

THE RIDGE...September 2011 WCA Newsletter

WCA Meetings: Business—September 13, Discussion—October 11

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Everybody welcome! Second Tuesdays, 7:30 PM, St Luke's, 8915 Timberside Dr., Room 201/203 upstairs in the center section of the church building. Enter under the portico by the main parking lot. Take the stairs (right of the entry) to the second floor, or use the elevator near the sanctuary. Talk about our neighborhood.

Newsletter Vision? by Tim

When my original newsletter-proofreading job changed into content provider, I hoped to make this a collective project, written by Westridge folks about us. Thanks for articles by Tom (sidewalk) and Tiffany (security). But now not even the officers (except Jane) are contributing. So, as an example of the idea, I'll "interview" myself. If you like this issue, write something for the next issue (Send to paulasullivan@sbcglobal.net by the 20th of even months.). If not, it is time for somebody with a better vision to take over. Read on to find an invitation to a free movie/meal and a free event at my favorite small urban park.

Monthly WCA Neighborhood Social

Trash Services

Weekly Pickup:
Thursdays

Heavy Trash: 1st Monday
November 7th – Odd months: Tree waste only
October 3rd – Even months: Heavy Trash (Junk)

Recycling Pickup:
Every other Thursday –
September 22nd
October 6th
October 20th
November 3rd
November 17th

Jeannette sometimes organizes a neighborhood dinner at Candelari's Pizzeria, 2617 W. Holcombe Blvd. at Kirby, 7:00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month. Call her for more information.

OFFICERS

President	Jeannette Piette	713-515-2881
Vice President	Amin Kabani	832-722-4352
Treasurer	Jane Shinn	713-660-7613
Secretary	Albert Luiz	832-722-4440

BOARD MEMBERS

Arthur Daum	M.K. Katchi	Tim Mock
Tiffany Munro	Steve See	Vera Tipton, Ex-Pres.



Treasurer's Note (September 1, 2011) by Jane

We have received this year to date, \$2,110 (47% participation) for dues and \$10,175 (46%) for security. Payments have been made for Smith Security for the first, second and third quarters.

IS YOUR ADDRESS LISTED BELOW!

The following have paid, and if I have missed your address, please let me know:

Bevlyn: 9222, 9306, 9314, 9410, 9414, 9502, 9514, 9602, 9606, 9610, 9614, 9618, 9702, 9706, 9710, 9726, 9729, 9730, 9733, 9742.

Chatfield: 9615, 9702, 9711, 9714, 9717, 9718, 9721.

Cloverdale: 3203, 3207, 3211, 3214, 3218, 3219, 3226, 3227, 3230, 3302, 3306, 3210, 3314, 3326, 3329.

Durhill: 3205, 3209, 3210, 3214, 3221, 3222, 3230, 3301, 3302, 3306, 3309, 3310, 3317, 3318, 3321, 3326.

Elmridge: 3201, 3206, 3207, 3211, 3214, 3219, 3221, 3222, 3226, 3230, 3303, 3306, 3310, 3311, 3314, 3318, 3326.

Mariposa: 9610, 9613, 9617, 9625, 9710, 9713, 9714, 9721, 9722, 9729, 9801.

Rochdale: 3229, 3305, 3313, 3314, 3318, 3326.

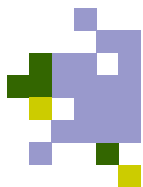
Westridge: 3201, 3206, 3213, 3214, 3217, 3218, 3222, 3229, 3305, 3309, 3310, 3313, 3318, 3322, 3326, 3330.

Thank you all very much, and to those who contributed extra, a special thank you. If you have not yet made a contribution, write a check to WCA (\$100 security, \$25 or \$5 membership), so that we may make the amount needed to pay for security.

Jane Shinn, Treasurer, 713-660-7613, 3211 Elmridge St.

