

**ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes - Wednesday October 9th, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

<https://sn17.org/>

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

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jeff Baker at 7:02 pm with a quorum.

**I. Public Safety – Westside Commander Mario Clinton and Senior Police Officer Tim Whitaker/ HPD**

- As compared to August, non-violent crimes in SN-17 were down 7.8%, while violent crimes were up 1.96%, including two murders in September
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness month
- See crime stats for SN-17 below (page 5)

**II. Speaker - District-At Large 5 Council Member Sallie Alcorn: <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/5/>**

- City Council Member Alcorn gave an update on her work as chair of the *Budget and Fiscal Affairs* committee. She also gave a brief overview of the work of the *Houston-Galveston Area Council* and the *H-GAC's Transportation Policy Council*.
- Houston Budget:
  - Total Budget: \$7.3B (enterprise funds); General Fund: \$3.3B (sales and property tax revenues)
  - General Fund: Trash \$99M; Police \$1B; Parks \$89M; Fire \$636M; Library: \$52M
  - Derecho and Beryl impacted the general fund in the amount of \$159.6M, With the city facing a \$230 million budget shortfall, Alcorn supported a tax increase. Ultimately, the state announced \$50 million in emergency funding for communities impacted by the Derecho and Hurricane Beryl and the tax increase proposal was withdrawn.
  - Ongoing efforts to reduce spending include: On-going Ernst & Young audit; Elimination of employee vacancies; Reduction of over-lapping and duplicate services; Elimination of fraud.
- Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC): <https://www.h-gac.com/>
  - HGAC is the 13-county region responsible for the state and federal dollars that the region receives.
  - Programs and Services include: Community Planning/Support; Disaster & Emergency Preparedness; Economic Development/Employment; Environmental Planning; Grants; Public Safety; Regional Data; Transportation Planning
- H-GAC Transportation Policy Council: <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-policy-council>
  - The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) provides policy guidance and overall coordination of the transportation planning activities within the eight-county Metropolitan Planning Organization region, which consists of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties.

**III. Community Leaders**

**Dist. G - Mary Nan Huffman/Brad Mushinski <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/g>**

- Park Ten Project: The City of Houston has approved the 24-Hour work schedule for the tunneling operations from Highway 6 to Park Ten. This schedule began October 1, 2024 and will run through October 21, 2024, including Saturdays and Sundays. The contractor work schedule is required to adhere to the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, Section 30-5 Maximum Permissible Sound Levels. This work plan will allow the Contractor to align with the planned completion schedule, Summer 2025.

- Coffee with a Council Member & Cops: October 18<sup>th</sup>, Tim Horton’s 8910 Westheimer Rd from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Just drop by.
- Conversation on Crime: Join Mary Nan Huffman and Chief J. Noe Diaz along with command staff on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Courtyard Houston I-10 West/Energy Corridor 12401 Katy Fwy

**Harris County Precinct 4 - Lesley Briones/Victoria Calvillo** <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov>

- Join Commissioner Lesley Briones for the 2024 Fall Listening Tour in Alief: Saturday, October 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Alief Community Center, 11903 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77072
- The 2025 Harris Co General Fund Budget is \$2.67B, effective Oct 1, 2024. More than half of this budget is dedicated to safer Harris County (law enforcement and justice system). Other major categories include government administration, commissioners court/precinct operations, and healthy communities. <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Connect/Newsroom/budget-blog>
- Harris County Commissioners voted to increase the tax rate from 3.5% to 8%, taking advantage of a state law that allows the court to bypass voter approval of any increase over 3.5 percent due to the multiple disasters experienced this year. The tax hike will only apply to the 2024 tax year. In conjunction with this tax rate increase, assessed property values have increased by 12-15%.
- <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Voter/Election-Information> is the authorized site for election information (See fact sheet below on page 4)

**COH Department of Neighborhoods -Sandra Cortez and Rene Ruiz**

- Sandra Cortez, SN coordinator, was on hand to deliver some good news regarding funding in the form of grants and administrative costs. The Super Neighborhood Grant Program (SNGP) will provide up to \$7,000 (in the form of reimbursement) to recognized, active super neighborhoods for projects that improve, benefit, or beautify common areas within a given SN boundary. See guidelines for applying here: <https://www.houstontexas.gov/superneighborhoods/grants/SN-Grants-FAQ-SNGP-2025.pdf>
- In addition, up to \$2,000 for FY 2025 is available for administrative costs associated with running the business of a Super Neighborhood (in good standing). SNs may request a direct purchase from the SN Coordinator or submit a reimbursement for approved purchases/expenses. See guidelines for applying here: <https://www.houstontexas.gov/superneighborhoods/grants/SN-Grants-FAQ-Admin-2025.pdf>

**City of Houston Metro-Margaret Dunlap** <https://www.ridemetro.org/about/news-media>

- Metro will provide a free ride to and from polling places to cast your vote on *October 26<sup>th</sup>*; this is during the early voting period.
- See something, say something: report any non-emergency issue to the Metro Police at 713-224-COPS (2677)

**IV. Old Business**

September Meeting Minutes were approved

**V. New Business (Informal speakers who requested 5 minutes to address their candidacy or organization)**

- **Michael Landrum** is running for Judge, 133<sup>rd</sup> Civil District Court
- **Brandon Cofield**, Administrator, Office of Public Probate in the County’s Attorney’s Office. This office works with probate court judges to protect residents from fraud and exploitation and help individuals and families navigate the probate process.

