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CANCELLED MARILYN ESTATES ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING

Presidents Message- *Elizabeth Santikos*

Neighbors,

As of this writing, our great city is on an official "Stay Home, Work Safe" order until April 30th. (Federal) If you have questions specific to this order, ReadyHarris.org is the best source for answers.

I join many other parents in the neighborhood whose children are out of school until at least April 10th. One of the most important things we can do for our kids is get them outside as often as possible. Thanks to some of our amazing neighbors, we have great ways for you to enjoy this time with your family. Every Monday at 10am you will be treated to beautiful music by students from Parker Elementary performing in their front yards.

Another is the Bear Hunt where you can take your children around the neighborhood and see how many bears they can spot in windows. One family spotted 33 bears! Yesterday, we discussed doing chalk drawings on the sidewalk in front of your home (kids or adults) so as people pass they can enjoy the artwork.

Whether you have children or not, get out and go on a walk. I promise you will feel better with some fresh air!

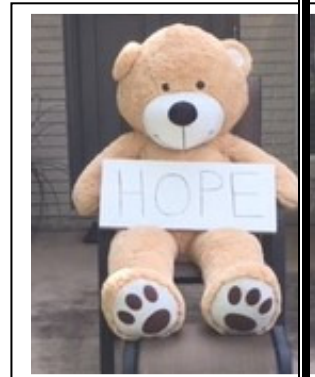
I find that when I am walking people are very respectful of distance by one of us moving into the street to pass. Regardless, we smile and wave. I've met so many more of my neighbors in the past two weeks than in the last 9 years!

Please remember our local restaurants. Many are offering take-out food and some are even doing delivery. If you would like a list of restaurants serving our area please let me know. Several local businesses will allow you to call ahead and pay for your items then bring them out to your car. Grocery stores will deliver. Walgreens lets you order online then pick up in the drive-thru. They need to keep something going for their business to survive but most important is helping their employees.

If you happen to see a Delivery Driver, Officer or Mail Carrier in the neighborhood, yell a thank you. Every time I do it brings a smile to their face. If you know anyone in the medical field, please express your gratitude for their service.

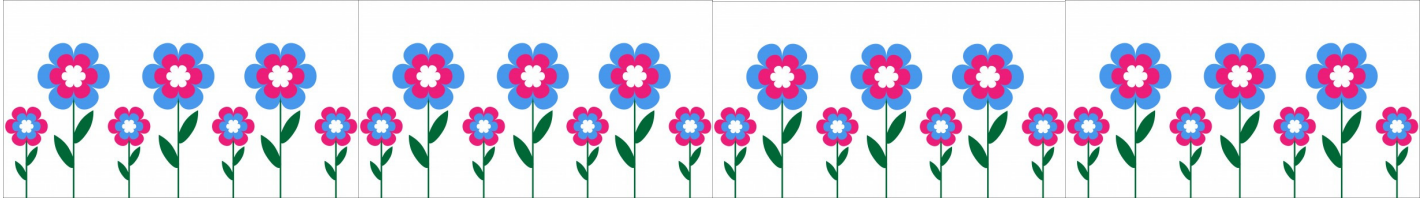
We have to lean on each other in times like this. If you need something, let someone know. We are all in this together and many people want to help.

Stay home. Stop the spread. Save lives.



Welcome Committee - *Susan Gubit*

During the months of February and March I delivered letters of welcome and copies of the January 2020 Marilyn Estates Gazette to the homes of 15 new owners and 4 new renters. Four of these residents contacted me regarding a personal visit at which time I presented them with a welcome bag from our HOA. The bags include gifts from Home Depot (11500 Chimney Rock), Avalon Insurance Agency (9660 Hillcroft, Ste. 240), Lowe's Home Improvement (4645 Beechnut), Vogue Cleaners (9150 Chimney Rock), and various merchants from the Farmers' Market (Chimney Rock and South Braeswood).



Yard of the Month

Welcome spring.

We thank our neighbors whose labor has made each street attractive.

...and we are grateful to the folks who have taken time from family responsibilities during this unusual period to peruse the neighborhood to identify the most attractive front lawns.

