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Meyerland's 60th Anniversary Celebration Come Celebrate Your CommUNITY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 2:00-5:00 P.M. LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 8814 S. RICE

Open to all!

FREE Gift to Meyerland Residents

FREE Tastes of Meyerland and FUN, REFRESHING TREATS

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Band, Local Performers, Carnival Games, Cake Walk

MAGICAL MEYERLAND MEMORIES: Memorabilia and historical items from 1954

LOCAL VENDORS AND COMMUNITY EXHIBITORS

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by the MCIA Office

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You can do your part to make our neighborhood a safer place!

Remember to Get Architectural Approval

by Randi Cahill, MCIA Architectural Control



As summer comes to a close and temperatures begin to cool, it is natural to want to begin routine maintenance and projects around your home. As a friendly reminder, please remember that any work that is done to the exterior of your property needs approval by the appropriate Architectural Committee for your section. Meyerland has 22 different sets of Deed Restrictions, each with its own nuances. The applications process ensures that your project is compliant with your section's unique set of rules.

This summer, I was granted limited

authority by the Meyerland Architectural Control Committee (MACC) and Review & Control Committee (RCC) to approve routine applications such as fences, sidewalk and driveway repair, roofs and paint. This has allowed MCIA to dramatically decrease the approval wait time for homeowners. Should you wish to repair, upgrade, add to or change your property, please do not hesitate to contact me. It will be my pleasure to answer any questions or to walk you through the applications process.

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING THE CONSTABLE

by Gerald Radack, Director At-Large



Have you ever wondered what happens when your alarm monitoring services company dispatches the Precinct 5 Constables to your house? I recently had the frightening call from the service when I was 200 miles away from home. Things start going through your head – will anyone show up and check things out, will I come home to a cleaned out house, and will I even have any indication anyone checked things out?

I'm pleased to announce that upon returning home, I found a little pamphlet in my mailbox from the Constables documenting their visit along with their findings (see attached photo). They even noted that they gained access to the backyard to check things out despite the padlocked gate. It is important to make sure the Precinct 5 Constable's phone number

is listed as the first responder with your alarm monitoring company. Program your phone now; the

dispatch number is (281) 463-6666.

Remember, an alarm system is of no value if you don't turn it ON! Make it a habit to always turn it on, even if you are just leaving for a short time. Many newer systems have the feature to activate it or check the status remotely with your smartphone. We read on our email blasts that many of the residences did not have their alarm systems on when they received unwanted visitors.



Exemplary School and HISD Fine Arts Magnet school, located at 8814 South Rice Avenue. Lovett is also the venue of Meyerland's 60th Anniversary Celebration on September 21st

PARKING RULES Around Johnston Middle School

by the MCIA Office The summer is speeding by and before we know it, school will be back in session. At Johnston Middle School, new parents will be navigating the process of getting their children to and from school. In order to have the least amount of disruption, there are parking rules that are in effect for all visitors and neighbors to abide by. Signs on Lymbar, Cheena, Wigton, Yarwell, and Manhattan clearly mark the rules and warn of the consequences of non-compliance. Depending on the street, the owner can be fined or the car may be towed if in violation. The rules apply to both Meyerland residents and visitors to the school. Please be sure to know what the rules are if you live on one of these streets or have a child that will be attending the school. More information is available on our website at www.meyerland.net.







HOW WERE MEYERLAND'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS NAMED?

by Joyce Young, Director of Section 3

THERE ARE THREE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THAT ARE ZONED TO MEYERLAND RESIDENTS AND EACH SCHOOL WAS NAMED TO HONOR A SIGNIFICANT PERSON.



Kolter Elementary School

E.O. Lovett Elementary School was named after Edgar Odell Lovett who moved to Houston in 1908 after accepting the offer to head up Rice Institute (now known as Rice University). At the time he was both Professor and head of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at Princeton. Woodrow Wilson was the President of Princeton and he recommended Lovett for the position at Rice. In 1912 Lovett was inaugurated as the first president of Rice Institute where he remained until his retirement in 1946. Lovett Elementary and Lovett Street are both named in his honor. Lovett died on August 13, 1957. Lovett Elementary opened its doors on September 8, 1957. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Houston.



