



## Water Line Replacement Project

This month RWL Construction Company will begin a 10 month project to replace the city water lines throughout our neighborhood. Crews will begin in mid September at Montclair and Holcombe, and will systematically work their way south and west though Old Braeswood one block at a time.

The new water lines will be installed using a boring technique that should result in minimal impact to yards and streets. However, "boring pits" approximately 5 ft. by 15 ft. will be dug at several locations on each street. Each of these pits may remain open as long as 30 to 45 days. After the water lines are in place and the system has been tested, the new mains will be connected to water meters. New water meters may be installed where needed. In order to make the water meter connection to the new main, some minimal digging in front of each home will be necessary. The project manager for RWL, Daryl Stevens, can be reached at 281-831-5866. Please do not hesitate to contact the Old Braeswood office for assistance with any construction related problems.

## Nominations for 2007 Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee of Old Braeswood POA is soliciting recommendations of interested homeowners for the 2006 Executive Committee, which consists of nine officers and meets several times a year to address issues affecting our neighborhood.

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as an Officer, a committee chairperson, block captain, community liaison, or simply a member on one of our general committees, please submit your recommendations to the Nominating Committee via the office: info@oldbraeswood.com, OBPOA Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 541346, Houston, TX, 77254, or call 713-807-1787.

Please include your name, phone number and contact info for the person you're nominating. Self nominations are welcome. A full listing of positions are posted on the website. Nominees must own and reside in a home in Old Braeswood and be current with their dues. The Nominating Committee will match nominees and their interests with positions available and submit a slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting in November. Nominations must be received by October 12, 2006.

Members of the 2006 Nominating Committee are:

Sam Bernstein	2525 Gramercy	713-663-7648
Bob Birenbaum	2301 Maroneal	713-661-2301
Jean Boisaubin	2346 Gramercy	713-661-8376
Kathy Lord	2329 Bluebonnet	713-666-4326
Becky Pivec	2422 Glen Haven	713-592-6192
Carroll Shaddock	2310 Underwood	713-524-8744

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## *Residential Permit Parking Ordinance Changes* by Evalyn Krudy

The Residential Permit Parking (RPP) ordinance is under review by the Houston Parking Commission. In June, the City conducted a survey to determine satisfaction with the ordinance, and any suggestions for changes. Old Braeswood residents had the highest response rate of any neighborhood surveyed. As a result of survey input, the Parking Commission is proposing several changes to make the program more flexible. The proposed changes are:

1. Offer day use guest passes at \$1 or \$15 for packs of 20.
2. Offer service permits for household employees and in-home medical caregivers at \$10 per year.
3. Optional towing for residential permit-parking zones, new applications only.
4. Authorization for Parking Mgmt. personnel to order towing in Res. Permit Parking areas.

In the days before residential permit parking (RPP), nearly every on-street parking space in some University Place neighborhoods was taken by Medical Center personnel and Rice students. This left no spaces for visitors and rendered many streets impassable to emergency vehicles. The problem was so prevalent that many blocks opted to prohibit on-street parking altogether. With the adoption of the Residential Permit Parking ordinance in 2001, homeowners in these areas were given the opportunity to park in front of their own homes for the first time in years. For this convenience, residents annually pay \$20 per vehicle registered to their address, and \$2.00 each for up to two guest tags. Restricted hours for most RPP areas in Old Braeswood are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participation in the program is optional. Families that are away during the day may not need to subscribe. Those who are home during the day can enjoy onstreet parking.

The survey conducted by Parking Management revealed that most permit holders in the University Place Super Neighborhood are generally pleased with the program. The survey provided some excellent comments and highlighted the need for improved communication and more flexibility for guest parking.

Currently, the ordinance allows residents to purchase up to two guest hang tags. But guest tags can be lost forever when visitors drive away without returning, and the City will not replace them until the anniversary

date. Although marked commercial vehicles are exempt from permit parking ordinance provisions, many contractors do not use marked vehicles and must borrow guest permits or suffer ticketing. Unaccustomed to the permits, these drivers also often leave without returning them.

