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December 2015

The 4th Annual Southside Place Winter Wonderland Carnival Sponsored by Frost Bank

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th from 10am - 2pm, rain or shine! The 4th Annual Southside Place Winter Wonderland Carnival is a fantastic way to have fun, connect with your neighbors and raise money for a great cause. All proceeds go

and scale the huge rock climbing wall. Then have your face painted, visit the balloon artist and throw some confetti eggs at your friends!

A special thanks to John Daugherty Realtors who will be on the scene again this year taking photos with Santa. And don't forget to bring your gloves or mittens to play in the huge pile of SNOW!

Enjoy pizza, Chick-fil-a, and drinks and then top things off with a delicious shaved ice or hot chocolate from Kona Ice.

There will also be a silent auction where you can bid on great items, including the right to name your own street in Southside! Grab some great finds at the shopping bazaar featuring local small businesses.



directly toward improvements to our beloved Fire Truck Park!

The Grand Sponsor of the Carnival is Frost Bank, which has very generously donated \$5,000 for the 4th year in a row. Thank you so much, Frost Bank!

Join us on the Southside Clubhouse grounds to play carnival games, climb on inflatables, ride a mechanical bull



Walker Dellinger, Ryan Gatto, Gavin Sim are all smiles at Southside Place Winter Wonderland



Ashley and Jack Neslage

We are so thankful for the amazing support of our wonderful community each year to make the Southside Winter Wonderland Carnival a huge success!

To find out more about the carnival or to be a sponsor, please contact Melissa Byers (917-375-0001) or Ashley Neslage (713-410-4440).

**Hope to see you there on
December 5th - 10AM-2PM**

2015 Southside All-Stars Swim Team

It was another great summer for the Southside All-Stars Swim Team! Over 110 swimmers, ages 4-18, were a part of the team this season. Southside teamed up with swimmers from Briar Meadow and the Jewish Community Center to form the Southwest United Team, which competed against West U, Bellaire and Willowbend.

Head Coach Andrew Deavers led the All-Stars with the help of his great coaching staff, including Sarah Bland, Charlie Cohen, Grace Darling, Nikki Ereli, Jared Hoesel, Kathryn Olivé, Lena Provenzano and Caroline Ryan.

The season kicked off with a pizza party on Mother's Day where swimmers got to meet their coaches and test out the pool. The team then practiced every day, competed in 3 regular season meets, hosted a great home meet and sent swimmers to the league preliminaries and finals. We finished off the season with our annual swim banquet at the end of June, where swimmers received medals, pins and certificates, celebrating a great season with friends and family.



Special thanks to Wads Crews and our awesome new Swim Team Coordinator, Samantha Smith, for all of their hard work! Look forward to seeing everyone back in 2016 for another great season!

2015 Southside Summer Camp

Southside kids of all ages had a blast at camp again this summer. This unique experience is only open to Southside residents. Camp Directors Jeff Carrus, Holly Turner and Allison Akers, along with their great team of counselors, led the kids in tons of fun activities each day during the June and July sessions. Many grew up attending camp and have now returned as counselors.



Younger campers had lots of fun, including art projects, story time, park visits, dress up parties, baking and tons of playtime with their friends. Older campers participated in a variety of fast-paced games, played foosball, had scooter races, played board games and did tons of cool art projects, in addition to visiting the park, pool and tennis courts.



Special activities this summer included bobbing for donuts on a string, water slide and dunk tank day, a visit from the Kona Ice truck, fun Friday lunches and everyone's favorite dodgeball game, Survival!

Southside Camp provides such a great opportunity for kids to reunite with their old friends and make new ones. See you all back at the clubhouse next summer!



Garden Party 2015 Rain or Fire

Last October, we held our first Outstanding Dinner in the Garden. Modeled after the traveling Outstanding in the Field™ dinner party, we set one long table for 54 guests outside in the vacant lot next to the garden. A string of white paper lanterns illuminated the table, serving beef, chicken, and fish and three other courses family style. Last year, everything was so PERFECT that we didn't want to change a thing.



It hadn't rained in Houston in over six weeks. Houston was in a drought. The weather for the citywide block party on October 18th was perfect. However, shortly before our party, Hurricane Patricia came up from Mexico, rain came in from the west, and strong winds came in from the east. We were in the vortex of three storms with severe street flooding projected. Many weekend events were canceled. We had to make the decision to get tents, go inside, or cancel. Plan B was tents: Renting tents was cost prohibitive and none that were long enough were available. I bought four tents online, but the never



arrived. Maybe that was for the best, as the heavy rains saturated the grass and there was a threat of lightening. Plan C was to go inside the fire station next door to the garden. The firemen pulled the firetrucks out, cleaned the floor and turned over the building to us. Being plan C, the venue and ambiance wasn't perfect, but it was still OUTSTANDING! We had a great turn out and guests were raving about the food and the fun of the whole event.

Special thanks go to Scott Spencer and Barb DeWitt for the wine donation, the firemen and Assistant Chief of Police Ulysses Serrano for donating their space, and Jennifer Anderson and Ron Shimkus for the chair rental donation and for their hard labor in turning a fire station into a charming restaurant. If you missed out, don't worry: We'll do it again next October—hopefully outside in pleasant weather.

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Frost Bank Winter Wonderland Carnival



Guess who will be our special guest on Saturday
December 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



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all four years (2011-2015)

- ❄ Snow
- ❄ Confetti Eggs
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