ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD
Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
President, Jeff Baker; Vice-President, Nick Kornuta; Secretary, Joy Cocchiara; Treasurer, Diane Guillerman
https://sn17.org/

President Jeff Baker called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. With a quorum established, delegates voted to *support* AMTEX's revised site plan for the Barker Oaks Apartments as described under New Business. We will be on summer break during July and August. ***Our next meeting is Sept 9th.***

I. PUBLIC SAFETY – Crime Stats

There was 1 murder in Super Neighborhood 17 in May, raising the total number to 2 murders year to date. On a month-to-month basis, crimes were up in the categories of robbery (71.43%), aggravated assault (9.68%), theft (8.06%) and auto theft (12.5%). There were 50 arrests made, notably, 10 for aggravated assault and 10 for assault. See the full crime stats on Page 3.

II. GUEST SPEAKER – HPD, Financial Crimes Division – Sgt. Bruce Owdley

Sgt. Owdley served in the Air Force and has been in law enforcement for over 30 years. He covered various fraud and cybercrime issues, particularly those targeting the senior community. He emphasized the importance of secure passwords and avoiding RFID-enabled credit cards in favor of cards with a chip and PIN number to reduce the risk of skimming. Scams like "pig butchering" and phishing were discussed, with tips on recognizing and preventing them.

III. COMMUNITY LEADERS

Harris Co District Attorney's Office – Sheri Cortez, Domestic Violence Bureau
https://dao.harriscountytx.gov/Justice-Safety/Elder-Abuse

As a general term, *elder abuse* describes victims 65 and older. Ms. Cortez emphasized the underreported nature of this crime. See the *CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY* brochure for information on elder abuse - physical, sexual, and psychological, including neglect and financial exploitation - and the resources available to victims and their advocates (Page 4 and 5).

City of Houston District G – Brad Mushinski https://www.houstontx.gov/council/g/index.html

The COH passed the FY27 budget($7.5B) on June 10th. The budget passed with a vote of 15 to 1, with Council Member Edward Palmer dissenting. Whitmire describes the budget as "structural reform" aimed at reducing the city's projected shortfall without raising property taxes.

The two major structural reforms are:

1. A $5/month solid waste administration fee through FY29 with the option to gradually increase up to $25/month in FY32.
2. A 5% right-of-way charge on Houston's water and wastewater operations. These proceeds will be moved into the (unrestricted) general fund instead of the combined utility system fund, (restricted) to critical water and wastewater infrastructure.

Public Safety and Infrastructure remain top priorities. The budget takes effect on July 1st.

Metro – Margaret Dunlap

METRO is scaling its daily service to meet the global demand during the FIFA tournament (June 11 – July 6) without disrupting regular riders, while adding new airport-downtown routes, extended hours, and security measures to ensure smooth travel for fans and residents. For more information on Metro's FIFA World Cup 2026 enhanced services, visit https://www.ridemetro.org/world-cup

Houston Public Library – Emily Holley

You can find amazing upcoming events for all ages at the Kendall Neighborhood Library
https://calendar.houstonlibrary.org/calendar/events?cid=15272&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=15272&cm=3634&inc=0
Note: Many summer programs require advanced registration.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Delegates voted to approve the May minutes as posted on https://sn17.org/

V. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Vote on the amended AMTEX Barker Oaks Apartments

The newly proposed Barker Oaks Apartments is a 144-unit workforce housing community at 2250 Barker Oaks Dr located in SN-17. Originally, the project proposed at this location was submitted (and supported by SN-17 in 2021) as a 288-unit community. The original proposal never got off the ground. The newly scaled down development would be financed through a combination of 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit equity and tax-exempt bond financing. The Harris County Housing Finance Corporation would serve as the nonprofit parter for the project. 100% of the apartment homes would be reserved for households earning up to 60% of the Area Median Income.

Delegates in attendance voted unanimously to support the revised site plan for the Barker Oaks Apartments. The proposed project is pending approval by Houston City Council.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 09, 2026

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17
HPD WESTSIDE DIVISION CRIME STATS

Month-to-Month Trends (Apr/May)

SN17	Apr	May	TREND
MURDER	1	1	0.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0.00%
ROBBERY	7	12	71.43%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	31	34	9.68%
Violent Crimes	**39**	**47**	**20.51%**
BURGLARY HABITATION	14	13	-7.14%
BURGLARY BUILDING	18	9	-50.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	66	56	-15.15%
THEFT	62	67	8.06%
AUTO THEFT	16	18	12.50%
Non-Violent Crimes	**176**	**163**	**-7.39%**
CRIMES TOTAL	**215**	**210**	**-2.33%**

Year-to-Date Trends (2025/2026)

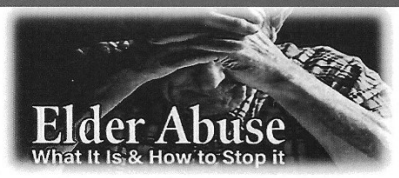
SN17	2025	2026	TREND
MURDER	1	2	100.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	10	9	-10.00%
ROBBERY	77	44	-42.86%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	151	163	7.95%
Violent Crimes	**239**	**218**	**-8.79%**
BURGLARY HABITATION	131	87	-33.59%
BURGLARY BUILDING	69	64	-7.25%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	289	273	-5.54%
THEFT	291	317	8.93%
AUTO THEFT	118	95	-19.49%
Non-Violent Crimes	**898**	**836**	**-6.90%**
CRIMES TOTAL	**1137**	**1054**	**-7.30%**

