

Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

Notes from the President

SUMMER 2017

Happy Summer to all,

Time flies – the Spring season came and went so quickly and now we are at the beginning of another Summer that comes with vacations, family time and a freedom from school for the younger ones. I hope your summer ushers in good times and that your home provides you a sanctuary from the Central Texas heat.

The annual members meeting of our MHPOA is coming in July and we will be electing two new board members to serve and guide the activities of your POA for the next two years. We will also be working to keep our neighborhoods as nice as we can.

During the last year, your MHPOA has remained active in our neighborhoods by continuing Sheriff's department speed patrols, reducing deer overpopulation and clearing the esplanades in our streets. And we have been monitoring restrictions

and reviewing building permit requests. We have also initiated a process to consider revisions to the General Restrictions covering all properties within the MHPOA during the next year.

We invite you, our property owners and neighbors, to participate with our efforts on the Yard of the Month committee, the Architectural Control Committee, Deer Committee, and on the Board of the MHPOA. Our communities are vibrant because of the dedicated efforts of our property owners and we look forward to your continued support. And with new owners and neighbors joining us, we also want to encourage their participation, energy and fresh ideas for the MHPOA.

Our finances remain in good order and we seek your suggestions for ways to best utilize the funds we have to maintain the appearance and quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Blessings, enjoy and be safe this summer,
Wade Blakey, MHPOA President

Deed Restriction Review

Our existing General Restrictions (better known as our Deed Restrictions) are coming up for renewal in 2018 and the members the board for the upcoming 2017-2018 year are likely to commission a Deed Restrictions committee to review and propose updates, changes and additions to our deed restrictions. Some suggestions we are already aware of include the addition of: 1) a painting restriction that will help ensure that when a home owner decides to change the color of the paint or trim on his (her) home or other structures on the property, that the new color(s) selected are in harmony with the community and are acceptable to the ACC, 2) a restriction that prohibits the feeding of deer and other ground-based wildlife, 3) restriction guidelines for yard art; and modifications to the pet (dog/cat) restrictions to bring them to more effective and enforceable standards.

If you have ideas or suggestions about things you might like included or changed in our deed restrictions, please be sure you complete the annual survey on the subject (included in the mailing of the Annual Meeting announcement) or let Lori or one of the board members know so we can give consideration to your concerns.

MHPOA Annual Meeting

Every year, the MHPOA holds an Annual Meeting inviting all property owners to attend and participate in the activities of the MHPOA. It is at this meeting that we nominate and elect board members to serve on your MHPOA for two year terms. Our board consists of five board members with three board positions being open for elections in even numbered years and two board positions being open for election in odd numbered years. This year, 2017, we will have two board positions coming up for election. Janet Coronado and Mike Cannon are completing their current terms. Janet is term limited and cannot stand for reelection and Mike has chosen to pass his position on to another person. You have already received the formal notice for the Annual Meeting in a separate mailing. In addition to filling the two board positions for the 2017-2018 year, your MHPOA board will discuss the events of the past year and open the floor to any questions or comments you may have about the MHPOA and our activities.

The MHPOA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th at the Frisch Auf! Valley Country Club in the Valley View Room beginning at 6:30 PM. Please come join us.

Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings account balances for 5/11/2017 respectively are \$31,240.92 and \$25,000 for a total of \$56,240.92. Our accounts this same time last year were \$41,056.30 and \$4,772.27 for a total of \$45,828.56. Our annual increase is \$10,412.36. Our \$25,000 CD earning 1.16% at Fayetteville Bank will be rolled over on June 15 for another 12 month term at 1.19% interest. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 5/9/2017 was \$1,023.74 compared to \$581.60 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to the new kids on the block.....

MARK & ASHLEY HERMES
304 BUCKEYE TRAIL
NAVAN KEO
842 COUNTRY CLUB DR
ELIZABETH STEWART
610 COUNTRY CLUB CT
DAWN TERRY
403 VALLEY VIEW DR

Gard of the Month



April

Cleo & Madeline Schneider
209 Summit Dr

May

Juan & Linda Oviedo
211 Rolling Hill Dr

June

David & Mary Jean Tauch
314 Oak Bend 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.

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.

Pay MHPOA Dues by ACH Draft

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

Little Free Library

Friends and neighbors,

Ever wonder about the number on the plaque of the LFL on Valley View? That number is #30136. It was assigned to the library in August of 2015 when we applied to be part of the Little Free Library Organization. At that time, there were 30,000+ little free libraries in the world! I noticed the other day that the numbers being assigned are well over 50,000! Isn't it amazing how this has taken off? LFL's started back in 2009.



Last year while Dixon and I were in vacation, we visited a LFL in Lisbon, Portugal. I had made contact with the steward of that library several months prior to our trip. His name is Joaquim. We spent a day with him and a lady friend of his! He took us to lunch at his favorite local cafe, then we visited his library, Conchas Little Free Library #32875. It's in a lovely park, and it was so nice to see people of all ages enjoying Joaquim's 'baby'. He is definitely a 'hands on' steward, who loves meeting and chatting with the people. After spending time in the park, we went to his apartment for the most amazing chocolate cake his mother had baked for this occasion. Joaquim is a pediatrician specializing in emergency respiratory issues. Perhaps, due to his love for children, he has since installed an additional LFL next to the original one, just for children. We were fortunate to be able to see it before it was installed....it was in his apartment, just waiting on the paint to dry.

By the time you read this, we will have returned from another trip to Europe, I've already found a few LFL's libraries near our destinations....two are in Amsterdam, and another one near St. Petersburg, Russia.

Stayed tuned for the fall issue and I'll let you know if we meet another international steward!

Sincerely,

Mary Lou McNair—LFL Steward

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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.