# Nottingham West Civic Club Inc.

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## Nottingham West Park Upgrades

The Park Committee presented a new plan to upgrade the park and playground at the last Nottingham West Civic Club meeting. Throughout the spring, the committee spent time developing a comprehensive plan for a multi-year building project. A rendering of the completed design is on page 3.

The work to upgrade the park will be spread over at least 18 months and funded through a series of special assessments added to the semi-annual NWCC dues. A vote to proceed with planned park upgrades will take place at the next NWCC Quarterly Meeting on October 17.

If homeowners vote to the upgrade the park, a second vote will be held in January to choose the final design and determine funding levels. Three options have been prepared, Simple, Intermediate and Comprehensive. Projected costs per household range from \$170 for the Simple design to \$345 for the comprehensive design.

Please plan to attend the quarterly meeting on October 17 to voice your opinion on this proposal. If you aren't able to attend, you may e-mail your vote to <a href="mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com">nottinghamwest@hotmail.com</a> or mail it to Angela Lootens at 14127 Kingsride Ln.

Vote to upgrade the Nottingham West Playground and Park.			
	Yes, I want to upgrade the Nottingham West Playground and Park.		
	No, I do not want to upgrade the Nottingham West Playground and Park.		



# October Quarterly Meeting

The next meeting of the Nottingham West Civic Club will be held **Wednesday**, **October 17 at 7:30 pm.** 

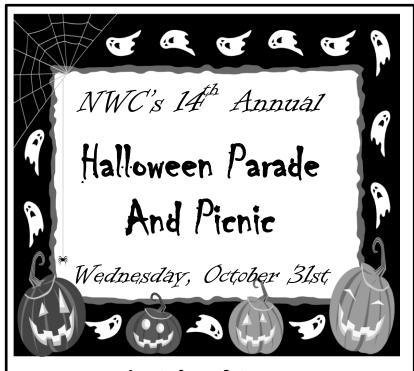
We will meet in the Nottingham Park Meeting Room at 926 Country Place Dr.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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# ~Schedule of Events~ 4:45pm

All ghosts & goblins meet at the corner of Pinerock and West Forest dressed in your Halloween costume

## 5:00pm

The parade will follow the HFD fire truck around the block while the Harris County Deputy

Constable brings up the rear

### 5:30pm

Chick-fil-A picnic dinner will be served in front of The LaBaume Home, 13807 Pinerock

# Chick-fil-A Menu

- Chick-fil-A Nuggets (8 pack), Chips and a
   Drink ...\$5
- Chick-fil-A Sandwich, Chips and a Drink ...\$5
   (Regular or Spicy)

# Neighborhood Notes

#### **Neighborhood Security**

Call the Precinct 5 Constable at 281-463-6666 to report suspicious persons or vehicles.

Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

#### **Vacation Watch**

If you're heading out of town, be sure to notify the Constable. Download the Vacation Watch form from the Precinct 5 web site. (www.co.harris.tx.us/pct5/)

#### Security E-Mail Distribution

If you're interested in receiving e-mails about neighborhood security incidents send an e-mail to Pam Ziegenbein at <a href="mailto:pziegenbein@att.net">pziegenbein@att.net</a>

#### Planning Exterior Improvements?

Send the details to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) at nottinghamwest@hotmail.com

#### Newsletter by E-Mail

Prefer to receive this newsletter by e-mail? Send your e-mail address to Angie Lootens at <a href="mailto:angela.lootens@att.net">angela.lootens@att.net</a> or to <a href="mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com">nottinghamwest@hotmail.com</a>

#### Need to contact an NWCC Officer?

Send an e-mail to nottinghamwest@hotmail.com

David Campbell, President John Benton, Vice President Angie Lootens, Secretary Pam Ziegenbein, Treasurer

## Nottingham West Park Proposed Design





# **NWCC** Fall Meeting Agenda

The tentative agenda is outlined below. We look forward to seeing you there!

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda
- 3. Minutes
- 4. Constable's Report
- 5. Officers' Reports
- 6. Committee Reports
- 7. New Business
  - a. Vote on Park Improvements
- 8. Proposed Business for Next Meeting

## Nottingham Women's Club

The Nottingham Women's Club sponsors lots of fun events and activities throughout the year. In addition to the Halloween Parade, NWC is also planning a Couples Party and the annual Holiday Progressive Dinner.

If you're interested in joining NWC, contact Mary Littlejohn at 713-334-1241, <a href="marymc50@hotmail.com">marymc50@hotmail.com</a> or Melynda Boerm at 713-858-2457, <a href="melynda-97@yahoo.com">melynda-97@yahoo.com</a>.

