

Spring!

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2017 off to a good start; Picnic is April 8

Our January meeting at Shrimp & Stuff had a great turnout. And the newly-elected board has had a first meeting to elect officers and look at plans for the year.

Officers for 2017 are:

Ruthi Stayton, Chair

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Margaret Canavan, Membership

John Wolbrecht, GAIN Representative

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These folks will work during the year to plan meetings and activities, work with our City Council representatives, and keep on top of issues that need to be addressed. "Retiring" chair Faron Evans will continue to work with the city and CenterPoint on lighting improvements in our boundaries.

Our **SPRING PICNIC** is planned for **Saturday, April 8** at noon! So put that on your calendar. It is a potluck lunch, more details later. Members and friends are welcome. That means you!

If you have issues or ideas, or suggestions for meeting topics, we hope you will send them in by replying to this email. We want to continue to build a strong neighborhood organization that includes input from everyone.

We appreciate everyone who has already joined or renewed
for 2017!

Community News:

Rosenberg Library will be extending evening hours beginning April 3. The library will then be open 9-9 Monday through Thursday, and 9-6 on Friday and Saturday. PLUS there is an "Amnesty Week" for overdue materials April 3-8, so that's your chance to return those overdue books!

Galveston Island Tree Conservancy "Neighborwood" planting is March 25. While WBNA did not participate this year, a few trees will be going in on 39th street within our boundaries. Volunteers are need to help with planting, and involves mostly supervision of A&M students who do the hard work. You can volunteer by contacting coordinator Priscilla Files at treesforgalveston@gmail.com , or by replying to this email. And let's start planning for NEXT year in WBNA...



[The community pool complex](#) at Lasker Park on 43rd Street is coming along and is scheduled to open sometime in May. This pool has been in the works for years with hundreds of donors, large and small. You still have a chance to donate! The costs of the pool are covered, so all donations at this time will go toward swimming lessons and transportation for kids, life guarding lessons, and pool supplies. Gifts of \$100 or more received by March 15 will earn the donor a spot on the sea creatures mural, and WBNA will be there. If you wish make a donation, reply to this email and we will e-mail the donation form to you.

News from GAIN (Galveston Alliance of Island Neighborhoods), from our representative John Wolbrecht. From the 2/16/17 Meeting:

Presentation made to the GAIN Board by Victoria Herrin, the Campaign Director, Texas Gulf Coast, and the National Parks Conservation Association. She explained in detail the current Texas Legislative Bill being introduced to designate the Texas coastal communities as a Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area. The counties within the proposed designated area are Brazoria, Galveston, and Matagorda and support for the designation comes from many partners and supporters, including the City of Galveston, Artist Boat, Galveston Bay Foundation, Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees, Galveston Bay Foundation, Scenic Galveston, Galveston Historical Foundation and The Nature Conservancy-Texas.

The Chair for the Midtown-Cemetery Neighborhood reported on her research findings on the boundaries of Neighborhood Associations, original neighborhood designated locations, and the City's District boundaries. She will continue to research the development of the boundaries and provide findings and suggestions at the next Board meeting.

GAIN remains committed to supporting cities' rights to create and enforce local ordinances on subjects such as plastic bag use and restrictions and in the case of Denton, Texas and other communities, on fracking for natural gas.

The City has a bond election scheduled for May 6. Early voting in person begins Monday, April 24. GAIN will sponsor an open meeting to discuss the election on Thursday, April 20 for 6 to 8:30, at Rosenberg Library's Wortham Auditorium. Mark the date on your calendar and look for details in future emails.

Other discussions included the inaction of the City Council for utilization of the designated Neighborhood Improvement funds, and the Lafitte's Cove Stewart Road re-zoning issue.

The upcoming Tuesday, March 16th GAIN Meeting will host Michael Gray with the City of Galveston, and Debbie Stark, Code Enforcement Director. They will give a presentation covering code enforcement, what qualifies as a code violation, how to report code violations, explain the new City Marshall program and to take questions.

USEFUL GALVESTON CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Galveston: See the City website at <http://www.cityofgalveston.org/>

You can pay utility bills online: Go to <http://www.cityofgalveston.org/176/Utility-Billing> for information or go to <https://cityofgalveston.epayub.com/Pages/default.aspx> to set up your account. You can also call 409-797-3550 for information.

City Website Link: All kinds of information, recorded council meetings, phone numbers etc. at <http://www.cityofgalveston.org/420/G-TV>

Code Enforcement: 409-797-3660 to report litter on private property, overgrown weeds, abandoned cars on private property, and to ask questions about enforcement.

Public Works: call 409-797-3630 or email publicworks@cityofgalveston.org to report issues in public areas needing attention. Water leaks in the streets, drainage problems, street repairs needed, defective traffic signals, and more. Call for free repair if your garbage cart is damaged or lid missing.

Police: For emergency always call 911. For routine requests regarding non-

threatening situations (including abandoned cars on the street), call 409-765-3702. This is also the number to reach animal control.

Recycling: Drop off at the ECO Center on 61st Street, which accepts recyclable items 24/7 (please place items in the appropriate bins--staff is only available to assist between 8 AM and 4:45 PM). Free mulch is also available there. FREE monthly home collection is available to residents who are over 65 or disabled; call 409-741-1446 or email publicworks@cityofgalveston.org . A private recycling pick-up service, [Go Green Galveston](#). (click to go to the webpage or call 409-497-2460). provides weekly pickup for \$10/month, plus a \$25 set-up fee. This program of Galveston Urban Ministries receives rave reviews on NextDoor.

About Williams-Borden Neighborhood Association:

[WBNA Galveston.com:](#) please let us know if you see something that should be added or updated.

[Nextdoor](#) is an excellent online forum for communication with neighbors. If you are not signed up you are missing out!

[Facebook](#) page with WBNA updates is available even if you do not participate in Facebook.

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We appreciate everyone who has already joined or renewed for **2017!** Dues are by calendar year and payable each January. Individuals are \$10, Families \$15, and Sponsorship \$50. We welcome new members anytime so please tell your neighbors about Williams-Borden. ***Of course we also welcome new sponsors so if you know a business that you hope will sponsor us, please ask them!***

Williams-Borden neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The boundaries of WBNA are 35th to 39th Streets, from Avenue M to S (voting membership includes both sides of boundary streets). All are

welcome to help us work for a better neighborhood. Please join with our efforts as described in our bylaws:

By becoming a member of the Association, you are contributing to the ongoing preservation and revitalization efforts evident within the Association boundaries, the surrounding community, and Galveston Island. The Association serves not only as a community organization but as an advocate for the Association, its residents, and neighborhood livability in Galveston's neighborhoods.

Dues can be paid at a meeting, via [Paypal](#) on our website, or by mail to:
*Williams-Borden Neighborhood Association
PO Box 3039
Galveston, TX 77552-0039*

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