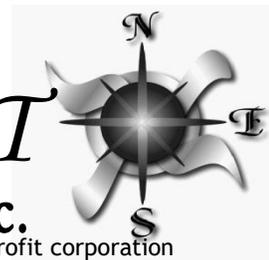


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## A Note from the President

I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far! I am especially glad to see these afternoon thunderstorms watering my lawn for me. Speaking of lawns, a HUGE "thank you" to all the homeowners who have added sod, trimmed tree limbs, and made various other improvements as requested. I know it's not easy to keep up with – I have a patch of diseased sod in my front lawn that I've been battling for years! Sod is in short supply right now, but I've been told it can be ordered by the pallet, which is helpful when you have a large section to replace. And remember, Mondo grass and Asian Jasmine are acceptable in place of sod in those shady areas. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 713-294-8344 or send an email to [nottinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com)

I also want to publicly thank each one of our officers for their tremendous work these past couple months. It seems that when Spring arrives, the amount of work we do kicks-up a notch. Each of our Officers has been burning the midnight oil on their respective tasks. We also have a cracker-jack team of volunteers who tour our neighborhood for deed restriction violations, which saves us \$500 per month! Truly, we could not run our civic club so efficiently without their help. Please give a warm "thank you" to these folks when you see them out-and-about.

*-Rosanna Hinde*

## Nottingham West Park Upgrade Status

No doubt, you are wondering why the planned park upgrades and parking lot repairs have not started. There are two reasons for the delay:

- Construction plans have been submitted to the City of Houston for permits twice and rejected twice.
- After all this time, NWCC and RDT Services, the low bid contractor, were not able to reach a signed agreement and NWCC will no longer pursue such agreement.

At the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we will ask homeowners to authorize hiring a civil engineer to help us submit a plan that meets the City's requirements. We will also ask for owner approval, via vote, to the award the project to DNC, the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bidder.

## Nottingham West Notes

### *Yard of the Month*

Our neighborhood has some lovely landscaping! 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter winners are:

- **April:** 14102 Queensbury
- **May:** 14126 Kingsride
- **June:** 14039 St Mary's

**Congratulations to all the winners!**

Check out photos of the winning homes on the Nottingham West website. Submit nominations for Yard of the Month by email or contact an NWCC officer.

### **Home Security Tips**

- Keep porch lights on at night, front and back
- Lock the back gate.
- Use your home alarm and list Precinct 5 Constable as the first responder.
- Report suspicious people, vehicles or behavior to the Constable at 281-463-6666.



**Welcome  
New  
Neighbors!!**

NWCC warmly welcomes our new neighbors. We hope to see you at the Civic Club meeting this month. If you have any questions, please contact any of the NWCC officers or visit the Nottingham West [website](#).

### Neighborhood Security

- Call the Precinct 5 Constable at 281-463-6666 to report suspicious persons or vehicles. **Always dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.**
- If you're heading out of town, be sure to notify the Constable.
- E-mail us at [nottinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com) if you would like to receive e-mails about neighborhood security incidents.

### Planning Exterior Improvements?

Send the details to the Architectural Control Committee at [nottinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com) or contact Preston Mood at 281-543-7994.

### Phone and E-Mail Contact Information

The Civic Club is collecting homeowner contact information to be used in case of emergency. If we don't have your contact details, please send phone and e-mail address to [nottinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com).

### NWCC Web Site

Visit [www.nottinghamwest.net](http://www.nottinghamwest.net) for helpful information on NWCC meetings, assessments, trash pick-up, pool & park hours and more.

### RealManage Services

Visit [www.realmanage.com](http://www.realmanage.com) to pay NWCC assessments online and review financial statements and other information.

### NWCC Officers

Rosanna Hinde, President  
John Benton, Vice President  
Pam Ziegenbein, Treasurer  
Angie Lootens, Secretary

### *Kirkwood Median Maintenance*

As promised at the April quarterly meeting, our association has verbally agreed to enter into a formal contract with our neighbors across Kirkwood covering the maintenance of the “common areas” we share along Kirkwood. Nottingham I, II, III are represented by David Mandery and Nottingham IV is led by Ryan Patrick. Plans are under way to draw-up a formal agreement that ensures NWCC will have a voice in any future changes to the landscape contract.

### Squirrels, Squirrels, Squirrels!

Everywhere you look in Nottingham West, there is a squirrel. Some of us are fonder of these furry creatures than others. We've had reports from Queensbury Lane of squirrels leaving half-eaten corn cobs strewn about, presumably because someone is feeding the squirrels. Please remember that this invites other rodents like rats, raccoons and possums into our yards, as well. So on behalf of your neighbors, please don't feed the squirrels!

