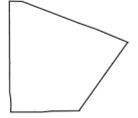




# Southgate News

April 2007



**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 at **Rice Temple Baptist Church**, 6409 Greenbriar at McClendon. Please try to attend. Your input is important to the neighborhood.

## Water Line-Related Damage

**To report damaged public or private property call:**

**City of Houston:** 311

**Inspector Ben Hammond:** 281-881-9396

**Project Manager J.C. Avila:** 713-647-0777 (new person and number)

Please also notify the Civic Club of damaged or misplaced street signs and out-of-order streetlights. Send reports to: [editor\\_SGCC@yahoo.com](mailto:editor_SGCC@yahoo.com).

## Remember to Consult the Southgate Architectural Review Committee *before* Remodeling

Thinking about remodeling? If you have plans to remodel your house or garage and it involves the exterior, you should have your plans reviewed by the architectural review committee. This committee will look at your plans and make sure that they conform to the deed restrictions of the neighborhood. Having your plans reviewed will avoid the possibility that you get half way through a project only to discover that there is a violation of some kind requiring a costly change in plans. You may not know that Southgate as a whole is made

up of four separate sections, each with different deed restriction language. So just because you see something in one part of Southgate, or even across the street, it doesn't necessarily mean that it conforms to the restrictions in your section. Contact Roger M. Cooner at (713) 822-4270, to arrange for the committee to review your plans. You should allow two to three weeks for this process; the committee tries to be as quick as possible, but all are volunteers who have other obligations.

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## Highlights of the February 2007 General Meeting

### Report from Traffic Committee-Bob Funk and Curt Frisby

#### Background:

The city recently closed Travis from University to Dryden in order to facilitate construction of the Rice Collaborative Research Center. Travis is expected to remain closed for at least 27 months. The Hilton and the Houston Medical Center Building are concerned that this closure, combined with the Southgate barrier, unacceptably limit access to their properties. They have expressed this concern to the city which has, in turn, contacted the Civic Club. Most likely, the existing Southgate barrier will be moved from the east side of Travis to the west side of Travis.

These events have brought traffic issues back to the forefront. Movement of this barrier would open the traffic flow into the neighborhood from the Baylor Clinic and Main Street. Southgate Blvd west of Travis would be insulated by the relocated barrier, but all other streets would be vulnerable. If the neighborhood is to be protected from this traffic, additional steps must be taken to counter the effects of repositioning the Southgate barrier.

#### 2007 Traffic Survey:

The Civic Club distributed a Traffic Survey to all Southgate households. The survey asked, "As a present Southgate neighborhood owner/resident, do you support the elimination of access to and from the Southgate neighborhood by closing the four through-streets Dryden, Swift, Southgate/Addison, McClendon, on the western boundary of Travis?" Residents were asked to respond "Yes or No". As of 2/27/2007, 286 households had responded. 174 Yes and 112 No.

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#### Discussion:

Following this presentation, there was a lengthy discussion of traffic issues and possible suggestions. Bob Funk and Curt Frisby stressed that there are several options on the table and, at this point, we are unsure of what the city will do and when they might do it. At this time the City's favored solution is to move the existing Southgate border to the west side of Travis and to make the east-most blocks of McClendon and Swift one-way flowing towards the TMC.

## **Report from Deed Restriction Committee-Catherine Leachman**

Catherine described the deed restriction committee and its mission. The committee members are: Catherine Leachman, Richard Merrill, Neil Kelly and John Boom. She explained that Southgate Sections 1, 2, 3 and the Annex developed at different times and that the deed restrictions differ between these

sections. The newest section (3) has the most comprehensive restrictions. The Civic Club is beginning the process of revamping and unifying deed restrictions across the neighborhood. This process is complicated by the fact that section 3 is the only section with a built in provision for modifying deed restrictions. Changes in the other sections must be made in accordance with Chapter 201 of the Texas State Property Code.

## **Help enhance neighborhood security** **Join RACS today!**

### ***What is RACS?***

The Rice Area Constable Service (RACS) provides the residents of Southgate with community police service beyond that provided by the Houston Police Department (HPD).

### ***What is the cost?***

The annual cost of this service is \$230 per household (\$150 for seniors).

### ***How do I get help?***

Simply call RACS for any police need and expect a uniformed, armed deputy at your door within a few minutes.

