



MARILYN
ESTATES
GAZETTE
MAY 2018

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President's Message
by: Isaac Johary

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather.

Our last meeting was held at the JCC and we had over 35 residents attending. All of our meetings for the remainder of the year will be at the JCC. Please mark your calendar, the next meeting is Monday, July 30- 7PM. We are going back to our regular schedule.

Our speaker for the April meeting was Ross Asher, some of you may know from the NextDoor app. Mr. Asher spoke about guns, law and safety.

We are very close to having our new Deed Restriction consent forms completed. We have over 50% from most sections. Please complete the form if you have not done so. If you need the form, please contact your Block Director. This will allow us to vote as a complete association; not one section at a time.

Please try to attend the quarterly meetings and get involved in your neighborhood association. You will get to meet other residents and be informed of what is going on in our neighborhood. In addition, if you would like to volunteer or be on any of the committees, please let me know.

Let's start planning for another successful MARILYN ESTATES BLOCK PARTY this coming fall. Mid October has been a good time in the past. This year, we can invite the candidates who are running in our district to stop by. It is also a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new neighbors. We had a great committee from the past and need more energetic folks to work with them on this project. Please call me and leave a message with your name and phone number that you will volunteer for our 2018 Block Party.

Mothers Day is around the corner so please do not forget to get something nice for your mom or your wife.

Thank you for all you do to improve our neighborhood and make it a valued place to live and raise our families.

Sincerely,
Isaac Johary

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**NEXT
MARILYN ESTATES
MEETING
Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7 PM**
Evelyn Rubenstein
Jewish Community Center

Dear Friends in Marilyn Estates,

On April 4th, my colleagues and I on the Houston City Council authorized contracts with Arkitektura Development Inc. for the elevation of nine homes that were accepted for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants following the 2015 Memorial Day Flood. Of the nine homes, seven are located in District C: five in Meyerland and two in Marilyn Estates. These homes are part of 30 total that have been approved for elevation through this program thus far. Of those:

- 22 homes are currently under construction, which takes approximately six months.
- 4 of the home elevations are complete
- 6 of the homes' contracts are still being processed.

While I am pleased that these homes are finally moving forward, I am deeply disappointed in the implementation of this program thus far. It is unconscionable that these homeowners have had to wait three years to see real progress. I am calling on all involved entities to do what they can to streamline the process for all the homes still on the list for elevation.

The City of Houston has submitted applications every year since 2015, and FEMA has announced that 39 homes have been approved from the 2016 Application. The bidding process is underway to select contractors.

Sincerely,

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

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Houston City Council • District C

Security Report

With many homeowners in Marilyn Estates still having to vacate and rebuild their homes due to Harvey, we encourage them to notify Pct. 5 and have special watch on their 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 can also call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch to request vacation watch and a deputy will stop by to get your information.

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 on the flood recovery for our neighborhood.

With warmest regards,

Maury Sklar

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Our Houston Rockets are on a roll!

No Worries!

Sunday, April 22, 11 AM, two men were spotted walking on the streets and lawns of Kit and Paisley looking like they were surveying the neighborhood. When approached and asked what was the nature of their presence, the curt reply was, "We are working." We tried to engage them in friendly conversation, to no avail. No official shirt with a logo nor vehicle was in sight. They continued walking on our neighbor's lawns.

Concerned, we called our constable. In less than 5 min. two constable vehicles blocked them on Kit Cul-d-Sac, their papers and truck were checked out. They were indeed bonafide and continued to conclude their assignment.

