



MANDELL PLACE NEWS

“A NEIGHBORHOOD BY DESIGN”

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MARCH 2013



MPCA “STATE OF THE UNION”

As part of the Membership Social and General Meeting that was held on January 22, 2013, Mandell Place Civic Association (MPCA) held Board and Committee Elections for 2013. I was elected as the New President for 2013 and am happy to serve our great neighborhood. Many of you might know me as the Social Chairperson for the past two years.

My Partner Aaron and I were thrilled to finally be able to move in Mandell Place 2 ½ years ago, which was our goal for the 17 years prior. Having an Architectural and Design background, I with my Partner built our dream home in the style of homes that were built here in the 20’s and 30’s. We did this because we love this neighborhood so much and wanted to keep the existing style and charm that is established. I have served on many of the neighborhood boards where we have lived and am excited to be involved in the MPCA. I am ready to do what I can to support our new Board and Committee Members, and I am ready to do what I can to improve our neighborhood.

It is very exciting that we had many new residents step up to the plate to fill almost all of our positions. I am pleased that the new Board that is energized and eager to serve our community!

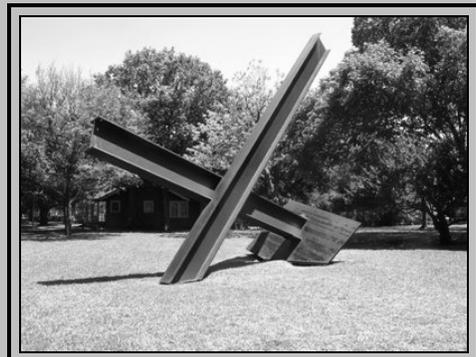
Here are the positions that were elected and filled at the last meeting:

- Charles Lambert—President
- Nanette Hartdegen—Vice-President
- Bill Brosius—Treasurer
- Michelle Wan—Secretary
- Claudia Walkup—Social Committee Chairperson
- Dana Epley—Membership Committee Chairperson
- Maria Lucia Vidart—Beautification Committee Chairperson

UPCOMING MPCA EVENTS

MPCA SPRING FLING!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th
10AM AT MENIL PARK



Bring a picnic blanket and the kids to our Saturday in the park event!

- David Toy—Deed Restrictions Committee Chairperson
- Jaye Tullai—Deed Compliance Committee Chairperson
- Julius Salamone—Communications Committee Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Charles Lambert

VICE-PRESIDENT

Nanette Hartdegen

SECRETARY

Michelle Wan

TREASURER

Bill Brosius

COMMITTEES

SOCIAL

Claudia Walkup

MEMBERSHIP

Dana Epley

BEAUTIFICATION

Maria Lucia Vidart

COMMUNICATIONS

Julius Salamone

DEED RESTRICTIONS

David Toy

DEED COMPLIANCE

Jaye Tullai

SECURITY

Please contact MPCA if you are interested in this position

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On February 19th we held our first Board meeting for 2013. This new Board has great plans for the neighborhood!

The **Vice President**, Nanette is working hard with me to make sure we are doing the best for our neighborhood. She is also our Neartown Association liaison.

The **Treasurer**, Bill is in the process of reviewing the previous years of financial information. He is looking into moving our checking account to a bank that is adjacent to our neighborhood.

The **Secretary**, Michelle is working on bringing these Newsletters back on a regular basis as a way to unify the neighborhood, as well as inform the neighborhood of events, issues and concerns.

The **Social Committee Chair**, Claudia is working on the schedule for this year's events and has some exciting revisions and additions in mind.

The **Membership Committee Chair**, Dana is working to develop new ways to greet new residents with a Welcome Package. She is also working on new Business Membership opportunities.

The **Beautification Committee Chair**, Maria is eager to get several new projects underway to help beautify our neighborhood.

The **Deed Restriction Committee** of David and Jaye will be hard at work maintaining our current Deed Restrictions, and working with developers that are planning on building to ensure they follow our guidelines.

The **Communications Chair**, Julius is working on getting the word out to residents about issues that involve us all.

Your MPCA is working on a new Branding Project that will help identify the boundaries of the neighborhood with new signage. These signs will have "A Deed Restricted Community" on them so that developers will know they have limits. We will also be putting "No Soliciting" on these signs as a way to cut down on potential criminals from knocking on doors to keep track of who is home. We are also having new Event Notice signs made, as the current ones are worn out, and several have been stolen.

At the past few Social events, and meetings, there have been discussions about the Board's conversations with Winlow Place. Our two neighborhoods are "the Jewels of Montrose" and the most desirable place to live in this area. In these past discussions with Winlow Place, there were several talks about how a merger of the two associations could benefit both the neighborhoods. The MPCA Board voted unanimously at the last meeting to remain separate from Winlow Place, but to collaborate on Social and Political issues that involve both neighborhoods. With a new and invigorated Board and Committees, we did not feel it necessary to merge at this time, and prefer to maintain as the Mandell Place Civic Association.