Recollections from the July WCA Business Meeting by Tim

1) Plan for Neighbors' Night Out again at Amin and Albert's, Tuesday, October 4, ~7 PM, 3326 Rochdale. 2) Jeannette noted that neighbors preferred a paper version of this newsletter and agreed to distribute it to Block Captains if somebody else would write and print it. 3) Be sure to mention we are under the Woodside contract if you call Smith Security, 713-789-5944. 4) There was much discussion about deed restrictions and the new construction. 5) The group thought "interviewing" me to fill out the next newsletter was a good idea.



Meet a Neighbor — Tim Mock by Tim

My favorite hobby is facilitating conversations about climate change. As a technical guy, I love graphs and numbers. But in 2009, ABC News broadcast a story, "Earth 2100," following the adventures of a fictional girl born 2009, indicating what life will be like if humans continue business as usual. The story makes climate change more personal than graphs and numbers. Reporter Bob Woodruff and his team did a fine job — read about the program on the Web. I saved the broadcast on my DVR, and if you want to see the show on my home theater (comfortable seating for six), I'll provide lunch or dinner snacks. 713-662-2879. But be warned — one friend said she could not sleep the night after seeing it.

Next month I will facilitate a conversation at Nature Discovery Center. The staff there made a nice brochure for the event, from which the following text is adapted. See the original brochure with graphics and color at their Web site. Also, especially if you have kids, check out the other offerings. Even as an adult, I had a lot of fun hunting spiders with flashlights, and our local screech owls are really cute.

Adult Lecture

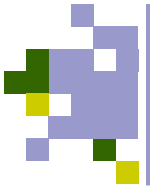
For the Inquisitive Naturalist

October 5, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Nature Discovery Center,
www.naturediscoverycenter.org, 7112 Newcastle, Bellaire, TX 77401

Climate Change *with Tim Mock*

Over years of facilitating conversations about climate change, Tim accumulated 32 pounds of paper resources and 4.4 gigabytes of multimedia files on his computer, always searching for what is new, important, interesting, and understandable by the lay person. As of this writing (August 2011), a recent book by the director of NASA's Institute for Space Studies, probably the world's best climate scientist, tops the list. The title -- "Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth about the Coming Climate Catastrophe and Our Last Chance to Save Humanity." The science is fascinating, and the subject is "likely to be the predominant scientific, economic, political and moral issue of the 21st century." Let's talk about it.

Tim earned his degree in physics from Rice University in 1964 and retired at age 36 from a career mostly in computer systems analysis. Now at age 68, he tends to worry about what kind of world he is leaving behind, a worry that has led to an interesting hobby of presenting without charge a broad range of topics about how people are overusing the planet.



St Luke's Presbyterian Church, 8915 Timberside Dr., 713.667.6531
www.stlukespres.org

Sunday Worship Services:

The Gathering - A Contemporary Family Worship Service

9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Rev. Harbison leads this short, intimate worship & communion service, including scripture reading and homily. The contemporary Christian music is led by Ryan Klasen with guitar.

Worship - A Traditional Worship Service

10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Traditional worship with communion on the first Sunday of each month. Music led by Marvin Gaspard, Music Director/Organist-Choirmaster, with choir, hand bells and organ,

*Watch for Signs about Halloween Carnival and parking lot trick-or-treating at Bethany UMC.

Bethany United Methodist Church, 3511 Linkwood Dr., 713-667-7574
www.bethanyumc.org

Sunday Mornings:

8:45 Contemplative Communion Service, 9:15 Coffee, 9:30 Classes (all ages), 10:50 Worship

Wednesday Evenings:

Primetime — 5:30 dinner, 6:30 classes and activities

Life Enrichment of Houston, Fall Semester by Tim

LEoH, an all-volunteer, fun, ecumenical group meets eight Thursdays at Bethany starting September 22. Activities include speakers from Rice, the Houston City Council, and various Houston faith groups. Classes include watercolor, Spanish, and bridge.

Two trips are currently planned on Tuesdays — the Historic Heights (Sept. 27) and the King Tut exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts (Oct. 18). More trips will be planned by October.

Register (basic \$15) 10-noon Thursday September 15. Details are on the Bethany Website.