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Win a \$100 Gift Card! Tell Us What You Think!

by Gerald Radack, Director At-Large and Editor-in-Chief

In February, the Board of Directors voted to allow a trial period with the *Meyerlander Monthly*, a new, monthly newsletter that includes Association news and business advertising. Our inaugural issue was in March. You are holding our fourth issue.

We heard from residents that they wanted more frequent information from the Association, and the volunteer Publications Committee was seeking a way to produce a newsletter that was less labor-intensive than our past method. Our partnership with Peel Publishing, Inc. allows us to produce a professional newsletter with timely, interesting news, all at no cost to the Association. While some people had reservations about publishing a newsletter that contained advertising, others felt it was a good thing for our local businesses.

So what do you think? What do you like, and what could be better? What would you like featured? Should MCIA continue this monthly publication? We want to hear from as many residents as possible. To encourage your feedback, the Publications Committee is raffling off a \$100 VISA gift card!

Raffle Rules:

1. Entrants must live in Meyerland (as owner or renter). No businesses, please.

2. Email your opinion about the new *Meyerlander Monthly* to meyerlander@meyerland.net. Type "Letter to the Editor" in the subject line. Emails must be signed with your full name, street address, and daytime phone. The information we collect will only be used for this raffle.

2. You are welcome to submit as many emails as you like, but only one entry per household will be entered into the raffle.

3. Emails must be received by Friday June 14, 2013 midnight.

4. If you are the lucky winner, you will receive an email from the MCIA Office with instructions on how to pick up your \$100 gift card. Please bring some identification that shows your name and address.

5. The winner will be announced in the July issue. All comments submitted may be printed in future issues of the. The Editor reserves the right to edit comments for clarity and length.





Before You Pick Up That Paint Brush ...

by Lisa Murray, MCIA Architectural Coordinator

Before you pick up that paint brush, or install a fence, or repair your sidewalk, or even replace windows, or begin ANY exterior work - you need to receive approval from the Meyerland Architectural Control Committee (MACC). Meyerland is a deed restricted community and this review and approval by the MACC is required by those restrictions. Like all of our deed restrictions, the purpose is to maintain a certain look and feel of the neighborhood and help to maintain the property values..

Though it may be inconvenient, it is a requirement of your deed restrictions, so MCIA and MACC have tried to make this as easy on you as possible. Specific forms are available for your use, depending on the type of project you are planning, and all of the forms are available on our website www.meyerland.net. If you are painting your home, use the Painting Form. If you are replacing your fence, you the Fence Form. If you are planning many small projects at one time,you can combine them all on the Multiple Projects Form. Each form has specific requirements, depending on the type of project you are proposing. Follow the instructions on the form and be sure that you are submitting all the required documentation and appropriate fee so your application makes it through the process as quickly as possible.

Allow about 10 days for the processing and review of your application. Simple projects like painting a house white or beige, may move quicker and more complicated renovations, additions, or pool installations will take a little longer.

Just remember. You must receive the approval of the MACC BEFORE you start your project. If not, you may receive a notice of deed restriction violation from the MCIA office and will still have to go through the process, with the possibility of having to remove or redo your project.

If you have any questions about the approval process, or how to submit your project, you can call the office at 713-729-2167 and speak to Lisa Murray, Architectural Coordinator. Or send an email to macc@meyerland.net

Good Fences Make **Good Neighbors**

by Lisa Murray, MCIA Architectural Coordinator

Most properties in Meyerland have a fence that separates your property from your neighbor. In most cases, the fence is located along the property line, so it is a "shared" improvement on your property. This sometimes creates confusion regarding who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of a fence. It is always recommended that neighbors work together when replacing or repairing fences, but that isn't always the case and it isn't required. Though it is always recommended that if you are making any changes to a fence, or installing a new one that you be a good neighbor and inform those neighbors around you.

Any property owner can install a fence on their property as long as it meets the requirements of the deed restrictions. Some areas have additional requirements based on their location, but ALL properties in Meyerland must abide by the following when installing, repairing or replacing a fence.

