



MARILYN
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MARILYN ESTATES MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7 PM

Board Room
Jewish Community Center

President's Message

by Carter Hixon

Hello neighbors-

We held our first Quarterly meeting for the 2017 year on January 23 at the JCC. Our annual budget was presented and was unanimously approved. This was the meeting that all homeowners get to participate in our homeowner governing process. Many thanks to our residents that attended and entered the discussion about the running of our Association.

Please remember that your Block Director is your connection to the Board of Directors and each of you need to meet your Director in person. Your Director's name and contact information is on the last page of any Gazette.

About a year ago, your Director visited you and left a Consent form to approve our Proposed Deed Restrictions. We are still trying to get the 51% needed to register these Restrictions at the courthouse. Please contact your Director if you need an updated copy of this Consent form or are new to the neighborhood. We have been trying as an Association to approve these Restrictions since early 2014. Please help upgrade our rules to current standards with your approval.

We have three vacancies on our Board of Directors. They are the 5500 block of Wigton, 5400 block of Cheena, and Atwell and S. Braeswood. If you are interested, please contact any officer of the association.

You may have noticed in adjoining neighborhoods that there are stickers on storm drains furnished by the City of Houston called Clean Water/ Clear Choice. These stickers remind us that our storm drains are designed to carry only storm water from our streets and nothing else. Trash, grass clippings and chemicals should not be sent down these drains. Remember everything put into these drains ultimately end up in Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Sea life mistakes this debris for food and often die when they digest it. Please be a good neighbor to our environment.

Our Board voted to remove mosquito spraying from the services provided by our Association. This spraying is controversial and Meyerland Association does not spray either. The spray kills pollinators such as bees, butterflies and bugs beneficial to our food supply. There are many exterminators that perform this service, the choice is yours.



Friends in Marilyn Estates,

Mayor Turner and I recently hosted a press conference, along with new Police Chief Art Acevedo and Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, to announce a new 4-year plan to combat human trafficking in Houston.

The program seeks to not only highlight this critical issue in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl, but also to continue aggressive enforcement against both sex and labor trafficking after the big game is over.

Objectives include, among others:

- Providing training for City workers as well as hotel and taxi industry employees on how to spot and respond to trafficking situations
- Ensuring the public has access to information on how to make safe choices when patronizing businesses frequently used as fronts for trafficking, such as massage parlors and nail salons
- Publishing online tool kits to increase community awareness and engagement.

In addition, going forward, law enforcement agencies have pledged to distribute photos to media outlets of those found paying for prostitution, which can often involve a trafficking victim.

“If You See Something, Say Something.” If you suspect human trafficking, please contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 and also contact the HPD Vice Division to share the details of the incident at 713- 308-8600.

For further information on how you can combat human trafficking in our community, please visit HumanTraffickingHouston.org.

Best regards,

Ellen R. Cohen
City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member, District C



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Security

We continue to experience very low crime in our neighborhood with help from our neighbors and dedicated deputy Constable patrol. We need to continue watching for any suspicious people and vehicles in our area and calling Constable Precinct 5 dispatch at 281-463-6666 and providing the location and description as soon as possible. Law enforcement recommends installing cameras to record activity to be used as evidence and leading to arrest and conviction, in addition to having a home alarm system.

To request vacation watch on your home, you can call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch and a deputy will stop by to get your information for more immediate watch or you can do this online if you can give at least 5 days notice before your trip and using the links in the security section of our website or Precinct 5 website:

<http://www.marilynestates.com/> or <http://www.constablepct5.com/>.

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.

