

Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

Notes from the President

FALL 2017

Fall Greetings to all,

Let us count our blessings in the midst of many challenges that we, our neighbors and our friends and colleagues have faced recently. The destruction and damage caused by the 2017 great flood has been felt in our community and by so many nearby. Our hearts go out to all those impacted by the flood. Thanks to the kindness and caring of people of this area, we are recovering. We can share a sense of great satisfaction and togetherness in our community as we heal from the destruction that accompanied the 2017 flood. The people of this community have stepped up to assist and aid those in need and our local governmental organizations have been very supportive. What a great community we live in. God bless those in this community and all in America.

As we close out summer, we begin a cooler fall season continuing to care for our neighbors and shift towards the anticipation of happier holiday events and joyful family gatherings.

In July, you voted in two new board members for your MHPOA. Please welcome Brenda Benes and Dawn Cowen to your board for the 2017-2019 term. Brenda will be serving you as Treasurer and Dawn is serving you as Secretary. Larry Hilgers continues to serve you as Vice President and Travis Anderson continues to serve you as Restrictions director. And I will continue in the role President. We have also formed a new Committee for Deed Restrictions Review that is being led by Sylvie Armstrong. The MHPOA board and committees continue to be here to serve our property owners in maintaining the attractiveness and desirability of living in the Frisch Auf! and Bluff Haven neighborhoods.

Many of you may already be aware of this; however, I want to be sure all of you know that at the September MHPOA Board meeting, the County Emergency Management Coordinator, Janet Carrigan, and our County Commissioner, Harvey Berckenhoff, attended our monthly meeting to offer updates on flood recovery and guidance to those seeking assistance from the many supporting agencies. It was a productive meeting. I also want to commend Harvey for the support he personally provided those impacted by the 2017 flood. He and all of our county officials and workers stepped up to provide security and debris removal services to the owners and residents of the Country Club Drive and Country Club Court homes

that had water in them. Harvey has consistently shown a dedicated interest in our community.

Regarding the finances of the MHPOA, all remains in good order. We did fund additional security staffing for area residents impacted by the flood. And we anticipate additional cleanup of the esplanades soon.

Blessings for the coming holidays,
Wade Blakey, MHPOA President

MHPOA Board Responds to Harvey, The Great Flood of 2017

Hurricane Harvey arrived in Fayette County on Friday, August 25th. The torrential rainfall exceeding 22 inches over the next several days caused severe flooding along Country Club Dr. A total of eight homes were flooded with property damage ranging from modest to complete loss.

As a result of initial looting, the county provided security services including closing the road to all traffic and locating an officer in the area around the clock. At the request of affected property owners and local officials, the MHPOA provided more security by hiring off duty officers for an additional two days.

During the recovery days a board member of MHPOA stayed in constant contact with representatives of the flooded homes. Each home was visited two or three times a day to chat with the residents and determine outstanding needs. We ferried emergency supplies continually from local disaster relief organizations. The churches of Christ Disaster Relief program provided items such as shovels, mops, brooms, cleaning kits, wheelbarrows and many cases of drinking water. When residents required help to remove furniture from the damaged homes they also supplied manpower. On one day the neighborhood was invaded by the HEB Disaster Relief Team. They helped at the homes and provided additional manpower and supplies, especially drinking water.

We express our gratitude to the county workers, and all the many friends, relatives and total strangers who showed up at our doors to help the storm victims. The neighborhood may never be quite the same and several of our friends and neighbors suffered great loss. But, I suspect we will all be just a little bit stronger in the future as a result of Harvey's visit. ➡

Harvey Flood of 2017

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If you need additional flood relief assistance, please contact Janet Carrigan at the Fayette County Emergency Management Office at 979-968-1811. Blessings to all.

Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings account balances for 9/14/2017 respectively are \$27,643.59 and \$25,291.68 for a total of \$52,935.27. Our accounts this same time last year were \$19,492.66 and \$25,000.00 for a total of \$44,492.66. Our annual increase is \$8,442.61. Our \$25,000 CD earning 1.16% at Fayetteville Bank was rolled over on June 15 for another 12 month term at 1.19% interest. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 9/14/2017 was \$665.16 compared to \$249.45 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

Little Free Library

Hello to all our neighbors in Frisch Auf! and Bluff Haven,

Your Valley View Little Free Library #30136 made it through the storm without a scrape. Both need cleaning on the outside, but hopefully by the time you read this, they were be sparkling clean again. We removed all the books just in case they had some leaks, but they are leak free, as we figured they would be since they had been through bad rains before.



Both libraries are reloaded with books, and there's a storage box on our front porch you may use for donations if you like.

I think last time you read the newsletter, I mentioned that we might find more libraries on our vacation. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. There were a few in Amsterdam, but since our main form of transportation was either by foot or bus, we weren't able to get to the ones there. They were far from City Center where we spent most of our time. The same in St. Petersburg, Russia. Only there, it was strictly by foot.

On another note, I feel so sad for the folks on the golf course who lost their homes, and can hardly wait to see all those homes cleaned up, repaired, and occupied again. Let's remember that we are all part of the same 'family' here, and lend a helping hand whenever you can. Don't be afraid to offer help, rather than waiting for them to ask. It might be something as simple as running a load of clothes, or providing sandwiches and drinks while they work on their homes.

We are La Grange Strong!

Mary L. McNair

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Pay MHPOA Dues by ACH Draft

Contact Lori Steffek for more information or stop by the office to pick up a form.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

*Please take a moment
to introduce your-
selves to the new kids
on the block.....*

ERICA WILLIAMSON
227 PARK DR
JOHN MAKOWSKY &
DENA MEINARDUS
500 ROLLING HILL DR
MICHAEL & VICKI MORPHEW
216 CHRIS CT
BRENT VINKLAREK
220 CHRIS CT
DAVID & RAMONA GLISSON
300 BUCKEYE TRAIL

Yard of the Month



July

Joe & Lisa Caridi
215 Richard Rd

August

Pete & Martha Hamel
616 Country Club Ct

September

Mike & Marlene Wallace
212 Park Dr

Neighborhood Happenings

- ◆ **1st Saturday Breakfast (La Marina Restaurant)** - On the 1st Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m., a group of Frisch Auf! & Bluff Haven residents gather at La Marina (in the back room to the right). For more information, call Faye Graeber, (979) 968-0075
- ◆ **MHPOA Board Meetings**—are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the MHPOA office, 100 Country Club Dr. If you plan on attending, please call to verify the meeting time, as sometimes it changes.

Your Board

President ~ Wade Blakey: (979) 968-3485
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The MHPOA Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board, as well as, the Architectural Control, Deed Restrictions, Yard of the Month and Deer Committees, and possibly an Events and / or Beautification Committee(s). If interested, please contact one of the Board Members.