

Crestwood / Glen Cove Neighborhood News



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The weather and change of venue resulted in a smaller than normal turnout at our last neighborhood meeting. We are returning to St. Theresa Catholic Church, which should make attending this next meeting more convenient.

Topics to be discussed at the upcoming meeting are the club budget, the Greenways presentation by Ms. Powis, deed restriction enforcement update, and the status of security in our neighborhood.

The club is looking for two new blockheads; one for Floyd, and one for Haskell, Arnot, and Byway. If you live on those streets and would like to give of your time, please call Mike VanDusen @ 713-864-0221 or send an email to president@crestwoodglencove.org.

We had a very successful neighborhood party last Fall after a hiatus in 2011, and are planning more social events starting this summer. And don't miss Chris Wilson's recipe for vegetarian lentil chili that was so popular at the party!

Bayou Greenways

Ms. Jen Powis, with the Houston Parks Board, will make a presentation of the Houston Bayou Greenways Project at our neighborhood meeting.

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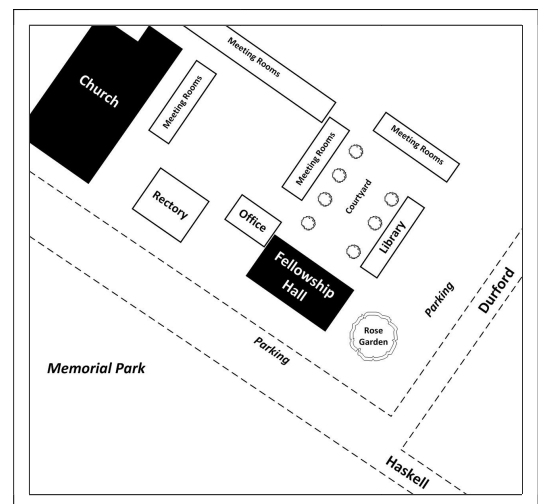
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All-Neighborhood Meeting is April 2nd, 7pm !



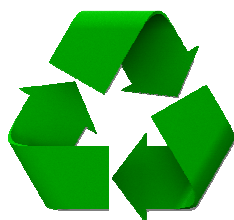
All homeowners are invited to our next All-Neighborhood Meeting. Our meeting venue is once again St. Theresa Church located at 6622 Haskell near Memorial Park.

We have reserved the new Fellowship Hall for our meeting. Renovation of this building should be complete by the time we meet. The opening is scheduled for April 1, and will hopefully go as planned. If the Hall is not open by the time of our meeting, we will meet in the main church. Signs will be posted at the Fellowship Hall on the night of the meeting if it is not available.



City Recycling

The City of Houston is taking another step in the recycling process. It is looking to implement a One Bin for All program that combines all discarded materials into a single bin. Note that this is different from the single-stream recycling that we currently have in our neighborhood.



This may seem like a step backward, but it makes all trash materials potential-

ly recyclable. Other cities that have been recycling longer than Houston only divert about 30% of their trash from a landfill. Houston currently recycles about 15%; about one out of every seven tons. The latest high-tech recycling facilities claim to divert about 55% of discarded materials from landfills. The diversion increases to 75% if composting is

implemented.

The advantages of this process are:

- Trash handling for residents is simplified.
- City collection costs are reduced because a single fleet vehicle can be used. The additional costs for dual-stream collection are recouped.
- Fleet vehicle route mileage is reduced.

The disadvantages are:

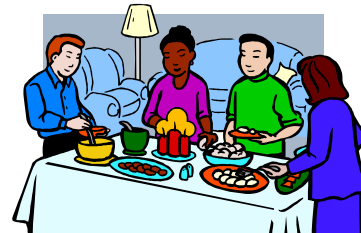
- More costly trash processing facilities are required.
- Possible contamination of paper materials, resulting in reduced commodity value.

This new waste processing is to be cost-neutral, or revenue generating compared to current processing. Implementation is at least two to three years away.

A Quarterly Social

by Alli West

The Crestwood/Glencove Civic Club is excited to introduce the neighborhood's quarterly social gatherings starting this summer. We will be meeting at Coppa Restaurant on Washington Avenue.



Everyone will receive an invitation each quarter, and we look forward to nurturing the community spirit. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to help organize one of these events, please contact Alli West at secretary@crestwoodglencove.org.

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2012 Block Party

by Alli West

The Crestwood/GlenCove annual Block Party was held on Saturday, November 17, 2012. We had a great turnout and couldn't have asked for better weather. **Peter Pavluk & Cherrill Farnsworth** opened up their beautiful East Cowan home to all who could make it out this year.



Goode Company BBQ was graciously provided by Carl Maxwell of Frost Insurance. We received overwhelming support from the neighborhood as well. We had over 18 families contribute to the party with donations and with delicious food and beverages. I think we are all still raving over **Chris Wilson's** Lentil Chili!



Paul and Delana Bice cooled us down with water bottles and sponsored our lively DJ for the day! The children enjoyed the animal balloons, face painting, twister and all the delicious Crave



Cupcakes provided by **Toby & Dennis Calabrese**.