With warmest regards,
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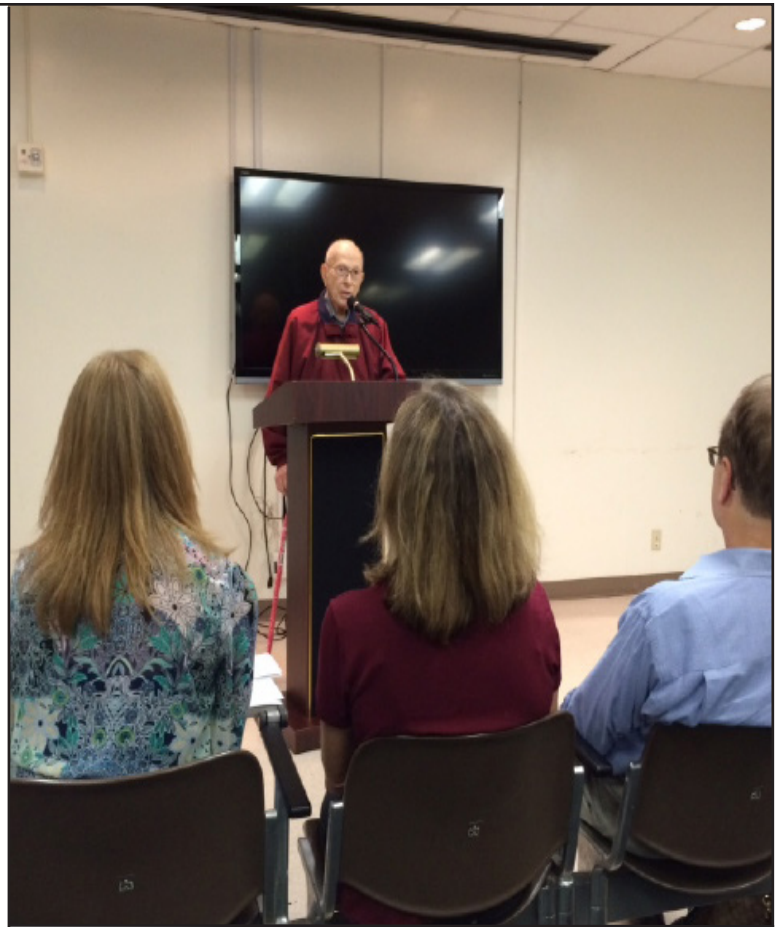
End of An Era

By Marge Mayer

Longtime Marilyn Estates resident Robert Schwartz passed away November 19, 2016. Bob & his wife Miriam were original Marilyn Estates residents and built their house on the corner of Braesmont and Queensloch. Both were instrumental in organizing our Homeowners Association and Bob was an active member until his recent death.

Bob earned BSEE and MSEE degrees from Rice University. In his early years, he served on active duty in the Korean War, with the Marine Corps Reserve, and worked in Washington D. C. for the government. He then returned to Houston with Miriam and became active in numerous organizations. He was President of Congregation Beth Israel Men's Club and the IEEE Geophysical Society. Bob also held high offices with Brays Bayou Association, Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy and other community organizations. In his retirement he retooled computers and donated them to schools. Bob was a Renaissance man and recently the Schwartz Gazebo was dedicated in honor of his untiring service to the Willow Water Hole.

Our neighborhood sends condolences to Bob's sons, Jeffery and Steven, his daughter-in-law Julie, two grandchildren and extended family. We salute Bob Schwartz for the impact he made in our community and city.





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We Need Your Help!

Hi Neighbors! Marilyn Estates leadership is asking you to consider getting involved in leading our wonderful neighborhood by working with the Marilyn Estates Association. We need your help, input, and ideas to keep our neighborhood as great as it is now and to make it even better.

A beautiful, safe, friendly neighborhood with high property values does not happen without people working together to make it that way and to keep it that way. We are fortunate to have smart, committed officers, directors, and volunteers, but we always need more!

In the next few months, it will be time once again for a nominating committee to find neighbors willing to serve Marilyn Estates Association in various capacities for one-year terms. Before that time comes, we are asking you to consider serving in some way. Our officers include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Parliamentarian

In addition, we have Block Directors, who along with the officers, make up our Board of Directors.

We also have committees, including:

- Architectural Control Committee
- Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Communications Committee
- Security Committee
- Welcoming Committee

You can find full descriptions of the duties of our officers, Block Directors, and committees in our By-Laws posted on our website, marilynstates.com. Click on the "Marilyn Estates Association" tab, and scroll down to "Marilyn Estates Association By-Laws." Or use the following link: http://www.marilynestates.com/2013/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=108:marilyn-estates-association-by-laws&catid=37&Itemid=591

We were so happy to see about 50 new families at our Block Party last October, and hope that many of you and more will strongly consider serving. We need your help to recharge Marilyn Estates' leadership and help keep us great!

Please contact Marilyn Estates President, Carter Hixon, at presidentmea@outlook.com to volunteer and to get more information.

Please consider becoming one of our leaders!

