

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD SN-17
Monthly Meeting Minutes - Wednesday January 10th, 2024

<https://sn17.org/>

President, Jeff Baker; Vice-President, Nick Kornuta; Secretary, Joy Cocchiara; Treasurer, Diane Guillerman

Meeting called to order at 7:03; quorum established

Public Safety – Commander Reece Hardy & Senior Police Officer-Tim Whitaker/ HPD

- Officer Whitaker presented the 2023 year-end crime stats (December relative to November) and the 2023 full year crime stats relative to 2022. On a year-to-year basis, all categories of violent crime were down. *See crime stats below.*
- Westside Division PIP meeting is on Thursday, Jan 18 at 6:30 pm at 3202 S. Dairy Ashford. January's topic is Victim Services.

Guest Speaker- Sergeant Michael Gunter - Houston Emergency Center (HEC /9-1-1)

- HEC opened in September of 2003. Previously, Houston had three separate emergency communications centers for 9-1-1 calls – police, fire and EMS.
- HEC consolidated all three of these units into one facility equipped with state-of-the-art emergency communications technology. A significant benefit of this consolidation is standardization that enables interagency transactions and exchange.
- Dispatchers are 9-1-1 employees (not police, fire or EMS personnel) and are extensively trained.
- As of December 31, 2023, HEC received 2.22 million 9-1-1 calls, a 7% increase from the prior year.
- HEC also operates a diversion program for callers who need someone to talk to on a non-emergency basis, e.g., psyche services.
- Of all emergency and non-emergency calls, 86% were dispatched to HPD, 12% to EMS and 2% to HFD.
- Houston has 25 police districts and beats. Despite having too few officers, HPD's goal is to answer Priority 1 calls — when a “life threatening” event is in progress — in an average of 6 minutes.
- See a list of emergency/non-emergency numbers below. This is a good a resource to post on your subdivision website and/or newsletter.

Community Leaders

▪ **State Representative District 133-Mano DeAyala/Deanna Harrington (via email)**

Before Christmas, Rep. DeAyala went down to the TX border to Abbott's bill signing of three monumental pieces of border legislation that were passed in the special session:

1. \$5.1 B for additional border security
2. the designation of drug cartels as “foreign terrorist organizations” and added severe new penalties for human trafficking and fentanyl-related crimes in TX and
3. SB 3 (which DeAyala co-sponsored) to provide an additional \$1.5B in funding for border walls and additional barriers.

▪ **Dist. G - Mary Nan Huffman/ James Rains, Chief of Staff**

- *Park Ten Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Abandonment and Flow Diversion to Turkey Creek WWTP: BRH Garver, the contractor for this project, filed for bankruptcy in September 2023 and is unable to continue the work. The City terminated the contract. All construction activity has been suspended and the City is evaluating options for replacement contractors.*

- Huffman sent a letter to the Reserve at Barker Oaks Apartment developers (2250 Barker Oaks Dr, Houston, TX 77077) in opposition to its construction. The letter was in support of the resolution adopted by SN-17 at the November 8th, 2023 meeting proposing that this project NOT move forward.
- **POSTPONED until February 20th due to weather!** Council Member Huffman is hosting *Coffee with a Cop & a Council Member* (sponsored by Energy Corridor) on Tuesday, Jan 16 at 9:30 – 11:00 am at Pecan Grill 1510 Eldridge Parkway 100 77077.

▪ **Dist. F – Tiffany Thomas**

- **Chelford City Diversion Package 2** - BRH Garver, the contractor for this project, filed for bankruptcy in September 2023 and is unable to continue the work. This is the same contractor working on the Park Ten WWTP Abandonment project in District G. The City terminated the contract. All construction activity has been suspended and the City is evaluating options for replacement contractors.
- **Richmond Avenue near West Houston** is slated for road repair under the Mayor's 1 mile program, in which each district gets earmarked for 1 mile of two lane concrete panel replacement. Residents are encouraged to call 311 when they encounter dangerous road conditions (such as exist on portions of Richmond Ave in SN-17). Calls on the dash board inform funding priorities.

▪ **Harris County Precinct 4 – Lesley Briones/Victoria Calvillo**

Three upcoming events were highlighted:

- **Martin Luther King Day of Service Projects** (with Precinct 1) - **Saturday, Jan. 13**
 - a. Bear Creek Pioneers Park 2525 War Memorial St. 77084 off Sullins Way. 9:00 am – noon
 - b. Park Clean Up Mt. Olive Fellowship Hall 11231 S. Gessner Rd 77071 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Katy East Community Plan & Mobility Study** (looking to improve transportation, housing, and community spaces) Community Kick Off Event - **Saturday, Jan 20, 2024** noon – 2:00 pm HCC – Katy Community Room, 22910 Colonial Pkwy Katy 77449
- **Fit Spring Branch Fest!** Everything is FREE! **January 27th 9:00 am – noon** 8575 Pitner Rd 77080. www.fithouston.org for more information.

▪ **City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods (DON) - Rene Ruiz**

DONs will be revamping the Super Neighborhood Program (SNP), including adding a budget of \$250,000 from the Mayor's Assistance Office for funding of SNP grants. <https://www.houstontx.gov/mao>

▪ **Houston Metro-Margaret Dunlap**

- There will be some changes in leadership in 2024 when Mayor Whitmire appointing the City's allotment of board members.

