



## CALENDAR

### **Recycling (no #6 plastics)**

Thursdays: 3/5, 3/19

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## MEMBERSHIP & CONSTABLE

**Fiscal / Membership Year**  
April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

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### **Crime Statistics**

*February 2015*

Crime	Woodland Heights
Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary	1
Theft	4
Auto Theft	0

Total Homes in WHCA Patrol Area approximately 2,000

## The Year in Review

*Gabe T. Vick, President*



April 1 marks the end of the WHCA's fiscal and calendar year. It also marks the end of my time as President. The past year has been one of tremendous progress for our neighborhood. At the beginning of the year, our board set specific goals for 2014-2015. Given the steadfast, diligent and assiduous character of our board members, it is no surprise that many of those goals have been attained.

Financially, the WHCA is in a better position than ever before. Last summer, the WHCA negotiated an agreement with Greystar whereby Greystar is paying the WHCA \$100,000 over five years. This financial boost is significant for our neighborhood. This money is allocated toward our constable patrol program and our general operating budget. With growing membership and neighborhood contributions, the WHCA is able to, among other things, continue supporting neighborhood gatherings and events, improve our common areas, enforce our deed restrictions, and facilitate neighborhood communications to over 2,000 homes.

Our constable patrol program has increased to an 80-hour per week patrol, giving our residents even more comfort, security and value for their membership. We have two constables who patrol our neighborhood almost incessantly and are usually available within minutes. Accessibility to our constable is priceless and your participation in our constable patrol program makes this possible.

Our "hometown near downtown" continues to be a tighter-knit community. With the ability to communicate via Nextdoor and through the WHCA's new and improved website, our residents have unprecedented access to each other and neighborhood information. The WHCA continues to host regular festivals on the Norhill esplanade. These family-friendly events have grown every year, both in participation and enthusiasm.

Our most popular event, Lights in the Heights, is flourishing. Due to the year-round hard work of the Lights in the Heights Committee and Co-Chairs, this event improves each year. This past year's LITH was well-attended by a festive and generally well-behaved crowd. For the first time, we gathered on the Norhill esplanade the Friday night before LITH, and this proved to be a wonderful addition to the LITH weekend. Due to proceeds from the LITH gala and merchandise sales, LITH has operated, for the first time ever, at a profit.

The ways in which our neighborhood continues to grow and improve cannot be comprehensively stated in these pages. I look forward to what is to come in 2015-2016. It is indeed an exciting time to live in the Woodland Heights.

**Tim McConn,**  
*Incoming President's Message*



When my family and I moved into Woodland Heights five years ago, we knew we were moving into a quaint neighborhood with lots of character. What we didn't know then is how passionate the residents of Woodland Heights are about cultivating and maintaining this wonderful community. The passion of the residents is inspiring, and it's the reason I decided to get involved with Lights in the Heights, and eventually the Woodland Heights Civic Association.

It's that same passion that has me so excited about taking the reins as the President of the WHCA for the 2015-16 term. With the help of the new Board and the many other residents who give of their time and treasure, we will build on the successes of the last year and continue to make this the greatest neighborhood in Houston. We will continue to modernize the way that the WHCA operates, starting with our user-friendly and interactive website. We will work hard to ensure that our neighborhood maintains the character that makes it such a desirable place to live. We will tackle additional beautification projects around the neighborhood. We will organize fun events to bring together neighbors, young and old. And we will implement additional measures to make sure that the WHCA has the funds necessary to accomplish its mission and to achieve its goals.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't say thank you to our outgoing President, Gabe Vick. For the last several years, particularly this last year as President, Gabe has been a tireless advocate for the neighborhood; he has helped shepherd the civic association through many challenges and his leadership has enabled the civic association to prosper. We all owe Gabe a debt of gratitude.

## Nominations for Upcoming Board Elections!

The Nominating Committee for the WHCA Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for seats on the Woodland Heights Civic Association Board for the 2015-16 term, which starts April 1, 2015 and runs through March 31, 2016. Elections will be held at the general meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, at 7 PM**. The following positions are up for election:

**President-Elect**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**  
**VP, Membership**  
**VP, Security**  
**VP, Communications**  
**VP, Infrastructure**  
**VP, Beautification**

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a board seat, or if you have any questions about any of the positions, please let us know. Per the by-laws, floor nominations cannot be accepted.

Sincerely,  
 Tim McConn ([tmccconn@akllp.com](mailto:tmccconn@akllp.com)) on behalf of the Nominating Committee



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## Save the Date!

*WHCA Spring Fling*

Mark your calendars for the WHCA Spring Fling:

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm**  
**on the Norhill Esplanade!**

Come join us for another fun neighborhood event where you can visit with your neighbors, grab dinner from some food trucks, and join the Woodland Heights Civic Association and the Constable Program. More details will be available on our newly re-designed website, [www.woodland-heights.org](http://www.woodland-heights.org), soon, but make plans to attend now!

## Yard of the Month Volunteers Needed

*Vicky Bettis, V.P. Beautification*

Soon our sleepy yards will begin to awaken with colorful springtime blooms. It's Yard of the Month time again!

Ever wonder how the Yard of the Month is chosen? It's by neighbors just like you! We are seeking volunteers to serve on the YOM committee. Contact Vicky at [www.beautification@woodland-heights.org](mailto:www.beautification@woodland-heights.org)

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The Woodland Heights Newsletter is a publication of the Woodland Heights Civic Association (WHCA), and seeks to keep the community informed of board activities and developments of interest to area residents.

WHCA General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September, and November). Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Hogg Middle School, 1100 Merrill St.

## **WHCA**

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Website: [www.woodland-heights.org](http://www.woodland-heights.org)

### **Sponsorship Information**

Monthly sponsorship fees are \$50/month for a 1.75 x 3 inch (approximately business card size) sponsorship, \$125 for a quarter page, and \$250 for a half page. The WHCA Board will review all applications for sponsorship. Individuals interested in becoming Woodland Heights Newsletter sponsors should contact the Newsletter Editor, Jonathan C.C. Day, at [newsletter@woodland-heights.org](mailto:newsletter@woodland-heights.org) for further details. Checks are payable to the "Woodland Heights Civic Association" at the above address.

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