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# Linkwood News

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## A Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone in Linkwood!



So what is in store for 2017?

A new President of the United States

Linkwood Events—April/May Annual Meeting, National Night Out, Fall Meeting and Potluck

Linkwood Ladies Monthly Meetings

Linkwood Street Paving and Drainage Project to go out to bid

Further reduction in crime thanks to SEAL Security

**100% of residents to pay Civic Club Dues!**

## Message from Our President

Dear Linkwood Friends,

I hope that everyone had a good holiday season, no matter what holidays you celebrate. I spent the entire holiday (7 weeks) in a wheel chair following a broken foot and foot surgery which would not allow me to put weight on my right foot. It was a challenge, but gave me a whole new appreciation of being disabled. But I am walking now and looking forward to a great 2017. As the cover says, we have a lot to look forward to. But my personal goal is the last item on the cover—to have 100% participation in paying our civic club dues. Catherine Witte and Gary Zimmerman summed up the situation perfectly on page 3. But the gist is that one third of our residents are getting our most important benefit for free and it is not fair to those who pay. As the article says, we are lucky SEAL Security did not raise our rates, but we have no assurance that the same will be the case next year. We are considering offering an added benefit for residents who pay their dues; stay tuned for more information.

Some may say I am beating a dead horse. But the horse is not dead. I have faith in all of those who have not paid in the past that they will make a difference in 2017. I hope you will realize the importance of having our outstanding security to make all of us feel comfortable in our homes. \$275 is about 55-60 cups of coffee at a well known establishment that many of you patronize. That is a little more than one cup a week. Put it in perspective—professional security can make the difference in your safety and maybe even your life. Please pay your dues!!!

Barbara Shurberg  
President



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## St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. Scott Harbison, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for adults, children, and youth begins at 9 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m. blends contemporary and more traditional music and liturgy. We hope you will join us to experience worship in new and exciting ways every Sunday.

### *Save the Date!*

2/28 Jazz in the Parking Lot & Fish Fry 6:00—7:30 p.m.  
Jazz tunes by the Marvin Gaspard Trio  
Fish Fry by Catfish on Wheels  
\$10/adults & \$6/children under age 10

4/15 Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 a.m. (ages 10 and under)  
Bring your Easter basket and meet the Easter Bunny!

4/16 Easter Worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Looking for a women's Bible study? Women of the Word (WOW) meets weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. Contact the church office for more info (713.667.6531).

**God Loves You. No Exceptions!**  
**St. Luke's Welcomes You!**

## SEAL and Linkwood

By Catherine Witte and Gary Zimmerman

SEAL's monitoring and surveillance of our neighborhood is a discretionary service arranged for by our Civic Club Board and paid for by our dues. The neighborhood boards and security liaisons covered by our contract (Linkwood, Woodside, and Westridge) have worked closely with SEAL and believe their services are fairly priced and valuable to our neighborhood, and many contend that these security services have become a necessity in today's world. As with most "services", costs will periodically increase, particularly in SEAL's case, with the price of their fuel. Our neighborhoods were VERY fortunate in 2017 to secure the same rates as for 2016, but we already know this won't be the case next year.

Civic Club dues cover SEAL services, deed restrictions enforcement, landscaping and upkeep of our esplanades, and other administrative costs to "run" our neighborhood. These services should not – and cannot – be considered an "entitlement"; they are not freebies just because we happen to live in Linkwood. Our neighborhood boards and security liaisons hoped -- after seeing the ongoing patrolling (including vacation watches), quick response times, decrease in crime, and SEAL's coordination with HPD -- that ALL residents would step up to pay their dues that cover their fair share of this security expense (as well as the other benefits that come with a well-run neighborhood).

Yet, Linkwood still has almost 1 home in 3 who have chosen not to pay their dues. (The very few who are *financially unable* to pay are not included in that number.)

