

# Monument Hill Property Owners Association Newsletter

## *Notes from the President*

Happy New Year Greetings to all,

Time marches on and we have made it through another holiday season. I hope your 2017 was happy, joy filled, safe and healthy. We know some of our lower Frisch Auf households experienced substantial losses from hurricane Harvey. As we start 2018, I pray the Lord's blessings will be with all of you and your families throughout the year.

Your MHPOA Board has remained active. We have worked diligently with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department in speed enforcement along Country Club Drive and Park Drive. We also coordinated with the Sheriff's Department for additional security during the aftermath of hurricane Harvey. And we supported our County Commissioner's efforts to improve the roadways in our communities. Harvey Berckenhoff initiated area repaving with work in Frisch Auf and has advised us that he will support additional repaving of roadways in our neighborhoods over the next several years. We also initiated an esplanade clean-up program to help make these attractive features look a little more manicured.

Our Deer committee completed last year's deer reduction efforts successfully and we have initiated the reduction efforts for the 2017-2018 season. A report from the Deer committee is enclosed.

And this year, we formed a Deed Restrictions committee to evaluate and propose beneficial changes to our General Restrictions that could enhance the quality of life here. Sylvie Armstrong is chairing this committee and has provided a brief update in this newsletter.

Your MHPOA's finances remain in good order. We ask that you share your thoughts about how the Board can continue to serve our community using the funds you have provided for maintenance and beautification of our neighborhoods.

Continued blessings for the year ahead,  
Wade Blakey,  
MHPOA President

## **WINTER 2018**

### *Deed Restriction Review*

The Deed Restrictions Committee has been formed and is underway with reviews of the existing restrictions and any needs for additions, updates or deletions. Your neighbors participating on this committee include: Sylvie Armstrong (chairperson), Fritz Kulhanek, Mark Hermes, David Tauch and Gary Kramer.

We got off to a delayed start due to hurricane Harvey and related activities. The committee has met twice and expects to have one more meeting by the end of 2017. We have taken the 2017 Annual Survey responses from property owners and carefully reviewed them to help guide our activities and focus for meeting the needs of our community.

If any of you have suggestions for changes to our deed restrictions, please feel free to call any of this committee's members.

### *Deer Committee Update*

The Deer Committee continues to monitor the number of deer present in the neighborhood. The group is chaired by Bill Keating who is assisted by Nora Butler, Bradley Loehr, David Tauch, Wes Gilmore, Cleo Schneider, and Mike Wallace. Activities of the committee since the last newsletter include finalizing the late summer deer count and submitting the information to TPWD for analysis and recommendations aimed at controlling the number of deer living around us to a more healthy level.

The counting effort this summer was interrupted by hurricane Harvey. On August 18th our initial survey indicated there were 117 deer in our bluff area. This count included the residential areas and the golf course. Following the August 25th hurricane, 92 deer were observed in the same area.

The information gathered in the surveys was forwarded to TPWD for review. As a result of their analysis, 60 MLD doe tags were issued to the MHPOA deer committee. These permits are good through the current hunting season which lasts until the end of February, 2018.

**2018** **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## Deer Committee Update

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The Deer Committee would like to thank all who are continuing to avoid feeding these wild animals. Benefits of maintaining a lower number of deer in the area herd include: 1) Lyme disease control, 2) garden damage reduction, 3) healthier deer, and 4) public safety.

The MHPOA board expresses appreciation to the members of the Deer Committee for their work during 2017. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee if you have questions or comments.

## Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings account balances for 12/1/2017 respectively are \$31,425.97 and \$25,291.68 for a total of \$56,717.65. Our accounts this same time last year were \$24,036.73 and \$25,000.00 for a total of \$49,036.73. Our annual increase is \$7,680.92. Our \$25,000 CD earning 1.16% at Fayetteville Bank was rolled over on June 15 for another 12 month term at 1.19% interest. Our total past due accounts receivable balance on 12/1/2017 was \$1,225.88 compared to \$365.21 the same time last year. Please pay your quarterly dues in a timely manner.

## 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

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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.

## Yard of the Month

October

Nora Butler  
207 Summit Dr

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](http://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

Hello to all our neighbors in Frisch Auf! and Bluff Haven,

Well, I sit here after Thanksgiving, and am so grateful for our town, community, and that we live in a wonderful state. (The best as far as I'm concerned). I'm also grateful for my family, near and far, and for all the friends we have in this neighborhood, town, and our dear friends at church.

I am so excited to share with you that there is another Little Free Library right here in La Grange. This LFL is located on Business 71 in front of Lindemann Real Estate Office. The amazing steward is Katy Michalke and her two daughters. Several months ago they found Valley View Little Free Library. The girls had their mom bringing them up here almost every day to pick up new books as well as leave many more than they borrowed. I think I actually ran out of books that they had not read....many times the girls would read some of the books before they even got home, which is only on the other side of the river and down a few blocks.

Anyway, one day, Katy asked me if I would mind if she opened a LFL down in her neck of the woods? Mind? I was so excited! I've always thought that when someone does something you've done, it's the highest form of flattery.

Well, her darling LFL opened on October 12. The address is 821 E. Travis in front of the realty office. Please go check out this LFL. Also, of note, there was a cute bench next to the LFL. A couple of weeks ago, it disappeared. We're hoping it will either come back, or another one might magically appear there!

We are STILL La Grange Strong....don't forget, we still have neighbors who are unable to live in their homes. Is there anything you can do to help them?

Whatcha reading?

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