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AUDUBON PLACE ASSOCIATION NEWS

FEBRUARY 2004

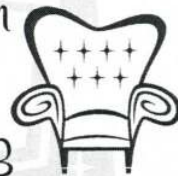
Each year the Association hosts a neighborhood yard sale. We typically raise approximately \$1000, making it our biggest fund raiser for the year. Proceeds go to help support the esplanade maintenance and other worthy projects such as issues related to the Spur 527 project. Start setting aside those household items now. The sale will be Saturday, April 3 from 8 am until noon at the home of Brad and Linda Harnes, 3707 Audubon Place.



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Annual Yard Sale

April 3



Update on Spur 527 Project

It appears that the Spur project is proceeding immediately after the Superbowl. We know this will cause significant traffic problems for our neighborhood. Watch for periodic email updates. For more information check out the West Alabama Quality of Life Coalition website that Ray Jones maintains:
<http://walq.org/action.htm>.

Check Out Our New Web Site

Thanks to Dan Piette for his work in creating and maintaining www.audubonplace.net. Dan has included a link to a page with dramatic photos and story about the December apartment fire on Stanford. The burned out building remains a problem and safety hazard. We are using the website and email announcements to reduce our postage and printing expense and to permit more frequent communication with our neighbors. If you are not receiving APA email updates, please send an email message to

audubonplace@aol.com and we will add you to the list.

Neighborhood Watch

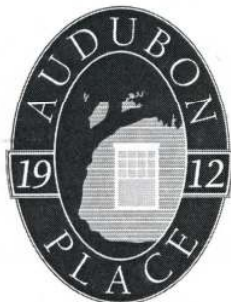
It always pays to keep a watchful eye on happenings in the neighborhood. Fortunately, we don't have too many episodes like the Stanford apartment fire. In January we had a car fire on Hawthorne, followed by a car break in. Last fall there was an abandoned car next to the cleaners at Audubon and Alabama for several months. It took several phone calls to the City's "311" number, but eventually the car was picked up.

We also need to watch our storm drains. They can become clogged with leaves or other debris. Clogged

drains can cause water to back up during our heavy rains resulting in flood damage. If there are leaves blocking the drain on your street please sweep them up. If there are obstructions under the grate in the sewer, please call "311" to report the problem.

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CRIME STATISTICS

Here are some recent statistics from the Houston Police Department for our neighborhood for September through November 2003:

Robbery (7)

1000 Westheimer
600 Alabama
800 Marshall
800 Westheimer
3300 Montrose
3400 Stanford (2)

Aggravated Assault (9)

400 Hawthorne
900 Westheimer (5)
200 Westheimer
300 Alabama
400 Westheimer

Burglary (12)

400 Marshall
600 Hawthorne (3)
800 Marshall
800 Harold
800 Lovett
900 Kipling
300 Alabama
400 Westheimer
4000 Montrose
3400 Audubon Place

Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (11)

500 Alabama
600 Westheimer
700 Westheimer
800 Westheimer
800 Marshall
800 Harold
800 Lovett
3300 Montrose
3400 Montrose

500 Hawthorne
900 Westheimer

Auto Theft (7)

400 Hawthorne
3300 Stanford
3400 Monstrose
3500 Garrott
3800 Montrose
900 Westheimer
3500 Audubon Place

Narcotics (14)

400 Westheimer
800 Westheimer (2)

900 Westheimer

1000 Westheimer (2)
200 Alabama (2)
3300 Stanford (2)
2700 Montrose
3200 Montrose (2)
3300 Montrose

Driving While

Intoxicated (6)

300 Hawthorne
900 Westheimer
3200 Montrose (2)
3500 Montrose
3700 Montrose

Dues are Due!

APA membership dues are on a calendar year basis. We sent a return envelope with the December newsletter. If you have not already sent in your check, please do so now. Dues are \$10 per person. Please use the coupon below.

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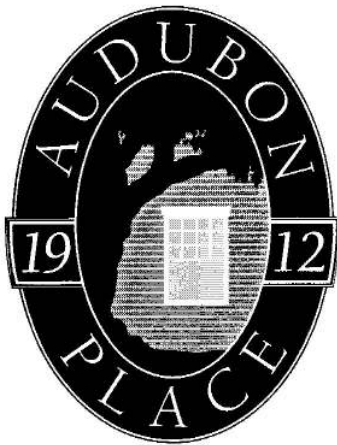
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JULY/AUGUST 2004

Meet Your Neighbors on the Boulevard!

The annual Neighborhood Night Out will be held on **TUESDAY, August 3**. This will be a Potluck event on the esplanade at 3600 Audubon Place. Please bring a snack, covered dish and/or beverage to share with your neighbors. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. APA will have a table at the event to remind everyone about our Historical District aspirations, deed restrictions and setback requirements.

**NATIONAL
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America's Night Out Against Crime

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 3**

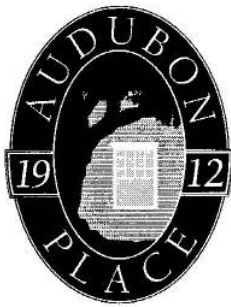
Our regular business meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the River Café. Our upcoming schedule is: September 2, October 7 and November 4. Watch for an announcement later this year about the APA Annual Holiday party on Thursday, December 2 at a member's home.

