAR ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Trespass of real property	10/23/20 0:00	1400 BLOCK MISSOURI ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley