

NOTTINGHAM WEST



Civic Club Inc.

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NWCC Park Update

As I've shared at the last two quarterly meetings, we have encountered some unexpected challenges in getting our park upgrade underway. We submitted revised park renovation plans to the City and these were rejected again in November.

It has become clear that without a committed civil engineer, we cannot get our plans approved by the City. In December, Mark Dessens, a NW homeowner and registered civil engineer, agreed to help get our park plans approved. I formed a new park committee, consisting of a landscape architect, a civil engineer, a developer and me, as construction manager. We met at the park a few weeks ago and developed a new approach to get our upgrade plans completed, approved and permitted.

The park renovation will be fully funded after semi-annual assessments are collected January 31 and there is no longer a need to phase construction over time. Instead, we will put the entire park renovation out to bid in one lump sum contract. Our original plan called for the park upgrade to be complete in early 2015 and I am confident that we will achieve our goal in roughly the same time frame.

Thanks for your patience as we work through these challenges and look for a great new park soon!

John Benton, NWCC Vice President

Assessments Due January 31

Statements for the first semi-annual assessment in 2015 were mailed December 18 by our new management services company, Crest Management. Included with your statement is a 'Welcome Letter' introducing our Crest Management team.

You may pay your assessment [online](#). You will need your statement to setup an account for online payments. Visit the Crest Management website at www.crest-management.com.

2015 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The 2015 Officer Elections will be held at the NWCC Annual Meeting in January. If you are interested in running for an office, please send an email by January 15 to Angie Lootens, Nottingham West Civic Club Secretary, at nottinghamwest@hotmail.com.



NWCC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Nottingham West Civic Club will be held on **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 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!

Nottingham Notes



Welcome New Neighbors!!

NWCC warmly welcomes our new neighbors. We hope to see you at the Civic Club meeting next month. If you have any questions, please contact any of the NWCC officers or visit the website.

NWC Holiday Lights Contest

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's NWC Holiday Lights Contest!!

1st Place: 14010 Queensbury

2nd Place: 13827 Woodthorpe

3rd Place: 14010 Kingsride

Best theme: Barryknoll St.

Honorable mention:

13803 Pinerock 13914 Barryknoll

13903 Pebblebrook 862 West Forest

Yard of the Month Winners!

Our neighborhood has some lovely landscaping! Recent winners are:

- October 14026 St. Mary's
- November: No winner chosen
- December: 14122 Kimberley

Congratulations to all the winners!

Check out photos of the winning homes on the Nottingham West website. Is there a home that you admire every time you pass by? Submit your nomination for Yard of the Month by email or contact an NWCC officer.

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 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 or contact Preston Mood at 281-543-7994.

Newsletter by E-Mail

Prefer to receive this newsletter by e-mail? Send your e-mail address to nottinghamwest@hotmail.com

NWCC Web Site

Visit www.nottinghamwest.net for helpful information on NWCC meetings, assessments, trash pick-up, pool & park hours and more.

Crest Management

Contact our management services team at 281-579-0761 Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit them on the web at www.crest-managment.com

NWCC Officers

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

Nottingham West Civic Club
November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:32 with 23 households represented.
- 2) Agenda was adopted.
- 3) Prior meeting minutes approved as printed.
- 4) Constables Report: Quiet in Nottingham West!
 - a) If HPD responds to a call, constables will not get the information. Be sure to call constable first. Usually faster response time also.
 - b) Don't leave valuables, visible or hidden, in cars parked in driveway or on the street.
 - c) HPD has been issuing parking tickets in Yorkshire (parking on wrong side, in front of hydrant, etc..)
 - d) Be careful in parking lots. A few incidents reported at nearby lots.
- 5) Officer's Reports
 - a) President – Rosanna Hinde
 - NWCC received notice of a lawsuit from RDT (concrete service company for park renovations). No contract was signed and NWCC attorney is engaged. We can countersue.
 - Nottingham Maintenance Agreement is in place. NWCC has been underpaying by about 8%, about \$450. Dan Whitton and Lu Chambers have offered to represent NWCC at these meetings. The group is planning an irrigation project for the Kirkwood esplanade. Repairs to the existing system will be done. Cost is anticipated to be about \$5000 per neighborhood. City of Houston donates water.
 - NWCC has switched to a new management company, Crest Management. This will save us about \$400 a month. Many nearby associations use Crest Management also.
 - b) Vice President – John Benton
 - Two diseased trees in the park have been removed.
 - Park upgrade plans were resubmitted to the City on November 5. Hoping for permits to be issued soon. The 'storm' letter was received September 16 which gives NWCC permission to drain into the City storm sewer system.
 - There is a leak in the park but City hasn't been able to find it. Hiring a leak detection company to find the cause. The water is turned off, but the leak continues.
 - c) Secretary – Angie Lootens
 - Advise NWCC of any e-mail address changes to ensure you receive newsletters and other neighborhood information.
 - d) Treasurer – Pam Ziegenbein
 - RealManage contract ends December 31. Crest Management will take over December 15 and January assessment will be sent by Crest. FYI, Crest is a local company and this will be better than RM, which was based in Dallas.
 - January assessment is the last one that includes money for park upgrade.
 - Anyone interested in running for Treasurer should send e-mail to the NWCC e-mail.
- 6) Architectural Control Committee Report
 - a) Preston Mood was not in attendance. 9 or 10 homes are under construction.
- 7) Floor Motions
 - a) How can we get other streets in the neighborhood rebuilt like Queensbury? This was the result of serious drainage issues. A few homeowners persevered with the City for more than two years to get the work scheduled and done.
 - b) Question raised about cars parked on the street with car covers. Is this allowed? Officers will review the deed restrictions to determine if there is any prohibition on car covers.

- c) Resident raised concern about homeowners that have many garage sales. It causes congestion on the street. The City requires sales tax permit/collection for frequent garage sales.
 - d) What can homeowners do about rats in the neighborhood or neighbor back yards that are overgrown and foster rodents? Homeowners can contact the city via 3-1-1 to report nuisances.
 - e) NWCC should consider increasing the easement requirements for new homes. The City requires 5 feet. Consider increasing that to 10 feet. NWCC will be working on updates to the deed restrictions over the winter. Homeowners should send suggestions to NWCC email. Dan Whitton suggested getting builder input on deed restrictions. Builders that own property in NW are entitled to the same level of input as all homeowners. A point of clarification about deed restrictions - these govern the care and maintenance of the neighborhood – things like lawn care requirements, driveway maintenance, restrictions on yard signs, landscaping, etc...
- 8) Proposed business for the January meeting.
- a) 2015 Officer Elections
 - b) Homeowners may submit topics by contacting an officer or sending an email to nottinghamwest@hotmail.com.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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