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MARILYN ESTATES MEETING

Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7 PM

Board Room
Jewish Community Center

President's Message

by: Carter Hixon

Hi neighbors,

As I stated in our second quarterly meeting, we have been blessed since the tax day flood in 2016. We had one major rain event on January 18, 2017, but it resulted in no local flooding. Thank you, Mother Nature! I believe that the widening Harris County Flood Control is performing along Braes Bayou is beginning to create benefits for us. If you drive to Kirby Drive and Braes Bayou, you will see that Flood Control is widening the bayou under the bridge on both banks. This permits a much greater flow in times of super storms.

I would like to welcome two new Block Directors. Michael Bryant will represent the 5500 block of Wigton and Diane Gardner will represent Atwell and South Braeswood.

Thank you both and welcome to our Board of Directors. The only unfilled Directors slot is the 5400 block of Cheena. If you live in that block and would like to help, please contact me.

We also have a new Welcoming Committee Chair. Susan Gubitza has graciously consented to chair that committee. The committee is usually the first contact new neighbors have with their neighborhood. The benefit of this committee is immeasurable. Thanks Susan, and thanks to Laura Anderson (our previous chair) for all you have done for our neighborhood.

Bob Hughes pointed out that when the contractor visits the lots with the sanitary sewer relocation from back yard to the street, please beware. Make sure that they connect all existing sewer lines from your house to the new line to the street. If they miss one, it will be abandoned in the future.

Our subdivision is benefiting from the care that each of you are taking on lawns and flower beds. This action creates -- in Real Estate terms -- positive "curb appeal." The direct benefit of this is bolstering our property values. Also, following our Deed Restrictions supplements this.

Thanks for all you do to create a desirable place to live and raise families.

Welcome New Neighbors

5400 Block of Valkeith - The Even Family
5400 Block of Cheena - The Everett Family
5500 Block of Queensloch - The Nicholson Family
5500 Block of S. Braeswood - The Touqan Family

Dear Friends in Marilyn Estates

On April 12th, City Council approved Mayor Turner's plan to address the homeless and pan-handler populations in Houston. The goals of the plan are to:

- Connect homeless Houstonians to service organizations, which have the capacity to give temporary shelter to all persons currently living on the streets.
- Reduce instances where pan-handlers are aggressive and create unsafe conditions for drivers and pedestrians. For this reason, individuals are now barred from blocking, or otherwise impeding the flow of traffic on roadways, sidewalks, hike and bike trails, and doorways.
- Relocate unpermitted and unsanitary homeless encampment sites to alternative, professionally staffed "low-level" shelters throughout Houston, where homeless individuals will have temporary access to overhead protection and restroom facilities while they are being connected to service organizations. To discourage unpermitted sites, tents and cooking equipment will no longer be permissible in locations such as freeway underpasses. There will be a 30-day grace period during which City of Houston outreach teams will engage current camp sites so persons on the streets can adjust to the new requirements.
- Streamline opportunities for Houstonians to donate to organizations that assist the homeless. The "Meaningful Change, Not Spare Change" campaign will include TV, radio, print, and social media ads and will create a way to donate to these organizations via text and online giving.

According to the **Coalition for the Homeless, Houston** has cut its number of homeless individuals in half since 2012, down to approximately 1,500 homeless persons unsheltered in Harris and Fort Bend Counties on a given night. In particular, our city is nationally recognized for its leadership in effectively ending veteran homelessness, housing more than 3,500 homeless veterans and their families in the past 5 years.

Through strong partnerships with **The Way Home** and its umbrella of service organizations, and with the ordinance changes approved this week, **Mayor Turner intends to find permanent housing for an additional 500 chronically homeless individuals by September 2017.**

Best regards,

Ellen R. Cohen

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New Trail Connects Community

Neighborhoods to Trails - Southwest is dedicated to developing hike and bike trails to provide safe, economical, and environmentally friendly transportation from the Brays Bayou and connecting Keegan's Bayou trail systems to destinations of Southwest Houston. We're all about making connections!