- **Mayra Hypolite**, Community Outreach Coordinator. This is a newly created position within the Harris County Attorney's Office.
- **Marly Maskill**, Executive Director, Houston Community Toolbank serves community-based organizations by providing tools, equipment, and expertise to empower their most ambitious projects. The main facility is located on the east side, but tools can be delivered to neighborhood hubs. The closest hub to SN-17 is at City Centre. <https://www.houstontoolbank.org/>
- **Bryan Dotson**, Advocate, George Bush Park Hike and Bike Trail (GBPH&BT) Piping Rock Extension:  
This project seeks a safer alternative than the shoulder of State Highway 6 for students to walk and/or ride their bikes to school in the absence of school bus service. These schools include West Briar Middle and Westside High School. Piping Rock Lane is the west-most entrance to the Briar Village subdivision off of TX State Highway 6. The Piping Rock trail extension would connect to the planned cross walk on State Highway 6 at Briar Forest.  
There is a funding opportunity via TxDOT in October (under the Highway Safety Improvement Program), which provides 100% of the construction cost of projects to improve safety, where there are sufficient fatalities and injuries. The shoulder of State Highway 6 in this area qualifies! Expression of local support is important for funding. We are seeking support from the parent/student communities, HISD and the Briar Village community.

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2024**



# November Here We Come: Voting Made Easy

November 5, 2024, General and Special Elections

Week of October 14, 2024

## IMPORTANT DATES

- OCTOBER 21**  
First day of early voting
- OCTOBER 25**  
Ballot by mail application deadline
- NOVEMBER 1**  
Last day of early voting
- NOVEMBER 5**  
Election Day

## EARLY VOTING IS FROM OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 1



**MORE THAN 80  
EARLY VOTING  
LOCATIONS  
WILL OPEN  
ACROSS  
HARRIS  
COUNTY!**

## EARLY VOTING HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon., Oct. 21 - Sat., Oct. 26	7 AM - 7 PM
Sun., Oct. 27	12 PM - 7 PM
Mon., Oct. 28 - Wed., Oct. 30	7 AM - 8 PM
Thurs., Oct. 31	7 AM - 9 PM
Fri., Nov. 1	7 AM - 7 PM

## VOTE BY MAIL



### Eligibility Requirements:

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day.
- Voter is sick or disabled.
- Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day.
- Absent from the county of registration during the Early Voting period and on Election Day.
- Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.

Application must be received (not postmarked) by the Elections Department by October 25, 2024.

## MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE



View and print your sample ballot to take to the polls on HarrisVotes.com.



Find an early voting location near you. Voters can vote at any location in Harris County.



Bring one of the 7 acceptable forms of photo ID to the polls.

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID



TEXAS DRIVER LICENSE



TEXAS PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD



TEXAS HANDGUN LICENSE



U.S. MILITARY ID WITH PHOTO



TEXAS ELECTION ID CERTIFICATE



U.S. PASSPORT (BOOK OR CARD)



U.S. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE WITH PHOTO

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**SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17  
HPD WESTSIDE DIVISION CRIME STATS**

**Month-to-Month Trends (Sept/Aug)**

SN17	Aug	Sept	TREND
MURDER	0	2	200.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	5	2	-60.00%
ROBBERY	18	12	-33.33%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	28	36	28.57%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1.96%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	27	14	-48.15%
BURGLARY BUILDING	20	8	-60.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	51	61	19.61%
THEFT	55	56	1.82%
AUTO THEFT	26	26	0.00%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-7.82%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-5.65%</b>

**Year-to-Date Trends (2023/2024)**

SN17	2023	2024	TREND
MURDER	5	6	20.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	20	28	40.00%
ROBBERY	86	110	27.91%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	226	272	20.35%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>23.44%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	179	144	-19.55%
BURGLARY BUILDING	103	142	37.86%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	612	518	-15.36%
THEFT	440	403	-8.41%
AUTO THEFT	332	267	-19.58%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>1474</b>	<b>-11.52%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>-5.64%</b>

**Arrests\***

<b>Current Month Arrests</b>			
Aggravated Assault	10	Murder	0
Assault	8	Narcotics	7
Auto Theft	1	Prostitution	3
Burglary Habitation	1	Sexual Offenses	0
Criminal Mischief	3	Theft	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	Offense Against Family	0
Drunkenness	1	Weapons Violation	0
DWI	3	All Other Crimes	13
Robbery	0		
<b>Total People Arrested</b>	<b>52</b>		

\* Arrests made during the course of the offense on the original offense date and location