

# Monument Hill Property Owners Association

Spring 2021

## From the President's Desk

Friends and Neighbors,

What a time it has been! As we move to hopefully brighter horizons, the past must never be forgotten. I hope you all did okay during the recent freeze that bottled up our neighborhood. It definitely wasn't the walk in the park of a Hallmark movie, but one for the history books!

I want to say thank you to all those who came out to help in any way. I know several neighbors helped each other as well and we will never know all the good deeds that were done. Nevertheless, all that was done to help in any way, whether small or large, are all just as important and appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Lori and Dixon and Mary Lou McNair for manning the fort of a 15-day siege. Thank you to EMC Craig Moreau for his continuous efforts in keeping everyone comfortable and staying on top of the situation. There are so many more to list, but I know I would leave someone out, so thank you everyone for all that you did to help out during the big freeze.

I ask that everyone continue to help our community in any way, or let the POA Board, or Lori know at the office, if you see, hear, or think of something. Positive criticism is always welcome and can help us in future situations. I encourage you to voice your opinions on ways to help our elected officials and service departments. I know a lot of you have great ideas! Don't assume that something isn't a good idea or that they may already know. Sharing ideas to keep from getting into these kinds of binds again will help others think positively toward working for a greater goal. The POA Board is also looking at creating an emergency response team of our own. We will be visiting this idea much more at our upcoming meetings.

As Spring is upon us, the neighborhood is looking good! Some streets were recently paved by the County and a day doesn't go by that you don't hear a mower or trimmer. The weather has been beautiful for yard and landscape work. Take advantage of it while you can! We are beginning the "Yard of The Month" program again, this month, so I encourage everyone to participate however you can to keep our neighborhood looking great!

The POA continues to research and review several different items across the Association. We work every week on things that effect our neighborhood and try our best, within the bylaws and deed restrictions, to make progress where we can. It may not always look like something is happening cosmetically but behind the scenes, the wheels are rolling. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at any time or attend a meeting if you can. Thank you everyone and be safe!!

Take care,  
Mark Hermes, President

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## Treasurer's Report

Our checking account balance as of 02/28/2021 was \$38,873.90. Our account balance this same time last year was \$51,143.75. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 3/11/2021 was \$1,321.66 compared to \$1,001.82 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

# A FEW REMINDERS...

Following are a few reminders concerning the Association's Deed Restrictions. We ask that you please try to always be considerate of your neighbors. Be the kind of neighbor you would like to have.

- The Speed Limit on Park Drive is **20** mph and **30** mph on Country Club Drive. Please Slow Down.
- All animals must be confined to your property and, when walked, they must be on a leash at all times. No loose dogs or cats are allowed.
- If your dog does "his/her business", please pick it up and dispose of it properly. No one likes to step in poop!
- All trash cans must be put away, and must not be visible from the street, except on trash pick up days.
- Absolutely no trailers, boats and/or RV's are allowed to be parked anywhere within the boundaries of the Association, excluding your own enclosed garage. They must not be visible from the street or the backyard, if your yard does not have a privacy fence. Enforcement of this restriction may involve having the property towed and impounded, at the owner's expense, in addition to being fined and a lien placed on your home and/or property.
- No unsightly storage of any kind is allowed on or around your property
- No parking on the street, on the grass, or any unpaved areas is allowed. Illegally parked vehicles are subject to being towed and impounded at the owner's expense
- No loud music, so as to bother your neighbors, is permitted at any times
- Excluding wooded, undeveloped lots, all properties must be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion. If the Association must step in to maintain a property, the owner will be responsible for 150% of the cost to remedy the situation. Non-payment could result in a lien being placed on your home and/or property.

# Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month will begin again in April. So, have you ever wondered what criteria the Yard of the Month Committee takes into consideration? Here's a quick run down:

- ♣ A well kept yard and trimmed shrubs (given the persistent drought conditions, a perfectly green yard is not mandatory)
- ♣ All pots have plants in them (remove empty pots)
- ♣ A neat front porch and patio area
- ♣ No cars or trailers parked in the yard (or any other visible violation of the deed restrictions)
- ♣ Property owner must be current on their POA dues

Please note that yards are not judged on a one time drive around the neighborhood. All properties are repeatedly assessed throughout the month.



# Little Free Library

Dear Neighbors,

Time has flown. Here we are, almost in spring. Last year we were asked to shut down all LFL's due to Covid 19. This request came from the LFL Organization. I think I agreed with that request. Who really knows what is the best thing to do? If was our attempt at trying to keep our patrons safe.

We stayed closed for a few months, and I really missed seeing folks come and go to the library. I especially missed seeing the kiddos, some riding their bicycles to the LFL and taking their chosen books home in their backpacks. That brings a smile to my face.

I received a few book donations while LFL was closed, and that helped when we opened back up, to have some new books for everyone.

I love book requests, and I have had some. I was even able to supply a couple of books that were requested. Made me almost feel like a real librarian.

Come by and take a look. You might find something to read while sitting outside on these wonderful days we've been having since the ice/snow storm.

Remember to look for Little Free Libraries when you're out and about. If you see one, take a photo and put it on the Valley View LFL Facebook page. As always, I hope you find a good book to read.

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# 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, 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!