

Robindell News



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A PUBLICATION OF ROBINDELL CIVIC CLUB

Letter From The President

As we enter hurricane season in Houston, awareness of and preparation for the safety of our families, neighbors, and homes become heightened priorities for all of us.

Since my wife and I moved to Robindell more than 10 years ago, the stories that have been shared with us by residents have a common theme: the spirit of who we are as neighbors. As we witnessed, so many of us helped each other in every way during Hurricane Harvey.

As storm season is underway, and we're already seeing flooding in Houston, take a moment to plan for the big storms that inevitably will come our way. About the only good news with tropical storms and hurricanes is that we generally have time to plan for them. With that in mind, I suggest:

- Take an inventory of your personal property, put it somewhere safe, and email it to yourself.
- Review your insurance policies — for home and for business. Homeowners and flood insurance are separate policies.
- Plan your evacuation route well ahead of time.
- If you plan to use a generator for power, learn how to use it ahead of time and plan for safe use and fuel supplies.
- Make a plan for five to seven days without power and food. If you intend to stay home during the next hurricane, keep non-perishable emergency supplies on hand. Buy and store them ahead of the big rush.
- Take steps to protect your home — clean your gutters, clear your trees of dead limbs, keep storm drains near your home clear, and make sure your property drains into the street properly.
- Take steps to protect your business.

These are just a few of the suggestions offered to me through the years. I hope they're helpful. Let's discuss other storm-planning ideas at the next meeting as well.

Patrick M. "Marty" Lancton, President

Dates To Remember

Robindell Civic Club Meeting

Thursday, May 16th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street

Robindell and Friends Dinner

May 24th (4th Friday), 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Happy Lamp Restaurant, 9619 Hillcroft Street

Robindell and Friends Dinner

June 28th (4th Friday), 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Original Napoli Pizza & Pasta, 5266 Beechnut St.

Robindell Pool 4th of July Festivities

Thursday, July 4th
9:45 a.m. - Neighborhood Parade
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Cookout by the Pool
For more information please see page 3.

Robindell Civic Club Meeting

Thursday, July 18th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street

**Robindell Civic Club Meetings and
Robindell and Friends Dinners are open to all!**
RSVP for dinners by noon the day of to
robindellcc@gmail.com or (832) 643-1214.

City Trash & Recycling



Questions? Call 311

Trash Collection.....Tuesday

May	14, 21, 29*
June	4, 11, 18, 25
July	2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Yard Waste Collection (bagged).....Tuesday

Yard Waste must be in city approved compostable bags.

Recycling Collection.....every *other* Tuesday

May	14, 29*
June	11, 25
July	9, 23

Bins and yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the evening before collection and empty bins removed from the curb by 10:00 p.m. on collection day.

Heavy Trash.....second Tuesday of the month

May	14 (Tree Waste only)
June	11 (Junk Waste)
July	9 (Tree Waste only)

Heavy Trash items may be placed on the curb after 6:00 p.m. the Sunday before pick up. Tree debris is collected every month. Junk waste is collected during *even* months only.

*Holiday Schedule

Crime Report for March 2019

The Houston Police Department is in the process of switching to a new crime reporting system. Their website states that the information represents only those police services where a report was made, not other calls for police service, and that it doesn't distinguish between attempted and completed crimes. The latest available in the new format is March 2019. There's not much to report, thankfully, and no house break-ins in Robindell.

Date	Street	Blocks	Neighborhood	Crime	Time of Day
3/3	Robindell	8600-8699	Robindell	Trespassing	7:00 AM
3/4	Bob White	8300-8399	Robindell	Drug violation (street)	11:00 PM
3/7	Robindell	8500-8599	Robindell	Vandalism to house	7:00 PM
3/8	Beechnut	6000-6099	Braeburn Terrace	Simple assault	5:00 AM
3/8	Beechnut	6000-6099	Braeburn Terrace	Other offense	5:00 AM
3/22	Bintliff	9200-9299	Braes Timbers	Identity theft	11:00 AM
3/24	Beechnut	6000-6099	Braeburn Terrace	Theft from car	5:00 PM

Citizens on Patrol

Welcome to Robindell's new Citizens on Patrol Captain Ravi Patil! Our patrol members logged almost fifty patrol hours in the month of April. Ravi would like to remind all of you to be a little more vigilant during summer time, as there is always a spike in minor crime rates during school holidays. If you are interested in volunteering for Robindell's HPD sponsored Citizens on Patrol, please contact Ravi at ravipatil19@gmail.com or 832-275-7228. A very special thank you to Dean Lowry and Gary Teeter for their past leadership of our Citizens on Patrol!

Advertising In The Robindell News

Ad space is available in Robindell News bi-monthly newsletter as follows:

Size	Single Issue	Six Issues
1/8 page	\$25	\$125
1/4 page	\$45	\$225
1/2 page	\$80	\$400
full page	\$150	\$750

Robindell News has a circulation of 750 residents and property owners.