Participating neighborhoods include:

Braeburn Valley West

Maplewood

Maplewood North/South

Marilyn Estates

Meyerland

Westbury

Willow Meadows

Proposed Chimney Rock Trail

The proposed trail on Chimney Rock will permit off-street access for residents of Marilyn Estates, Westbury, and Meyerland to the Brays Bayou Trail and the Kinder Shell Pipeline Easement which leads to Willow Waterhole Greenway. Many community destinations will be accessible by this off-street trail including Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, Beth Israel Congregation, Meyerland Middle School for the Performing Arts, Kolter Elementary, Harmony Science Academy, and shopping centers.

Gerda Gomez
President

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welcomes your help and questions

Security

Excellent news to share: Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Chief Heap has created a new criminal investigation division and will be investigating everything except sexual assaults and homicides. According to Lieutenant Hutter, if there is a crime in the neighborhood, their investigators will be contacting the victim and starting a follow up investigation. He mentioned since they started in January, their investigators have cleared a total of 149 cases either by arrests or by charges filed.

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/>

<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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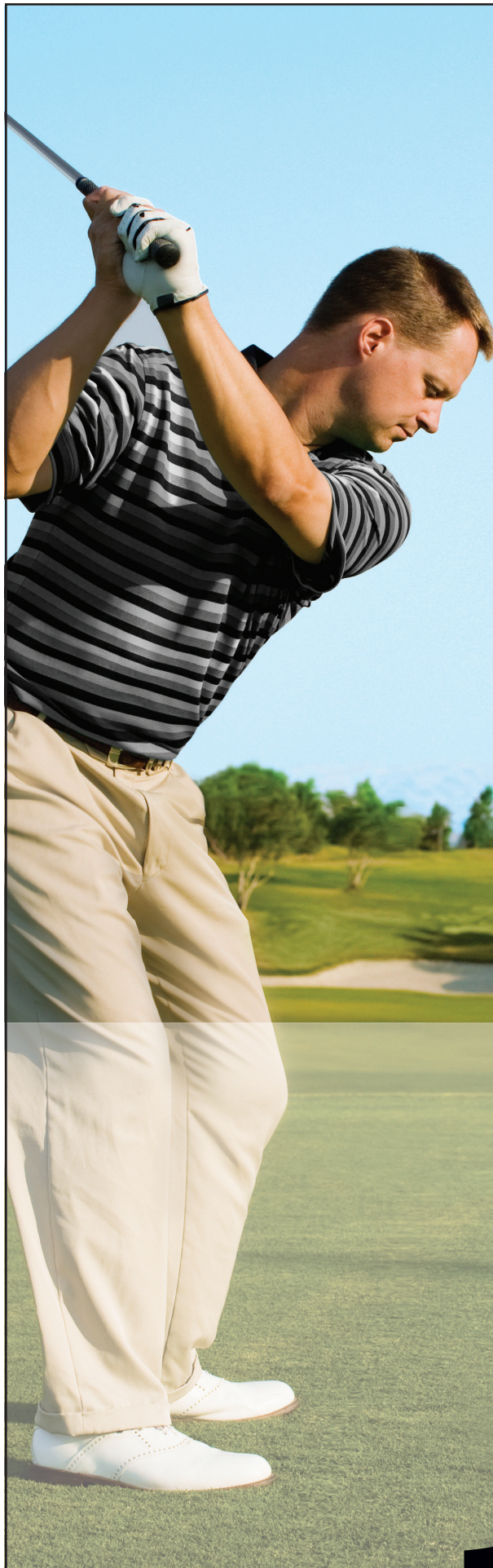
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Neighbors and friends listen to the sounds of the festival

Willow Waterhole

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Treasurer's Report

by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association

Q1 - Financial Summary - 2017

INCOME

Dues - Current Year	\$ 82,498
Dues - Previous Years	\$ 350
Security - Current Year	\$ 23,992
Security - Previous Years	\$ 172
Late Fees Assessed	\$ 75
Fees - Transfer	\$ 400
Advertising	\$ 330
Fees - Refinance	\$ 150
Interest Income	\$ 42
Fees - Resale Certificate	\$ 150
Other Admin	\$ 25
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 108,184

