

# Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

## *Notes from the President*

Greetings to all,

Wow.... Summer is really here. The temps are soaring and the precipitation is nowhere to be found. And this is just through May and June. We all need to prepare for the coming months by staying cool. Our lawns will need some additional attention during this time... please try to water when needed and if you have an irrigation system, we suggest you water after 10 PM and before 6 AM as the temperatures are lower and there will be less evaporation. You may also want to cut your lawns a little higher to help reduce stress on the grass. And as time continues to fly by, we will again see the cooler weather of fall – just be a little patient.

Earlier this year, we formed a Deed Restriction Committee and they recommended a few changes to our restrictions. The Board then sought legal guidance for completing this process and we were unable to complete the necessary formalities in a manner timely enough to present at this year's annual meeting.

Also, our Deer Committee is now dormant based on the limited opportunities we have to meaningfully reduce deer population. We can certainly consider reformation of this committee, but it will need some new participants and a good dose of ideas and enthusiasm. If you want to see the deer population better managed, we need your help to move this forward.

The MHPOA Board is completing another year and our finances remain in good condition. We have some new construction in the neighborhood and there have been several property improvements made. Some houses in the area are selling with new neighbors coming into the community. And other houses are available in Frisch Auf and Bluff Haven. What a great time to let someone know about our special place and invite them to join our community.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on July 19, 2018 at the Frisch Auf Valley Country Club. Refreshments will be served and you are all invited to come in and talk with your Board as well as to elect three new Board members for the 2018-2019 service year.

As the MHPOA and its Board continue forward, there will be some new matters to face with the uninhabitable houses on lower Country Club Drive. We have heard that FEMA may buyout these houses. If that happens, the property owners of these houses will receive some compensation, but we will need

to figure out with the county what to do with the structures on the lots and what to do with the land. Something to think about.

Best regards to all,  
Larry Hilgers, President MHPOA

## *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, 2018, we will have three board positions coming up for election. Larry Hilgers and Travis Anderson are completing their current terms and have chosen to pass their positions on to other individuals. Wade Blakey left the board in June due to his moving out of state. You have already received the formal notice for the Annual Meeting in a separate mailing. In addition to filling the three board positions for the 2018-2019 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 19<sup>th</sup> at the Frisch Auf! Valley Country Club in the Valley View Room beginning at 6:30 PM. Please come join us.

What an incredible community we live in! And what a great privilege it has been to serve you for the past 4 years on the MHPOA Board. My wife and I are seeking new adventures in our lives as we have moved to Bentonville, Arkansas. We will miss all the wonderful people of La Grange, but we are assured through our faith that God has new plans for us in the so beautiful Northwest Arkansas area.

May God's blessings always be with you and your families.

Sincerely,  
Wade Blakey

## Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings (CD) account balances for 6/14/2018 respectively are \$33,574.52 and \$25,594.44 for a total of \$59,168.96. Our accounts this same time last year were \$25,729.56 and \$25,291.68 for a total of \$51,021.24. Our annual increase is \$8,147.72. Our \$25,000 CD will not be renewed on June 15th, and the proceeds will be deposited into MHPOA's checking account. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 6/14/2018 was \$469.30 compared to \$1,023.74 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.....

MILDRED DUELBERG  
220 CHRIS CT  
GLEN KEWLEY  
202 ROLLING HILL DR

## Yard of the Month



**April**

Molly Graf  
102 Carmen Ct

**May**

Fritzi Kulhanek  
317 Rolling Hill Dr

**June**

William & Marlene Schneider  
113 Rolling Hill Dr

## Neighborhood Happenings

- ♦ **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Breakfast (La Marina Restaurant)** - On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Your Board

President ~ Larry Hilgers: (979) 968-6688  
Vice President ~ Vacant  
Treasurer ~ Brenda Benes: (979) 249-6804  
Secretary ~ Dawn Cowen: (979) 204-6104  
Restrictions ~ Travis Anderson (210) 400-9877  
Office Manager ~ Lori Steffek (979) 968-5514

# Little Free Library

Here we are again with nearly triple digit temps. Your LFLs are still open and full of books for you to enjoy in the cool of your own home. Perhaps if you're going on a vacation, you might grab one or two to take along.



A couple of disturbing occurrences need to be mentioned. The first was a note that was left in the adult LFL. No profanity or lewd comments were made, just a disturbing comment about what "supposedly" happened at the library. I don't believe anything bad actually happened there....just someone (likely under 18) wanted to try and shock me. It didn't work. I'm unshockable!

The next occurrence was some writing that was scribbled in **ink** on the (again) adult LFL. I've tried to remove both of the scribbles, but it will take a coat of paint to completely do so. I don't know if the same person wrote both 'notes' or if it was more than one person. Doesn't matter. I have pictures of the notes, and if it occurs again, we may have to figure out what to do to hopefully prevent it from happening again. Even if you love someone, or think very ill of our town, it doesn't need to be shared on the LFL. If you see anything unusual or something that should not be in or on YOUR LFL, please let me know. A note on our front door, or a phone call is definitely appreciated.

In the grand scheme of things, these occurrences are nothing compared to things that have happened to other LFL boxes around the US and abroad that have been burned up completely, doors torn off of them, or had all the books taken, over and over and over. As I said after Harvey, 'We are La Grange Strong' and we will continue to have books available for all who care to enjoy them.

On a very happy note, we have an amazing author in our neighborhood. Audrey Wick has written a book and the title is *Finding True North*. We are fortunate to have a few bookmarks left in the adult LFL for this book. She received rave reviews from Beth Wiseman, another author many of you know. Audrey's book is available from [TulePublishing.com](http://TulePublishing.com) or your favorite online retailer. I have a copy of this book, and look forward to finishing it very soon if I haven't already done so by the time you read this!

Another very good thing is that the door to the now 'infamous' Adult LFL has been replaced. Thank you to Dixon for buying much better wood, and rebuilding the door. It looks great!

Have a great summer, and read something from YOUR Valley View Little Free Library.

Whatcha reading?

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