To address these issues, the Parking Commission's Residential Permit Parking Committee has proposed two solutions. First, the Subcommittee recommends offering day-use guest permits for sale for \$1.00, or \$15.00 for a pack of 20. Day use guest tags would be offered in addition to the two permanent guest tags that are currently offered to subscribers. The new permits would be paper hang tags with perforations for punching out the month, day, and year. Service provider permits would be offered for \$10 per year, and would be available to regular household employees such as nannies, housekeepers, and medical caregivers. Both day-use guest tags and service permits are in use in other cities with residential permit parking ordinances.

Towing recommendations have been proposed to alleviate problems in Midtown / Montrose, where bars are the primary source of nonresident parking, and blocked driveways are a chronic problem. Despite regular ticketing by HPD and Parking Mgmt. personnel, bar patrons continue to park in restricted zones. Residents of these areas believe towing offending vehicles would work where ticketing has failed.

Other comments from the surveys revealed that many subscribers do not understand special-event parking procedures or do not understand the permit renewal process. Based on this input, the Parking Commission Subcommittee on Residential Permit Parking has recommended that Parking Management revise informational materials for subscribers and offer online permit renewals to eliminate time-consuming trips downtown to the Parking Management office.

To review the proposed changes, please visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/parking/publichearings.htm>, Public comments may be submitted to [hpc@cityofhouston.net](mailto:hpc@cityofhouston.net), or you may call the Parking Management Division at 713-853-8271. These recommendations are being forwarded to City Council for consideration this fall.



## *Thank you new and renewing 2006 Contributors!*

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The following list includes contributions received through August 25, 2006. Contributions received after this date will be listed in the next newsletter.

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## National Night out at Old Braeswood Park by Becky Pivec

Old Braeswood POA sponsored an ice cream social in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at Old Braeswood Park. Amy's Ice Cream was on hand to serve residents their choice of ice cream with toppings. National Night Out in Old Braeswood was a resounding success, with many residents in attendance, and over 125 servings of ice cream scooped. Special thanks to **Chris** and **David Robins** for coordinating the event.

### WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

'National Night Out' is an opportunity to heighten awareness of drug and crime prevention efforts, generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, and to send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out is held annually on the first Tuesday in August.



The gang from Glen Haven ate the most scoops.

## News from the 'Hood



Congratulations to **Joann & Randy Swartz** and big sister **Sarah** (2500 blk of Glen Haven) on the arrival of their twins, **Matthew** and **Andrew**.

We bid a fond farewell and best wishes to **Anne & Scott Flamm** and family (2500 blk of Glen Haven) who have lived here for six years.



Good neighbor shares scoop with best friend.

Please help us welcome our 9 new families to Old Braeswood:



- Braeswood Ct. **Lisa Hinckley**  
The **Walsh** Family
- 2300 Bluebonnet: **Dawn & Richard Gervais**  
**Meredith & Ryan Maierson**  
**Nancy & Peter Shaddock**
- 2500 Bluebonnet **Jennifer Finch & Hank Fuselier**
- 2500 Gramercy **Jennifer Willen & Stephen Sutton**
- 2400 Gramercy **Lydia & Lest Martinez**
- 2200 Maroneal **Jennifer & Albert Peoples**
- 2300 Underwood **Mary & Eric Polnau**

**G.G. Hsieh** and **Ann Huete** co-chair the welcome committee. If you know of a new family that needs to be welcomed, please call 713-807-1787.



Pryce Pivec received the award for the chocolatiest face.

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### **Help Support the Park**

Please consider making a contribution to the Old Braeswood Park Corporation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to improving and maintaining our neighborhood park. Contact Christine Robins at 713-669-0442 for more information. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

### *RACS Patrol Update* by Aliza Dutt

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Criminal activity has been relatively quiet the past couple months. However, we have heard of break-ins of homes and vehicles, and the theft of items (such as bicycles) from garages. We have great news: one of our RACS deputies recently caught one of the persons who have been burglarizing in this area. Thank you! We are so grateful to RACS officers for their diligent work.

The following are some basic tips from our RACS deputies:

- Many break-ins occur early in the morning and through the back door. Remember to keep your gates closed and all doors locked.
- Do not keep anything of value in view of the street. This includes items in your home and in your car.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Be a good neighbor! If you see any suspicious activity, call RACS or the Houston Police Department. RACS can usually respond much faster than HPD.

