

Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

Notes from the President

Greetings to all,

What happened to winter? I seem to remember a few days of “real” winter cold and a few more of “kinda” winter cold... And I recall some days in the upper 80’s. Oh well, it’s now spring time and all is well for the MHPOA as we all watch the trees bud-out, our lawns seeking mowing and attention and the warmer temperature arriving.

We have a few things to report on and call to your attention... We have resumed our Sheriff’s Department patrols of traffic and speeding on Park Drive and Country Club Drive. And we have added new “Slow” figurines along Park Drive to alert traffic to Park Drive’s 20 MPH speed limit – and it seems to help as these signs draw drivers’ attention to them and the adjacent speed limit signs. Our deer reduction season has been completed with a reduction of 29 deer through the winter period (please review the Deer Committee report in this newsletter). And we have Frisch Auf lot owners looking to build new homes on Country Club Court and on Rolling Hill Drive. It’s been a few years since we have had new construction in the neighborhood and you can count on your board and the Architectural Control committee to carefully review any building permit requests and to support the attractive growth of our little community.

I want to continue to express my appreciation to the members of the MHPOA Board and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for their ongoing dedication and efforts in supporting our communities. And I want to ask you to welcome your newest board member, Travis Anderson, to the board. Travis lives on Country Club Drive and has accepted an appointment to the vacant seat with a term that ends in 2018. He will be handling restrictions for the remainder of this term year. On the subject of board members, our annual meeting will be coming up in July (more information to come in the Summer Newsletter) and we will be seeking to fill two board positions. So, all interested parties please contact Lori at the office or call one of the existing board members.

The finances of our MHPOA remain in good condition and the board continues to seek ways to use these funds for neighborhood maintenance and improvements that enhance our property values and add to the enjoyment of living here. We also want to call your attention to the fact that our existing

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General Restrictions (better known as our Deed Restrictions) are coming up for renewal in 2018 and the members of the board for the 2017-2018 year will be commissioning a deed restrictions committee to review and propose changes as may be applicable to our deed restrictions. Some suggestions have been made including the addition of: 1) a painting restriction that will help ensure that when home owners decide to change the color of the paint on their home or other structures on the property, that the color(s) selected are acceptable to the ACC and are befitting to the community, 2) a restriction that prohibits the feeding of deer or other ground-based wildlife; and 3) modifications to the pet (dog/cat) restrictions to bring them to more enforceable standards. If you have any ideas about things that you might like looked at in our deed restrictions, please either let Lori in the office know or call one of the board members so we can be sure to address your concerns.

Blessings and enjoy this beautiful spring,
Wade Blakey, MHPOA President

Deer Committee Update

Over the last six months our Deer Committee has been discussing vital questions regarding the monitoring of herd growth and working with Texas Parks and Wildlife to develop plans to prevent the size of the herd from becoming unmanageable.

We count the deer twice a year to estimate the size of the herd. The areas where deer are counted include the golf course property and the residential areas on the bluff. The latest count took place on February, 2017 with the total number of deer counted being 120. This count reflects a reduction in the number of deer in January, 2016 when the count totaled 145. We do expect an uptick in summer, 2017 as a result of the birthing season of whitetail.

Two activities took place this winter which had an impact on the number of deer present. First, Texas Parks and Wildlife issued hunting permits and 29 deer were ➡

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harvested over the last few months. We anticipate this will be a continuing annual effort depending upon the counts and recommendations from Texas Parks and Wildlife. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, some have mentioned that they are no longer feeding deer as a result of learning more about the implications of doing so. In summary, the potential has been reduced for (1) Lyme disease, (2) damage to gardens, (3) declining herd health, (4) and public safety. Thank you!

Please share your thoughts regarding these efforts to manage the deer population in our neighborhood. We would appreciate hearing your personal observations on number of deer seen, damage to gardens/landscaping and automobile/deer collisions. You may contact Lori Steffek at 979-968-5514 with your comments or any of the Deer Committee members.

And by all means, keep up the commendable efforts to refrain from feeding the deer.

Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings account balances for 2/27/2017 respectively are \$27,167.21 and \$25,000 for a total of \$52,167.21. Our accounts this same time last year were \$37,176.51 and \$4,772.27 for a total of \$41,948.48. Our \$25,000 CD at Fayetteville Bank is earning an interest rate of 1.16% and will mature on June 15, 2017. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 3/9/2017 was \$466.50 compared to \$308.10 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

SANDRA SHEARER
858 COUNTRY CLUB DR
BROOKE JENNINGS
315 ROLLING HILL DR

Neighborhood Happenings

- ♦ **1st Saturday Breakfast (La Marina Restaurant)** - On the 1st Saturday of every month at 8 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.



SLOW DOWN

Speeding continues to be a problem, especially on Country Club Drive and Park Drive. Please slow down before someone gets hurt!

The MHPOA Board would like to encourage all members of the Association to subscribe to email and text message alerts through the shared FCWCID/MHPOA website. Simply go online to www.monumenthillpoa.com and click on the orange "Sign up for alerts" button on the right side pane of the home page.

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.

Little Free Library

Friends and neighbors,

Your Valley View Little Free Library is already 1-1/2 years old. Time flies! This LFL is not as busy others are, but gets some traffic.



We have received a couple of very nice donations lately. Thanks for those additions. Several of the books are on the current NY Times Best Seller List. Please come by and check out the selection. You never know what you'll find. Titles are changed out frequently.

Just in case you don't know where YOUR LFL is... it's in the esplanade across from 310 Valley View Drive. It's always open, so come on down.

If you haven't 'liked' our Facebook page, please do so. You will then see any updates and even new book titles when they are available.

www.facebook.com/valleyviewlittlefreelibrary

Whatcha reading? I'm reading 'A Dog's Purpose' by W. Bruce Cameron.

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