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However, we are already working on many issues with Winlow Place that involves City Outreach, Security, etc. We are possibly going to include both neighborhoods in some of the social events.

This Association relies on your support and voluntary Membership Dues. Without your physical and financial support, we could not do all the things our association does to support its residents. I urge you to join the Association by making a donation of your treasures and talent! We also need assistance with some of the committees. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please see the Membership article in this Newsletter, and JOIN! If you are interested in getting involved in a committee, please e-mail us at MandellPlace@gmail.com

We are currently looking for someone to Chair the Security Committee. The responsibilities of this committee are only to send out an e-mail blast from Officer Pate with Security issues. Please let us know if you would be willing to help the neighborhood maintain ourselves as a safe place to live.

As you can see, there is a lot going on! Your MPCA Board and Committees are hard at work to help preserve our home values, protect us from outside invaders and criminals, and to bring us together to celebrate that we live in one of the best and most exciting neighborhoods in town!

Our new theme for 2013 is **“It’s Fun to Live in the MPCA!”**

Charles Lambert
MPCA President 2013

MPCA!

MPCA Spring Fling Event!

In effort to take advantage of the wonderful parks in our neighborhood and to provide additional opportunities to get to know our neighbors, MPCA will be hosting a family-friendly Spring Fling event.

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 10 AM
AT THE MENIL PARK (adjacent to the Menil Collection Museum) on the corner of Mulberry & Sul Ross. Bring your children, picnic blankets and lawn chairs, and we will provide light refreshments and activities for the kiddos! If you are interested in assisting with planning our Spring Fling Event please contact Claudia Walkup at ckbernal@gmail.com.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

NEARTOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm
Cherryhurst Park Community Center
1700 Missouri St.

Nearatown Association is an umbrella civic association for Montrose neighborhoods, including Mandell Place. Nearatown assists on issues of larger community concerns at both the local and state level.

HPD CHIEF'S CITYWIDE - PIP MEETING
March 12th at 7pm
Preventing Crime w/ Environmental Design, 1602 State St. (Auditorium)

PIP is part of the Houston Police Dept.'s Community Service Division.

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YARD OF THE MONTH



The thoughtful combination of charming details makes **Robert & Carol O'Neal's** yard at **1509 Kipling** noteworthy. The vines, the pots with colorful flowers and the different tonalities of green caught the eye of the Beautification Committee.

Congratulations to this month's winners Robert and Carol for a nicely landscaped yard, and thanks for keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

If you have suggestions for next month's winner or if you want to join the Yard of the Month Electing Committee please email us at mandellplace@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 2012 CRIME STATS

Date	Hour	Offense	Block Range	Street Name
12/06	1500	Theft	1500-1599	W Alabama
12/09	1800	Theft	1700-1799	W Alabama
12/14	1700	Theft	1700-1799	W Alabama
12/12	1600	Theft	1800-1899	W Alabama
12/16	0000	Theft	1800-1899	W Alabama
12/29	1600	Theft	2600-2699	Dunlavy
12/29	1800	Theft	2600-2699	Dunlavy
12/20	1800	Auto Theft	1600-1699	Harold
12/17	2300	Theft	2100-2199	Harold
12/20	2300	Theft	1300-1399	Hawthorne
12/03	1800	Theft	1600-1699	Kipling
12/19	1900	Theft	3400-3499	Mandell
12/16	1200	Theft	4300-4399	Mandell
12/19	0500	Theft	1700-1799	Marshall
12/27	0900	Theft	1200-1299	Westheimer
12/06	2000	Theft	1300-1399	Westheimer
12/21	2000	Theft	1300-1399	Westheimer
12/30	2100	Theft	1300-1399	Westheimer
12/02	1600	Theft	1400-1499	Westheimer
12/10	0700	Theft	1400-1499	Westheimer
12/09	2100	Theft	1400-1499	Westheimer
12/16	0000	Theft	1400-1499	Westheimer
12/19	1900	Theft	1400-1499	Westheimer
12/29	0000	Robbery	1500-1599	Westheimer
12/19	1600	Theft	1600-1699	Westheimer
12/22	1600	Theft	1600-1699	Westheimer

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MPCA Mardi Gras Party!

Neighbors of Mandell gathered on Mardi Gras to kick off MPCA's 2013 membership drive and catch up with each other. Thanks to Bill and Ron on Marshall St. who opened up their new and inviting home to us and were the perfect hosts!