### Trash Pickup Reminder

Trash pick-up happens every Tuesday and Friday at 7 a.m. The teams start promptly, so it's best to put trash cans out the night before. Recycling and heavy trash are picked up on Fridays only. If you have a large amount of trash or debris, plan to dispose of it over several pickups. Excess trash (more than 8-10 bags/bundles) will be collected on the next scheduled pick up. Or, you can schedule a separate pick-up with VF, for an additional fee. Contact VF Waste Services customer service team at 713-787-9790 or by email at [vfwaste@vfwasteservices.com](mailto:vfwaste@vfwasteservices.com).



### DRV Reminder

Keep these property maintenance tips in mind: mow and edge weekly, keep weeds under control, make sure all planting materials, RVs, Boats, Trailers, etc.. are kept out of sight. Ask the ACC for approval before having a storage pod or dumpster delivered to your lot.

### July Quarterly Meeting Agenda

The quarterly meeting of the Nottingham West Civic Club will be held on **Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm**. The meeting will be held in the **Nottingham Park Meeting Room, 926 Country Place Dr**. We hope to see you there!

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Adoption of the Minutes
- 4) Constables Report
- 5) Officer Reports
  - a) President
  - b) Vice President
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Secretary
- 6) Committee Reports
  - a) Architectural Control
  - b) Super Neighborhood Liaison
  - c) RealManage Financial Update
- 7) New Business
  - a) Park Upgrade Phase 1
    - i) Bid Selection
    - ii) Civil Engineer Vote
  - b) Builder Guideline Updates
- 8) Floor Motions;
  - a) Two minute limit per homeowner
- 9) Proposed Business for October Meeting

**Nottingham West Civic Club  
April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:34 with 33 homeowners represented.
- 2) Agenda was adopted.
- 3) Prior meeting minutes approved as printed.
- 4) Constables Report:
  - New Sergeant assigned to our neighborhood – Sgt Grazoffi. 16 years experience.
  - Not much to report in NWCC. There have been a few incidents in surrounding areas.
  - Residents should set alarms.
  - Report suspicious people and cars.
  - Twin Peaks is on constable's radar. They are writing parking violations and SBISD is booting cars parked in No Parking zones. If you see violations – take photo and document details and contact constable.
  - Oliver Pennington is looking for ways to take action. Mayor approved the establishment because less than 50% of sales are liquor.
- 5) Officer's Reports
  - President – Rosanna Hinde
    - a. Items not on the agenda will be covered at the end of the meeting.
  - Vice President – John Benton
    - a. Pool opens the weekend of May 17.
    - b. The large tree in the playground area is sick. Arborist has diagnosed two diseases – root fungus and canker virus – and will eventually die. The other trees in the park need to have regular care and arborist recommends deep root feeding. The cost is \$500 per tree. Question for homeowners is whether we should cut the tree down now at a cost of about \$2000, or include the tree in regular care program.
    - c. Majority voted to cut the tree down. This will be done as part of the park upgrade.
    - d. In addition, there are 4 trees along the wrought iron pool fence line that will have to be cut down. They were planted next to the fence and cannot be moved – have to cut at ground level – or the fence will have to be replaced.
    - e. Majority voted to cut the trees down.
  - Secretary – Angie Lootens
    - a. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email, or if you have anything to include in the next edition, send the information to [nothinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nothinghamwest@hotmail.com).
  - Treasurer – Pam Ziegenbein
    - a. 21 homeowners delinquent on paying NWCC assessments for total of \$15,800. Down from last year. Statements are sent monthly to delinquent homeowners.
    - b. Send your email address to [nothinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nothinghamwest@hotmail.com) to be added to the neighborhood security email distribution.
- 6) Architectural Control Committee Report
  - Six new homes currently under construction; Three new homes approved, but not actively building; Four homes in the approval process and four more lots have builder signs in the front yard.
  - Preston has built a spreadsheet that covers this information. If interested, send an email to [nothinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nothinghamwest@hotmail.com)
- 7) Super Neighborhood Liaison
  - Reed Brown attended the last meeting and provided an update. There are plans for paving and drainage improvements; Kirkwood will be rebuilt from I-10 to the Bayou. Fire stations 22 and 69 will be rebuilt. Find out more information at [www.rebuildhouston.org](http://www.rebuildhouston.org)
- 8) Park Upgrade Phase 1
  - Bid packages released. RDT and DNC returned bids. Both are within the budget. RDT bid \$30,633 and DNC bid \$32,400.
  - Vote taken and majority approved to award Phase 1 to RDT.
- 9) Kirkwood Median Maintenance Update
  - We share maintenance of the Kirkwood median with Nottingham.
  - Our share of maintenance is \$5000 and includes all maintenance on Kirkwood.
- 10) Floor Motions
  - Concerns raised about street flooding
  - Homeowners should check for termites
  - Homeowners may submit topics for the July meeting by contacting an officer or sending an email to [nothinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nothinghamwest@hotmail.com)
- 11) Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes approved by: Rosanna Hinde, John Benton, Angela Lootens, Pam Ziegenbein