

together to meet and to discuss the issues common as residents of this community. We will be reaching out to you in the next week or so to discuss dates, times, and agendas.

Our third board member, Jacque Freeman, hosted these events before the pandemic - and they created lots of value for HOA leaders in our area. We hope to follow her lead, focusing on the challenges we face as we manage our communities, and (over time) expanding our discussion to the concerns we have about the communities outside our HOA boundaries.

We think it will be a rewarding session for all.

It takes a very special person to lead a homeowners' association or community improvement association. We look forward to celebrating and enriching those strengths - while looking to a wider focus to make our community "a nicer place to live."

To that end, here are some of the things we've been doing in the past couple of months.

Making Our Community “A Nice Place to Live”

Safe Access to Mayde Creek Schools and Nearby Parks & Trails

The need for sidewalks along Greenhouse Road has been long-recognized by parents and residents living in the neighborhoods that surround the Mayde Creek schools. With rapid urbanization in the last 20 years, Greenhouse Road has become a major artery, averaging some 35,000 vehicles per day. Yet, these neighborhoods are not eligible for school bus service, making for a perfect

storm for pedestrian safety.

We should note that the Mayde Creek area is not alone in the effects of urbanization. It exists throughout our neighborhoods located north of I-10.

In the last few months, One Creek West helped to build a coalition of not only concerned HOAs but special districts (MUDs, ESDs) in the community who were willing to help fund needed sidewalks along Greenhouse and, to the south, along Saums Road as well.



Proposed Sidewalk/Trail Project

At the same time, Harris County Precinct 4 introduced a new program, a partnership between the County and the local community called "**Places 4 People**". In this program, the County will fund and build community-recommended projects - if the community can outline the overall requirements and fund 20% of the expected cost.

Our application was submitted on June 16, The next step includes applicant interviews during the week of July 10. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Commercial Truck Parking in Harris County

In our **last newsletter**, we discussed our successful efforts to stop the parking of commercial trucks along South Park View. The City's ParkHouston division has been phenomenal is encouraging these



Trucks Parked Along Atrium Place

trucks to park elsewhere.

It's just harder to do the same in Harris County. Most of you have completed the petition to ban the overnight parking of commercial trucks in and near single-family residential areas, but what about apartments?

In our [survey](#) of new apartment

developments, we have been in contact with the developer of the Lenox Apartments - a community that is under construction now at the old HCC site on Foxlake Drive. Somewhat by accident, we discovered that the code that residential subdivisions have used to ban commercial trucks exists for **apartment communities** but was passed only recently. The developers of the Lenox Apartments have now completed the petition and are arranging an enforcement mechanism,

Expect Atrium Place and Ricefield Drive - two of the streets that bounded the HCC West Campus - to be cleared of commercial trucks by year-end.

But, where will these trucks move to? The street behind Panera's called Restaurant Row is the likely destination. We are in discussion with the manager of the Westgate Business Park to see what can be done. It may take the Texas Legislature to enact new laws, but we are up for the challenge.

Kwik Kar Wash

The progress we announced in April on cleaning this property of trash and fixing the structural hazards has now slowed. After an initial success, progress has been reversed

This building is in the City, so we are in touch



Kwik Kar Wash on Barker Cypress Road

with Council Member Peck;s office to help make sure city codes are enforced. We understand that citations have been issued. However, we are not pleased with the results to date. We will continue to pursue this issue.

Making Our Homes Safe

Coffee With Amy Peck

We hosted a "Coffee with the Council Member", that is, Council Member Amy Peck of District A on June 29. There are two neighborhoods in the One Creek West coalition that are also in the City of Houston - and the focus of the hour-long session was to discuss the City's performance in trash collection and law enforcement. The new commander of the city's Northwest Division, Ray Leon, was on hand, along with perhaps a dozen officers. The meeting went a long way in establishing a better working relationship between HPD and Council Member Peck's constituents.



Event Flyer - June 29

For those of you not in the City, don't discount this meeting. The Director of Government Affairs for Harris County Precinct 4 was graciously also on hand, There

is also a noticeable strengthening in the relationship between the City and the County. We hope to build on that cooperation for the benefit of all neighborhoods in the One Creek West service area.

Making Our Homes Secure

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