OPENING UP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH



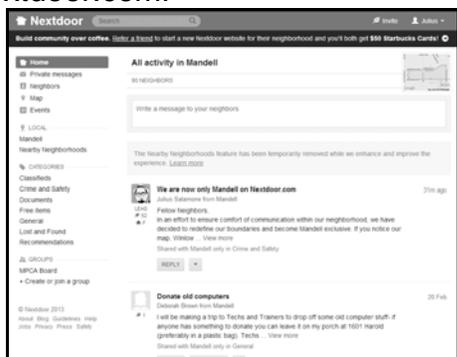
When it comes to communication for the Mandell neighborhood, it comes in different flavors. This newsletter is one of those flavors. Another flavor is our website: www.mandellplace.org



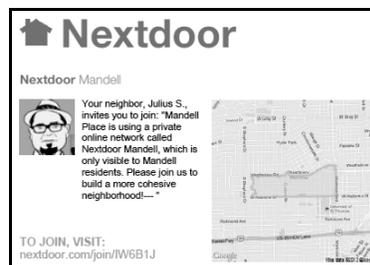
Our website is public, very public. When we communicate on www.mandellplace.org, the world is watching. Anyone can drop in and take a peek from anywhere, anytime. If we have a public statement or have information that we want to broadcast not only to our members, but to the entire world, this is where we play. It's communication coming from one direction, the MPCA.

Broadcasting from one direction is great for announcements, but wouldn't it be great if:
 -we had a site where actual neighbors could initiate the communication, and not just MPCA?
 -when we as neighbors communicate with each other, it would be for OUR eyes only?

Hello Nextdoor.com!



When we chose to use this service, the vision was to establish this venue of ongoing forums, starting and ending at any time, allowing people to jump in to contribute or express opinions and ideas. This seems to be the best site for such purposes. It has other features, like classifieds and networking, but the main idea is to be able to initiate and discuss neighborhood topics freely amongst ourselves. Since we've opened the doors on this platform, we have grown to over 90 participants. We have sent or are sending postcards invites to each of you soon (Nextdoor can only send 30 postcards per month).



Postcard Sample

But you don't need to wait for an invite to join. You can join now if you haven't already done so. This site allows **ONLY Mandell Place** residents to join our specific site, which can be found when going to: nextdoor.com/join/OTLHCW

If you have any questions or concerns while considering joining us on this site, please email us at mandellplace@gmail.com.

HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Recent articles about Montrose, the Menil Collection and neighborhood hangouts:

Texas Monthly:
<http://www.texasmonthly.com/story/my-montrose>

Wall Street Journal:
 Take Monday Off—<http://on.mktw.net/XLDPwP>

IMPORTANT PHONE/WEB CONTACTS

EMERGENCIES ONLY:	9-1-1
HPD NON-EMERGENCY:	713-884-3131
HPD STOREFRONT:	713-284-8604 or centralpatrol1district@cityofhouston.net
CITY OF HOUSTON HELP:	3-1-1 or www.houston311.org or download the app HOUSTON 311 on your smartphone
ABANDONED CARTS:	HEB: 713-529-2475 Kroger: 713-526-7865 (press 0) Randall's: 713-284-1200 (press 8)



REGULAR TRASH

Mondays. Place container on curb between 6:00pm Sundays and 7:00am Mondays.

RECYCLING

March 4th and 18th; April 1st, 5th, and 29th

Paper, magazines, aluminum, tin, cardboard, plastics 1-5 and 7. No glass allowed in curbside bins.

TREE WASTE

Wednesday, March 6th

Place tree waste out starting at 6:00 pm the Friday before Tree Waste day.

JUNK WASTE

Wednesday, April 3rd

Place tree waste out starting at 6:00 pm the Friday before Junk Waste day.

BECOME A MEMBER OF MPCA NOW!

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2013. We are at about 40% as of March 1, which is wonderful, but there's still a long way to go! Please consider joining the MPCA. The more members we have, the more effective we are as an organization, especially when we need to react quickly. As those of us know who have been here a few years, real estate can move very quickly around here. If you have to take time to mobilize, it's too late. Plus, more members means more fun! We have added many new neighbors to the MPCA in the last year, so please consider joining and having your opinions heard.

We are here to serve you! We have several membership levels--one for every budget. This is **your** organization, so please help us make it the best it can be through your participation! Annual membership dues are voluntary. The Mandell Place Civic Association is a 503(c) organization, and your dues are tax deductible.

Please fill out this form and mail with your check made out to:

Mandell Place Civic Association (MPCA)

P.O. Box 66005

Houston, TX 77266-6005

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Annual Dues (Please check one):

Member _____ \$25

Patron _____ \$100

Sustaining Member _____ \$50

Other (\$_____)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!