Herod Elementary School

Kolter Elementary School opened in 1960 and is named after Jennie Kolter. In 1959, Kolter was a teacher at Poe Elementary

School. On September 15 of that year, a disgruntled parent whose

child was denied enrollment at the school due to lack of birth and health certificates, detonated a bomb on school property that killed six people and injured eighteen. Two students, the school's custodian and Kolter were killed in addition to the disgruntled father and his son. In honor of Kolter's heroism that she displayed in preventing more lives from being lost, the new school was named after her.

Lovett Elementary School

On March 16, 1961, Texas Air National Guard pilot, Captain Gary L. Herod experienced engine trouble shortly after takeoff from Ellington Field. He radioed the air traffic controllers that he was going to bail out. His last words were "not yet" when the controllers asked for confirmation. Although he could have safely ejected from his plane, he remained with the plane in order to ensure that it did not crash into any homes in the populated Houston neighborhood. The plane crashed into a vacant field on the north bank of Braes Bayou where Herod died. The Gary L. Herod Elementary School opened in 1965 and is located near the crash site. The school is named in Herod's honor. There is a plaque near the school's entrance that tells the story of his heroism.

Trash/Recycling Schedule - September - October, 2014

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

October, 2014								
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.		
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5	6	7 T/R	8 Junk!	9	10	11		
12	13	14 Trash	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21 T/R	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28 Trash	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. the evening before pickup. Remove containers no later than 10 p.m. on trash pickup day. Monthly - Put heavy junk/tree waste at the curb no earlier than Friday 6 p.m. before the 2nd Wednesday heavy junk/tree waste collection.



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SEPTEMBER IS TREE WASTE COLLECTION MONTH



Wednesday, September 10th

Citizens on Patrol Turns 4

by Rick Fritz, Director Section 10

Ladies and gentlemen of Meyerland: Your Citizen on Patrol program will be four years old in September. As you are aware of the recent break-ins that have occurred in our subdivision, we do not want any of you to become a victim of crime. The Constables and the Houston Police Department need this group to be their eyes and ears to help minimize break-ins, car thefts and various other criminal mischief.

We need people who can patrol the subdivision for one hour per month. This could be in the daylight hours or in the evening, whatever is convenient to you and fits into your time schedule. The COP program requires an application to the Houston Police Department and one hour of training. In order to keep this program we need your help. It is not glamorous or exciting, but it is necessary to help keep you and your neighbors safe. Please contact Rick Fritz (713-628-0207) or Jerry Goldman (713-253-3006) if you are interested.



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YOUR OLD PHOTOS WANTED

by Elizabeth Black Berry, Director of Section 6

Send us your memories of Meyerland's beginnings from 1954 onward. If you have any short anecdotes or photos from that time period, please contact Elizabeth Black Berry at elizabeth.berry@sbcglobal.net or 713-459-5878. You can either email or drop off your old photos at the MCIA office (during office hours) to be scanned. We would like to showcase old photos during our 60th Anniversary celebration to be held on September 21, 2014. Thank you for your contributions!



The MCIA Office has created a Facebook page. Get updates about trash, events and meetings, or share your views with others. Visit us at: facebook.com/meyerlandtx.



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National Night Out is Tuesday, October 7th!

by the MCIA Office

Get out your lawn chairs and meet your neighbors - National Night Out is around the corner on October 7th! This event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts. National Night Out is typically recognized with neighborhood block parties.

Make plans now to host or attend a block party this year. You can join with your neighbor to host right in your front yard. If you don't host, ask a neighbor who is hosting how you can help. Perhaps you can bring extra chairs or drinks.

Registration of your block party is not required. However, if you would like a little help publicizing your block party, send an email to office@meyerland.net with your name and address by Friday, October 3rd. The MCIA Office will include your street address in an "email blast" to the neighborhood the day before National Night Out.





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My Meyerland

by Gerald Radack, Director At-Large

(Editor's Note: as a continuing series for Meyerland's 60th Anniversary, we'll look back at some of our favorite memories and places of the neighborhood.)

The shopping center at the Southeast corner of 610 and Beechnut which is now home to Lowe's, was once occupied by Builder's Square (a now defunct division of K-Mart). For many years, though, Meyerland residents knew it as Sage Discount Store.

