



Fall 2021

It IS A Mess!

Everyone agrees that four years is much too long for the houses flooded on Country Club Drive to be vacant. We think we may be closer to having the properties razed and turned into a greenbelt, but we can't promise anything as the funds for buying and dozing the properties remain concealed in a maze of bureaucracy. We understand that regulations did not allow for maintenance on the properties which then evolved into a messy health hazard and lingering eyesore. Government agencies were challenged by waves of mass destruction in Houston by Hurricane Harvey and state and federal funds for rural areas didn't receive priority. But enough is enough and, in September, the County Commissioner's Court placed the item on its agenda. Representatives from the MHPOA, Water District, Country Club, and area property owners met with a representative from the Texas General Land Office, County Judge Weber, County Commissioners, and several county staff to try to correct misinformation and voiced their shared frustrations over the delays in cleaning up the mess and eventually restoring this flood-prone area to greenbelt.

Changing personnel, and staff's interpretation of rules at the State level, have helped stall the processing of funding. For instance, before The Texas General Land Office, and Commissioner George P. Bush, could proceed with processing moneys earmarked for the project, the county was required to provide an environmental impact study and forensic appraisals of the properties' values before the flood. Reportedly, the revised paperwork for grant funding of the project has been submitted. In the meantime, county officials recently received permission from the State to mow and clean up the properties to help minimize the health hazards from infestations. Unfortunately, we have no idea when State funds will be released to demolish the buildings that have in effect been condemned.

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Treasurer's Report

Our checking account balance as of 08/29/2021 was \$30,925.56. Our account this same time last year had a balance of \$40,275.38. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 9/9/2021 was \$227.64 compared to \$1,101.82 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.....*

Brian & Karen Biggs
216 Summit Drive
Dustin & Christina Burton
106 Country Club Drive
Stacey Justus & Family
104 Molly Lane
Mark & Darthie Kimball
102 Country Club Drive
Peter & Karen Leighton
211 Richard Road
Saul Llanas & Family
834 Country Club Drive
Willis & Rebecca Ponder
601 Country Club Court
Amy Reistle
202 Rolling Hill Drive

Yard of the Month

July Chester & Janice Johnson
225 Summit Drive

August Royce & Jo Ann Friemel
218 Richard Rd

Sept. Nora Butler
207 Summit Drive



All the neighbors are getting together on Tuesday, October 5th, beginning at 6 p.m., on Yaupon Ct. in Frisch Auf subdivision. Social time will be from 6 — 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow around 6:30 p.m.

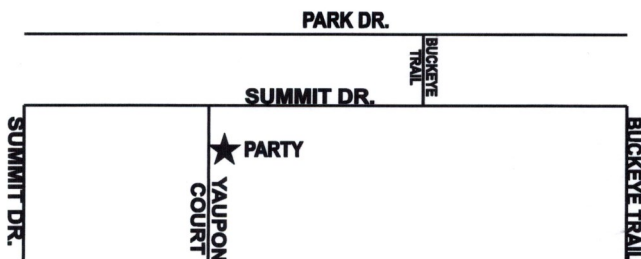
Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish:
Odd House Numbers—please bring a vegetable or dessert
Even House Numbers—please bring a meat dish or salad

Plates, utensils and iced tea will be provided. If you prefer, feel free to bring another drink of your liking.

What you should bring:

- ◆ Yourself and a covered dish, salad or dessert
- ◆ Lawn chairs
- ◆ One or more canned food items or a cash donation for the AMEN food pantry

If cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be re-scheduled to October 12, 2021. If you have any questions, please call (979) 968-8871.



Email & Text Message Alerts

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to subscribe to email and text message alerts through the shared FCWCID/MHPOA website. It's the most efficient method of getting information out in real time. Simply go online to www.monumenthillpoa.com and click on the orange "Sign up for alerts" button on the right side panel of the home page.

Board Meetings

Are normally 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, it's always a good idea to verify that the meeting hasn't been cancelled due to not having a quorum.



You're invited to join the unofficial community Facebook page "**Monument Hill Neighborhood News**". Simply answer the two questions when you ask to join and you will be added to the group. Please keep in mind this is an "unofficial" page, and relies entirely on volunteer administrators and, as such, it is not constantly monitored. Many thanks to Mary Lou McNair for creating and maintaining the page!

Little Free Library

I can't believe time flies by so fast. It seems it's much quicker, the older we get.



We were gone about three weeks this past summer. We tried to find some cooler weather, and we did, but we also found a lot of rain. We also found a couple of LFL's. One in Peterborough, NH (pictured to the left), and the other in Waterbury, VT (pictured at the bottom). We love both of those states, as well as Maine. We weren't deliberately looking for the LFL's, we just ran across them,

which is even more fun!

I've replaced the clear plastic box that has been on our front porch with a nicer, brown 'woven, basket looking' box. You'll find it either on our porch, or in the esplanade. Please use it to put donated books in if it seems the LFL's are full or even just crowded. You're also welcome to take books from that box as well.

Come by, find a book or two to read, or just 'sit a spell', or even enjoy the view from the lot across the street. You're sure to see deer and perhaps other critters there. Keep on reading!

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