1. The fence may not be taller than 8 feet in height.

2. The fence must be installed behind the front building setback line.

3. The fence may not extend farther forward than the foremost portion of the house.

4. For corner homes, fences may not be installed between the side building setback line and the property line.

5. Only wood, masonry and iron fences are permitted. New chain link fences are not permitted.

Before planning your fence replacement, consult your deed restrictions for specific requirements and if you have any questions, consult the office at 713-729-2167 and speak with Lisa Murray, Architectural Coordinator or send an email to macc@meyerland.net





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Security Tips

by Rick Fritz, Director of Section 10 and MCIA Security Committee Chair

1. Lock your doors, windows and garage

This is easier said than done. Everyone knows they should lock their doors and windows, but not everyone follows through. Make locking doors a part of your family's daily routine for improved home security.

2. Secure your doors, windows and garage

Securing your home is not the same as locking your home. Make sure all locks are secure and cannot be easily broken. Make sure there are no entrances that offer a burglar the opportunity to get into your home or garage. This could be as simple as buying a stronger lock, or as extensive as replacing windows and doors. Also, when leaving your home make sure the garage door is completely down before driving away.

3. Light the Way

An easy solution to discourage prowlers from targeting your home is to have a well-lit path leading to your front door. Maintain good lighting outside your home and make sure all shrubs and trees are trimmed so as not to obstruct the view of your home and provide an invitation for burglars to lurk in the shadows. Also consider installing security cameras around your home especially if you are on a major thoroughfare. If you do install cameras, be sure the cameras capture the view of the street.

4. Cancel paper/mail delivery when out of town

Another sure invitation to a burglar is a big stack of papers or mail outside your door or in your mailbox. If you are expecting a delivery while you are traveling, arrange for it to be held by the carrier, or for a neighbor to take care of it.

5. Don't hide a key outside the door

A lot of people worry about forgetting keys or locking themselves out of their home. Don't let that worry make you vulnerable to a greater security threat. Most hiding spots aren't as clever as you think they are, and burglars know all the tricks of the trade. If you hide a key, chances are they have a good idea where to find it.

6. Install a peep hole in your front door

Just because they come knocking, it doesn't mean they are any more trustworthy than someone who comes sneaking. You should never open the door to strangers. A peep hole provides a way to tell if there is a stranger at your door. Also, make sure contractors have adequate identification before letting them on your property!

7. Speed-dial important numbers - police, fire, school, poison control, etc.

This is as much about personal safety as it is home security. Having a hospital or fire department on speed dial may save your life. Quick response from the Constables' office makes it that much easier in the case of a break-in. While 9-1-1 is fast, pushing a single button and putting the phone on speaker may be all the time you have if a burglar gets into your home. Precinct 5 Constable Phone: 281-463-6666. HPD Emergency: 911. HPD Non-Emergency Phone: 713-884-3131.



Meet Your Director MARLENE ROCHER

"Meet Your Director" is a recurring article to acquaint you with your neighbors who serve on the Board of Directors. This month's featured director is Jim Walters, a Director for Section 2.

Why did you decide to join the MCIA Board of Directors?

After living in Meyerland for 25 years, I decided I wanted to feel more a part of the community, as well as its future. I wanted to make sure that the character of my neighborhood was maintained, thus keeping property values stable and hopefully increasing. Though it's important, "location, location, location" is not everything! So, instead of complaining about little things, I thought I should have a voice and be an active resident.

What Board titles or committee seats do you hold?

I'm on the Programs and Community Involvement Committee and the Publications Committee. Last term, I was also on the Deed Restrictions Committee.

What is your professional background?

I'm an Advertising Copywriter, and have been for a long, long time. So, in addition to being a word meister, I can type pretty well and I have an eagle eye (well, actually two of them) when it comes to editing and proofing.

What surprised you about being on the Board?

The professional, focused, by-the-book way the Board is run. It's serious business, and operates like one. I am also amazed at the incredible amount of work that is involved in the daily functions of our homeowners' association. And, the time commitment...wow! The monthly meetings can be upwards of 3 hours, and committee work oftentimes involves multiple meetings with the group and many hours personally. Then there are resident issues in which you are sometimes asked to be a part of. It's a big responsibility working to keep Meyerland such a great place to live. But, it's sooo worth it. I feel more connected than ever to my neighborhood.

What advice would you give a new Director?

Embrace the experience. Listen to your fellow Board members. Interact with them. Speak up. Share your thoughts and be willing to also share your professional expertise. Remember that you are on the Board to help make decisions that will affect your entire neighborhood. It's your "job" to maintain, preserve and promote Meyerland. All in all, it's time well spent for the greater good!