March Arrests*

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	10	Murder	0
Assault	10	Narcotics	2
Auto Theft	1	Prostitution	0
Burglary Building	1	Robbery	1
Drunkenness	1	Theft	2
Criminal Mischief	6	Offense Against Family	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	Weapons Violation	2
DWI	3	Sex Offenses	0
Arson	1	All Other Crimes	8
Total People Arrested	50		

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

A PRIMER ON ELDER ABUSE
PRESENTED BY HARRIS COUNTY D.A. SEAN TEARE



Elder Abuse is a general term that describes crimes against persons 65 and older that includes physical, sexual, and psychological abuse; neglect; and financial exploitation. Elder abuse harms millions of older people each year. Victims of elder abuse may face increased risk of death, physical or emotional injury, and financial ruin. Elder abuse costs society billions of dollars annually in lost income and assets and in health care, social services, and legal

What are risk factors?

For being a Victim:
Isolation
Lack of Family/Friends
Living with others
Mental Illness /Dementia
Physical Impairments
Substance Abuse
Sudden change in financial control/use
Appears unkempt and disorientated
Sudden change in behavior

For being a Perpetrator:
Dependence on the victim for support
History of abuse, neglect or exploitation
Living with the victim
Mental Illness

What is my duty to Report?

Texas law says anyone who thinks a person 65 years or older is being abused, or exploited must report it to Department of Family

Possible Indicators of Emotional/Psychological Abuse

- Being emotionally upset or agitated;
- Being extremely withdrawn and non-communicative or non-responsive;
- Unusual behavior usually attributed to dementia (e.g., sucking, biting, rocking); and
- An elder's report of being verbally or emotionally mistreated.

Possible Indicators of Self Neglect

- Dehydration, malnutrition, untreated or improperly attended medical conditions, and poor personal hygiene;
- Hazardous or unsafe living conditions;
- Unsanitary living quarters
- Inadequate clothing or lack of necessary needs;

Possible Indicators of Sexual Abuse

- Bruises around the breasts and genital area;
- Unexplained venereal disease or genital infections;
- Unexplained anal or vaginal bleeding;
- An elders report of improper touching or of being sexually abused

Sexual Assault of Elderly

A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly causes without consent:

(i) object/sexual organ of defendant to penetrate the anus/ sexual organ of an elderly individual;

(ii) sexual organ of defendant to penetrate the mouth of an elderly individual;

(iii) sexual organ of elderly individual to contact or penetrate the mouth/anus/sexual organ of defendant/other.

Without consent = forcible sexual assault, threatening force, person unaware, or lack of mental ability to appraise nature of act or resist it.

Possible Indicators of Physical Abuse

- Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, and rope marks;
- Bone fractures, broken bones, and skull fractures;
- Open wounds, cuts, punctures, untreated injuries in various stages of healing;
- Burns: may be caused by cigarettes, friction, contact with objects;
- Dehydration and/or malnourished without illness-related cause
- *Laboratory findings of medication overdose or underutilization of prescribed drugs;* ??
- The caregivers refusal to allow visitors to see an elder alone.
- Poor hygiene

Possible Indicators of Neglect

- Poor personal hygiene: soiled clothing, dirty nails and skin, matted or lice infested hair, odors, feces/urine pre
- Unclothed, or improperly clothed for weather
- Decubiti (bedsores)
- Skin rashes
- Untreated medical or mental conditions
- Dehydration or malnourishment
- Untreated medical or mental conditions, soiled bandages, and unattended fractures
- Absence of needed dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, braces, or commodes
- Exacerbation of chron-



Injury to the Elderly

A person commits an offense if he intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence, by *act* or by *omission* causes serious bodily injury, serious mental deficiency, impairment or injury; or bodily to an

Possible Indicators of Financial Abuse

- Sudden changes in bank, savings and retirement accounts
- Unusual activity or unauthorized withdrawals, transfers or ATM withdrawals
- Important mail no longer comes to the elder's home
- Absence of documentation about financial arrangements
- Belongings or property are missing
- New "best friends"
- Legal documents, such as powers of attorney or changes to/creation of a will, which the elder did not understand
- Care is not commensurate with the size of the elder's estate
- Unusual concern by caregiver of the amount of money being spent on the elder



Phone Numbers

Adult Protective Services (APS) 24-Hour:
1-800-252-5400

Attorney General Fraud Division:

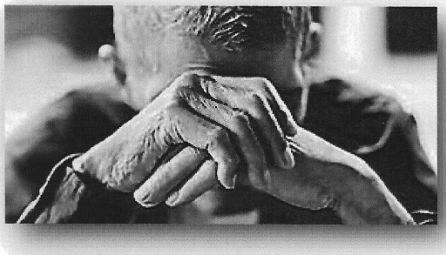
- Medicaid: **1-800-252-8011**
  (victim is a resident of a long-term care facility that receives Medicaid funding)
- Consumer: **1-800-621-0508**
  (victim of fraudulent conduct that occurs in the marketplace)

Department of Aging and Disability Services
(DADS): 1-855-937-2372
(if victim is in a nursing home/assisted living facility, or lives at home and relies on a home health provider)

Harris County District Attorney's Office:
Elder Financial Exploitation: **713-274-1508**
Elder Physical Abuse : **713-274-0212**



Emergency or
Life Threatening Call 9-1-1



CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY

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