

Baldwin Square Homeowners Association, Inc.

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Dear Baldwin Square Resident:

In the past month there have been numerous thefts of ornamental metal address plaques from townhomes throughout Midtown, and many in Baldwin Square. **To promote better HPD patrols and ensure prosecution, it is imperative that each and every incident be reported to the Houston Police Department – regardless of when it occurred!** This can be done easily by calling HPD at 713-884-3131 or by filing an online report at:

http://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm.

Further information and updates are available at www.baldwinsquare.org

A number of these plates have now been recovered by HPD. Therefore, as soon as you have filed a police report, please contact Officer. Gamez, HPD, with the incident report number, your name and address (house number!) so the recovered plates can be matched, and the suspects prosecuted. Please contact Officer. Gamez at:

Phone (281) 405.6564

Fax: (281) 405 6576

The initial and ongoing recovery of the BSHA plaques is the direct result of joint efforts by concerned BSHA residents, the BSHA board, the Midtown Management District (Cynthia Alvarado), as well as elected officials and their staff who have been contacted in this matter and who we would like to thank for their efforts.

However, suspects can only be prosecuted if a police report by affected individual property owners has been filed with HPD for each and every crime in the neighborhood.

In addition, to discourage further thefts, you are urged to turn on your front exterior lights in the evenings as well as ensure that your exterior garage light is on. In the gated subdivisions, please keep your front gates locked at all times – and remind your neighbors to do the same!

Since the care and maintenance of the BSHA townhome property is the responsibility of the homeowner, you will need to replace the house number. ***It is important for your safety and convenience that your house numbers be replaced.*** In the event of an emergency, these plaques identify your property to the police, the fire department and to the emergency medical service. In addition, delivery services (USPS, UPS, etc.) may not be able to identify your house without these numbers.

Replacement plaques of similar design and color are available from some local home improvement stores or online retailers.

We have identified the supplier to homebuilder Perry Homes. Perry Homes is currently installing cast aluminum plaques at its current projects, the same shape and design of the stolen brass plaques. They are manufactured by Whitehall Products. They can be ordered directly by contacting *Ms. Marybeth Taylor at 800-728-5449 Extension 3610*. The price is \$51.00 plus shipping – *item number 1449QB (Perry Homes)*.

Here are a few other sources:

<http://www.whitehallproducts.com/> (Brass & Cast Aluminum)

<http://www.seattlelux.com/> (Brass & Cast Aluminum)

<http://www.outdoordecor.com/> (Brass & Aluminum)

http://www.apexcaststone.com/apex_services.html (Cast Stone)

http://www.steelmailbox.com/html/deluxe_address_plaques.html (Acrylic)

The current plaques are 6"x12"x 0.5" with 4" tall numbers. The border and numbers are brass on a black background. Please replace the plaque with one as close to the same size, color and design. The goal is to maintain a consistent architectural standard throughout the property while providing affordable and permanent address numbers, consistent with the architecture of our subdivisions.

If you have the appropriate trim/frame around the door, you may also want to install individual numbers – you can purchase the "Gatehouse 4" Solid Zinc Antique Brass House Number" available at Lowes for \$2.98 each, also online!

Thank you for your help replacing the much-needed address numbers.

Remain alert and report any suspicious activity to HPD immediately.

Board of Directors
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