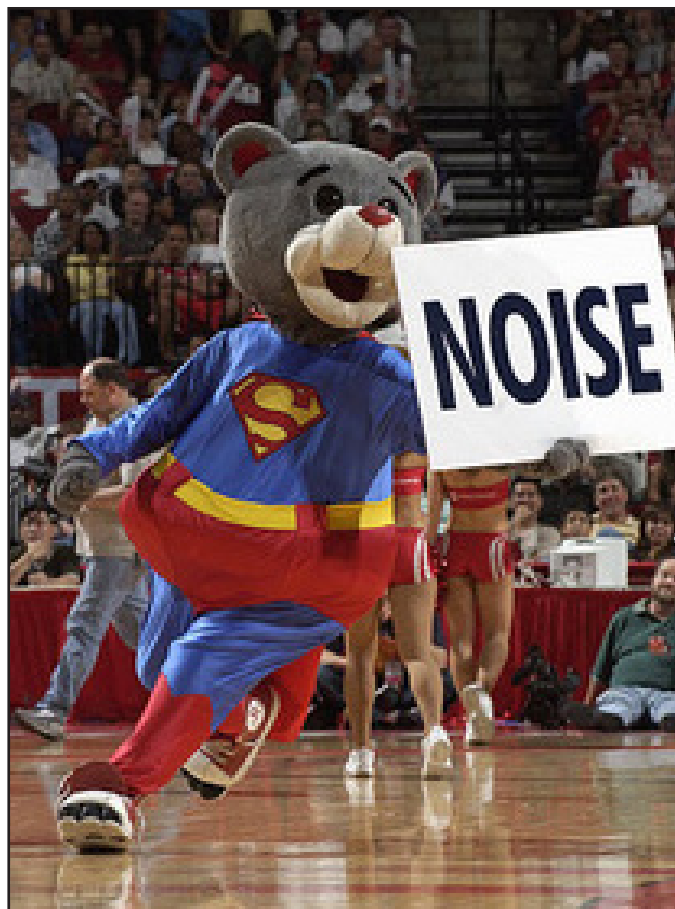
Thanks to our constables, Maria Ramirez and her colleague, we felt safe. When something looks suspicious, do not hesitate to contact our constables, 281-463-6666.



Our constables keeping us safe!



Rockets primary logo in 1972.



Go Rockets!

Your Suggestions, Please.

We would appreciate your help to make quarterly meetings interesting and an opportunity for us to learn something unique. We are looking for speakers who have diverse expertise who would appeal to our neighbors.

Kindly contact your friends, business associates, people involved in volunteering for nonprofits and making a difference in our city. From their presentations we can all come away with new information.

Kindly contact Issac Johary at isaac.johary@gmail.com with your suggestions. We are open to your ideas.

Deed Restrictions Committee

The Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee has recently become active again with the inclusion of six Marilyn Estates volunteers. Our responsibility is to enforce HOA Deed Restrictions and notify homeowners of any possible violations. We will take into consideration individual circumstances including the recent severe flooding and the resulting devastation for many of our neighbors.

Our initial goal is to do so in a low-key friendly manner preferably in person, by phone or email and to avoid more formal methods such as certified correspondence and legal counsel. We hope to avoid the necessity of hiring management company to monitor our neighborhood.

So far this year we have identified thirty-four homes with deed restriction issues - some relatively minor, others more significant. We have resolved eight of these matters and continue to address all others at various levels of severity depending upon the nature and length of time of specific violations.

All homeowners should have a copy of the Deed Restrictions. They are accessible through our

Marilyn Estates webpage at www.marilynestates.com. Some specific topics of particular interest in our Deed Restrictions are: Architectural Control, Sight Distance At Intersections, Sidewalks, Fences, Garages, Storage Containers, Vacant and Neglected Property (includes overgrown yards), Vehicles, Trailers/RVs & Garbage

This is our approach at present. We will continue to do our very best to enforce and preserve our Deed Restrictions to protect all of us as proud residents of Marilyn Estates. Should our efforts not be successful or become overly burdensome, we all will be faced with the possible hiring of a management company.

Should you have questions, concerns or suggestions please let us know. We'd love to hear from you. Members of the Deed Restrictions Committee include Linda Miner, Sam Musachia, Marla Cotten, Isaac Johary, Linda Maraldo, and Jim Taylor.



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Resident of Marilyn Estates for 40 years

Architectural Control Committee

Lots of Changes In Our Neighborhood
Considering all the remodeling and construction in Marilyn Estates because of Hurricane Harvey and for any other reason, the Architectural Control Committee would like to bring to your attention the following portion of our Deed Restrictions.

