



# MARILYN ESTATES GAZETTE NOV 2017

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## MARILYN ESTATES MEETING

**Monday, Januar 22, 2018 at 7 PM**

Board Room  
Jewish Community Center

## President's Message

by: Isaac Johary

Dear Neighbors,

I live at 5439 Lymbar Drive for the past 23 years, my wife Susan and I have raised three wonderful kids in the neighborhood. I am very excited to be your new president; my door will always be open for you to come by with any questions, concerns, or ideas that you may have.

### Safety tips:

Summer heat is behind us and winter will be here soon. Please do not forget to have your furnace checked by professionally licensed A/C Company.

We are looking for block directors for the following streets:

5400 Cheena Dr    5500 Valkeith Dr  
5500 Cheena Dr    5500 Rutherglenn Dr.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer to be a block director or to assist in upcoming meetings/events/committees.

It was great to see so many families at the Halloween neighborhood party on Yarwell. You all did a terrific job with the preparations and decorations.

I plan to work closely with the Board and neighbors in the upcoming year in order to maintain the high standards my predecessor established.

As we go forward, we must take time to recognize Carter Hixon who has for the past three years been an outstanding President of Marilyn Estates Neighborhood Association and who we shall call upon for his knowledgeable and caring advice. Thank you Carter.

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## Security Report

With many neighbors having to vacate their homes temporarily due to the flood and rebuilding for the next several weeks and months, we encourage notifying Pct. 5 and having special watch on your home. We also 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.

You are also encouraged to utilize the Constable website at [constablepct5.com](http://constablepct5.com) to get neighborhood news and homeowners can sign up for crime alerts and select Marilyn Estates contract. You can also call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch to request vacation watch in addition to a special watch mentioned above on your home 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 from either using the link in the security section of our website: <http://www.marilynestates.com/> or <http://www.constablepct5.com/>.

Here are key security tips from Pct. 5 to keep in mind each day and night:

### Keeping Your Home Safe

Residents are asked to do their part in reducing the number of offenses by making sure their doors and windows are locked at all times. Leave lights on outside, and do not leave valuable items in plain sight. If you have bushes near the house, keep them at a height where it is not easy for a potential burglar to hide behind them.

### Keeping Your Vehicle Safe

Residents are asked to do their part in reducing the number of offenses by locking their cars at all times, even if you're "just running inside for a second." If someone is watching, the moment you walk inside they could be in your car and gone before you get back. Please remove all valuable items from your vehicle, as well.

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 and making progress from the flood recovery for our neighborhood.

With warmest regards,

Maury Sklar

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## Recycling Resumes

The city plans to resume the Solid Waste Department's normal curbside recycling schedule beginning Monday, November 13th. We are "B Week". Residents are asked not to place storm debris or glass in their recycling bins. Citywide recycling drop-off locations will continue to operate with extended hours. Please note that heavy trash pickup services remain suspended until further notice as these crews and trucks remain assigned to storm debris pickup.







## OUTSMARTING CANCER TAKES LEADING MEDICINE.

At Houston Methodist Cancer Center, our teams of nationally recognized specialists are finding new ways to outsmart cancer, while delivering the most advanced treatments and comprehensive care available. From screenings to diagnosis and treatment, every aspect of our cutting-edge cancer care is available at all seven locations across Greater Houston, so you can focus on healing, surviving and thriving.

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## Discover the Willow Waterhole

By: Lynn Busch

Did you know that we have a beautiful park and conservancy right "in our own backyard"? The Willow Waterhole is just that, a 291-acre park located in Southwest Houston. It is part of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, whose mission as stated on the website, [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org), is "to mobilize individuals, neighborhoods, government agencies, businesses and foundations to support the creation of the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve."

Many people may be familiar with Willow Waterhole as part of flood control efforts. The Willow Waterhole Greenway Project is part of the Harris County Flood Control District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Project Brays. The project combines flood control, detention lakes, and the park, while promoting conservation and community use and involvement. (You can also visit project [www.projectbrays.org](http://www.projectbrays.org) for the latest information on this major flood control effort and to find out where work is underway now.)

According to the website, besides adding a great park to our city, Willow Waterhole has been designated a top birdwatching site, is used by the community and schools for a variety of events, and is an entertainment venue, including the site of the annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest. Walking trails, gazebos, and ponds make the area a welcoming and peaceful place to visit.

Marilyn Estates residents have a special connection to Willow Waterhole. The Schwartz Gazebo at the Willow Waterhole Greenway is named in honor of the late Bob Schwartz, who lived in Marilyn Estates and was one of the most dedicated and hardworking volunteers for Marilyn Estates and the community. What a great way to honor Bob.

The Willow Waterhole is located near the intersection of South Post Oak Road and South Main.

## Thanks to Exiting MEA President Carter Hixon

Heading up a volunteer neighborhood organization such as the Marilyn Estates Association is not an easy job, but Carter Hixon handled it with style and grace for three years.