Construction Report

Demolition has begun on the burned out apartments at Kipling. There have been various reports about townhouses being planned for the site and concern for the



trees. There has also been a good deal of new construction throughout the neighborhood. APA will be working with "Trees for Houston" as members feel that every effort should be made to protect our neighborhood's old, beautiful trees.



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Crime in Neighborhood:

Here is a summary of crime statistics for our greater neighborhood, bounded by Westheimer, Montrose, Richmond and Spur 527. There were a total of 115 incidents in our general area during the first five months of 2004.

Lower Montrose and lower Alabama show up repeatedly in the Narcotics crime statistics. Neighbors have reported problems with drug dealers being active within the Audubon Place boundaries. If you notice a vehicle that doesn't belong to a neighbor repeatedly

	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Burglary Motor. Veh	Auto Theft	Narcotics	DWI
Jan	3	2	6	6	4	1	1
Feb	1	0	3	6	5	5	0
Mar	3	3	0	8	2	6	10
April	2	0	5	4	5	4	1
May	5	2	1	4	2	3	2
TOTAL	14	7	15	28	18	19	14

in the neighborhood and you observe individuals leaning in the windows appearing to conduct some kind of transaction, write down the license plate number, make note of time and call the police.

Houston Crime Statistics can be found online at: <http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departments/police/stats.htm>

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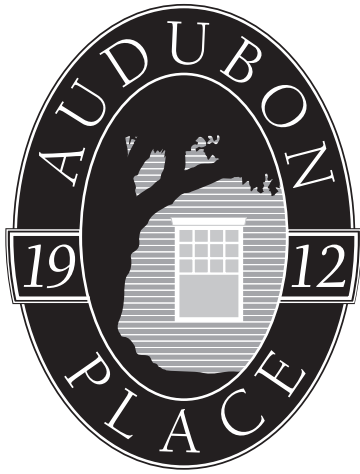
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A Message from the President

It has been a distinct pleasure and privilege to serve as APA President the past two years. A highlight has been the debate, delay, lawsuit and eventually construction on the SPUR 527 project. Now it is time to pass the baton to another neighbor to lead our fine organization. By the time you read this newsletter, I expect that we will have had nominations and elections for the new year. Come to the Annual Holiday Party and meet your new officers for 2005! I look forward to continued involvement with APA.

BRAD HARMES
President

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual holiday party is Thursday, December 2 beginning at 6:30 pm at the diBagno's, 608 Harold. Please bring your favorite dish and/or beverage to share. This event is always well attended and lots of fun. Please join the festivities!

DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for 2005 are now due and can be paid at the party or by using the return envelope enclosed with this issue of the newsletter. Dues are \$10 per person.

SPRING 2005 YARD SALE

It's not too early to begin thinking about donations for the annual APA yard sale. The sale is usually in April. If you are doing pre-holiday housecleaning or reorganizing, but sure to set aside those "treasures" for

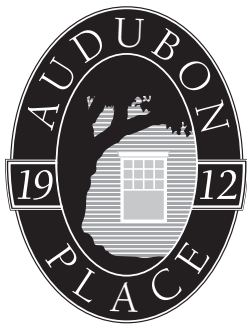
the sale. This is our major fund raising event for the year and helps replenish our esplanade maintenance fund. Brad and Linda Harmes, 3707 Audubon Place, will again host the sale.

HOUSTON — ITS WORTH IT

Our own APA neighbor Dave Thompson is one of the creative minds behind the "Houston Its Worth It" campaign. Check out their website at: <http://www.houstonitsworthit.com/>

EMAIL UPDATES

We have been relying on more frequent email communication and meeting reminders, with fewer installments of the printed newsletter. If you are not currently receiving email updates, please send your email address to AudubonPlace@aol.com and we will add you to the list.



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SPUR 527 Project Update

Quincy Allen, Project Manager from the Texas Department of Transportation, provided a very informative update on the Spur 527 project at the October meeting. Thanks to good weather, the project is proceeding ahead of schedule. Phase I should be completed shortly. Phase II and Phase III are scheduled for 2005 and 2006 respectively with completion sometime before the end of 2006... so we are about one-third through the project.

A significant change beginning with Phase II will be the re-routing of traffic using Spur 527 to exit the downtown area. Prior to tearing down the remaining old ramps, outbound traffic will be re-routed to the new future incoming lanes. The current access to on-ramps on Bagby and Smith will no longer be accessible. TxDOT will re-route traffic to provide a left turn opportunity from Westheimer onto what will be the re-built exit ramp for the Spur, to temporarily accommodate outbound traffic until the project is completed.

*The following update on the Montrose bridge is from:
www.southwestcorridor.com*

- During the first 2.5 months TxDOT will build a temporary bridge for southbound traffic. The northbound lanes of Montrose will be reconfigured to accommodate one lane in each direction.
- At the end of 2.5 months, TxDOT will move all traffic on the new temporary bridge and build a similar temporary bridge for northbound traffic.
- When TxDOT finishes both temporary bridges, all four lanes on Montrose will be reopened. They will remain open for approximately one year while excavation under the bridges is completed and the remaining section of US 59 over Montrose is removed.
- TxDOT will then begin work on the permanent arch bridges for Montrose and it will be necessary to again use the aforementioned two-lane configuration-one lane in each direction.

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