“Marilyn Estates Association DEED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS Section 3.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

3.1 No buildings, structures or other improvements, including but not limited to garages, outbuildings, temporary structures, driveways, sidewalks, roofs, roof replacements, pools, spas, fences, antennas, flagpoles, shall be commenced, constructed, erected, placed or maintained in the Subdivision, nor shall any exterior addition to or alteration thereto be made, unless and until the drawings, and specifications, together with a site plan showing the location of all improvements (both existing improvements, if any, and the improvements covered by the drawings and specifications) with reference to property lines, building lines and easements have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. Any modification of an existing structure, construction of a new structure, or change affecting the appearance of a Lot or the improvements thereto shall be presumed to require prior approval by the Architectural Control Committee.”

This should be understood to also include house and trim paint colors, new windows, roofs, carports, gutters, doors, driveway gates, shutters, security bars or gates & window AC units & garage repurposing.

Even if the work is to replace what is currently there with exactly the same thing, you still need to get written approval from the Architectural Control Committee. All of this will help keep “the look” here in our neighborhood, and help maintain our investments.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Architectural Control Committee

Treasurer’s Report

by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association

Q1 - Financial Summary 2018

	2017	2018
	1st Quarter	1st Quarter
INCOME		
Security- Current Year	\$82,560	\$88,605
Security - Previous Years	\$350	\$1,041
Dues - Current Year	\$24,010	\$25,753
Dues - Previous Years	\$172	\$304
Late Fees Assessed	\$75	\$125
Fees - Refinance	\$150	\$100
Fees- Resale Certificate	\$150	\$150
Fees - Transfer	\$400	\$1,000
Advertising	\$330	\$225
Interest Income	\$42	\$22
Other	\$25	\$36
TOTAL INCOME	\$108,263	\$117,361
EXPENSES		
Security	\$26,278	\$26,690
Lawn Service (Contractual)	\$2,732	\$2,814
Insurance	\$4,557	\$4,562
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0
Admin	\$177	\$133
Landscaping & Irrigation	\$2,030	\$0
Newsletter	\$49	\$18
Tax Preparation	\$0	\$450
Website	\$0	\$0
Consulting Fee	\$0	\$0
Socials	\$0	\$0
Bank Charges	\$17	\$92
Mosquito Spraying	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,840	\$34,777
NET INCOME	\$72,423	\$82,584

BALANCE SHEET

B of A CD 12 mo. \$51K .02% 02/16/2019	\$51,988	\$52,119
Chase CD 13 mo. \$40K .25% 01/15/2018	\$40,544	\$40,717
Chase CD 18 mo. \$43K .25% 10/15/2017	\$43,684	\$43,896
Chase Operating Acct as of 03/31/2017	\$124,214	\$125,937
Chase Savings Acct as of 03/31/2017	\$39,025	\$39,023
TOTAL ASSETS	\$299,456	\$301,697

Account Recievable:

- 56 homeowners still owe for 2018 dues
- 7 homeowners have past due balances more than 1 yr.
- total outstanding balance = \$28,405.03

Home Sales:

- 10 homes sold in Q1 2018 vs. 4 homes in Q1 2017
- 17 total home sales in 2017 vs. 22 sold in 2016

Marilyn Estates Association Minutes: Quarterly Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018

Jewish Community Center

President Isaac Johary began the meeting at 7:08 p.m. by welcoming all in attendance.

Marilyn Estates Gazette

Marge Mayer told everyone that we need ads for the Gazette. We were unable to secure Methodist Hospital, however we have a new advertiser, Debbie Gehring with Avalon Insurance.

Treasurer

Robert Gehring reported that he is in the process of collecting dues. He compared 1st quarter last year to 1st quarter this year. Expenses are a little lower this year and more dues have been paid this year versus this time last year. Home sales seem to be going up with 10 sales.

Security

Maury Sklar reported that all has been quiet recently. If you see anything suspicious or need vacation watch call our constables at 281-463-6666.

President Johary welcomed the guest speaker, Ross Asher, an attorney and the owner, founder and chief instructor of Pistolero Handgun Training. He spoke on the basics of firearms including laws, licensing, and the right to carry.

Architectural Control Committee

Michael Strickland informed us that if residents see changes being made to the exterior of a house that may not be approved in Marilyn Estates, contact the committee prior to any changes.

