

# HOUSTON'S PREMIERE URBAN VILLAGE

## NEIGHBORHOOD INTERESTS



Boulevard Oaks  
Museum Area Municipal Association  
Morningside Place  
Old Braeswood  
Southampton  
Southampton Extension  
Southgate

## BUSINESS INTERESTS



International Bank of Commerce (IBC)  
Rice Village Merchants

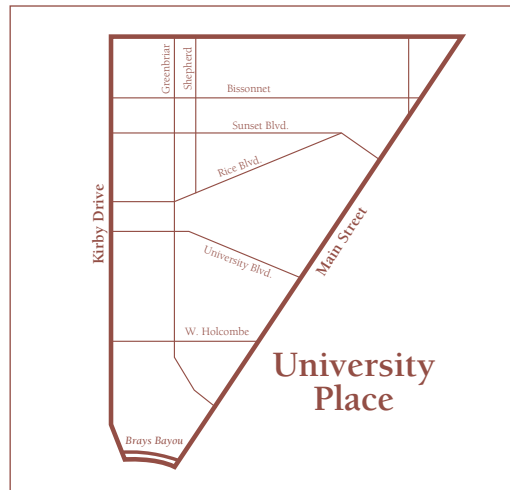
## INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATES



Rice University  
South Main Alliance  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
First Christian Church



FOUNDED IN 1989 AND INCORPORATED IN 1996,  
UNIVERSITY PLACE IS LED BY A BOARD REPRESENTING  
BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS AND CIVIC GROUPS  
ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.



LOCATED BETWEEN THE MUSEUM DISTRICT,  
HERMANN PARK, THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER AND  
WEST UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY PLACE IS AT THE HEART  
OF HOUSTON'S MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS.

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UNIVERSITY PLACE  
ASSOCIATION

What a concept! Take a piece of  
our big city and make it a village,  
a place where people feel connected,  
where citizens know they have a say in  
matters that affect them in their homes,  
their businesses, their neighborhood.

The area around Rice University  
is just such a village.



*Through University Place Association, residents, businesses and institutions work together to promote understanding and harmony within our neighborhood, and exercise greater influence over what happens both within and outside of our village. We work closely with the City of Houston, which used University Place as the model for citywide "Super Neighborhoods."*

*We're a diverse group here in University Place — individual family residences, multi-family duplexes and apartments, student housing, small Mom and Pop stores, large national chains, churches and synagogues, and a major university – a great mix!*

## THE UNIVERSITY PLACE ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED TO

- Address issues affecting businesses, residents and institutions in University Place
- Provide community advocacy and coordinate efforts of constituents to resolve specific issues
- Foster coordination and communication among area security agencies
- Liaison with the City of Houston, TXDOT and METRO on traffic, transportation and public works projects
- Maintain ongoing relationships with city, state and federal elected public officials and city department directors
- Share information through meetings and messaging
- Preserve the character and charm of this unique community
- Prepare and submit annual Super Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) on behalf of UPA residents and business owners

## COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE

- Participation in drafting or amending Houston's Cell Tower Ordinance, Sexually Oriented Business (SOB) Ordinance, Offstreet Parking Ordinance, Chapter 42 Ordinance, and Decal Parking Ordinance
- Assisted the Southwest Freeway Alternative Project (S.W.A.P.) to successfully defeat TXDOT's plan for a 5-story HOV lane on US59 from Shepherd to downtown and address architectural and landscape design for that stretch of US59
- Successfully lobbied the City to reduce the right-of-way width of Greenbriar between Rice Boulevard and Main Street to prevent future widening of Greenbriar
- Initiated and brought together a coalition to create Gateway US59 Scenic District, Houston's first scenic district in 11 years
- Successful protest of Rick's Cabaret's proposed location on edge of University Place

- Successful liquor license protests to stop clubs or bars negatively impacting residential areas in University Place
- Sought and monitored public works projects, traffic calming and mitigation, resolution of parking problems, tree plantings in public rights of way
- Facilitated Town Hall meeting and letter writing campaign to stop proposed highrise on Shakespeare Street
- Led successful protest of the City's proposed removal of esplanades and proposed widening of Kirby between Holcombe and Brays Bayou; facilitated meetings for Kirby stakeholders and City staff regarding the City's proposed installation of esplanades north of University Blvd.
- Halted installation of unwanted parking meters in Rice Village, hosted Town Hall for Rice Village businesses and City officials, facilitated voting process on metering

## ONGOING EFFORTS INCLUDE

- Coordination and communication between area security agencies
- Advocacy – helping University Place residents and business owners address and resolve issues
- Communication
- Curtailing proliferation of billboards
- Working to mitigate parking problems in the Rice Village
- Historic preservation
- Infrastructure improvements
- Monitoring traffic and transportation and land use projects in University Place