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Landscape Improvement Update

by the MCIA Image Committee

With the help of Mother Nature's wet, cool spring, we are starting to rebound from years of drought conditions. Hopefully, this unexpectedly pleasant weather pattern will help us to maintain the lush appearance throughout the scorching heat of the summer to come. Outside of some unsightly ruts on the esplanades and a spurt of weed growth in the bedding areas, we are looking better than we have in a decade.

The landscaping improvement project has continued with the installation of planting beds around the four Meyerland signs on Braeswood and the original entrance to Meyerland at 610 and Jason. Working with the City of Houston things has been slower than anticipated, but progress is steady. We look forward to the enhancements expanding from around the signs to other areas... such as esplanades, esplanade tips, bridge areas, intersections, and more. The improvements have received quite a few compliments. We hope the future image upgrades will only get better.





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June, 2013					July, 2013								
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MCIA Deed Restriction Rules: Weekly - Put garbage and recycling containers, as well as yard trimmings, etc., on the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. one day before pickup. Remove containers no later than 10 p.m. on trash pickup day. Monthly - Put heavy junk/tree waste on the curb no earlier than Friday 6 p.m. before the 2nd Wednesday heavy junk/tree waste collection.



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4th of July Celebrations

by the MCIA Publications Committee

Meyerland's prime location in Houston means that residents have many options to watch fireworks on Independence Day. These are some of the events closest to our neighborhood:

Freedom Over Texas

Eleanor Tinsley Park Memorial Way @ Sawyer St, Houston, TX 77019 July 4, all day \$8 per person; Under 5 free

ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights: Star-Spangled Salute

Miller Outdoor Theatre 6000 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX 77030 July 4. 8:30pm FREE

July 4th Parade and Festival

Parade travels down Bellaire Blvd. and S. Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401 July 4.9:30am - Parade; 10am-1pm - Festival

Fourth of July Music & Fireworks CityCentre Town and Country Blvd & Citycentre Way. Houston, TX 77024 July 4. 6:30pm FREE

Visit http://www.visithoustontexas.com/things-to-do/july_fourth_ houston/ to find more celebration locations.

We wish to remind you that Houston City Ordinance states that it is illegal to discharge fireworks or to have fireworks in your possession in the City of Houston. Residents should report all complaints regarding the illegal use of fireworks directly to the Precinct 5 Constables 281-463-6666 or the HPD (non-emergency line) at 713-884-3131.

Houston Camp Directory

Do you have plans for your kids this summer? Check out Houston Camp Directory, a free website where you can find information about summer camps in Houston in ONE place. You can search its list of camps by location, date, and children's ages and interests. Go to www.houstoncampdirectory.com to learn more.

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Places to Swim Near Meyerland

by the MCIA Publications Committee

The dog days of summer are here, and what better way to cool off than go swimming? While Meyerland doesn't have a community swimming pool, there are different options nearby from which to choose. Each pool has its own membership rules, hours, and fees. Call for specific information before going.

Maplewood South/North Community Pool

10425 Rampart Street Houston, TX 77096 (713) 721-4185

Westbury Swimming Pool 10605 Mullins Drive (@ Willowbend Blvd.) Houston, TX 77096 (713) 723-2192

Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center 5601 S Braeswood Blvd. Houston, TX 77096 (713) 729-3200

Evergreen Swimming Pool

4500 Evergreen Street Bellaire, TX 77401 (713) 662-8284

Bellaire Swimming Pool

5100 Laurel Street (@ Rice Ave.) Bellaire, TX 77401 (713) 662-8280

Weekley Family YMCA

7101 Stella Link Blvd. Houston, TX 77025 (713) 664-9622

Lastly, many Meyerland homes have private pools in their backyards. If you aren't lucky enough to have one, maybe it's a good reason to get to know your neighbors!



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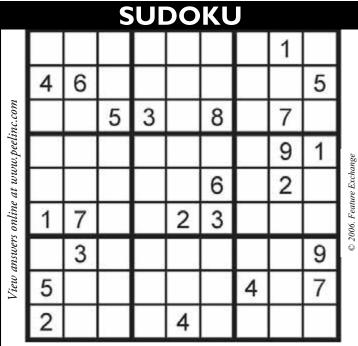
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