One important reminder, in addition the appearance of your yard, to qualify for the **Yard Of The Quarter**, your home address must be in view from the front sidewalk. In fact, this a saves time for emergency vehicles to get to the correct destination.



5426 Wigton
5518 Wigton
5415 Cheena
5530 Cheena
5435 Lymbar
5502 Lymbar
5515 Braeswood
9726 Braesmont
9706 Chimney Rock

5427 Paisley
9707 Oasis
9710 Kit
9723 Atwell
5430 Queensloch
5527 Queensloch
5430 Rutherglenn
5523 Rutherglenn
9706 Burdine

9727 Checkerboard
5435 Valkeith
5523 Valkeith
5410 Dumfries
5515 Dumfries
5426 Yarwell
5543 Yarwell



Security- *Maury Sklar*

We need always be aware of our neighborhood activity and report any suspicious people and vehicles in our area by calling Constable **Precinct 5 dispatch at 281-463-6666**. When you call, provide the location and description and license plate number and any additional information you have. It also is important to provide them any video recordings from your security cameras to help our deputy Constables in capturing the criminals. Recently such recordings assisted in a capture. Law enforcement recommends every homeowner to install cameras to record activity to be used as evidence and lead to arrest and conviction, along with installing home alarm systems.

Call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch to request **vacation watch** on your home and a deputy will stop by to get your information before your trip. Here are some additional security tips and reminders from Precinct 5 Constables to always keep in mind:

Robbery Safety Tips:

Prevention At Home

- All doors leading to the outside should have dead-bolt locks. Lock your doors and windows when you are at home.
- Before opening an exterior door, make sure you know the identity of the person at your door before allowing admission.
- Do not open the door to an unexpected visitor. This includes company employees and other solicitors.
- Install a peephole with a 190-degree viewing angle so that you can verify who is on the other side of your door or install a doorbell camera and other exterior perimeter cameras to view it and record any activity.
- Do not advertise that you live alone.
- Make sure exterior lighting is on at night. Inexpensive timers or photoelectric cells will automatically turn lights on and off at dusk and dawn.

Car safety

- Always park in a well-lighted area so you can see your car and its surroundings from a distance.
- Have your car keys ready as you approach your vehicle and look under, around, and inside your car for persons who may be hiding. If safe, **Enter and immediately lock all doors**.
- Stay alert. Don't drive on autopilot. Watch your mirrors for any car that might be following. If you think someone is following you, do not go home. Drive to the nearest police, fire, or gas station, or well-lighted area where there are people that can help.
- While stopped in traffic, leave enough room between your car and the one in front so you can maneuver and escape if necessary.
- Keep an alert eye out for any suspicious characters at intersections.

Walk Alertly and Confidently

- Try not to walk alone. It's a lot safer if you walk with at least one other person.
- Be alert, walk with your head up and do not let your mind wander. Frequently scan your surroundings, including behind you.
- When walking at night, consider a taxicab or Uber even for short trips.
- Trust your instincts, avoid uncomfortable situations. It's better to be safe than sorry.
- Be observant for groups of males/females driving or just hanging around. Do not take shortcuts through unlit, sparsely traveled paths such as trails, stairwells or alleys.

Be Smart About Cash

- Carry only the amount of cash that you expect to use. If cash is needed use ATM or debit cards.
- Avoid outdoor ATM's, particularly at night and those in secluded areas inside.
- Be alert at banks or check cashing businesses. Carrying cash marks you as a target.
- Avoid showing your wallet. Keep needed cash, ID, and credit cards in an accessible pocket.
- Do not wear expensive or expensive looking jewelry and carry as little cash as possible. Leave valuable items at home.
- Being alert and attentive to your surroundings play the biggest role in your safety and your life can depend on it. If you notice a suspicious vehicle, get as much information about the vehicle as you can, and call Pct. 5 dispatch at 281-463-6666.
- If you can help it, try not to go to the ATMs at night, between sunrise and sunset, those hours are prime for those who are lurking in an effort to rob and/or steal from you.
- Ladies, we love our large handbags, but try leaving them home and carrying a small wallet you can tuck away. This will assist in your discreet carrying of cash or valuables.

Lock your garages!