Old Business/News Business - The November Meeting Minutes were approved.

- **SN-17 Board Election:** The incumbent President, Secretary and Treasurer were reelected for two-year terms by acclamation, with a quorum present. Nick Kornuta is currently serving as Vice-President and has one year left in his term of office.
- **Candidate Introductions:** Vergil Ratliff introduced herself as a candidate running for Harris County Sheriff in the upcoming primary election www.ratliffforsherriff.com

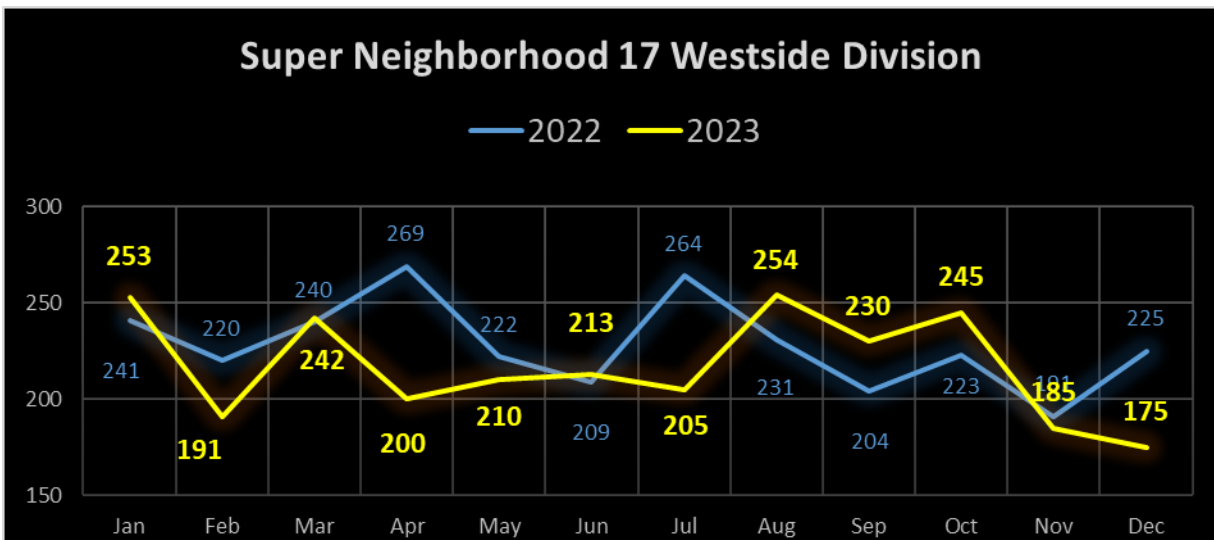
NEXT MEETING: February 14th, 2024

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17 CRIME REPORT DECEMBER 2023

SN17	Nov	Dec	TREND
MURDER	0	0	0.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	2	200.00%
ROBBERY	7	5	-28.57%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	20	21	5.00%
Violent Crimes	27	28	3.70%
BURGLARY HABITATION	18	6	-66.67%
BURGLARY BUILDING	14	18	28.57%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	48	68	41.67%
THEFT	42	32	-23.81%
AUTO THEFT	36	23	-36.11%
Non-Violent Crimes	158	147	-6.96%
CRIMES TOTAL	185	175	-5.41%

SN17	2022	2023	TREND
MURDER	10	5	-50.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	35	21	-40.00%
ROBBERY	117	106	-9.40%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	324	288	-11.11%
Violent Crimes	486	420	-13.58%
BURGLARY HABITATION	319	222	-30.41%
BURGLARY BUILDING	184	146	-20.65%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	825	820	-0.61%
THEFT	613	561	-8.48%
AUTO THEFT	312	433	38.78%
Non-Violent Crimes	2253	2182	-3.15%
CRIMES TOTAL	2739	2602	-5.00%

FULL-YEAR 2023 vs 2022 BY MONTH



SN-17 ARRESTS DECEMBER 2023

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	9	Murder	0
Assault	8	Narcotics	1
Auto Theft	2	Prostitution	0
BMV	1	Burglary Habitation	1
Criminal Mischief	3	Robbery	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Theft	1
Drunkenness	0	TMV	0
DWI	12	Weapons Violation	3
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	7
Total People Arrested	48		

HOUSTON EMERGENCY CENTER (911) EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY RESOURCES

2-1-1 – Information Resource before, during, and after natural disasters

3-1-1 – Service Request (Water Leak, Garbage Pickup, Sewer Wastewater, Traffic Signal Maintenance, Nuisance on Property, Water Services, Parking Violation, Street Hazards, and Street Conditions)

4-1-1 – Local Directory Assistance

800-452-9292 – Road closures due to accidents, weather or construction

9-1-1 – Emergency Services (Police/Fire/EMS)

713-884-3131 – Non-Emergency Police Line

855-492-8244 – Report Suspicious Activity

866-526-8300 – Houston Red Cross – After disasters and officer 1st Aid & CPR Training

800-985-5990 – Disaster Distress – to report distress from natural or man-made disasters

800-222-1222 – Poison Control