The adults did not miss out on the fun either since **John & Lindy Rydman** provided us with plenty of vino!

The **Castiglione's, Erich's, Honeycutt's, VanDusen's, William's, Rosario Spinoso, Bernobich's** and many more made this party all come together by pitching in with the set up, break down and of course the food, tables, coolers, and drinks!

It was such a joy to see over 100 neighbors coming out to show their community spirit and share some time with their neighbors. The evening ended on a special note when **Matthew & Elizabeth Garibay** helped

pack up countless tins of BBQ and desserts and delivered it to The Star Food Shelter. Thank



you to everyone who helped make this Block Party a success, and to all of those who showed up in support of this family event in our neighborhood.



Bayou Greenways Project

by Mike VanDusen

The goal of the Bayou Greenways Project is to complete the creation of a series of linear public parks and public-use trails within the ten major bayous in the Greater Houston area. In the last 100 years, almost \$3B have been invested to give residents the current parks in the City of Houston. It is estimated that a little less than \$500M is estimated to complete the Greenways Project.

Last year, voters approved bond proposition B to make available \$166M for city parks. \$100M of that bond budget is set aside to be matched with private funds. This \$200M is being used to fund the next phase of the Bayou Greenways Project.

There has been speculation that Memorial Park would be connected to Buffalo Bayou Park within the Buffalo Bayou right-of-way. Neighborhood residents who live south of Memorial have expressed concern over such plans.

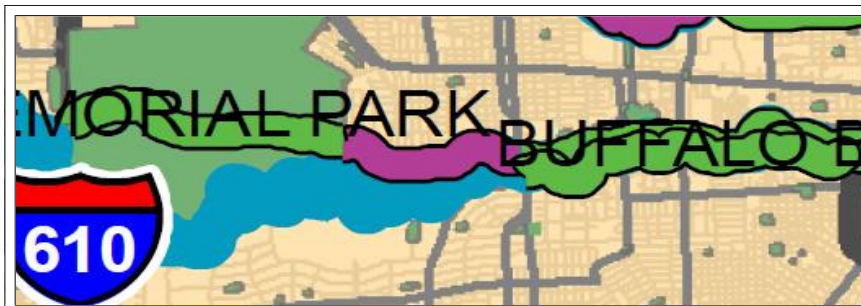
I attended a meeting a few days prior to the 2012 elections hosted

by CM Ellen Cohen. Mayor Parker, along with three department heads, made a presentation promoting the bond issues appearing on the ballot at that meeting.

After her presentation, the Mayor was asked if there were plans to connect Memorial Park and Buffalo Bayou Park. Her response was “absolutely”. When asked if that was to be achieved in Buffalo Bayou, she replied that there were issues with using the bayou right-of-way, and that the City was investigating connecting the parks along Memorial Drive.

She stated that a trail along the south side of Memorial has been studied, but that the City was also exploring tunneling under Memorial at Shepherd and emerging in the Deplechin Park area on the north side of Memorial. A trail on that side would connect the two parks.

Whether the bayou or Memorial Drive is used for a connecting trail, our neighborhood will be affected when these parks are joined.



Lentil Chili

by Chris Wilson



Ingredients -

- 1 Tbs olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 1 large green bell pepper, diced
- 1 yellow potato, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 4 tomatoes, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 Tbs chili powder
- 2 cups lentils; preferably red
- 6 cups vegetable broth

Directions -

In a large soup pot, sauté onion in olive oil over medium-high heat until well browned; about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper and sauté for a few more minutes. Then add potatoes and carrots. Stir well.

Stir in cumin, chili powder, and garlic until fragrant.

Add lentils and tomatoes, and stir to combine.

Finally, add broth. Bring to boil and reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook for 30 minutes, or until lentils are tender.

Note that cooking time may need to vary, depending on the lentils. If the chili is too soupy, remove lid and cook off excess liquid.

Serve with cornbread, and fresh toppings like cilantro, green onions, avocado, pepper jack cheese, diced chili peppers, etc.

Around the Neighborhood

Some of you may have noticed the owner of 6017 Memorial was asking the Planning Department for permission to replat the 1.7 acre property into ten single family home sites. Several residents attended a hearing on February 28th at which the survey was presented. No variances were requested, and setback and easement requirements were unchanged.

The replat request will likely be granted at a future Planning Department meeting. The surveying company has stated that the developer, Visconti Properties, intends to construct ten garden homes, similar to the homes in Arlington

Court.

The Washington-Wescott traffic circle seems destined for more change.

A development company claims to have a 46,000 sq-ft parcel of the Memorial Club apartments on the south-east corner of the circle under contract to build a Trader Joe's specialty market on the site. The north boundary of the parcel is at the swimming pool on Westcott, and extends south to Rose Street. It's unclear what will be done with the remaining apartments on the north part of the property, or those on the west side of Westcott.



The concern for residents in Glencove III is that patron parking may overflow onto Camellia and Rose streets in our neighborhood. This has been an issue for other neighborhood residents along the Washington Avenue corridor, and has resulted in the City's first Parking Benefits District as a means of trying to control this problem.

Blockheads

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