Lynn Busch
Marilyn Estates Parliamentarian



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Resident of Marilyn Estates for 40 years

Treasurer's Report

by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association

Year End - Financial Summary - 2016

INCOME

Dues - Current Year	\$ 29,817
Dues - Previous Years	\$ 1,094
Security - Current Year	\$ 102,281
Security - Previous Years	\$ 3,642
Late Fees Assessed	\$ 1,563
Fees - Transfer	\$ 2,000
Advertising	\$ 610
Fees - Refinance	\$ 600
Interest Income	\$ 357
Fees - Resale Certificate	\$ 150
Other Admin	\$ 112
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 142,226

EXPENSES

Security (*net reimburse from Barklay Square)	\$ 105,361
Lawn Service (Contractual)	\$ 10,928
Insurance	\$ 4,415
Legal Fees	\$ 3,178
Admin	\$ 757
Landscaping & Irrigation	\$ 550
Newsletter	\$ 375
Sign Repair	\$ 295
Website	\$ 153
Socials	\$ 143
Bank Charges	\$ 48
Mosquito Spraying	\$ 0
Other	\$ 619
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 126,822
NET INCOME	\$ 15,404

BALANCE SHEET

B of A CD 12 mo.\$51K .0% 2/16/2017	\$ 51,951
Chase CD 13 mo.\$40K .25% 1/15/2018	\$ 40,544
Chase CD 18 mo.\$43K .25% 10-15-2017	\$ 43,684
Chase Operating Acct	\$ 39,145
Chase Savings Acct	\$ 38,989
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 214,314

* As of year end - 2016 - 18 homeowners are past due totaling \$ 11,931

* 20 homes sold in 2016

Yards of the Quarter

The YOTQ will be judged four times a year, mid-January, mid-April, mid-July, mid-October. In addition there will be a Winter Holiday Front Yard Decoration contest which be judged in mid-December.

The criterion considered for YOTQ will be:

- Overall appearance of the front of your home.
- Excellent maintenance of total front yard i.e. grass mowed and edged.
- Bushes and trees trimmed
- Ornaments or decorations tastefully displayed
- Except for pick up day, no garbage, recycle container or yard bags at curbside.
- Innovation and creativity will be taken into consideration.
- To qualify for YOTQ, homes must have their address clearly visible from the street (this is a city ordinance).

5422 Queensloch	5523 Dumfries
5523 Queensloch	5419 Yarwell
9726 Checkerboard	5527 Yarwell
9714 Burdine	5442 Wigton
5414 Rutherglenn	5534 Wigton
5522 Rutherglenn	5439 Cheena
5407 Valkeith	5530 Cheena
5535 Valkeith	5427 Paisley
5414 Dumfries	5414 Lymbar

For the YOTQ, we are selecting a maximum of one home per block. In order to provide opportunities to recognize more homes, the YOTQ will only be awarded to any property only one time during the calendar year. In rare instances, if no home qualifies, there will be no home recognized on the street. Four mystery judges will be cruising through our subdivision five times a year. They will not be evaluating their own block.

Marilyn Estates Association Minutes: Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday January 23, 2017
Jewish Community Center

President Carter Hixon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and Nancy Hixon, filling in for Parliamentarian Lynn Busch, certified that there was a quorum.

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved and accepted as submitted.

President Carter spoke for a few moments about the six inches of rain that fell on January 18. To his knowledge, no houses received flood waters. One resident at the meeting said that they got water in their home on Valkeith.

The Board met last week and discussed the mosquito spraying that we have had contracted in our sub-division. It was decided to discontinue this service. Each household can make their own decision as to whether they want to spray or not. There were only seven cases of Zika virus reported in Harris County during 2016 and all of those cases were from people who had visited South America. The virus carrying mosquito is active at dusk and at dawn, while the spraying would take place at night, making this service ineffective. We were told of two inexpensive ways to keep the mosquitos away, spreading cedar mulch on your flower beds and making sure there is no standing water near your home.

There have been three Block Director openings for some time. If anyone would like to volunteer for the 5400 block of Cheena, the 5500 block of Wigton or the seven or eight houses near the intersection of Atwell and S. Braeswood, please contact Carter.

The yearly dues statements are going to be sent via email to all those residences that have an email address on file. Otherwise, a hard copy will be mailed. The first round will go out by February 1. A second notice will be mailed to those who have not paid their dues by Feb 21. A \$25 late fee will be charged beginning April 1. Another late charge will be assessed in June.

If you've noticed stickers on the storm drain covers that says Clean Water/Clear Choice, the City of Houston has started a program called SWIM. This program stresses these points: Don't over fertilize your yard, don't fertilize if it is going to rain, leave grass clippings on the yard (this is great for your grass), use lawn chemicals only when necessary and don't put anything down the storm drain. Remember, anything that goes into the street and down the drains end up in Galveston Bay and becomes potential food and poison for sea life.

