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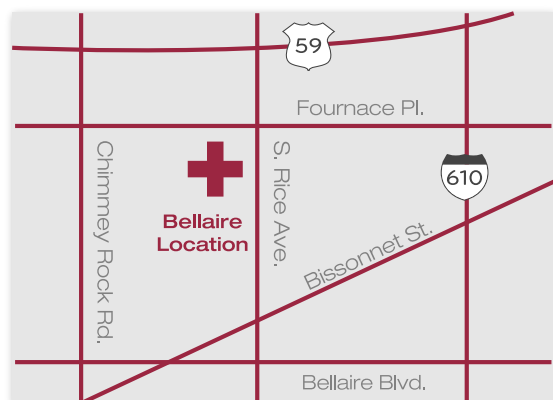


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*by the MCIA Office*

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### November

27th - early closure at 12 noon in observance of Chanukah

28th - closed Thanksgiving/Chanukah

29th - closed Day after Thanksgiving

### December

24th - early closure at 12 noon for Christmas Eve

25th - closed Christmas

31st - early closure at 12 noon for New Year's Eve

### January

1st - closed New Year's Day

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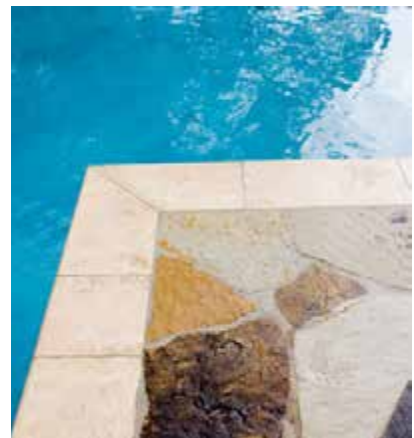
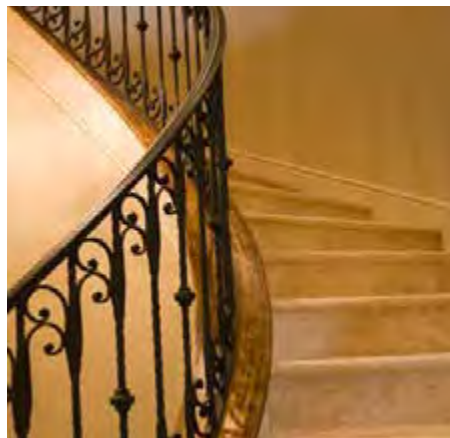


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# Rain or Shine

## Afternoon in the Park Shined!

Over 500 people attended Meyerland's fall festival, Afternoon in the Park, at Godwin Park on October 27th. The morning started with a torrential downpour of rain, but by the time the festivities began in the afternoon, the skies had cleared and left behind sunny weather. Upon arriving at Godwin Park, residents received a free "I Love Meyerland" t-shirt, designed by Marlene Rocher, Director of Section 8 North, and her friend, Brenda Groover. Residents also received a free tote bag and coupon book, courtesy of Palais Royal. The Precinct 5 Constables, Houston Police Department, and Citizens on Patrol were on hand to greet people and share information. Our long-time supporters Brena Moglovkin and Terry Cominsky of Martha Turner Properties provided sunglasses, child identification kits, and bug spray to guests. CompuCycle collected 3,602 pounds of electronic waste for recycling.

Guests were entertained by the Lovett Elementary School Band, led by Ginny Croft, the band director and also a Meyerland resident. The band played

a selection of favorite American tunes. Inside the Community Center, children enjoyed face painting, balloon animals, and for the first time at this event, a caricature artist. Meyerland Mothers of Young Children organized a card stamping craft for kids. Outside, the petting zoo attracted children and adults alike. Everyone enjoyed plenty of popsicles, cookies and drinks thanks to Belden's Supermarket, who generously donated the snacks. People also ate James Coney Island hot dogs and popcorn provided by the MCIA.

Afternoon in the Park started in the early 2000s as an event to encourage neighborly friendship. The event takes months of planning and hard work by our volunteer committee: Shirley Hou, Amy Hoechstetter, Scott Minchen, Gerald Radack, Marlene Rocher, Jim Walters, and Joyce Young. The event is sponsored by the Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA) and made possible by the responsible residents of Meyerland who pay their assessment fees on time. Thank you!





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# Tee-rific Afternoon in the Park

This year's Afternoon in the Park turned out to be another Big Event for Meyerland families. Sure, there was plenty of fabulous food, exciting entertainment and fun activities for everyone. But without question, the ever-popular FREE T-shirt was a real stand-out!

The bold, colorful, eye-catching design was the clever idea of two creative types... Marlene Rocher, writer and Section 8

North Director, and her great friend and former co-worker/Art Director, Brenda Groover.

