

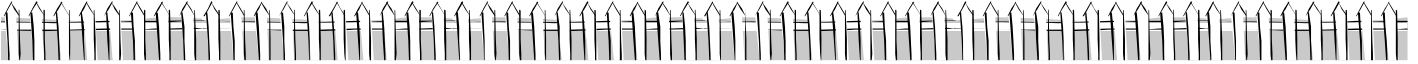


MANDELL PLACE NEWS

“A NEIGHBORHOOD BY DESIGN”

A PUBLICATION OF THE MANDELL PLACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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RECENT CRIME ACTIVITY AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Many of you may have heard of the recent rash of crimes in our small neighborhood. A mugging of a homeowner on her property. A purse snatching via bike. Several break-ins of both homes and cars. Brazen daytime theft of lawn equipment. Graffiti everywhere.

Although these can be scary events, we as a neighborhood refuse to live in fear. *Communication is the key to a community.* There are several ways that MPCA is working to share information both with the Houston Police Department and with you.

If you are a MPCA member, you should have gotten the recent email blasts detailing crimes in the neighborhood. If you know of a crime, please report it to HPD and us.

MPCA Security Committee Head Carol Wolk is our liaison with HPD Officers who patrol our neighborhood. NextdoorMandell is also an online platform for sharing not only crime information (recent but sharing the name of a good plumber or the latest home sales. This newsletter, Mandell Place News, is another forum for providing monthly information about the neighborhood.

MPCA's Block Captains also serve to be your point of contact for questions you have about the neighborhood. We have listed our Block Captains in this month's newsletter and will in future newsletters and on the website.

UPCOMING MPCA EVENTS

PRIDE PARADE
SATURDAY, June 29th

**MPCA HAZMAT
RECYCLING**
INTERESTED IN GETTING RID OF
OLD PAINT AND OIL?
SEE PAGE 3 for more details!

We hope that in the coming months, YOU can help us help keep this neighborhood a great place to live.

Whether it's joining the MPCA, showing up to our events, submitting a story to the newsletter or working with Carol on security issues, the MORE participation and communication we have with each other, the MORE we can come together as a community!

We look forward to hearing from YOU soon.

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MPCA Secretary

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MPCA BLOCK CAPTAINS

We are pleased to have many dedicated residents who have stepped up to the plate and are serving as our 2013 Mandell Place Civic Association Block Captains. Some are longtime Mandell Place residents and some are new faces!

The job of the Block Captains is to serve as a point of contact for residents of the block and point of communication to the Civic Association. Especially considering the recent crime activity, it is important for your Block Captain to be aware of events on your block so that he or she can share this information with all concerned neighbors. Block Captains also distribute the Mandell Place News Newsletter.

We still NEED A BLOCK CAPTAIN for the 1600 Block of Hawthorne, so if you are interested, please contact us at mandellplace@gmail.com!

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING A BIG FAT SUCCESS

You know that feeling when you are preparing for a party, and you get that twinge: “What if nobody comes and all this food I put out looks ridiculous?”; and then the guests start arriving and you think: “What if everybody comes and we run out of food?”

Well, not to worry. I did fear that I had requisitioned a big truck to pick up a keyboard, a monitor and a box of cords. But then we started making the rounds. Two heaping truckloads plus my car packed tight. We did not realize we would get so much stuff, so the first truck load was piled so high that our driver had use the surface roads instead of the freeway. The salvageable stuff went to the non-profit Techs and Trainers to be reconditioned by adults learning tech skills. The rest went to the City’s E- Recycling facility.



Here is our intrepid driver John and just a fraction of what was collected.

Recycling assistance was an idea that had many mothers. Kipling Block Captain Trish Garrison and I were talking about all the old electronics that “just pile up.” Harold neighbor Deb Brown turned us on to a favorite charity of hers, Techs and Trainers. My company Boulevard Realty is actively involved in the Healthy Homes movement, and my Broker Bill Baldwin did not hesitate to lend us a truck and Boulevard’s intrepid community project manager John.

Here’s to a lighter load in the attic! Now.....how about the garage? Would anyone be interested in a “Haz-Mat Drive” to take old paint, oil, and chemicals to the Hazardous Materials recycling dump?

Send me some feedback!
Jaye Tullai 832-723-9700 Jaye.Tullai@prodigy.net

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YARD OF THE MONTH



1530 Harold St. is May's winner of Yard of the Month. The Beautification Committee loved this yard's symmetry and balance of different textures. The tiered planting brings volume and life. The stones in the front, the field stones, the shrubs, flowers and a well-manicured lawn are arranged in a harmoniously charming composition.

Thanks to Michael and Joyce Harris for making Mandell Place so beautiful!

If you have suggestions for next month's winner or if you want to join the electing committee, please email us at mandellplace@gmail.com.

MARCH 2013 CRIME STATS

Date	Hour	Offense	Block	Street
3/2/2013	01:00	Auto Theft	1500-1599	DUNLAVY
3/8/2013	00:00	Auto Theft	1500-1599	HAROLD
3/17/2013	23:00	Theft	1500-1599	HAROLD
3/16/2013	23:00	Theft	1500-1599	HAWTHORNE
3/10/2013	03:00	Theft	1400-1499	KIPLING
3/22/2013	19:00	Theft	1700-1799	KIPLING
3/13/2013	23:00	Theft	1500-1599	MARSHALL
3/14/2013	15:00	Theft	1500-1599	MARSHALL
3/29/2013	01:00	Robbery	1500-1599	WESTHEIMER
3/30/2013	10:00	Theft	1600-1699	WESTHEIMER
3/23/2013	12:00	Theft	1600-1699	WESTHEIMER
3/21/2013	13:00	Theft	1600-1699	WESTHEIMER

As reported by the City of Houston at:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/beatpages/cs1a30.htm>

**SICK AND TIRED OF
 GRAFFITI???**
**REPORT IT RIGHT AWAY TO 3-1-1
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 HOUSTON311 APP ON YOUR
 SMARTPHONE**

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A BLOCK PARTY!

MPCA Block Captains recently got together for a Coffee and Breakfast social at the home of MPCA President Charles Lambert.



MPCA SPRING FLING FUN!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Menil Park last month for a fun family event filled with food, bubbles, fairy wings and even live bunnies!



ATTENTION: RENTERS!

You TOO can be a member of MPCA! All RESIDENTS and PROPERTY OWNERS can be members of MPCA. So, if you've want to get involved and stay informed of the happenings in the neighborhood, JOIN US TODAY!

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)

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING THE EMAIL BLASTS FROM MANDELL PLACE ABOUT THE RECENT CRIME ACTIVITY? IF NOT, IT'S BECAUSE:

- (1) You are not a member of MPCA...Join Today!
OR
- (2) You are a member of MPCA but we don't have your current email address. Email us at mandellplace@gmail.com to be added to the list!

REGULAR TRASH

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

RECYCLING

May 13th, and 27th

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

JUNK WASTE

Wednesday, June 5th

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

TREE WASTE

Wednesday, July 3rd

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

BECOME A MEMBER OF MPCA NOW!

WOW, we have received a bumper crop of new and renewing members in the last month! Way to go Mandell Place! If you haven't already, 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):

Contributor _____ \$25

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!