Be sure to program Constable Precinct 5 dispatch phone number 281-463-6666 into your cell phone and notify your alarm company to have this number entered into their system, preferably as first responder.

Thanks for all of your help and awareness in fighting crime.

WHAT TO DO DURING “STAY AT HOME ORDER”

Walk along Braes Bayou, Visit Willow Water Hole, give Jumble a try or have a glass of wine



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NOYME
MONEY
DLAAS
SALAD
AFUIRN
UNFAIR
KACYRN

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THERE' BEEN SOME BURGLARIES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: FOAMY SEIZE NOTION GAMBI
Answer: The wedding cake looked delicious and would be eaten - "INGEST" A MCMENT



PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK

Please remember that it is against the Marilyn Estates Deed Restrictions to block a sidewalk with a vehicle for any reason. In addition, it violates a City of Houston Ordinance and you could receive a citation.



We have many more neighbors walking and biking due to the Stay at Home Order. In many cases diverting to the street is not an option. Please pull your vehicle into the garage or park on the street.

We Are Happy You Are Our Neighbor - Marge Mayer

When you walk into **Old Hickory Inn**, 5427 S. Braeswood, it feels like you are in a different time. There is no glitzy chrome or fancy furniture, just a welcoming, down-home atmosphere. The rich BBQ aroma draws you to the counter, where you are warmly greeted by whoever is taking the order. Today, Efrin was there for me.

This restaurant was started in 1963 by Thomas Karnezis. It was one of the first retail businesses in the Braes Oaks Shopping Center. Back then, Marilyn Estates was in its infancy, and trees were beginning to take root. Today, Tom's son Ted runs Old Hickory Inn, and there also are two other successful locations. If you have binged on BBQ, and your taste buds need a break, Tom Karnezis, owns and runs Alexander The Great Greek on Sage Rd.

Old Hickory Inn is tenacious. It has withstood two serious floods, a fire, and the shock of someone driving through the front window. Tammy Hayes, the Administrator, laughed and said, "I guess that person wanted to make a drive in!" Speaking of drive-ins, patrons can order online and get a 10% discount for doing so, and curbside delivery is available.

Tammy is devoted to the company. She is at the core of Old Hickory Inn. She knows all the employees, business details, and the menu. When asked about her favorite dinner, without hesitation, she said her comfort food is a sliced brisket sandwich with sweet jalapeño sauce and a basket of hand cut fries. She also proudly said that the fried catfish dinner was voted among the best top ten in the City of Houston. She concluded by praising the staff and their loyalty to Old Hickory Inn.



Over the past 57 years, Old Hickory Inn has supported various schools and organizations, including our Marilyn Estates Association. It is philanthropic and believes in taking an active role in the community. We are delighted that Old Hickory Inn is here in our neighborhood and wish this restaurant many more years of success.

On behalf of Ted, Tammy, Efrin, Alfredo, Arturo, Nancy, Isabel, Hilda, Lupita, and Julio at Old Hickory Inn, your business is greatly appreciated.

Hilda and Efrin

Treasurer's Report - by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association
Q1 - 2020, Financial Summary

	2019 Q1	2020 Q1
INCOME		
Security - Current Year	\$87,176	\$86,672
Security - Past Due	\$0	\$480
Dues - Current Year	\$25,676	\$23,810
Dues - Past Due	\$0	\$140
Fees - Refinance	\$100	\$0
Fees - Resale Certificate	\$0	\$150
Fees - Transfer	\$400	\$400
Fees - Late Fee	\$0	\$200
Advertising	\$0	\$0
Dividend Income	\$222	\$59
Interest Income	\$385	\$1,195
Credit Card Fees	\$48	\$60
TOTAL INCOME	\$114,007	\$113,166
EXPENSES		
Security	\$27,074	\$27,744
Lawn Service:		
Contractual	\$2,814	\$2,814
Flower Planting	\$0	\$0
Maintanance	\$220	\$0
Tree Project	\$6,592	\$0
Insurance	\$4,381	\$4,429
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0
Tax Preparation	\$0	\$0
Admin:		
ACH & CC processing	\$149	\$284
Meeting Expense	\$0	\$400
Office Supplies	\$71	\$56
Postage, PO Box	\$70	\$129
Newsletter	\$0	\$36
Website	\$286	\$644
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,660	\$36,536
NET INCOME	\$72,347	\$76,630
BALANCE SHEET		
Chase Operating Acct as of 3/31/2020	\$37,791	\$47,631
Chase Savings Acct as of 03/31/2019	\$43	\$43
Chase CD 13 mo @ .25% 5/15/2019	\$40,799	\$0
Fidelity Investment Account:	\$220,359	\$250,576
TOTAL ASSETS	\$298,991	\$298,250

