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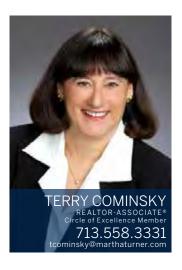


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Update on St John's Presbyterian Church/Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (SJPC/PCHAS) Project

By Gerda Gomez, Director of Section 7

The construction of the SJPC/PCHAS homes for single mothers on West Bellfort is almost finished except for work being completed inside. Ryland Homes is the lead builder with support by other contractors. The dedication is anticipated for early Fall 2014. Subsequently, volunteers will help move in furniture, decorate the duplexes, and provide necessary staples and household goods.

The SJPC/PCHAS single parent family project is designed as a small planned community to provide safe homes for single mothers. The mothers will be supported by a social worker, the PCHAS staff and volunteers, and the congregation of St. John's. Overall the project seeks the independence of mothers and economic, social and educational advancement. Individual goals will be established between each mother and the program director. The children will be primarily of preschool age. Applications have been received by PCHAS and interviewing is taking place. A waiting list is anticipated.

The program director will be Melissa Jackson. She is originally from Chicago, and subsequently New Mexico. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social work in 2006 and 2008. Since then she has worked with clients with substance abuse, mental health, and homeless problems. Most recently, she worked with the Department of Health and Human Services in Austin, TX and the Salvation Army.

PCHAS is a well established nonprofit organization originally founded in 1903 to provide Christ centered care for children, who were alone or unwanted. It extended its services in 2002 to include programs to keep families from breaking apart and more recently to single mothers and their children. A MCIA liaison committee continues working with PCHAS.



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On the Cover

Trick or treat! These delightful jack-o-lanterns were seen on a doorstep in Section 8 North last Halloween. We hope to see more spooky decorations around the neighborhood this October 31st.



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Update on Millbury/Runnymeade/ Doud Storm Water Construction Project in Sections 7 & 8

By Gerda Gomez, Director of Section 7

As promised to the City, the construction company, SER, completed the storm water, sewer, and water line replacements, and street and sidewalk reconstruction in front of Kolter Elementary School on Runnymeade prior to the first day of school. The weekend before school started, new grass was laid and sprinklers were repaired on school and private properties.

Many of us have asked, "Am I next?" The following is the anticipated sequence. Once Millbury underground work is completed, street and sidewalk restoration will take place and work on Dumfries will be completed. This will be followed by the remainder of Runnymeade between Dumfries and West Bellfort, and finally Doud/Endicott.

The process has been consistent throughout the project. First new gas lines are laid by CenterPoint, as needed. Subsequently, new

water lines are laid under the sidewalks by SER. Then, one side of the street is excavated by SER for placement of the new sewage lines and new storm drains, while leaving the other side of the street open to permit traffic flow.

Sidewalks are not replaced until storm drain and sewer drain work is completed. The water lines are run to the opposite side of the street to connect with existing lines. The City regulations now require sidewalks to be 5-feet wide, while the MCIA Deed Restrictions require 4-feet wide sidewalks. Thus, the sidewalks running the length of Runnymeade will be poured at a 5-feet width. Any other sidewalk will be replaced at its existing width if the city removes only a portion of it.

The new Runnymeade storm drain exits into the Rice ditch,

which runs into Brays Bayou. The Millbury storm drain exits into the existing drain, which empties into the bayou and is located under S. Braeswood. The new Doud storm drain will curve left under Braesheather, then continue and curve right to Endicott, and then exit into the existing drain under S. Braeswood. Newly laid streets may be lower at one end to promote drainage. For example, Runnymeade at Rice is lower than at Dumfries to promote drainage into the Rice ditch.

Traffic directions have been problematic on occasion. MCIA has communicated with SER and the city in regard to confusing directions. The contractor is challenged to keep up with readjusting

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Construction landscape as of September 15th

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Water Const. Project (Continued from Page 5)

traffic directions as construction work changes frequently. Large equipment and trucks are in constant flux. The flagmen traffic directors have been crucial in directing traffic and preventing accidents. Continue to call MCIA office (713-729-2167) if you encounter a traffic direction problem.

If you encounter a problem during regular working hours call the MCIA office or Roman Trevino, SER superintendent (713-545-7635). If you encounter a situation which cannot wait until normal working hours, call 311. Please state specifically that you are calling about a problem regarding the Millbury/Runnymeade /Doud project. The 3ll operator will contact the City supervising engineer of the project, even on a Sunday, and forward your message.

Wanda Kegley is the city inspector who diligently inspects the work daily, starting at 5 a.m., to ensure compliance with city regulations and quality of work. Should the work be completed in your section, but, for example, your sprinklers are not working, be advised that a final run will be made to be sure all work and promised repairs are completed.

Please advise the MCIA office (713-729-2167) if the sandbags around any drain are torn. They have been placed to prevent mud and sand from clogging drains during construction.