EXPENSES

Security	\$ 26,278
Lawn Service (Contractual)	\$ 2,732
Insurance	\$ 4,557
Legal Fees	\$ 0
Admin	\$ 177
Landscaping & Irrigation**	\$ 2,030
Newsletter	\$ 49
Sign Repair	\$ 0
Website	\$ 0
Socials	\$ 0
Bank Charges	\$ 17
Mosquito Spraying	\$ 0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 35,840
NET INCOME	\$ 72,343

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	\$ 43,794
Chase Operating Acct	\$ 39,009
Chase Savings Acct	\$ 123,942
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 299,241

** spent \$1500 for work in the explanade; removed ruts, replaced plants, cleaned debris

Account Recievable:

-33 homeowners past due for 2017

-11 homeowners past due balances greater than 1 year

Home Sales: 4 sold in 2017

Yards of the Quarter

Welcome, Spring! Our grass is lush and colorful flowers make our yards attractive. Please continue to maintain your yards. It makes our neighborhood attractive.

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).

5522 Rutherglenn	5435 Dumfries
5503 Valkeith	5431 Yarwell
5522 Dumfries	5426 Wigton
5515 Yarwell	5415 Cheena
5531 Wigton	5451 Lymbar
5523 Cheena	9706 Chimney Rock
5531 Queensloch	9708 Oasis
5527 Rutherglenn	5423 Paisley
9718 Checkerboard	9708 Kit
9718 Burdine	9711 Braesmont
5446 Valkeith	

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Marilyn Estates Association Minutes: Quarterly Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2017
Jewish Community Center

President Carter Hixon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Parliamentarian Lynn Busch certified that there was a quorum. On motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved and accepted as submitted.

President Hixon talked about the improvements on Brays Bayou. He feels that these improvements will make a huge difference in the amount of water our neighborhoods receive once these improvements are completed.

He welcomed our newest Block Directors, Michael Bryant, representing the 5500 block of Wigton and Diane Gardner representing parts of Atwell and S. Braeswood. Thank you for volunteering.

President Hixon spoke with one resident who said that prior to the city replacing the sewer lines in his yard, the information he received did not have all of his current lines connecting with the new lines. The contractor should provide you with a diagram of what the city will be doing on your property prior to the work being done. Be sure you get a diagram and verify that it is correct.

Summer is almost here. Now is the time to make a plan to cut your lawns once a week. For the most part, everything looks great. Approximately 98% of our residents are taking care of their yards. Time to check your fascia boards and brick on your house to make sure there aren't any repairs that need to be made. A well maintained home helps all of us by bringing the property values up.

Our guest speaker was Sergeant Roy Guinn with the Harris County Constable's Office. He spoke on how to survive an active shooter incident. He gave us all some very useful information on how to Avoid, Deny and Defend ourselves if ever we were to be involved.

Treasurer's Report

This is the quarter when dues come in, and we have had few expenses, so we have a fairly good amount of cash flow right now. There are 33 homeowners delinquent in their dues and 11 homeowners with past due balances greater than 1 year. Four homes have sold this year.

Architectural Control Report

Remember that the only time you need to get approval for remodeling jobs is if you can see it from the street.

Maintenance and Beautification Report

\$1,500.00 was spent to clean up the trees on Chimney Rock from Braeswood to the back of the subdivision. The landscape company also replaced plants, cleaned up debris and filled in ruts.

Security Report

We have a new Constable, Ted Heap. Take advantage of the vacation watch and always call the Constables' office at (281) 463-6666 for anything suspicious. It is always suggested to lock your garages along with your cars and homes.

Welcoming Committee Report

No report

Communications Report

No report

Deed Restriction Enforcement Report

There is a vacant lot on S. Braeswood that needs mowing. Contact with the owner has been made. We only need 27 additional signatures to approve the new deed restrictions in order to file with the county clerk. If you live in Sections 1,2,3,6 or 8, we still need some of your signatures. The committee will go door to door to collect those consents.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resident Josetta Hawthorne spoke about the Maplewood Park. The Maplewood North and South HOA removed the trees bordering the soccer field and the new David Weekly homes that are being built. The reason given is for the true property line to be official. The trees and shade are gone.

It was suggested that we be notified either by email or signage around the neighborhood of the upcoming heavy trash/yard waste collection days. On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Suhl
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