We must all be mindful that crime does occur in our lovely neighborhood. One of the biggest benefits of RACS is visibility with the regular patrol of police cruisers. RACS is a service that is paid for by your neighbors. This important service provides a consistent police presence in our neighborhood and deters crime. We'd love to add another deputy to the Patrol, but **we need additional financial support**. Please contact Marla Niksch (MNiksch@aol.com) for more information on RACS and how to contribute to this valuable service, or visit [www.oldbraeswood.com](http://www.oldbraeswood.com) to download a contribution form.

### *OBPOA Directory* by Sally Miller

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By now you should have received your new 2006 Old Braeswood Directory. In addition to our neighborhood helpers who were thanked in the directory, I'd like to thank **Brian Armstrong** of **Bosworth Paper Chase** on Hillcroft for donating the paper for the directory, and **Bob Callaway** of **Kwik Kopy**, Stella Link, for his technical assistance in completing the directory.

Extra copies of the directory are available upon request for \$10.00. Send your check made payable to *OBPOA*, PO Box 541346 (77254).



*Peyton Pivec flying high at the Park.*

### **2006 Old Braeswood Officers & Chairpersons**

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University Place	Kathy Lord
Exec. Director	Evalyn Krudy

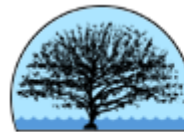
## *Flood Control update* by Susan Teich

This is to provide further information regarding the flood mitigation planned for our area during the "gap" years discussed at the last Semi-Annual POA Meeting. The installation of 15' by 15' culverts along Kirby Drive, Herman Drive, and MacGregor Drive, will be completed about 3 years before the widening of Braes Bayou reaches Old Braeswood. Widening of the Bayou was started at the Bayou's eastern end and is proceeding on schedule. The "gap" period has some concerned that so-called "fast water" entering the Bayou through the new, larger culverts will heighten the chance of flood-

ing. We have been told by the flood authorities that rising water in the Bayou counters the influx of water from the culverts by creating a reverse pressure that slows flow from the culverts. Still, with the Bayou full, and the flow stopped, continued rain would cause water to back up out of storm sewers and manholes. To mitigate such extreme circumstances during the "gap" years, and to provide continuing mitigation thereafter, the City of Houston has purchased the 17-acre Meyer Tract, located just inside the Loop at the southwest corner. In 6 to 12 months, construction will begin to turn the Tract

into a detention basin, to be maintained by the Flood Control District. The small size of the Tract precludes space for a park, but the basin will be "wet bottom" to favor wildlife. Trees lost to construction will be replaced in part by new trees planted along the top of the basin. Completion will take about 1 year from the start of construction, but mitigation benefits will be immediate once the basin is dug. The design of the finished basin allows water to enter by cresting the earthen embankment and then to exit via a small culvert with a one-way gate leading to the Bayou.

## *Willow Water Hole Fun Run and Park Dedication, October 14, 2006*



Willow Waterhole  
Greenspace Conservancy

We are pleased to announce the date and time for the Fall 2006 WWGC Fun Run and Rafferty Memorial Dedication.

Date: October 14, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Location: Willow Waterhole Park: S. Willow & Ricecrest

We hope you can make it. Awards and a raffle will follow the Family Walk. Early registration from [www.wwgc.org](http://www.wwgc.org) begins September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please reply if you are interested in volunteering for the event.

Adult Run (5K)	8:30 AM
Adult Walk (5K)	8:45 AM
Family Walk (1Mile)	9:00 AM
Rafferty Memorial Dedication	10:30 AM

The new park has been thoughtfully planned with special consideration for preservation of native plant species. New trees will be planted when construction is completed. The park will be designed to be a passive recreation space so no greenspace will be overused or damaged. The water and park space will attract wildlife to the area.



*Wildlife and shorebirds have begun inhabiting the new Rafferty Park site. Park Dedication is set for 10:30 a.m. on October 14.*

## Holcombe redevelopment Town Hall meeting, Sept. 14

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A group of Holcombe business and property owners is working with the University Place Association to improve and enhance Holcombe Boulevard from Kirby Drive to Main Street. This section of Holcombe is home to every kind of business from retail, medical and sports-related, to bakeries, office suites, restaurants, automotive, and everything in between. It also includes residential properties. Situated at the edge of the Texas Medical Center, and nestled among some of the oldest and most beautiful neighborhoods in Houston, this esplanaded inner-city boulevard has the potential to be a beautiful, inviting place to live, work and play. Making this corridor more attractive and inviting will benefit businesses, the surrounding residential neighborhoods, the Texas Medical Center and our city at large.