SER construction requests that at Halloween children be kept away from all construction sites and construction equipment for the children's safety.

Street lights have been out on some of the streets in the area for over a month. Attempts by MCIA, SER, and the City to have CenterPoint repair the problem have been unsuccessful. CenterPoint will repair the cables as work is completed at each cross section with Millbury.

The project's complexity and amount of work has been impressive. The SER workmen have been working from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and many Saturdays in spite of the stifling heat. This has been and continues to be a difficult time for all of us. But, ultimately the potential for flooding and infrastructure breakdown will be reduced.

Thank you Houston. Thank you SER.

Sources:

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Amy Hoechstetter, MCIA, General Manager

Wanda Kegley, Inspector, Public Works and Engineering, City of Houston

Roman Trevino, Superintendent, SER Construction Partners, LLC





Stay Informed about Crime with Our Email Blasts

By Amy Hoechstetter, MCIA General Manager

Living in the city of Houston has many advantages. We are the fourth largest city in the United States, have top rated educational institutions, access to some of the best artistic events and creations, close proximity to the frontline of outer space, unlimited choices of "stuff" to purchase, and are a short drive from the beach. This is wonderful for our neighborhood and community. Unfortunately, this great attention also attracts crime.

In addition to HPD, MCIA contracts with the Harris County Constables office for seven Deputies to protect us. Even with HPD and Precinct 5 patrolling Meyerland, crime will occur. When it does, the Association feels it is important for you to know and therefore sends "email blasts" to our mailing list subscribers. The intent is not to scare you or point out how much crime is occurring. Rather, the email blasts are to inform you so that you are aware of the types of crimes that are taking place in your area. While a small percentage of residents feel that the emails highlight crime in our area, the

overwhelming majority of responses we receive in regard to our email blasts are very positive.

Please add the Precinct 5 dispatch number, 281-463-6666, to your cell phone and home address book. Call Precint 5 to report unusual activity or suspicious people. In an emergency, though, please dial 911. If you have not already done so, sign up to receive security and other notifications on our website (www.meyerland.net). Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. We do not use these email addresses for any purpose outside of neighborhood happenings, nor do we share them with anyone. We appreciate your cooperation in working toward a safer Meyerland.



Traffic Signals and Safety

By Amy Hoechstetter, MCIA General Manager

A few weeks ago, a vehicle travelling westbound on North Braeswood was struck by another vehicle (with the right-of-way) travelling northbound on Chimney Rock. Unfortunately, the driver of the vehicle on North Braeswood did not survive the accident. According to Precinct 5, in the past five years there have been 84 reported accidents at North Braeswood and Chimney Rock alone. This has spurred much discussion regarding the safety of our intersections at the North and South Braeswood intersections. The Association has notified the City through the proper channels (City Hotline 311) and contacted Councilmember Ellen Cohen to request a review of that particular intersection. Homeowners have suggested adding "Wrong Way" and "Do Not Enter" signs at the appropriate areas, along with a better traffic signal layout. We have passed on these ideas to the appropriate people. In the meantime, we ask that you be aware of these intersections as you approach them and drive through with extra caution. The Association will continue to work



with the City to ensure these intersections are as safe as possible as thousands of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians move through them each year. As we learn more, we will keep you informed.



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Trash/Recycling Schedule - October - November, 2014

October, 2014						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
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	

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

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.

OCTOBER IS JUNK WASTE COLLECTION MONTH





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.

NEW MEYER LIBRARY

By Joyce Young, Director of Section 3

The Meyer Library at 5005 W. Bellfort was built in 1962 on land donated by George B. Meyer, Sr., who developed the Meyerland subdivision. The current location is bursting at the seams and is no longer capable of adequately serving the public needs. According to the City of Houston, the library building has foundation issues and limited computer capabilities.

Changes to the Meyer Library are coming soon. According to Cory Eckert, the outgoing Manager of the Houston Public Library, Meyer Branch, Houston City Councilman, Larry Green, is busy doing site visits looking for possible locations for the new library. The City's Capital Improvement Plan to build a 12,000 square foot facility to replace the existing library indicates that land for the construction of a new library will be purchased in 2016. The new library's completion date is scheduled for 2018. The updated facility will include meeting and conference rooms, adult space, designated teen space and upgraded computer capabilities.

Houston has 43 total library locations so the new library will more likely than not be built in the same vicinity. The current library is



located in "an incredibly busy location" according to Ms. Eckert and the City is looking for another location that is "big enough with easy access and enough parking". Mr. Green is looking at Westbury Square and has spoken to both MCIA and the Westbury Civic Club regarding this possible site. Per Ms. Eckert, everyone is excited and on board with the location.

The current location of the Meyer library will remain open Tuesdays through Saturdays until the new library is completed.



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by the MCIA Publications Committee

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

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5600 North Braeswood. Houston 77096 | 713-270-6127

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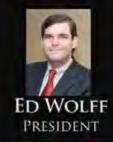
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