Due to our neighborhood's organizational structure as a Civic Club, Linkwood's dues cannot be made legally mandatory, though many of us sometimes wish they would be. From Linkwood's inception in the early 1950's through the mid-1980s – roughly its first two generations of residents -- over 90% of Linkwood residents paid their dues every single year – some years the percentage was much higher. Those Linkwood residents (and the 70% of us who currently pay!) considered their payments a fair and responsible part of living in a great neighborhood.

If you have not paid your dues, and you feel you benefit from living in Linkwood, please pay your dues in 2017. Thank you.



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## Linkwood Happenings

- Congratulations to Kelli and Carl Hennagir on the birth of their little girl!

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**LWOOD**  
23/30 - 77%

- 3624
- 3626
- 3627
- 3702
- 3703
- 3706
- 3707
- 3711
- 3714
- 3715
- 3718
- 3723
- 3727
- 3803
- 3810
- 3811
- 3814
- 3815
- 3819
- 3823
- 3827
- 3830
- 3831

**LMEAD-OW**  
17/26 = 65%

- 8611
- 8615
- 8702
- 8703
- 8707
- 8710
- 8711
- 8714
- 8718
- 8719
- 8722
- 8802
- 8807
- 8811
- 8815
- 8819
- 8822

**LCOURT**  
3/4 = 75%

- 8818
- 8918
- 8926

**LVIEW**  
20/24 =

- 3702
- 3706
- 3710
- 3711
- 3714
- 3717
- 3722
- 3723
- 3726
- 3730
- 3731
- 3734
- 3735
- 3802
- 3803
- 3809
- 3810
- 3813
- 3814
- 3817

**S BRAES**  
8/15 = 53%

- 3703
- 3707
- 3711
- 3719
- 3727
- 3811
- 3831
- 3901

**LFAIR**  
5/6 = 83%

- 8710
- 8715
- 8718
- 8719
- 8723

**L TERRACE**  
10/15 = 67%

- 8707
- 8711
- 8716
- 8719
- 8723
- 8727
- 8731
- 8734
- 8735
- 8739

**LPASS**  
7/9 = 78%

- 8610
- 8614
- 8702
- 8706
- 8802
- 8807

**2016 PAID TO DATE:**  
**105 PAID OUT OF 146 OWNERS = 72%**

**LLEA**  
12/15 = 80%

- 3810
- 3811
- 3814
- 3815
- 3818
- 3819
- 3822
- 3823
- 3826
- 3830
- 3834
- 3835





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## Linkwood Ladies to Feature Fantastic 2017 Programs

Linkwood Ladies kicked off 2017 with a bang at the beautiful new home of Dina Munroe-Whitaker. Ladies enjoyed learning about personality types from Jennifer Behan, professional trainer and coach. Future programs include art class with artist Kim Falconer, Cooking and Wine with Chef Patrick McCray, and tips from Master Gardener Dr. Jim Jinnette. Please join us for these fun and educational gatherings with neighbors. Contact Jenna Arnold for more information at [jkene@hotmail.com](mailto:jkene@hotmail.com).

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## **Update on Project Brays—Submitted by John Nienhuser**

Project Brays is the most expensive flood control project undertaken by the Corp of Engineers. The \$458 million dollar project includes several detention ponds and the widening of the channel to provide a 31% increase in the bayou's capacity to carry water to the ship channel.

As you are aware, the phase from Bertner in the medical center to Bevlyn is being worked on and many have wondered when the remaining sections will be done. Timing has been controlled by federal funding with each segment being delayed until federal money was allocated for the next segment. The good news is that the last financial bill passed included money to complete channel work that is planned. It is in two segments. The first will start where the current project ends and move westward to either Rice or as far as Chimney Rock. It is scheduled to start in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017. The final segment to widen the channel on to Fondren is scheduled to start in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018.

For Project Brays to be 100% effective, several bridges will have to be replaced or modified to allow better flow of water. Contractors have been named for bridges at Buffalo Speedway, Stella Link, and Greenbriar. The Buffalo Speedway bridge is tentatively scheduled to start in 2018, the Stella Link bridge in 2019, and the Greenbriar bridge will follow that.