

# neighborhood NEWS



Spring

Larchmont/Edgewater Community News

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**Civic League Meeting: March 11 at 7:30 PM**

## President's Letter

Hello everyone. I hope you are doing well. Our next meeting will be featuring two programs with universal appeal to all the neighborhoods in Norfolk. Our first speaker will be from the city's Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services. She will share information on various programs the city has to offer, especially highlighting information on the Therapeutic Recreation Center's offerings. We frequently overlook the programs the city has for us so this will be a great



opportunity to see what is offered.

Our second speaker will be from the American Red Cross. She will give a program on disaster preparedness. Given the level of damage caused by the last minor hurricane, it will be good information to know if there is a "next time".

Don't forget to check out our website at: [www.larchmontedgewater.org](http://www.larchmontedgewater.org) for the latest information on happenings in and around our neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you on March 11th!

## Local Historic District

**Myth:** We have many new houses and only a few date back that far; we are not a historic district.

**Fact:** The neighborhood is considered one of the historic "suburbs" of Norfolk and the majority of the homes are over 50 years in age.

**Myth:** The City Codes will control our neighborhood growth, development, and the character of our neighborhood.

**Fact:** The City Codes will not control this. Under State enabling legislation the only method to have design review controls is through a local historic district. The Civic League approached the City regarding methods to protect the architectural quality of the neighborhood. Staff from the

*See back sheet*

## GET INVOLVED!

### Civic League Membership

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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March 11  
Meeting Agenda  
Larchmont Methodist  
Church

Neighborhood and  
Leisure Services

**Disaster Preparedness**  
American Red Cross

Historic District (cont'd)

Department of Planning and Community Development made a presentation to the Civic League on State, National and Local Historic District Designations. At this point, the Civic League asked to pursue local designation so that there would be design review controls.

**Myth:** Local Historic District won't protect this; it will just give the City one more way to control what we do in our neighborhood.

**Fact:** The planning commission and the Norfolk Design Review Committee, an advisory committee to the Planning Commission, are responsible for ensuring that all proposed development in our neighborhood is compatible in its appearance with existing development in our neighborhood, in accordance with the design guidelines that are adopted for the Larchmont/Edgewater

Local Historic District. It would protect the look and feel of our neighborhood.

**Myth:** I don't want all the restrictions that are in other neighborhoods in Norfolk and have the historic designation restrictions such as Downtown, Ghent, or East Freemason.

**Fact:** The design guidelines for our historic district will be developed by our neighborhood.

**Myth:** I have to check with the city on ordinary home maintenance or repair.

**Fact:** No Certificate of Appropriateness would be required for ordinary maintenance or repair.

**Myth:** If I want to add on to my home or alter the porch, I have to go through all kinds of 'red tape' with the City.

**Fact:** You would submit an applica-

tion for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the staff at the Department of Planning and Community Development. The Design Review Committee and City Planning Commission would review the project for compliance with the adopted design guidelines for our historic district.

**Myth:** I won't be able to paint my door purple if I want.

**Fact:** No local historic district in the City currently reviews paint colors. Minor alterations are frequently classified as maintenance so staff can issue the Certificate of Appropriateness.

**Myth:** I can't afford to replace my slate roof with slate, so I don't want this historic district.

**Fact:** Currently in the other local historic districts asphalt shingles and synthetic slate are acceptable replacement materials for roofs.

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