

## Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

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It's officially Autumn in Houston! The weather is consistently cool and refreshing, with the usual rainy days and nights. As it gets cold and wet outside, please make efforts to remain vigilant against another Covid wave. Consider wearing a mask indoors and get the flu vaccine if you are able.

Speaking of masks, I hope everyone was able to dress up and enjoy trick-or-treating with the kids - or partying with the adults on Halloween.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

We finally held our first in-person General Meeting on October 5th. The Harris County Tax Office Outreach Department facilitated an in-person workshop on how property taxes are calculated and the application of exemptions. We also heard from Anne Sung, who is running for reelection for HISD School Board District 7. Thanks to Barry Baumgarten, who asked a lot of great questions about the current activities for the School Board. I greatly appreciate that we were able to have this important discussion with a community leader.

Our next General Meeting will be November 2nd at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Rod Hall, Librarian at the Houston Public Library at the Freed-Montrose and Looscan Neighborhood Libraries. Rod will speak about the opportunities available at Houston Public Library locations and, more specifically for us, the new Montrose branch at the Montrose Collective (800 block of Westheimer).

We will meet in our usual space upstairs at Rudyard's. Please be considerate and bring a mask to wear if you are unable to socially distance.

### BOARD ELECTIONS

If you have any interest in joining the Board of Directors (or any other volunteer position with the Hyde Park Civic Association), please contact any of the current members through our contact information in these pages. We hope many of you will consider volunteering for your community.

Board elections will be held at our monthly meeting on November 2nd. Members in good standing will elect individuals to fill the following positions: President, Secretary, Deed Restrictions Committee Member, and Director At-Large. Chris Delphin will run for reelection as President. Barry Baumgarten will run for reelection as Deed Restrictions Committee Member, and Cliff Jones will run for reelection as Director At-Large. No one has volunteered to run for the Secretary position. The election is open, so any other willing candidates may run by write-in vote. Descriptions of board positions can be found on the HPCA website.

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### November

#### ➤ HPCA Meeting

November 2nd @ 7pm

Rudyard's Upstairs

Rod Hall from Houston Public Library. *Profile on page 7!*

#### ➤ HPCA Happy Hour

November 18th @ 5pm

Hay Merchant

### Next Month

#### ➤ HPCA Holiday Party

December 6th @ 7pm

Riva's @ 1117 Missouri

*See the Letter from Chris for details*

#### ➤ Holiday Tree Trimming

Lamar Park

TBD - *Look for details on Facebook*

#### ➤ Caroling in Lamar Park

TBD - *Look for details on Facebook*

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In addition to these roles, there are a few other vacant roles on the Board that urgently need filling, including Vice President, Membership Chair and Volunteer Coordinator. These roles require different levels of time commitment. For instance, the Vice President assists with the planning of general meetings by coordinating with speakers and plays a large part in organizing National Night Out activities. The Secretary would attend general meetings and Board meetings (two days each month), take minutes of the meetings and produce a summary of the general meeting for the newsletter. The Membership Chair would keep track of membership, updating the spreadsheet monthly and doing outreach for new members. The Volunteer Coordinator responds to e-mail inquiries from people interested in volunteering and helps organize volunteers for the events during the year (e.g., NNO, holiday tree trimming, volunteer appreciation celebration). If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact [president@hydeparkhouston.org](mailto:president@hydeparkhouston.org).

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering with the Board!

## WHAT'S GOING ON

It's back! We are resuscitating the HPCA Happy Hour after a long hiatus. Our first-in-a-long-time HPCA Happy Hour will take place at Hay Merchant on November 18th at 5 pm. As many of you must know, Hay Merchant has been a big supporter of the neighborhood, but they will be leaving at the end of the year. Join us as we say a long goodbye to a neighborhood jewel.

We will have our annual Holiday Party at Riva's on December 6th. For those of you who have experienced the holidays at Riva's, you will be very pleased by what I call "A very Montrose Christmas". Dinner will start around 7:00 pm but arrive a bit early to have a cocktail or drink with your neighbors. The cost will be \$20 per person if you purchase your ticket before the event. Otherwise, it will be \$25 at the door. The cost covers an all you can eat buffet of delicious Italian food. Also consider renewing your membership at the dinner.

We will organize a Christmas tree trimming and caroling in early December. Check Facebook for updates on when these events will take place. The Christmas tree trimming is a great activity for kids of all ages.

## 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.

Stay safe everyone.

See ya,  
Chris Delphin, President

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# October HPCA Meeting Recap

Submitted by Ellen Pollard

**Chris Delphin** (President) opened the meeting at 7:05. This was our first in-person meeting since the Covid Pandemic began. We had 9 people attending. Chris started with news about our next meeting which will also be in-person. Our speaker will be **Rodney Hall** from the new Houston library which is opening soon on Westheimer. We will also be holding elections at that meeting. Several positions are up for election so sign up now if you wish to be on the ballot. Chris mentioned that we are really in need of volunteers. Please get involved now!

Treasurer's Report- We began the month with a balance of \$9,571.54. After revenue and expenses our current balance is \$10,211.22.

Lamar Park- **Melissa Zarikian** has requested bids for the fountain being turned into a planter and also for lighting for the park. Both of these will be discussed at the Board meeting next week.