#### **REALMANAGE SERVICES**

NWCC financial statements and other information are available on the RealManage website, www.realmanage.com. Homeowners may also pay the NWCC assessments online.

To access the online payment features, you must setup an account on the RealManage website. In addition to creating a login and password, you will need the *Association ID* and the *Acct #/Check Digit* printed in the upper right corner of the NWCC statement.

For assistance, call RealManage Customer Service at 866-473-2573.



# Trash Talk

Our contract with Republic Services ends in July. The Trash Committee will research other private vendors and the City of Houston and present their findings early next year.

If you are interested in joining the Trash Committee, please contact Angie Lootens or email <a href="mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com">nottinghamwest@hotmail.com</a>

#### Nottingham West Civic Club Meeting Minutes August 1, 2012

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:32. 21 households represented.
- 2) Agenda adopted
- 3) Minutes reviewed and approved as printed
- 4) Constables Report: Three incidents since April 1
  - a) One bike theft
  - b) One attempted break-in
  - c) One disturbance on the street resulting in an arrest.
- 5) Officer's Reports
  - a) Secretary Angie Lootens
    - i) Quarterly newsletters will be mailed in between each NWCC meeting. Send email address to <a href="mailto:notthinghamwest@hotmail.com">notthinghamwest@hotmail.com</a> if you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically.
    - ii) E-mail items to include in the newsletter to <a href="mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com">nottinghamwest@hotmail.com</a>
  - b) Treasurer Pam Ziegenbein
    - i) Semi-annual assessments were due July 31. Please send your payment promptly.
    - ii) Pam Ziegenbein sends the neighborhood security email. To be added to the distribution, send an email to pziegenbein@att.net or notthinghamwest@hotmail.com
  - c) Vice President John Benton
    - i) 4<sup>th</sup> of July party was a big success. Sold 68 of 72 hotdogs.
    - ii) Park Update:
      - (1) Large tree branches have fallen in the park. Requested bids from 5 companies; 2 responded. One bid \$4300; second bid \$1950.
    - iii) Pool Update:
      - (1) Two pool repairs were authorized for a total of \$650
      - (2) Pool gate can be damaged when it slams closed. City code requires gate to be self-latching. If the gate continues to be slammed shut, we risk possible red tag at the next inspection which could close the pool. Recommendation from homeowners is to put up a sign on the gate.
  - d) President Dave Campbell
    - i) Trash Committee:
      - (1) There are other trash companies that offer the same level of service for less than we currently pay. Anyone interested in joining the Trash Committee should contact Dave or send email to <a href="Nottinghamwest@hotmail.com">Nottinghamwest@hotmail.com</a>
    - ii) Nominating Committee
      - (1) Nominating committee will be setup to canvass the neighborhood for NWCC officer candidates.
    - iii) Nottingham West Name
      - (1) Motion at the last meeting to recover attorney's fees resulting from the effort to regain the Nottingham West Civic Club name. Negotiations have taken place and Realex has agreed to reimburse the civic club for attorney's fees.
- 6) Committee Reports
  - a) Architectural Control
    - i) Deed restriction violations are generally related to lawn care issues (overgrown, weeds, etc...)
    - ii) RealManage offers service to police compliance with deed restrictions that will be very beneficial and effective.
    - iii) Members of the ACC commented about the deterioration of lawn care/home maintenance they see in the neighborhood. Suggest that homeowners report violations they see to the ACC or ask their neighbors to address the issue.

- iv) Nick Peters asked that the ACC review the policy requiring builders to deposit \$2500 with the NWCC for each new construction.
- v) ACC Approval Activity

ACC Category	Total	ACC Category	Total
New home construction approved	21	Existing homes approved for exterior changes	3
New homes completed	19	Existing home changes under review/approval	1
New homes under construction	2	Homeowners cited for deed restriction violations	2
New homes under review/approval	1	Homeowners under review for deed restriction violations	3

- b) Park Improvements Reviewed proposed improvement plan.
  - 1) The committee provided estimated costs for three improvement options: Full, Medium and Simple.
  - ii) Recommend phased construction and spread the cost over several assessments.
  - iii) In 2010 there was a \$60 assessment that resulted in the most recent improvements to the park.
  - iv) Vote on the different options will be planned for a future meeting.
- 7) New Business
  - a) David Rillings has decided to resign from the Board of Directors. He suggested that Mark Dessens be named to the Board. Motion made, seconded and passed.
  - b) Vote to approve the RealManage contract was tabled.
  - c) Vote to approve tree expenditure up to \$2000. Motion made, seconded and passed.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Minutes approved by: David Campbell, John Benton, Angela Lootens, Pam Ziegenbein