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# Southgate News

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March 2016

***Attention:***

***This will be the last Southgate Civic Club Newsletter distributed via mail. Future versions will be available online only via Nextdoor !***

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***Southgate Civic Club Meeting  
Wednesday, March 23, 2012, 6:00 PM  
Roberts Elementary School Cafeteria***

Please come hear updates on several important neighborhood topics:

- Update from the Southgate Traffic Committee
- Development of the new high-rise building on Main and Travis
- RACS update
- Planned Southgate Civic Club social events

We will also hold an open forum to discuss issues of concern to Southgate:

- Volunteer drive for upcoming events, including Easter Egg Hunt and Ice Cream Social, as well as neighborhood initiatives requested by Southgate residents in Yahoo email postings
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## *Nextdoor*

Sign up at <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/southgate--houston--tx/>

- Nextdoor is a moderated online communication platform that allows all Southgate residence to communicate privately with each other.
- Currently 738 members from 482 households from Southgate are registered with Nextdoor.
- Please join in the discussion and stay informed on what is happening in our neighborhood.
- All important forms and documents can be found on Nextdoor under:  
<https://southgate.nextdoor.com/documents/?is=sidebar>

If you have any questions about Nextdoor, please email Sebastian Gass @ [Sebastian.Gass@gmail.com](mailto:Sebastian.Gass@gmail.com)

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***Neighborhood Update from Civic Club Executive Committee***

Sebastian to edit:

-> include update from traffic committee

-> include update on high rise building

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## *Southgate XXX Social* *Jamie to edit if applicable*

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### **Membership Drive**

Thank you to those who have joined or recently paid your dues to the Southgate Civic Club for 2016. If you have not yet joined, you can pay your minimal \$50 dues online at <http://www.houstonsouthgate.org/SouthgateCivicClub.htm>. Thanks!

### **Membership information**

We strive to state accurately your membership status and address, but if the information is incorrect, please let us know so we can correct our records if there is an error!

### **Volunteers needed**

The Southgate Civic Club needs a Secretary; responsibilities include this newsletter, which can be so much better than this edition. Please contact one of the civic club officers if you would like to volunteer. Thanks!

### **RACS Membership Drive Report (Marla or Joe to update)**

As you recall from multiple postings Nextdoor and recent newsletters, The RACS representatives have been working on tallying the recent efforts to increase membership in RACS. The membership drive is ongoing, and RACS representatives can provide updates on their efforts.

**You should have recently received a direct mailing from RACS. If not, the membership fees for the remainder of this year (through November 2012) are \$115.00 for the standard rate, \$75.00 for the senior rate (65+), and \$60 per unit for Duplexes and Apartments.**

**Send the checks, and information about your address, work and an alternative number, and whether you need car and phone stickers to:**

RACS  
2523 McClendon Street  
Houston, Texas 77030

### **Southgate Architectural Review Committee**

Thinking about remodeling or new construction? If your plans involve the exterior of your house or garage, have the 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. The review will help 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 has 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 does not necessarily mean that it conforms to the restrictions in your section. Contact **Mary Anne Piacentini at [maryanne@katyprairie.org](mailto:maryanne@katyprairie.org)** 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.

## Reminders

- 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.**

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

### Executive Committee of the Civic Club:

President	Sebastian Gass	Sebastian.Gass@gmail.com	(832) 646 4692
Vice President	Neil Kelly	nkelly@akllp.com	(713) 220-4198 or (713) 521-2680
Vice President	Bill Burge	bill.burge@grubb-ellis.com	(713) 817-2128
Vice President	Jamie Nodler	JNodler@houstonivf.net	
Treasurer	Caroline Freeman	Caroline.Freeman@colliers.com	
Secretary and Newsletter Editor	<b><i>Open position – volunteer(s) needed!</i></b>		

### Neighborhood Outreach Liaisons:

RACS Representative	Joe White	joe@joewhite.com	
Rice Univ. Advisor	Richard Merrill	tfabio@fabiomerrill.com	(713) 522-7200

### Task Force and Committee Leaders:

Traffic	William Sanderford	sbswss@ymail.com
Architecture Reviews	Mary Anne Piacentini	maryanne@katyprairie.org



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# The Southgate Civic Club

Dear Southgate Neighbor:

**Please support the neighborhood and the Southgate Civic Club by paying via one of the methods listed below.**

## **I. Methods of Payment – Dues are \$50**

A. **Online (preferred)** -- Go to <http://www.houstonsouthgate.org/SouthgateCivicClub.htm> and click on “Pay Now” button. A Paypal account is not required for credit card payments.

NOTE: If your Southgate address does not match your credit card billing address, please add your Southgate Address in the box entitled “Southgate Address To Be Credited” on the final payment page.

B. **Web Bill Pay**-- If your financial institution allows you to pay your bills online, enter Southgate Civic Club as your payee and use the address below.

C. **Check**-- Complete the attached form and mail to the address below.

Southgate Civic Club, Attn. Treasurer  
2260 W Holcombe Blvd, Box 162  
Houston, Texas 77030

## **II. What does the Southgate Civic Club Do for You?**

- Coordinates neighborhood and community events, such as the annual ice cream social.
- Protects your interests by keeping deed restrictions active and enforceable.
- Represents the neighborhood through dialogues with the city, county, and state governments.
- Interfaces with Rice University, the Medical Center, and the Rice Area Constable Service (RACS).
- Hosts neighborhood meetings and social events.
- Keeps you informed through the Yahoo! Newsgroup and the Southgate website/newsletter.
- Coordinates maintenance of various common areas of the neighborhood.

## **III. How are your membership dues used?**

- Maintenance of common areas and beautification projects.
- Annual Ice Cream Social, Civic Club meetings, and other social activities.
- Legal fees as necessary to enforce and protect deed restrictions.
- Membership in University Place Association and other relevant groups that protect and promote our neighborhood.
- Publishing of the Newsletter and other civic club material.

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***Clip this section and Return with your Dues Payment of \$50.00***

Name of Resident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_