

neighborhood NEWS



Spring

Larchmont/Edgewater Community News

2005

Civic League Meeting: April 14 at 7:30 PM
April 21 at 7:30 PM

President's Letter

I hope everyone is doing well. We have had a record number of requests for agenda items for the civic league. Several things have happened over the last few months, which have caused us to change the agenda of our meetings. Therefore, we have a lot of topics for the civic league in the upcoming months so we need to get to it!

In order to handle a number of these requests, we will have a meeting on two successive weeks. The first meeting is scheduled for **April 14th**, featuring the Norfolk Fire Department and the Saint Patrick School. The Norfolk Fire Department wishes to discuss the two recent fires in our neighborhood and how these tragedies can be prevented. Saint Patrick's wants to give us an update on the construction project and answer any questions we may have on the opening of the school. Both issues are very important to our neighborhood and I'm sure you'll want to attend.

The second meeting will be held the following week on **April 21st**. We have been requested by the City to consider the new four-way stop signs on Powhatan and Bolling, and Powhatan

and 49th streets. The City has received conflicting feedback on these traffic-calming initiatives and wants the civic league to vote on whether to recommend to keep them or to have them removed. We also have been asked to consider a petition from the neighborhood to install

an additional four-way stop at Powhatan and Magnolia. In addition, a petition to reconsider the placement of a park in the triangle at Upper Brandon and Magnolia has been submitted. I have asked that a detailed plan on the proposed park be submitted in order for the matter to be considered by the civic league.

One of the largest issues is still the local historic district. Due to some excellent suggestions at the Town Hall meeting held by the City on January 8th, we have been working to 'fine tune' the proposal to insure that it is in its best possible form to present to the civic league. This has lengthened the process somewhat; but, I think it will be well worth it in the end. Right now, it looks as if we will consider the local historic district in May. We will have



Dave O'Dell

Neighborhood Watch

Crime in our neighborhood has dropped 6% compared to January 2004. The city as a whole is also down 6%. Although this statistic is positive, vandalism and larceny continue to be a big problem, with vandalism to cars being the most prevalent. There were 6 reported incidents of vandalism in December and 8 incidents in January, of which included many broken car windows by rocks and BB's. There was 1 reported burglary in December and 2 in January. Fortunately, no one was in the homes during any of these crimes.

Larceny is another major problem in several neighborhoods, including ours. In December, there were 9 total incidents of larceny of autos or parts from autos reported in Larchmont/Edgewater and 2 in January. These mostly involved car stereos. Both Colonial Place/Riverview and Lambert's Point are having huge problems with larceny, as well. Due to its significance, the police have pulled several officers from the West Side to join a Gang Unit. As of date, they have not been able to find where the criminals are fencing the stolen items or who the criminals are. Hopefully, these criminals will be caught before they move into our area.

As always, please do not keep items

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one meeting where the proposal will be reviewed with the civic league for questions and consideration. We will then plan to have a vote on the proposal at the following meeting. I would like to get this matter off the civic league agenda prior to school letting out for summer.

Watch the website www.larchmontedgewater.org for updates and information about your neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing you both meetings on **April 14th** and **April 21st**.

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Laurie Chapman, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
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Larchmont United Methodist Church
corner of Jamestown Crescent and Monroe Place

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