Account Recievable: as of 3/31/2020
-101 homeowners owe dues - \$49,110
-17 homeowners are past due more than 1 year
Home Sales:
* 3 homes sold in Q1 2020
* 27 homes sold in 2019
* 33 homes sold in 2018
* 17 homes sold in 2017



Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Judge



Countywide Polling Program Allows Fifty Percent of Runoff Election Voters to Cast Ballots Outside Their Home Precinct

Despite the December 14 runoff election being held on a Saturday, half of Harris County voters chose a location other than their home precinct to cast their ballot. As part of County Judge Lina Hidalgo's efforts to make participating in local government easier for residents, the county's new Countywide Polling initiative makes it more convenient than ever for residents to get to the polls to vote. Eligible non-voters: you just don't have an excuse anymore! For more information on the next election and polling locations, visit [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com).

SUPPER NEIGHBORHOOD 31

I would like to thank the Marilyn Estates Board for changing your meeting date to not conflict with our Super Neighborhood 31 meetings. We hope to be at your meetings and hope your residents will join us at ours. During our February meeting, many of the candidates for the County Commissioner seat introduced themselves to us and spoke about their experience and goals. Given the virus situation, our future meetings are on hold.

I look forward to updating you in the future.

Regards,

Terry Cominsky
President Super Neighborhood 31



Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher Hosts Second Telephone Town Hall on COVID-19 with Representative Sarah Davis

(Houston, TX) – Last night, Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07) hosted a telephone town hall with State Representative Sarah Davis (HD-134) on COVID-19. The telephone town hall focused on the coronavirus pandemic and how communities in Texas' Seventh Congressional District are responding. More than 1,500 constituents participated.

"We are at an unprecedented moment—in our own lifetimes and in our country's history – and we all have many questions about how our lives will be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," said **Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher**. "The questions asked by my constituents highlighted key concerns specific to our community, and I was grateful for the opportunity to address them. I thank our panelists for joining us and providing key insights as we work to mitigate the impacts of the virus."

"I am thankful for Congresswoman Fletcher's Office, the Harris County Office of Emergency Management, The Harris County Medical Society, and The Texas Department of State Health Services for coming together to provide pertinent information and answers to our constituents' questions. Now more than ever, it is crucial that we are all well informed and share information freely amongst all levels of government. I am glad I was able to participate in and facilitate that exchange," said **Representative Sarah Davis**.

Congresswoman Fletcher and Representative Davis were joined by a panel of experts to help answer constituent questions:

- Stephanie Wright, Recovery Specialist at the Harris County Office of Emergency Management
- Dr. Ronald Walters, President of the Harris County Medical Society
- Dr. David Gruber, the Associate Commissioner for Regional and Local Health Operations, Border Health, Emergency Preparedness and the Texas Center for Infectious Diseases at the Texas Department of State Health Services

This is Congresswoman Fletcher's second town hall focused on COVID-19, and her third telephone town hall overall. She held her first telephone town hall on COVID-19 last week with more than 1,900 constituents participating. Since being elected to Congress, she has also hosted five community conversations, which serve as "town halls on a topic," and five general town halls. Congresswoman Fletcher will continue to hold telephone town halls to connect with the community throughout this unprecedented health emergency.

She hopes you will reach out to her office should you need any help with federal agencies. Call her Houston office at: (713) 353-8680 or use the form online at <https://fletcher.house.gov>. Please use her website to keep an eye on upcoming events, including a Community Conversation on Health Care on February 19 (location TBD) and the Congressional Art Contest, which all high school students in the district are invited to participate in!

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