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President's Message
by: CJ Yeoman

The Marilyn Estates Association held annual elections on Oct. 29, and we elected three new officers for 2018-2019:

President - CJ Yeoman
Recording Secretary - Susan Sides
Parliamentarian - Ed Fastow

Officers in the remaining positions will stay in place for the coming year. We thank President Isaac Johary, Recording Secretary Debra Suhl, and Parliamentarian Lynn Busch for their service!

The minutes inside this newsletter detail important items announced at the meeting. However, I am sharing the three main items I said I will work on for the coming year. First, the updated Deed Restrictions are only a few signatures away from being approved. Getting that project completed will give better guidance to homeowners in how to maintain and upgrade their properties. Second, we did not have a neighborhood get-together this fall. We will start planning one for the spring.

Third, it's been too long since an effort was made to go to every home in our subdivision. Folks who are new to Marilyn Estates may not know how important the role of our association is in keeping their property values high. And we need to catch up with those who have lived here for awhile. I will work with the block directors to go door-to-door to learn what our residents' concerns are, so we have a better idea of what subjects to cover in our quarterly meetings and other communications.

I've lived in Marilyn Estates for 22 years and I look forward to working with "all y'all" to help make the upcoming year an exciting and productive one.

Thanks,

CJ Yeoman

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Our Next Meeting is
Monday, January 28, 2019

7 PM

Jewish Community Center
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News about Brays Channel Improvements in Our Area

Construction is in progress on the final phase of channel modifications as part of Project Brays, the Brays Bayou federal flood damage reduction project. The Harris County Flood Control District started the preliminary work in mid-July and the project is expected to be complete in approximately one year.

During construction, Brays Bayou will be widened along an approximately 15,000-foot section from upstream of Loop 610 to 300 feet upstream of Fondren Road. (Bayou improvements will be made on the northern bank only between Loop 610 and South Rice Avenue.)

The project includes excavation of approximately 289,000 cubic yards of soil and construction of retaining walls under existing bridges. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to be alert to heavy equipment traffic near construction access points.

For more information about Project Brays, go to www.projectbrays.org.

Conserve Water

There are many simple ways to conserve water in your home. The bathroom, kitchen and laundry room are a few areas which you can save water.

Bathroom

Check your bathroom on a regular basis for leaks on your toilet, faucets and water hose bibs, Fixing leaks can save up to 200 gallons per day!

Install low-flow shower heads and faucets.

If your toilets are old, replace them with newer, high efficiency toilets; this can save up to 5 gallons each time you flush.

Take showers instead of bath and shorten the length of your shower.

Kitchen

Rinse your dishes as little as possible before putting them in the dishwasher. This can save 20 gallons of water per load.

Only run the dishwasher when full.

Install a low-flow faucet in your kitchen sink.

When it is time to buy a new dishwasher, purchase a water saving model. These models can save up to 3 gallons per load.

Laundry Room

For older models, only run the washing machine when you have a full load.

New washing machine models can save up to 40 gallons of water per load.

Be A Good Neighbor



If your home is located near a storm drain, please help keep the drain clear. Sweep up leaves and litter and dispose in your trash can.

This will facilitate the flow of rain down the storm drain and reduce water accumulating in our streets.

There is no place for unauthorized signs on our medians. This mainly pertains to business who advertise by putting up yard signs at intersections in our area. Feel free to remove any rogue sign.

Occasionally we will post reminders to help maintain the appearance of Marilyn Estates. If you have suggestions, call Marge Mayer.



Security Report

We are very fortunate to have low crime in our neighborhood thanks to the patrol by our Deputy Constables. We need to continue watching for any suspicious people and vehicles in our area, and report by calling Constable Precinct 5 dispatch as soon as possible at 281-463-6666 and providing the location and description. 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 to get neighborhood news and homeowners can sign up for crime alerts. Select the Marilyn Estates contract for specific information.

You can also call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch to request a vacation watch on your home and a deputy will stop by to get your information. 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/>.

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.

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Resident of Marilyn Estates for 40 years

Welcoming Committee Message

After finally getting “resettled” in our post Harvey home, I resumed my Welcoming Committee duties in August of this year. Although there have been many home sales in Marilyn Estates these past few months, only 10 have been to private owners. I’ve visited each of these homes a few times attempting to meet our new neighbors and have left letters of introduction and copies of the Marilyn Estates Gazettes in their mailboxes. My letter invites the owners to contact me so I can arrange another visit to officially welcome them. To date I’ve had the privilege of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Manor and their two young sons (5539 Wigton) and have corresponded with Mr. Gould who, along with his wife and young son, is planning to move to 5443 Dumfries once their new home is completed.