In an era of times gone by, we would now call Sage a hypermarket. It was a place that literally had everything... where else could a person purchase in one trip: groceries, a refrigerator, some bedding plants, new tires, a bottle of Jack Daniels, and pick up some caramel corn on the way out? Sage used a concept of "leased departments" where you had to check out purchases in each department. They carefully and securely stapled each of your bags shut and put a piece of colored tape on the bags. An employee would check all your bags looking for that tape, which would vary in color each day.

Sage's biggest claim to fame was the fact that all departments were open on Sunday (except the liquor department). The "Texas Blue Law" required that the sale of non-essential goods be closed on one day of the weekend. Sage elected to close off many areas of their store on Saturday to comply with the "Blue Laws". Consequently, since most other stores were closed on Sunday, Sage's parking lot was packed on Sunday.

Unfortunately, the changing retail landscape and buying power of national stores made it difficult for Sage to be competitive; Sage shut its doors in the early 1980's. However, one of Sage's largest leased department tenants is still operating today. The housewares and gift department of Sage Discount Store was run by the current owner of Arne's Warehouse Store in the Heights.

We would love to hear some of your favorite Meyerland memories. Please email us at meyerlander@meyerlander.net.



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School Directory

by the MCIA Publications Committee

A big reason why the Meyerland housing market is so competitive is because of our outstanding neighborhood schools. Our schools are known for academic performance, diverse magnet programs, involved parents, and dedicated teachers. We've listed the Meyerland "zoned" schools in the Houston Independent School District as well as some religious and private schools:

HISD neighborhood zoned schools:

Herod Elementary School (Vanguard Magnet) 5627 Jason, Houston 77096 | 713-778-3317

Kolter Elementary School (Foreign Language Magnet)9710 Runnymeade, Houston 77096713-726-3630

Lovett Elementary School (Fine Art Magnet) 8814 South Rice, Houston 77096 | 713-295-5258

Fondren Middle School (International Baccalaureate Magnet) 6333 South Braeswood, Houston 77096 | 713-778-3360

Johnston Middle School (Performing Arts Magnet) 10410 Manhattan, Houston 77096 | 713-726-3616

Pershing Middle School (Fine Arts Magnet)3838 Blue Bonnet Blvd, Houston 77025713-295-5240

Bellaire High School (Foreign Language Magnet, International Baccalaureate Program) 5100 Maple, Bellaire 77401 | 713-295-3704

Private Schools in and near Meyerland:

Beth Yeshurun Day School (age 15 months - Grade 5) 4525 Beechnut, Houston 77096 | 713-666-1884

 The Emery/Weiner School (Grades 6-12)

 9825 Stella Link, Houston 77025
 832-204-5900

Pilgrim Lutheran School (age 18 months - Grade 8) 8601 Chimney Rock, Houston 77096 | 713-432-7082

St. Thomas' Episcopal (Grades K-12) 4900 Jackwood, Houston 77096 | 713-666-3111

St. Thomas More Parish School (age 3 - Grade 8) 5927 Wigton, Houston 77096 | 713-729-3434

T**he Shlenker School (age 15 months - Grade 5)** 5600 North Braeswood. Houston 77096 | 713-270-6127

Westbury Christian School (age 3 - Grade 12) 10420 HIllcroft, Houston 77096 | 713-551-8100

 Trafton Academy (Grades PK, K, 3-8)

 4711 McDermed, Houston 77035
 713-723-3732

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The "Take Care of Texas" Guide to Yard Care

Managing Common Texas Yard Pests

Gardening and yard care can give you satisfying results and beautiful landscapes. However, yard pests can be discouraging, even for the most committed gardener. Here are some quick tips to avoid pests:

Irrigate efficiently; water infrequently but thoroughly, generally 1 inch once a week in the morning. Use native and adapted plants, which are better suited to the local environment and are more resistant to pests. Mow properly taking off no more than 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing.

Choose natural or organic fertilizers, avoid overusing fertilizers, and encourage natural predators such as worms, ladybugs, certain beetles, mites, and birds.

Monitor for pests often to catch infestations early and determine if control is needed. Natural predators may make treatment unnecessary.

Remember to always comply with your water system's water-use restrictions and visit www.KeepCyFairBeautiful.org to access free "Take Care of Texas" publications!



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by the MCIA Office

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