Our Treasurer, Robert Gehring, presented the proposed budget. There was a question about the increased legal fees. Carter explained how legal action is required when homeowners abandon houses or don't take care of their properties and numerous warnings has been given. There are also homeowners who have violated deed restrictions that require legal action. On motion made and seconded, the budget was unanimously approved and accepted as submitted.

Maintenance and Beautification Report

Unfortunately, the flooding we just had wiped out the beautiful flowers that were planted in the esplanades. They were not warrantied because it was storm damage. Linda will meet with the contractors to plan the spring planting. There was an increase in the budget for her to have a double planting twice a year to give our neighborhood the Wow! factor. There was some discussion about a new group that has formed to develop hiking and biking trails from the Braes Bayou trails down Chimney Rock to the Willow Waterhole. More discussion is planned.

Security Report

We've had a quiet few months. Take advantage of the vacation watch and always call the Constables' office at (281) 463-6666 for anything suspicious.

Architectural Control Report

No report

Welcoming Committee Report

No report

Communications Report

The Gazette will be coming out soon. If you have anything to add, contact Marge.

Deed Restriction Enforcement Report

There have been a few cases of deed restriction violations in which our lawyers have been involved. The owners of a house on Kit and one on Lymbar have both been notified that improvements must be made immediately.

Old Business

A question was asked about the sewer line connections that are being done. Work began the week after Thanksgiving on the 5400 block of Wigton and their goal is to complete four houses per week. To date sixteen have been completed.

New Business

The loose landscape timbers have been removed at the bridge at Rutherglen and Chimney Rock.

There was discussion regarding obtaining the unsigned consent forms for the deed restrictions. If you have not signed this form, please contact your block director. Visit our website at www.marilynestates.com for the current and proposed deed restrictions.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

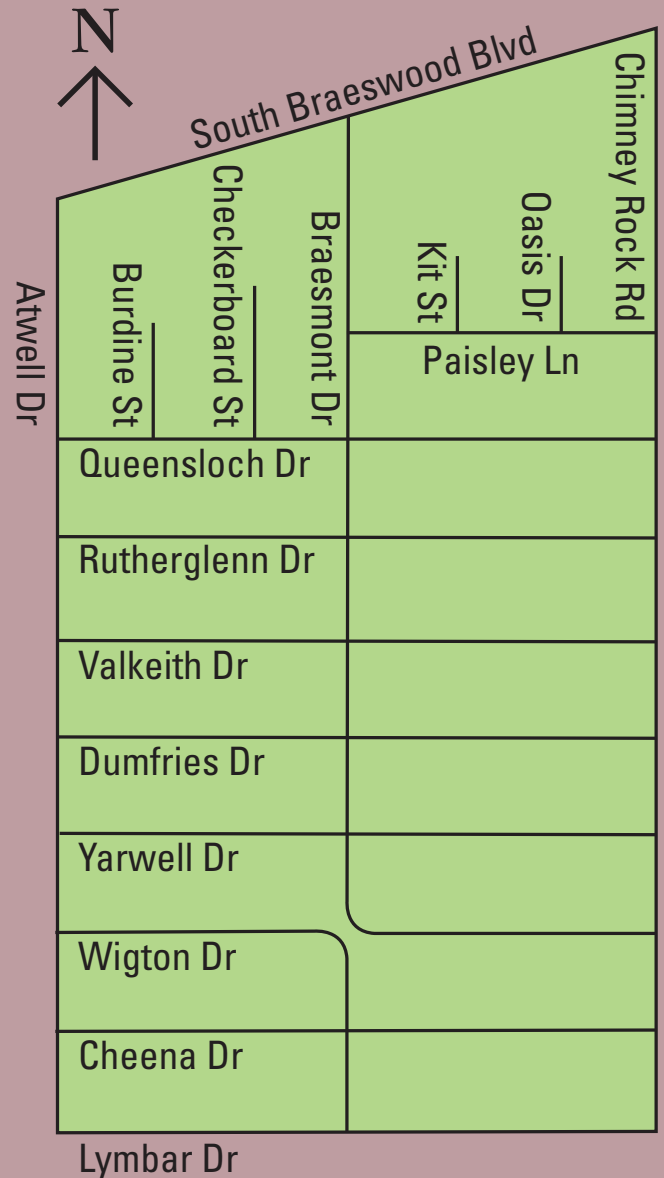
Debra Suhl
Recording Secretary

Welcome to our New Neighbors
by Laura Anderson, Welcome Comitte Chair

9700 Block of Braesmont - A big "Welcome Back" to the Bazbaz Family!

5500 Block of S. Braeswood - The Touqan Family

5500 Block of Queensloch - The Nicholson Family



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