The Holcombe Boulevard Beautification Committee, formed in January of this year, includes stakeholders from Holcombe businesses, the Texas Medical Center, the adjacent residential

neighborhoods, South Main Alliance (SMA), and University Place Association. Issues we are addressing include sign clutter, hedge planting/landscaping along the borders of large parking lots, street clutter (the inordinate number of news stands and similar clutter on the rights of way), and tree-planting along the boulevard and on the esplanades. Your participation and input are critical to the success of this vision for a more attractive and inviting Holcombe Boulevard. TMC, SMA and others are working together on "Holcombe Square," a beautification project planned for just east of Main Street. The timing couldn't be better for the enhancement of Holcombe west of Main to Kirby to create an inviting "Gateway to the Medical Center" on this corridor.

Holcombe Boulevard from Kirby Drive to Main Street is part of University Place, designated by Mayor Lee Brown as a Super Neighborhood. The University Place Association (UPA) was organized 15 years ago, and was the

model for Super Neighborhoods in Houston. UPA is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation which employs a part-time Executive Director and works exclusively to maintain and enhance the quality of life in University Place, which is bounded by Brays Bayou to the south, US59 to the north, Main Street to the east, and Kirby Drive to the west. At the meeting we will tell you more about UPA and how we can serve you.

**We hope you can join us on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to share your ideas and become part of this effort to improve Holcombe Boulevard from Kirby to Main.**

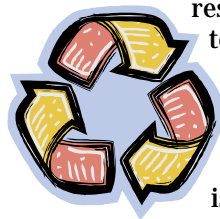
*Parking is available in Garage 8 at the corner of Holcombe and Pressler, the old Shamrock Hotel garage. Your parking ticket will be validated.*

For more information, please call University Place Association at 713-807-1777.

## City Recycling Program in jeopardy. Please recycle!

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Unfortunately, the number of residents in Houston who regularly recycle has not been up to speed, which means the City is losing money on trucks, personnel, etc.



As a means of increasing participation in the City's Curbside Recycling Program, there will be a competition among all City subdi-

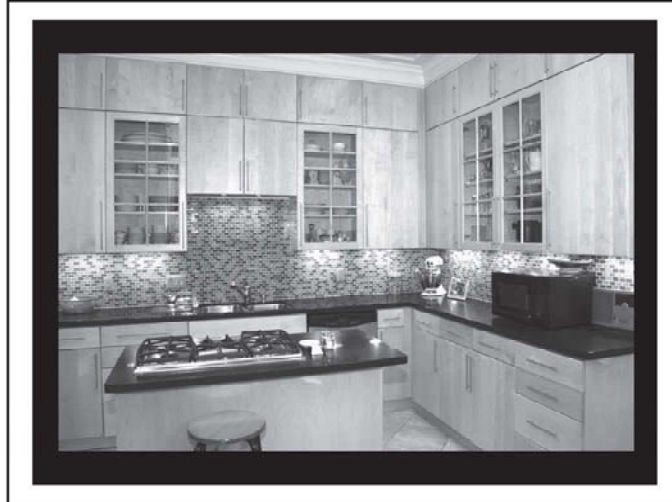
visions to determine which have the highest recycling scores, and which have the most improved scores. There are four categories in this "Go Green Houston Recycling Competition." The winner of each category will win \$5,000 to be used on neighborhood projects approved by the community and the City. Acceptable projects include beautification of parks and/or esplanades, planting street trees, etc. If one neighborhood were to win in all four categories, that neighborhood would win

\$20,000 to beautify their community with!

Residents are urged to diligently recycle--not just for the chance to win money for our neighborhood, but because recycling is crucial to our environment and the right thing to do, and because Neighborhoods with a low participation rate at the end of the contest may be dropped from the curbside recycling program to make room for neighborhoods on the city's waiting list.



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