

Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

Fall 2019

Notes from the President

To all our neighbors,

Hard to believe that we are beginning the last quarter of 2019. What happened to this year?? But, I must say, I am looking forward to Autumn and falling temperatures, and how about some falling rain!! Bring on all the fall activities – school games, community events, Oktober-fests, family gatherings and so much more! There's tons to do right here so please get out and support your community and enjoy the good times in La Grange.

The power has been restored to the new backlit Frisch Auf! main entrance sign on Park Drive and it looks great! The post tops on either side of the sign are now in the process of being lit with new fixtures as well as the post tops at the entrances to Bluff Haven-Molly Lane and Bluff Haven-Chris Court off of Park Drive. The entrance to Bluff Haven at Richard Road and Country Club Dr. (office) will have a new backlit sign as well. The board is also looking into signage for the entrance to Frisch Auf! at Oak Bend and Country Club Dr. Some have raised concerns about the rotting wood decorative fences at the Bluff Haven entrances. We are aware and plan to replace and repaint all of them. All of these upgrades should not only enhance our neighborhood but also help provide better navigation for residents and visitors.

We continue to work on the esplanades and need everyone's help in keeping things looking nice and clean. With the changing of the season, leaves will begin falling and will continue through the spring with the live oak leaves. This is the most stressful time on the maintenance of the esplanades. Please continue to help us by not dumping or blowing leaves into the streets or esplanades. The same goes for yard clippings. More and more yard crews are not cleaning off the street after they mow yards. If you hire a landscape crew to maintain your yard, please inform them of keeping the streets clean and not to blow the grass on neighbor's yards. They are not aware of the restrictions and the responsibility falls on the landowners. We must work together to keep everything looking good, taking pride in our neighborhood.

The Board hopes that the work done is pleasing to everyone. We ask that if you have ideas on enhancing our neighborhood or for anything that can help us better serve you, please contact a member of the Board or Lori at the office.

Again, watch out for the kiddos as parties and family gatherings begin. Kids are excited and don't always look when crossing the road or playing in the yards. Drive carefully around the corners and passing on our narrow roads. Another reminder for some, please do not park cars continuously in the yard or ditch, especially on curves. This makes it very difficult to pass or see oncoming traffic, kids, walkers, golf carts, etc. Along with the holidays, please be vigilant and watch for strangers in the area. Be on the lookout for things that don't belong. Let's keep our neighborhood safe!

Thank you for allowing us to serve you as your Board.

Mark Hermes, MHPOA President

SLOW DOWN



**LOOK
OUT.**

**SCHOOL'S
IN.**

MHPOA Annual Meeting

Attendance at our Annual Meeting in July was up a little from 2018, with (20) MHPOA members present.

Mark Hermes reported that both Brenda Benes and Dawn Cowen volunteered to serve a second turn on the Board. No write-in candidates were received., 53.5 ballots and 4 proxies were received. Both Mrs. Benes and Mrs. Cowen were re-elected unanimously.

Brenda Benes reported that the Association's total Cash Assets were \$54,470.36, a change of <\$4,900.75> from July 2018. Delinquent accounts totaled approximately \$700.

Cleo Schneider reported that the Deer Committee Chairman Bill Keating had stepped down and Tom Hobbs was the new Chairman. Two deer counts would be conducted during the month of August and would determine how ➡

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many doe permits the Association received from TPWD.

Darlene Gilmore reported that throughout the Association, unmaintained properties, dog barking complaints, unrestraint of animals, parking and deer feeding issues continue to be a recurring problem. As recourse, the Board has consulted with an attorney and claims can be filed with the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace's office if restriction violations persist.

The Board would like to congratulate the winners of the door prize drawings:

- ♦ **One quarter of MHPOA dues for a single lot (\$30 value):** Nora Butler, Debbie Robinson, Linda Kramer, Gene Luhn
- ♦ **\$25 Weikel's Gift Card:** Dixon McNair, Henry Billeck
- ♦ **\$25 Leopard Donuts Gift Card:** James Benes, Gloria Faye Graeber
- ♦ **\$25 HEB Gift Card:** Sylvie Armstrong, Janet Coronado

Your Board

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Treasurer's Report

Our checking account balance as of 08/27/2019 was \$54,654.95. Our accounts this same time last year totaled \$62,499.18. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 9/4/2019 was \$1,102.42 compared to \$747.56 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

Yard of the Month



July	Linda Morrison 308 Rolling Hill Dr
August	Scott & Sylvia Armstrong 405 Oak Bend Dr
Sept	Mike & Lisa Corker 204 Lookout Dr

Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

MICHAEL & SHERI AHART
403 VALLEY VIEW DR



The Association continues to receive numerous complaints concerning pets leaving their "business" behind and their owners not picking up after them. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and pick-up after your pet.

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.

Little Free Library

We were gone much of the summer taking grandchildren on various trips. One of those trips was to our Nation's Capitol with our 15 year old grandson.

It's difficult, as I'm sure you probably know, to drive and park in DC. We chose to do a lot of walking as well as using the subway.

On one of our walks we ran across a little free library that was next to a church. According to the registration number on the little free library it is newer than the Valley View Little Free Library.

Interestingly, this was the only LFL we 'found' in all of our traveling this summer. We were also in the Texas Hill Country, near Branson, Missouri, and last but not least to Scotland for our own vacation. I always check the LFL website for locations, but none to be found. I suppose, this just means we have to keep traveling so we can find more LFL's.

Come by your LFL and 'Take a Book, Leave a Book'.



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