I’ve been working with some local merchants requesting give-aways we could use in “welcome baskets” for newcomers and am excited to report that so far we have commitments for donations from the following: Belden’s (\$25 gift certificate); La Fresca (free pizza); Walgreen’s (assortment of goodies); Avalon Insurance Agency/Debbie Gehring (Lowes/Home Depot gift card). Thanks to all of these businesses for their contributions!

I’m looking forward to meeting more of our newest neighbors. It’s exciting to see Marilyn Estates slowly rebuild after a devastating 2017 hurricane season.

Susan Gubitz

Welcome Our New Marilyn Estates Neighbors

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| Lee & Sara Beckmann | 9719 Checkerboard |
| Piper Butler & Claude Thomas | 5431 Paisley |
| Leyat Tal & J.E. Rubenstein | 5434 Valkeith Dr. |
| J.P. Keating & Li Ye | 5422 Lymbar Dr. |
| Williams/ Douglas | 5423 Yarwell Dr. |
| Richard & Linda Cook | 5502 Cheena Dr. |
| M. Stephanie Harding & Bryant, Jr. | 5435 Wigton Dr. |
| Naureen Ali | 5403 Paisley St. |
| David & Geula Hen | |
| Oriana Garcia | 5403 Yarwell Dr. |
| Naomi Chen | |
| Andrew & Rebecca Gould | 5443 Dumfries |
| Gal & Karla Ozeri | 5514 Valkeith Dr. |
| Michael & Natalie Tills | 9714 Chimney Rock |
| Daniel & Laura Gollins | 5447 Dumfries |
| Aaron M Lindenbaum | 5535 Queensloch Dr. |
| Yehoshua & Tzipora Manor | 5539 Wigton Dr. |

Happy Halloween



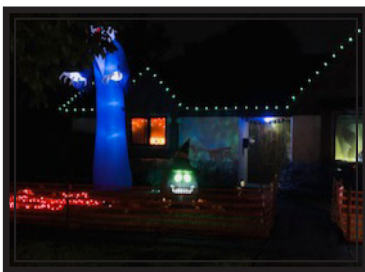
Kudos to the spooks, goblins and gremlins at 5500 Yarwell for their annual Halloween mega street celebration.



Hours of preparation were almost thwarted by heavy rains, but the skies cleared for an hour and a half allowing the party to go on.



Kids and adults paraded down the brightly lit street entranced as they gazed at the elaborate decorations.



It's like the good old days when neighbors worked together to give their kids a great party and happy memories.

Special thanks for Amy and Gage Mueller for spearheading this event.

Facebook Posts from People Who Love our Neighborhood!

Are you on Facebook? Then be sure to ask to join the Marilyn Estates closed group on Facebook to see post from our residents who love our neighborhood. Send an email on cjyeoman@sbcglobal.net to ask to join.

Terri - October 23 at 12:59 PM

There is an eagle on south braeswood closer to Hillcroft in the top of a tree on the bayou side. Beautiful.

Ambereen - October 17 at 11:32 PM

Hi, I'm looking for an algebra 2 tutor for a student near Meyerland. Anyone know anybody?

Marla - October 7 at 8:28 AM

Has anyone else been having dimming of lights?

Gage - October 10 at 8:00 PM

Yarwell is starting to come alive!!!

Elizabeth - September 13 at 4:58 PM

This person is going around stealing political signs. She was caught on a Ring doorbell. Local news media are following the story...

Marc - August 31 at 7:04 AM

This little guy showed up last night skinny and hungry, so I fed him. Guess what -- he's back again this morning. PM if he's yours (or you know who he belongs to); he's hanging around the 5500 block of Rutherglenn. Thanks.

Marilyn Estates Association: Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 29, 2018
Jewish Community Center

President Isaac Johary began the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Minutes were approved from the July meeting. The guest speaker was unable to attend the meeting. Isaac had read two City of Houston propositions that were on the midterm ballot.

The new block director for the 5400 block of Yarwell is Jim Taylor. The new block director for the 5500 block of Valkeith is Julie Fordes.

Treasurer

A written report was submitted.