Previous to his service as MEA President, he served several years as Vice President and concurrently worked with the late Bob Schwartz on the Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee. Carter knows that enforcing MEA's deed restrictions is probably the most important function of our homeowners' association – but is one of the most thankless. "It's hard for people to report their neighbors for violations," he has said many times. And knowing how difficult it is to find volunteers to follow up on violation reports, Carter worked with the MEA Board to contract with an outside company to handle that task.

Carter is retired from METRO, where he served in the real estate division. He and wife Nancy enjoy walking, kayaking and other outdoor activities. He also volunteers with the Houston Zoo.

Thank you for your longtime service to our neighborhood, Carter!





# MUSIC CREATES COMMUNITY

The Mortimer Levitt Foundation is a private family foundation, founded in 1963 by Mortimer and Mimi Levitt. Its mission is to transform neglected outdoor spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life. Each Levitt Pavilion shares the common mission of building community through music, by presenting 50 free professional concerts in a relaxed open lawn setting.

Levitt Pavilion Houston will present an annual series of 50 free concerts, featuring a diverse professional lineup of entertainment from acclaimed, emerging talent to seasoned, award-winning artists. Levitt Pavilion Houston is targeting Spring, 2020, for its opening. With the Willow Waterhole location serving a diverse population, Levitt Pavilion Houston will provide consistent access to the arts in an area that lacks cultural offerings available in other parts of Houston.

Everyone, including those who typically cannot afford the cost of a concert ticket for themselves or their families, will have access to high quality live music experiences while enjoying the outdoors and beauty of nature at Willow Waterhole. Music inspires cultural understanding, a shared sense of community, and tolerance among people of all ages and backgrounds, which is why concerts at Levitt Pavilion Houston will feature a broad range of music genres—from country, jazz, classical, and rock to Latin, funk, children's, blues, and more. Programming at the Levitt Pavilion will be unique to Houston, reflecting the diversity of the neighboring communities and the entire city. In addition to a rich array of music genres, multiple cultural performances will also be part of each annual concert series with the Levitt Pavilion also serving as a stage for cultural exchange.



## Treasurer's Report by Robert Gehring

### Marilyn Estates Association Q3 - Financial Summary - 2017

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>YTD as pf 9/30</b>
Security - Current Year	\$82,560	\$21,379	\$681	\$104,620
Security - Previous Years	\$350	\$787	\$0	\$1,137
Dues - Current Year	\$24,010	\$6,101	\$199	\$30,310
Dues - Previous Years	\$172	\$931	\$0	\$1,104
Late Fees Assessed	\$75	\$232	\$25	\$332
Fees - Refinance	\$150	\$0	\$100	\$250
Fees- Resale Certificate	\$150	\$75	\$0	\$225
Fees - Transfer	\$400	\$400	\$300	\$1,100
Advertising	\$330	\$0	\$0	\$330
Interest Income	\$42	\$54	\$0	\$96
Other	\$25	\$12	\$0	\$37
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$108,184</b>	<b>\$29,971</b>	<b>\$1,305</b>	<b>\$139,539</b>

### EXPENSES

Security	\$26,278	\$26,274	\$26,274	\$78,826
Lawn Service (Contractual)	\$2,732	\$2,732	\$2,732	\$8,196
Insurance	\$4,557	\$0	\$0	\$4,557
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Admin	\$177	\$284	\$396	\$857
Landscaping & Irrigation**	\$2,030	\$0	\$1,276	\$3,306
Newsletter	\$49	\$894	\$0	\$943
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Consulting Fee	\$0	\$0	\$3,750	\$3,750
Socials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bank Charges	\$17	\$36	\$0	\$53
Mosquito Spraying	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$35,840</b>	<b>\$30,220</b>	<b>\$34,428</b>	<b>\$100,489</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$72,423</b>	<b>-\$249</b>	<b>\$33,123</b>	<b>\$39,051</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

B of A CD 12 mo.\$51K .0% 2/16/2017	\$51,951
Chase CD 13 mo.\$40K .25% 1/15/2018	\$40,646
Chase CD 18 mo.\$43K .25% 10-15-2017	\$43,794
Chase Operating Acct as of 3/31/2017	\$103,946
Chase Savings Acct as of 3/31/2017	\$39,015
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$279,352</b>

### Account Recievable:

- 11 homeowners are past due for 2017
- 9 homeowners are past due more than 1 year
- total delequent balance = \$13,741.67

### Home Sales:

- \* 12 homes have sold in 2017
- \* 22 total home sales in 2016

## Marilyn Estates Proud

Walking around Marilyn Estates yesterday, I had a revelation. Even after the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, our neighborhood looks amazing. Thanks to at least three city pick-ups, there was no heavy debris on our sidewalks. Lawns and front yards looked well maintained, many people took time to add festive Halloween decorations. Even though quite a few neighbors have temporarily relocated, arrangements have been made for trash cans to be moved from the curb.

We decided not to have a Yard of the Month this issue of the Marilyn Estates Gazette. But that's OK, that gives us the latitude to congratulate several homes on a street because despite of all the extra work resulting from the storm, our neighbors have gone out of their way to help keep Marilyn Estates looking attractive. Thank you, your neighbor, Marge Mayor.

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