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NEWS



Summer

Larchmont/Edgewater Community News

2005

Civic League Meeting: September 8 & 22 at 7:30

President's Letter

I hope everyone had a great summer! Now that school is upon us, it is time to have fall meetings. We will be considering the Local Historic District at the next two meetings. The first meeting will be to review the proposal and discuss it. **No vote will take place at the first meeting on September 8th.** The second meeting will allow for a five minute summary for the pros and cons and then proceed directly to voting. In order to hear all the points regarding this issue, please attend both meetings. You may review the proposal in advance at our website, www.larchmontedgewater.org. Given the importance of the matter, strict voting rules will be observed. You will need to be a current (paid) member of



Dave O'Dell

the civic league in order to vote. Only one vote per household is allowed.

The discussion and vote on the Local Historic District was scheduled for the fall as the Board felt it would allow for maximum participation from the neighborhood. We wanted to be sure that the vote accurately reflected the will of the league membership. Please attend and be counted!

Unfortunately, the summer brought a wave of petty theft and vandalism. The most common crimes were thefts from cars and thefts from docks. Please be sure to keep your valuables in a secure area and out of sight.

We look forward to seeing you at meetings!

Neighborhood Watch

Small crimes have been on the rise this summer. During May there were five larcenies to autos, one larceny of a bike, one incident where a part was taken from an auto, two hit-and-runs to property, one stolen vehicle and six vandalisms. The stolen car was recovered within ten days on Va. Beach Blvd. near Monticello with a few CD's missing and in need of some cleaning.

In June, however, crime drastically increased to 11 larcenies to autos and 13 vandalisms. The vandalisms involved six cars, a boat, a garage, a tractor, two houses and two incidents at the St. Patrick's School construction site.

At the end of June, I received several notices of nighttime activity/vandalism on docks in the Larchmont area. Someone has taken a cell phone from a SeaDoo and on another occasion someone was chased off before he could untie a boat. Please keep **all** valuables in the house, not in the boat or car, and

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Agenda (for both meetings): Historic District

GET INVOLVED!

Civic League Membership

Join *your* civic league & get involved!

Dues are only \$10 per household per calender year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Mail to: *Treasurer, Larchmont Civic League,
1041 Jamestown Cres., Norfolk, VA 23508*

ICE

In Case of Emergency

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading "ICE" (i.e. In Case of Emergency), has rapidly spread throughout the world as a particular consequence of recent terrorist attacks in London.

Originally established as a nationwide campaign in the UK, ICE has been embraced locally and allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative / next-of-kin in an emergency situation. You can make their job much easier with this simple idea.

By adopting the ICE advice, your

R.A.T. Race

The 24th Annual Larchmont Run at Twilight (R.A.T.) Race will be run on Friday, September 16, 2005, starting at the "Brick Field" on Hampton Blvd. and Bolling Ave.

The events will benefit the school's students through the PTA and includes a 5K Run, and a 1 mile run or walk.

Registration is only \$12.00 and includes a t-shirt, food and drink. Pre-register Online at www.active.com or stop by Larchmont Elementary School

the week of 9/12-9/16 between 8:00 & 8:30 a.m. to register. Registration day of race is \$20.00.

Please be advised that residents in the Edgewater area may experience some inconvenience during the race due to street closings from about 5:45pm until 7:15pm; but remember, it benefits the children.

The race route is as follows: Starts at Bolling, proceeds south on Bluestone, west on 49th, north on Powhatan to

Eleanor Ct. and then back south on Powhatan to Cedar, east on Cedar, north on Rolfe, then east on Bolling to the finish at Bluestone.

Additionally, you may help by manning the corners near your home to help runners avoid crossing or turning traffic, or just cheer for the runners. If you sign up as a volunteer at the "brick yard", there's a T-shirt in it for you.

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mobile will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative - which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do, and it could easily help save your life. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply enter the word 'ICE' as the contact name and the number of the person you wish to be contacted.

It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.

Help wanted

The Neighborhood News is looking for a new editor. Without one, there won't be "the news"! Anyone interested please call Rhonda Liberto at 423-3801.

Editor's Note

This will be my last newsletter. Thanks to all who have helped get ads, provided articles, did layout and printing, and delivered the newsletter over the last few years.

Regards,
Rhonda Liberto

Neighborhood Watch (cont'd)

keep your pier and porch lights on.

Over the weekend of the 4th of July, graffiti was found on several telephone/cable boxes along Monroe, the Monroe pump station, the Magnolia Ave. Vepeco station, the Bolling Square Apartments, Bazemore's, a wall on the Upper Brandon side of the Brick Field, and signs at the end of Manchester/Richmond Crescent. I called the police and they sent someone out to look at the "artistry". Col. Baker agreed with me that all of the tagging was done by neighborhood teenagers, not gang members. The police have notified the owners that they can have the graffiti removed. Let me know if you see any new "artwork" in the area.

Already in the first week of August, there have been several cars broken into and several items have been taken, such as a laptop, Palm Pilot, and a briefcase. Other cars nearby, without valuable items visible, were left alone.

So another reminder, **never leave any valuables in your car!!!** You're

just asking for trouble if you do!! Don't take the chance that no one will be planning to strike your street!! Almost every street in the Larchmont/Edgewater area has been struck by vandals. **Do not** give them a reason to make your car a statistic!!! **Please** take items into the house or lock them in your car.

Another big concern is the number of local teenagers out very late at night. I know the summer is almost over, but it is still vacation time and teenagers have been seen out after 2am! Remind them that there **is** a curfew of 11:00pm and **no** teenager has any business being out at that time of night. Parents, it's 11pm; do you know where your kids are??

Remember to report **any** suspicious activity (441-5610) and then contact your block captain. If you actually see someone doing something illegal, call directly to 911. Make sure they get your name, phone number, and address. If you do not have a block captain or do not know who it is, get in touch with me at 423-5731 or laurie@chapman.net.

Laurie Chapman

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