- Ads are payable by check or via Pay Pal at robindell.org
- Make checks payable to Robindell Civic Club and mail to:
Robindell Civic Club - Newsletter
9639 Hillcroft, PMB 118
Houston, Texas 77096
- Original/Camera Ready Artwork Preferred
- Send artwork and inquiries to:
newsletter@robindell.org

Robindell Civic Club 2019 Leadership

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Website:	www.robindell.org	
Find us on	Facebook under "Robindell Neighborhood Houston"	
and on	Twitter under "Robindell Civic Club"	

Yard Of The Month



Thank you to our new Yard Of The Month Co-Chairs Lisa Hollins and Gena Sylvester! Their willingness to take this on means that Robindell's Yard Of The

Month will be in full swing again by our next issue. A special thank you also goes to Trisha Meekins for her past service.

Please send Yard Of The Month nominations to Lisa Hollins at lyhollins@hotmail.com or Gena Sylvester at gstyle1798@gmail.com. Recipients will receive recognition in upcoming newsletters, and a free bag of fertilizer compliments of Bob Patterson of Southwest Fertilizer.



Newsletter

- The next deadline for submissions is July 5th.
- Submissions may be emailed to newsletter@robindell.org.
- Please contact us if you or someone you know may be interested in placing an ad in future issues. Ad prices start at as little of \$25 for an eight page ad.

A special thank you to Gayle Nesom for assisting with content and to all of our delivery volunteers!



Robindell Pool And 4th Of July Festivities

Swim for Fun at the Robindell Pool this summer. Memberships can be purchased online at www.Robindellpool.org or bought at the pool May 23-25, 5:00-7:30 p.m. The three-month, Summer only (Memorial Day thru Labor Day) membership cost is \$175 per family, \$125 per individual. The pool serves our three neighborhoods: Robindell, Braeburn Terrace and Braes Timbers, and allows unlimited swimming for All Members from 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Adults Only from 7:00-9:30 a.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m. (excluding private party times from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. some Saturdays or Sundays by reservation). The pool is closed Mondays until 6:00 p.m. for cleaning and chemical treatment.



PLAN AHEAD! July 4th Festivities include our annual Neighborhood Parade. Decorate you bikes, dogs, wagons, and strollers.

It's led by a fire engine and begins at 9:45 a.m. Next enjoy a free swim day and let the children play in fire truck spray. There will be a cookout by the pool from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It's a 50+ year tradition in Robindell, and everyone is welcome. Look for notices on facebook about donations and volunteers. Come and **enjoy!!**



The issue with *La Voz*

Twice a week, the *Houston Chronicle* throws *La Voz* newspapers in their pink plastic bags into random yards in certain neighborhoods, including Robindell. A few may be picked up, but *hundreds* are left untouched outside. They create an eyesore and when wet turn into a heavy, matted, solid mass. Eventually, the paper *and* the plastic wash down storm drains and into our waterways, eventually joining the millions of pounds of plastic litter in the oceans.

The *Chronicle* claims to deliver *La Voz* twice a week to “hand-selected Spanish-speaking households, with ... additional ... copies of the weekender distributed within targeted retail outlets in high-traffic areas” and to “single-family homes in densely populated Hispanic areas.” Robindell must fall into the third category.

So what can we do? Stopping delivery to all of Robindell would be difficult, maybe impossible, without a highly organized effort. But you can (try to) stop delivery to your house. Here’s how.

1. Call *Chronicle* subscriptions at 713-362-7211.
2. Immediately press 6 for *La Voz*. (Be prepared to hold. The operator in Dallas is busy.)
3. Tell the operator: Please stop delivering *La Voz* to my yard (or on my street) for these reasons (choose your favorites):
I didn't request it. I don't want it. They are an eyesore. People don't pick them up. They're littering my neighborhood and clogging our drainage system. I don't need them because I can find coupons in display racks at grocery stores or in the Wednesday ad circulars delivered to my mailbox.
4. Give your address.
5. Ask for a reference number (probably 4 digits). This is important! Say that you will call back (or register a complaint) if you continue receiving the paper.

If you’ll take the time to do this, we can decrease the number that are distributed in Robindell. Think how much cleaner the neighborhood will be and how much less garbage will end up in our drains.

- Gayle Neesom



Adopt-A-Drain Program

Did you know that the City Of Houston has an Adopt-A-Drain Program? It is a partnership between Houston Public Works, Keep Houston Beautiful, and community partners. This program hopes to help prevent future flooding, save taxpayer money, and keep our neighborhood storm drains clean and litter free.

The city encourages all residents to adopt at least one of the 115,000 storm drains available. Adopt-A-Drain partners are asked to keep their drain clear of leaves and trash by cleaning it at least four times a year (especially before it rains), clean ten feet on both sides of the drain, and compost or dispose of leaves and trash properly.

To adopt a drain visit www.HoustonAdoptADrain.org. Partners will receive information, tips and notification of upcoming Adopt-A-Drain events.

Please consider helping us reach a neighborhood goal of having ALL of the drains within Robindell adopted by our residents!