Architectural Control Committee

Michael Strickland reported that due to the flooding in the last 10-20 years, the new homes in our neighborhood are changing. It is mandatory to have paint and brick samples approved by the committee before construction begins.

Maintenance and Beautification

Linda Miner reported that there was a leak that has now been repaired. A node from the sprinkler system was maliciously broken and we had to pay to have that replaced.

Security

No report

Welcome Committee

Susan Gubitze reported that she has tried visiting 10 new homeowners this month. Most were not there or they did not answer the door. She will be changing the contents of the welcome basket that she takes to new homeowners from baked goods to gift cards.

Gage Mueller updated us regarding the plans for the Halloween festivities on Yarwell.

Communication

Marge Mayer is looking for some volunteers; two for proofreading the Gazette and four people to help select the Yard of the Quarter. Contact Marge if you are interested. She is also

looking for a few more ads for the paper. The prices are \$110 for a full page ad, \$75 for a half page. For both, if you pay for three, you will receive one ad free. This will cover an entire year of your ad in the Gazette.

Deed Restriction Committee

Linda said things are going pretty well. She had the attorney send out one letter regarding a commercial truck that has not moved off the street. There is a house with high weeds, and a home with an RV in front. Her committee is working on these.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nomination of officers for 2018 - 2019 were made:

President - Isaac Johary and C.J. Yeoman

To replace term - limited officers:
Recording Secretary - Susan Sides
Parliamentarian - Ed Fastow

Other officers to remain:

Vice President - Martin Stalnaker

Treasurer - Robert Gehring

Corresponding Secretary - Martha Eaves

The election for president was held and was won by CJ. All other nominees were unanimously accepted. CJ adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Suhl

Outgoing Recording Secretary

The Marilyn Estates website is due for an update that will help with security and other issues.

If there is anyone who is web-savvy and can help, we would appreciate your expertise. Call C.J. Yeoman

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Yards of the Quarter

The criterion considered for YOTQ will be:

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

We have numerous homes that are eligible for recognition, but the addresses must be seen from the curb. This is for the safety of our residents, should an emergency vehicle be searching of a homeowner, precious moments can save a life.

5446 Valkeith
 5503 Valkeith
 5414 Dumfries
 5538 Dumfries
 5431 Yarwell
 5406 Yarwell
 5527 Braeswood
 9730 Braesmont
 9723 Braesmont
 9714 Kit
 9710 Oasis
 9706 Chimney Rock
 5435 Paisley
 5446 Wigton
 5535 Wigton
 5442 Cheena
 5534 Cheena
 5441 Lymbar
 5510 Lymbar
 5418 Rutherglen
 5526 Rutherglen
 5531 Queensloch
 9714 Atwell
 9722 Checkerboard
 9710 Burdine

Treasurer's Report

by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association

Q3 - Financial Summary 2018

| | Q3 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | |
| Security- Current Year | \$ 2,845 |
| Security - Previous Years | \$ 804 |
| Dues - Current Year | \$ 829 |
| Dues - Previous Year | \$ 222 |
| Assessed Late Fees | \$ 465 |
| Fees - Refinance | \$ 50 |
| Fees- Resale Certificate | \$ 75 |
| Fees - Transfer | \$ 30 |
| Advertising | \$ 0 |
| Interest Income | \$ 224 |
| NSF Fees | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 5,828 |

EXPENSES

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Bank Charges | \$ 1 |
| Meeting Expense | \$ 200 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 0 |
| Postage / PO Box | \$ 0 |
| Newsletter | \$ 0 |
| Insurance | \$ 0 |
| Landscaping & Irrigation | \$ 303 |
| Lawn Service (Contractual) | \$ 2,814 |
| Tax Preparation | \$ 0 |
| Securit | \$ 27,078 |
| Legal Fees | \$ 2,709 |
| Website | \$ 0 |
| Socials | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 33,104 |
| NET INCOME | \$ -27,278 |

BALANCE SHEET (9/30/2018)

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| Chase Operating Acct | \$ 78,883 |
| Chase Savings Acct | \$ 39,038 |
| B of A CD 12 mo.\$51K 03/09/2019 | \$ 51,988 |
| Chase CD 13 mo.\$40K .25% 05/15/2019 | \$ 40,544 |
| Chase CD 18 mo.\$43K .25% 02/25/2018 | \$ 43,684 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$254,138 |

Account Receivable:

- 25 homeowners - past due
- 6 homeowners - past due 1 yr or more
- Total outstanding balance = \$16,229.22

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