Welcoming Committee

Susan Gubitza just moved back in and has not contacted any new residents. She will get back into welcoming new residents this quarter.

Maintenance and Beautification

Linda Miner told us about a couple of phone calls she has received regarding the trees and shrubs at the Rutherglen and Chimney Rock bridge. She will contact the landscaping company to have them shave the plants so that vision is not impaired while crossing the bridge. The agave plants have been trimmed and the trees on S. Braeswood have not had a mass trimming and cleaning of the moss.

Deed Restriction Committee

There are six residents that are in the newly formed committee. To date there are over 30 issues and 10 have been resolved. There was much discussion on the efficiency of notifying residents who are in violation of the deed restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Suhl



Rockets' primary logo from 1996-2003.

Recycling & Heavy Trash

Recycling continues to be every other Tuesday, in accordance with the dates February 20, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, etc. Heavy trash (tree waste and junk) has been suspended until further notice.

Yards of the Quarter

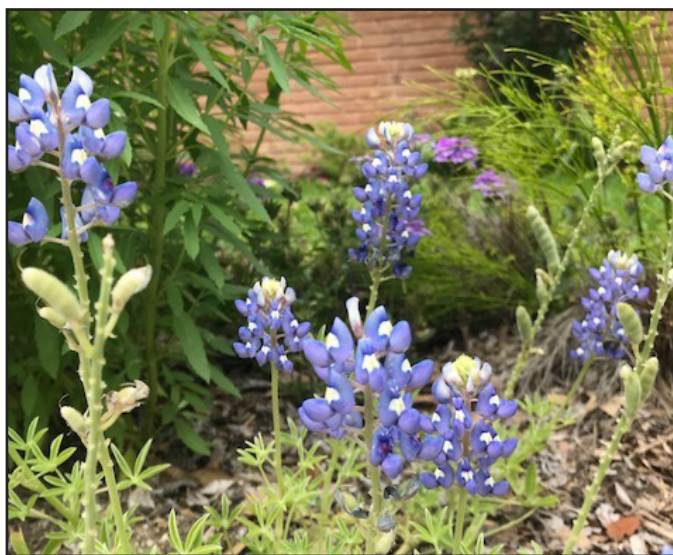
If it looks like there are more Yards of the Quarter homes acknowledged, you are correct. In recent months when there has been so much to do, the committee felt our neighbors who have worked so hard to maintain the appearance of the out side as well as the interior deserve special attention.

9710 Burdine	9706 Chimney Rock
9707 Checkerboard	5414 Lymbar
9714 Checkerboard	5435 Lymbar
9718 Checkerboard	5451 Lymbar
9722 Checkerboard	5522 Lymbar
9711 Braesmont	5519 Cheena
9714 Braesmont	5435 Cheena
9723 Braesmont	5547 Wigton
5411 Paisley	5527 Yarwell
5423 Paisley	5530 Dumfries
5427 Paisley	5410 Dumfries
5435 Paisley	5411 Dumfries
9707 Oasis	5426 Dumfries
5427 Queensloch	5435 Dumfries
5430 Queensloch	5438 Dumfries
5434 Queensloch	5446 Valkeith
5531 Queensloch	5435 Valkeith
5535 Queensloch	5406 Valkeith
5542 Queensloch	5402 Valkeith
5418 Rutherglenn	5403 Valkeith
5419 Rutherglenn	5438 Yarwell
5447 Rutherglenn	5431 Yarwell
5502 Rutherglenn	5430 Yarwell
5510 Rutherglenn	5402 Yarwell
5511 Rutherglenn	5419 Yarwell
5522 Rutherglenn	5418 Wigton
5523 Rutherglenn	5426 Wigton
5526 Rutherglenn	5442 Wigton

Kudos also to the homeowners on the address 5502, 5506, 5511, 5515, 5519, 5523, 5531, 5531, 5535, 5539, 5543 of Valkeith who kept yards maintained, flowers blooming while rehabbing from Harvey.

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



April showers bring May flowers to Marilyn Estates



Rockets' primary logo from 1973-1995.

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