Special Thanks And Au Revoir

Profound thank yous go to long-time residents and tireless volunteers Dean Lowry and Gary Teeter; Past Presidents, Section Directors, Citizens on Patrol Captains, Newsletter Editors, raconteurs, givers-away of plants, keepers of neighborhood lore...

Robindell will miss you both! We wish you all the best in your retirement in the wooded hills of Tennessee.

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Treasurer's Report January 1-March 12, 2019

Income

Beautification Donations	\$ 735.00
Other Misc.Income	\$ 230.00
Transfer Fee	\$ 1,400.00
Maintenance Fees	\$ 14,875.00
Late Fees	\$ 410.00
Refinance Fee	\$ 100.00
Services	\$ 80.00
Unapplied Cash Payment	\$ (90.00)
Total Income	\$ 17,740.00

Expenses

Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 404.75
Website	\$ 81.66
Newsletter Printing	\$ 649.50
Beautification	\$ 1,950.00
Insurance-Liability, D and O	\$ 670.00
Other Misc. Expenses	\$ 100.00
Accounting Fees	\$ 255.84
Legal Fees	\$ 160.00
Landscaping Services	\$ 450.00
Mosquito Spraying	\$ 1,920.00
Mailbox Rental	\$ 150.00
Total Expenses	\$ 6,791.75

Net Operating Income \$ 10,948.25

List of Accounts

Operating	\$ 54,506.82
CD Balances:	
Ending in ...5025	\$ 12,043.93
Ending in ...4384	\$ 12,,052.76
Ending in ...6843	\$ 5,759.50
Ending in ...6846	\$ 11,445.86
Ending in ...6849	\$ 13,147.69
Total Balance	\$108,956.56

About Robindell Civic Club

Robindell neighborhood was founded in 1954. Since its founding, the Robindell Civic Club has acted to serve Robindell residents through preserving the neighborhood's quality, character, and history. This is all accomplished through the volunteer hours of many individuals by serving on the board and on various committees. It is your neighborhood, and **a great neighborhood is not an accident!** Consider investing a bit of your time and talent to help keep Robindell an amazing place to live!

Do you have any requests of the leadership? Do you have a recommendation for making Robindell even better? Do you have questions about Robindell?

Attend our next Civic Club meeting at Bayland Community Center, May 16th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. All owners, tenants, and guests are welcome. We value your input!

If unable to attend our meeting, please email us at robindellcc@gmail.org or contact any of our board members. You can find more contact information on page 2.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Robindell residents have a history of lending a hand when it comes to helping our neighbors in need or bettering our environs. From ferrying flooded neighbors to safety during and after a storm, to walking the area and picking up litter, we step up. Be mindful of those who may need a hand, be it helping an elderly or infirm neighbor by placing their garbage bins out on trash day, helping with occasional yard work, keeping the curb clear of overgrown grass and weeds or of trash, or offering a ride to our neighborhood meetings to someone who no longer drives or finds it difficult to drive after dark. These and many other small gestures may not be difficult to do, but may mean the world to a neighbor who needs a little extra assistance.

Helpful Information

For hype-free weather forecasts for greater Houston, look no further than Space City Weather. Space City Weather is also introducing a new Flood Scale at www.SpaceCityWeather.com.

For monitoring bayou levels during heavy rains, you can rely on the flood sensors of the Harris County Flood Warning System at www.HarrisCountyFWS.org/GageDetail/Index. From the drop down menu go to the 460: 460 Brays Bayou @ Gessner Road detail. Slightly upstream, this is the closet gauge to our neighborhood. The next closest is 440: 440 Brays Bayou @ Rice Avenue, but downstream.



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Return Service Requested

This Month In Deed Restrictions - Vehicle Parking

It's early morning. You have the children buckled into the car, and you are ready to take them to school and yourself to work. You back out of your driveway, look left and right for oncoming traffic, and the massive SUV next door is parked across the sidewalk and almost to the curb. Lacking Superman's X-ray vision you cannot see traffic coming from your neighbor's direction. Also, that nice lady from three doors down might be forced to walk in the street where traffic and standing water may be an issue.

In our deed restrictions, these problems are covered in Article 4.02.(g)(4): "Vehicles shall not be parked in a yard or in a manner that obstructs or blocks a public sidewalk."

Yard-parked vehicles are not so much a matter of the unsafe as the unsightly. They are a drag on property values. And, like vehicles blocking public sidewalks, they are parked illegally according to our deed restrictions and by City of Houston ordinance.

Pets in Robindell

Be kind to your dogs. The City of Houston requires that all dogs be on a leash when outside secured barriers. This is as much for their safety as it is for other dogs and pets, their humans, and wildlife also.

There has been a multitude of dogs running loose within the neighborhood of late. Some have dangerously attacked both other dogs and their owners. This is not acceptable, nor is it considerate of your neighbors. Please take time to make sure your fence is adequate to keep your pet safely inside your yard.

Recognizing that pets do escape on occasion, please consider having your pet microchipped. Tags are required.

Although contacting owners of stray dogs is always preferable, if an owner cannot be identified you can contact BARC by calling 311 or 713-837-0311. Also, most veterinary clinics will check stray pets for a microchip for free.