



Southgate News

May 2021

Southgate Civic Club Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM Roberts International Garden (off School Street)

****Bring a lawn chair and wear a mask**** Please come hear updates on several important neighborhood topics:

- Popsicle Social – June 6
- Improvements to Existing Street Closures
- Digital Billboards
- UPA Update
- RACS Update
- University Blvd Construction update
- Treasurer Update

We will also hold an open forum to discuss any other issues of concern to Southgate residents.

Executive Committee Notes

Though the Civic Club has not been able to hold in person meetings during the pandemic, we did have our first virtual meeting via Zoom in January to elect the new slate of officers for 2021. In addition, the executive committee has been working throughout the pandemic to review construction plans and to ensure that the Southgate deed restrictions are being adhered to.

Renew your Civic Club Membership

Please make sure your Civic Club membership is up to date. The Civic Club uses your dues primarily to pay legal fees in connection with enforcing and strengthening the deed restrictions. Dues are \$50 annually and may be paid online by credit card at <http://www.houstonsouthgate.org/SouthgateCivicClub.htm> or by check made payable to Southgate Civic Club and mailed to the address below. Please see the back page of this newsletter for the payment form. You may also opt to automatically pay your dues every year so that you do not have to remember to do it. If you are unsure when you last paid your dues, you may email treasurer@houstonsouthgate.org.

Southgate Blvd Barrier

If you haven't seen the new permanent barrier at the East end of Southgate Blvd, go check it out. The unsightly, damaged

plastic bollards have been replaced by a brand new concrete barrier. Southgate owes a huge debt of gratitude to Councilwoman Abbie Kamin for providing the funding for the barrier and to our own Bill Sanderford for working tirelessly to make it happen. There are plans underway to add some sculptures or other decorative elements to improve the look of the barrier.

Swift Partial Closure Facelift

You may have noticed that the partial closure at Swift and Travis recently got a facelift. Again, huge thanks go to Bill and Shari Sanderford for single handedly ordering and installing the new bollards which greatly improved the appearance of the closure.

Popsicle Social

Come join the Civic Club on Sunday, June 6 at 6:00 pm for a popsicle social at the new Southgate barrier to celebrate the installation and to mix and mingle with your neighbors.

RACS

We have a new contract deputy! Deputy Goodson joined RACS in mid-March from the Braeswood Place contract. He has over 10 years of experience in law enforcement. He replaced Deputy Barfield, who was transferred to the NRG contract area. Please welcome Deputy Goodson to our neighborhood when you see him! To become a member of

RACS, please sign up online at <http://racspatrol.com/signup-for-racs/> or send a check to: RACS, 2523 McClendon Street, Houston, Texas 77030. Dues are \$300 for single family homes, \$200 for 65+ and \$160 for duplexes and apartments. If you would like a RACS yard sign, contact Michael Putnam at mwputnam@gmail.com. For questions or to request a vacation watch, email racspatrol@gmail.com.

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Civic Club Contacts

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Architectural Review Committee

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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.
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- Publishing of the Newsletter and other civic club material.

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Name of Resident(s): _____

Southgate Address (Number & Street): _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone #(s): _____ Email(s): _____



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Southgate Civic Club Meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM Roberts International Garden (off School Street)*

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- Nominating Committee
- UPA Update
- RACS Update
- University Blvd Construction update
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We will also hold an open forum to discuss any other issues of concern to Southgate residents.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 PM in the Roberts International Garden. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Elections for the 2022 Civic Club board will be held.

*In the event of inclement weather, we will postpone the meeting until Wednesday, Oct. 13

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Nominating Committee

Civic Club President Jenny Beech has selected the following members to serve on the 2021 nominating committee: Shari Sanderford, Trish Hilliard and Richard Maxwell. The nominating committee will nominate candidates for the 2022 Civic Club Board. The board consists of a president, 3 vice presidents, a treasurer and a secretary. If you are interested in serving on the board in any capacity, please contact Shari Sanderford at shari.sanderford@yahoo.com.

Storm Prep

We hope that we've seen the worst of the 2021 Hurricane season, but we wanted to take this opportunity to remind neighbors of some basics for preparing your property for a bad storm: (1) Clear your gutters. (2) Secure your garbage bins and outdoor furniture. (3) Clear the street drains in front of your house. (4) Close and lock all doors and windows. (5) Close any shutters. (6) Trim tree branches that are within 10 feet of your home. (7) If your garage has flooded before, remove any items from the floor that you don't want to get wet.

HISD Trustee Elections

The election for HISD Trustees will be held on November 2, 2021. Early voting runs from October 18-October 29. The

trustee for District 5, of which Southgate is a part, is up for re-election. The current trustee is Sue Deigaard. The HISD Board of Trustees makes important policy decisions for all HISD public schools. Please vote in the election. The closest polling locations on election day are Roberts Elementary, DeBakey High School and Rice University, Reckling Park. Visit harrisvotes.com for more information.

Rice Village

Rice Village continues its facelift with some major store openings over the past few months: CB2, West Elm and Lovesac all recently opened on University Blvd. In addition, Italian bakery Badolina and vegan ice cream shop and NY cult favorite Van Leeuwen recently opened. The Village also hosts a Farmers Market on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month from 9:00-1:00 at Kelvin Dr. and Amherst St. Soon to come: popular Chinese-American takeout restaurant Rice Box will be opening its 4th location in Rice Village in the coming months.

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