### ***What if I am away from home?***

Call RACS to participate in the "Vacation Watch" service where patrolling deputies will watch a home while the residents are out of town. Some residents feel that the Vacation Watch protection alone justifies their annual RACS payment.

***Everyone in the neighborhood benefits from this program. Our goal is 100% participation, which would provide even more coverage than we can afford now.***

**Please do your part, and send your name, address and phone number along with payment to: RACS, 2523 McClendon Street, Houston, Texas 77030.**



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## Neighborhood Notes

### New Neighbors

Forrest "Jack" and Victoria Agee  
Kent and Julie Shafto  
Drs. Tulio and Carole Lin-Valdez  
Max Seewann and Sheel Patel  
David and Ann Heikkinen

Watts  
Watts  
McClendon  
Addison  
Goldsmith

### Reminder

Heavy trash day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please do not put your items on the curb before the preceding weekend. Note that standard trash pickup is on Wednesday in weeks with Monday holidays. Thanks!

**Please notify Bea King** (713) 521-3171 of new neighbors. Bea has welcome packets containing lots of information about our neighborhood and our City.

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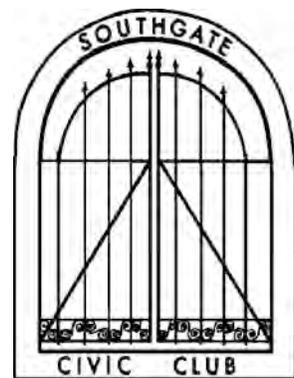


**Christie Rogers, GRI**  
**713.882.6668**

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Neighborhood Market Statistics

**Feel free to contact any of your Civic Club officers** with neighborhood information or with your interests and concerns about your neighborhood and Civic Club.

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# Southgate Civic Club

A Texas Non-Profit Corporation

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## Southgate Civic Club Dues for 2007 are Now Due! PLEASE JOIN

Please take a minute to complete the Resident Information Form below and mail it with your dues of \$50.00 per residence, to Southgate Civic Club, Attn. John Boom, Treasurer, 2260 Holcombe Blvd., Box 162, Houston, Texas 77030, in the attached envelope.

### How Are Your Southgate Dues Used?

**\$10** to the Neighborhood Deed Restriction Enforcement Fund

**\$40** to support activities such as:

- Membership in University Place Association
- Membership in South Main Center Alliance, Houston Homeowners Ass'n, & others
- Publishing the Southgate Newsletter and other notices
- Publishing the Southgate Residents Directory
- Annual Ice Cream Social
- Maintenance of the Dryden Triangle
- Special Projects and Neighborhood Beautification as funds allow.

### What Does the Southgate Civic Club Do for You?

- **Protects your interests as a homeowner** by monitoring and fighting deed restriction violations
- Answers your questions
- Represents you and the neighborhood at City Hall
- Represents you and the neighborhood in local civic associations
- Interfaces with Rice University and the local community
- Hosts neighborhood meetings, forums, and events
- Informs you of important happenings in the neighborhood
- Advises you of City issues affecting or impacting Southgate
- Works to maintain the common areas of the neighborhood

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Clip and Return with Your Dues Payment

### SOUTHGATE RESIDENT INFORMATION

Names of Adult Residents: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Any Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Number & Street): \_\_\_\_\_

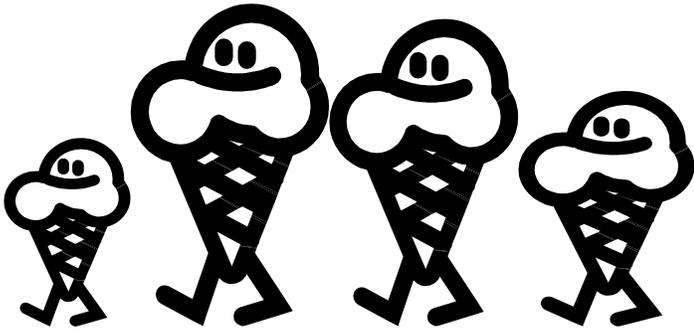
Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May We Use Your E-Mail Address to Contact You About Critical News and Activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Check as Applicable: Own \_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_ Amount of Dues Enclosed: \$50 \_\_\_

Include my information in the upcoming Southgate Directory Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Any information to exclude from directory? \_\_\_\_\_



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