Marlene and Brenda worked together for 2 1/2 years before Brenda moved back to her family in Atlanta, Georgia. The distance between them hasn't changed their friendship or artistic respect for each other.

When the Programs Committee asked Marlene if she could

design the 2013 t-shirt, she had no problem asking her buddy Brenda to brainstorm with her. Since both women have an undying love for Texas (and Marlene

for Meyerland), it was just natural to move graphically in that direction. Before too long, Brenda's keen eye for impeccable design and rich use of color, mingled with Marlene's word-meister ways...and the unique L (HEART/TEXAS) V E: (HEART) Meyerland t-shirt was born (and bred right here in Texas). Pride in our neighborhood and pride in our state!



## Thank You to our Sponsors

We sincerely thank our local businesses for donating services and gifts in kind to Afternoon in the Park. We encourage Meyerland residents to patronize them to thank them for their support.

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*by Amy Hoechstetter, MCIA General Manager*

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# Seeking New MACC Members

*By the MCIA Office*

The Meyerland Architectural Control Committee (MACC) is a volunteer group comprised of resident Meyerland property owners. The committee is responsible for reviewing proposed exterior changes to property and structures in order to verify compliance with the deed restrictions.

A prospective candidate must be a resident of Meyerland and be willing to serve for a minimum of 1-2 years. Familiarity with the deed restrictions is needed and can be learned, but there are no other specific qualifications in terms of experience or special knowledge.

Applications for exterior work currently average between 30-40 items per month. Applications vary from the simple painting of a home to construction of a new residence. Attendance at regularly

scheduled monthly meetings is required to review applications.

If you are interested in a position on the MACC, please indicate your interest by submitting the following information via email only to [macc@meyerland.net](mailto:macc@meyerland.net). No mail responses or phone calls, please.

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8	9	10 Trash	11 Junk!	12	13	14
15	16	17 T/R	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Trash	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 T/R				

January, 2014						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Trash	8 Tree!	9	10	11
12	13	14 T/R	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Trash	23	24	25
26	27	28 T/R	29	30	31	

**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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# Guidance on Holiday Decorations

*By the MCIA Office*

The holidays are around the corner, and many residents are already decorating the exterior of their homes. So that everyone stays safe and enjoys the season, here is a reminder of the the MCIA Holiday Decoration Policy:

- Holiday decorations, including outdoor lights that are sold seasonally, are to be placed out no more than 30 days before the holiday for which they are intended.
- Holiday decorations, including outdoor lights that are sold seasonally, are to be removed no later than 30 days after the holiday for which they are intended.
- Residents must make an effort to ensure that lights, particularly blinking lights, very bright lights, or items creating sounds, do not disturb other residents.
- Artificial trees placed outside of the home are acceptable, but are considered seasonal and must be removed within the timeframe listed above.
- Holiday decorations must not be placed on a lot in such a way as to prevent the clear passage of those using the public sidewalks and driveway approaches.
- Holiday decorations may not be adhered to any public property such as light poles, street signs, curbs, roadways, etc.
- Holiday art may include but not be limited to lights, statues, displays (such as nativity scenes, snow-globes, blow up apparatus, etc.), small decorations including decorated trash bags, items adhered to trees, items strung between trees or poles and larger decorations such as temporary structures in which people may inhabit.
- Temporary structures are acceptable under the conditions that they are not adhered to a permanent structure; their timeframe for use is limited to the holiday for which they were constructed, and cannot serve as a dwelling. Electricity supplied must be of a temporary nature and must comply with all City Ordinances and the structure may not contain a portable sanitary facility.

## Taking Care of Your Lawn

*by Amy Hoechstetter, MCIA General Manager*

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of lawns that are not being trimmed, are full of weeds, or are largely bare. Grounds maintenance is a requirement in Meyerland and we are compelled to inform those that are not complying. We understand it is difficult to keep your lawn lush and green without putting forth serious effort, but for those of you who fall into this category, please consider taking this time to correct the situation before you receive a deed restriction violation letter. Here are a few things you might be interested in knowing.

Two of the more popular grasses are Bermuda and St. Augustine, and they are readily available at most lawn and garden stores.

The best time to plant grass is in the fall. Planting in the cooler weather (65-70 degrees) seems to produce the most optimal grass when it grows in the spring.

Water your lawn at decent intervals. Of course plenty of water is ideal for the ground but not for conservation so being smart about your usage is important.

Trim back and thin out your trees. It is essential to have the shade from the sun, but too much shade creates a problem as well. The best time to trim your trees is in the winter months before the new growth in the spring.

Before starting any planting project, ask the professionals at a lawn and garden store. Keep in mind that when it comes to your landscaping, mistakes can be costly both in time and expense.

If you cannot plant now or remedy issues on your property, springtime will present another opportunity.

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