The speakers at this meeting were from The Harris County Tax Office Outreach Department. All aspects of property taxes were discussed. **Pamela Dora-Thomas**, **Clementina Nunez** and **Meiling Lin** were present to help with the workshop presented. The Property Tax Division maintains approximately 1.6 million tax accounts. They collect more than \$7 billion in property taxes and they disburse to more than 77 taxing jurisdictions. Your property value is determined by the Harris County Appraisal District, then multiplied by the tax rate set by each taxing unit assessed on your property. Several exemptions are allowed but you must apply between Jan.1 and April 30.

Important dates to know are:

- January 31st-last day to pay without penalty and interest
- February 1st-beginning date to request payment plan
- July 1st-----collections and attorney fees are added to unpaid taxes
- August to October- Local jurisdictions adopt tax rates
- October/November- tax bills are mailed

To learn more about exemptions, tax ceiling, limitation, deferrals, payment plans and pre-payment plans you can go to <https://www.hctax.net> You can make an in-person appointment from 8am-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Online reservations can be made on their website <https://www.hctax/Property/Appointments/Appointment>. Their office is located at 13013 Northwest Freeway Houston, Tx 77040

**Anne Sung**, an HISD Trustee was present and is seeking re-election in District 7. The election is November 2nd.

**Margaret Lynch**, The Community Engagement Coordinator from Rodney Ellis' office (Precinct 1) was also present. She reminded us to let Mr. Ellis know if we have any concerns that he might be able to help with.

The meeting ended at 8:30.



# HPD Crime Reports for September 2021

Submitted by Jim Pollard

| Crime                           | Date            | Address                    | Location                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aggravated Assault              | 9/17/2021 15:00 | 1500 BLOCK MISSOURI ST     | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Arson                           | 9/30/2021 6:00  | 1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Specialty Store                      |
| Burglary, Breaking and Entering | 9/28/2021 0:00  | 1100 BLOCK MISSOURI ST     | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Destruction, damage, vandalism  | 9/15/2021 12:00 | 2100 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Airplane, Bus, Train Terminal        |
| Driving under the influence     | 9/9/2021 1:00   | 1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Driving under the influence     | 9/17/2021 3:00  | 1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Drug equipment violations       | 9/24/2021 9:00  | 2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Service, Gas Station                 |
| Identify theft                  | 9/10/2021 0:00  | 1400 BLOCK NEVADA ST       | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Identify theft                  | 9/20/2021 0:00  | 1400 BLOCK NEVADA ST       | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Identify theft                  | 9/20/2021 0:00  | 1400 BLOCK NEVADA ST       | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Intimidation                    | 9/13/2021 19:00 | 1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Intimidation                    | 9/27/2021 18:00 | 1200 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Specialty Store                      |
| Motor vehicle theft             | 9/12/2021 22:00 | 1200 BLOCK HYDE PARK BLVD  | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Motor vehicle theft             | 9/13/2021 16:00 | 2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Robbery                         | 9/7/2021 17:00  | 1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Restaurant                           |
| Robbery                         | 9/11/2021 1:00  | 1100 BLOCK FAIRVIEW AVE    | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Simple assault                  | 9/6/2021 19:00  | 2500 BLOCK WAUGH DR        | Church, Synagogue, Temple            |
| Simple assault                  | 9/17/2021 20:00 | 1500 BLOCK MISSOURI ST     | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Simple assault                  | 9/26/2021 17:00 | 2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Restaurant                           |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/1/2021 13:00  | 1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/1/2021 18:00  | 1000 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/3/2021 19:00  | 2000 BLOCK WAUGH DR        | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/3/2021 21:00  | 1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/6/2021 1:00   | 1400 BLOCK HADDON ST       | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/7/2021 15:00  | 1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/9/2021 22:00  | 1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/17/2021 16:00 | 1400 BLOCK HADDON ST       | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/19/2021 11:00 | 2300 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/19/2021 20:00 | 2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/25/2021 21:00 | 1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD   | Residence, Home (Includes Apartment) |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/26/2021 5:00  | 2300 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST | Parking Lot, Garage                  |
| Theft from motor vehicle        | 9/26/2021 15:00 | 1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |
| Weapon law violations           | 9/10/2021 12:00 | 2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD   | Highway, Road, Street, Alley         |



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## November HPCA Speaker Profile: **Rod Hall**

Rod Hall received a Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of Kentucky, Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from Florida State University, and a Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law. He is currently a librarian with the City of Houston where he works predominantly at the Freed-Montrose and Looscan Neighborhood Libraries. He draws upon his diverse work experience to serve the needs of the most culturally diverse city in the country. When the workday is done, Rod goes home to his most important job: taking care of two teenagers and two lab-mix dogs.

Have any fun pics from the neighborhood?

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# November 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                              | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                     | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 31     | 1      | 2<br>HPCA Meeting and<br>Board Elections<br>7PM Rudyards<br>Upstairs | 3         | 4                                           | 5                                                                                                          | 6        |
| 7      | 8      | 9                                                                    | 10        | 11                                          | 12                                                                                                         | 13       |
| 14     | 15     | 16                                                                   | 17        | 18<br>HPCA Happy Hour<br>5PM @ Hay Merchant | 19                                                                                                         | 20       |
| 21     | 22     | 23                                                                   | 24        | 25                                          | 26<br>Don't forget to check<br>out our website to<br>RSVP/pre-pay for<br>HPCA Holiday Party or<br>Dec 6th. | 27       |
| 28     | 29     | 30                                                                   | 1         | 2                                           | 3                                                                                                          | 4        |