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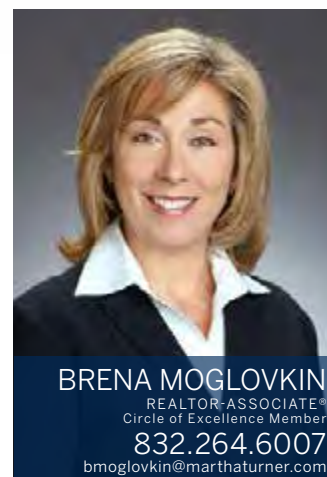


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SAVE THE DATE



MCIA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 24th
7:00 p.m.

Kolter Elementary School
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At the meeting, attendees will learn about the progress the association has made this year. Those who attend our meeting will enjoy refreshments and be able to enter to win wonderful prizes in our raffle, including one free 2016 assessment.

We look forward to seeing you there.

On the Cover

Green grass and spring flowers are poking out of the ground at this well-kept house in Section 6, 5250 Braesvalley

DIRECTORS STILL NEEDED

by the MCIA Office

Each year, Meyerland residents elect Directors to represent them on the MCIA Board. Each Director serves a 2-year term. At the time of this publication, we have received notice that these residents will run for a seat in their section. This is not the final list of candidates. "OPEN" means that we are still seeking a candidate for that section. There are some 1-year term slots available from prior year vacancies.

(THIS IS NOT A BALLOT)

Section 1: Bill Goforth*

Section 2: Emilio Hisse*

Section 3: 2-year term OPEN

Section 3: 1-year term OPEN

Section 5: 2 year term OPEN

Section 6: 2 year term OPEN

Section 7: Gerda Gomez*, Richard Rentz

Section 8 North: Paul Connor*

Section 8 South: 2-year term OPEN

Section 8 South: 1-year term OPEN

Section 8 West: 2-year OPEN

Section 10: 2-year OPEN

Section 10: 1-year term OPEN

At-Large: Mike Jones*

* indicates incumbent Director

If you are interested in running, please notify the MCIA office by submitting information outlined below to office@meyerland.net. Write-in candidates must be received by the office no later than Monday, March 23rd, 2:00 p.m.

- Full name
- Property Address
- Telephone number
- Email address

WATCH FOR YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAILBOX.

MARCH

is Tree Waste Collection Month

Wednesday, March 11th

Saddle Up!

by Joyce Young

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which will be held on March 3 - 22 had its auspicious beginnings in 1931 when seven men met for lunch at the Texas State Hotel and established the event. The first show was held in 1932 at the Democratic Convention Hall, which was demolished in 1937. The Sam Houston Coliseum became its home until 1966 when the Astrodome complex hosted the event. The rodeo stayed there until 2003 when the 71st Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo celebrated its first year in its new homes: NRG Stadium and NRG Center (fka Reliant Stadium and Reliant Center).

In 1942 Gene Autry, "the Singing Cowboy" debuted as the first star entertainer. Elvis Presley packed the Astrodome in 1970 with an all-time attendance record at that time of 43,614 spectators. George Strait broke the record in 1996 with 62,936 spectators and again in 2002 with his rodeo finale performance which garnered 68,266 spectators. Throughout

the years numerous name brand stars have graced the stage at the rodeo with many of them breaking attendance records. On March 17, 2013 the concert-only performance with George Strait, Martina McBride and the Randy Rogers Band set an all-time paid attendance record for any event held in the NRG Stadium with 80,020 people.

It's hard to imagine, but the first Salt Grass trail ride took place in 1952 when four men on a dare rode horseback from Brenham, Texas to Houston. Their arrival in town coincided with the start of the Houston Fat Stock Show (which was renamed in 1961 to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo). This ride has since turned into thousands of

people riding their horses from all over the state and ending up at Memorial Park for the start of the rodeo. It's become a tradition for many families.

The Houston Rodeo is synonymous with scholarship awards.

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Caught On Camera!

By Catherine Martin

Thanks to video surveillance, more and more criminals' images are being caught on tape. With these images being available to the authorities, the chances of the criminals being caught or turned in increase exponentially.

The Meyerland office is compiling a list of homes that have security cameras around the outside of the home. This list will be for the MCIA office and Precinct 5 use only and will remain confidential. If you would like to add your name to this list, please email catherine@meyerland.net with your name, property address, email address, and phone number and be sure to let us know if you have cameras that point to the street. This will increase our chances of catching criminals in the act and bringing them to justice.

In the event a crime occurs in your area, you may be contacted by Precinct 5 to see if your cameras have recorded footage related to the crime. To date we have over 25 locations that pinpoint areas all around the association. Our hope is that we can have a large area of coverage to ultimately protect each other while we are protecting ourselves. We will continue to work on ways to inform you of criminal activities and assist you in protecting yourself and your neighborhood.

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Spring Festivities IN THE BAYOU CITY

by Joyce Young

Spring is in the air and March is the time to break out of the winter doldrums and get some fresh air. On March 7, the 43rd Annual Buffalo Bayou Partnership Regatta takes place on the scenic Buffalo Bayou. The 15 mile course is sanctioned by the American Canoe Association (ACA) and is open to all participants aged 12 and older. The race is open to all competitive and recreational paddlers and the finish line at Sesquicentennial Park will be replete with live zydeco music, rock climbing, awards and food and drink. See <http://buffalobayou.org/event/43rd-annual-regatta/> for more information.

On March 6 – 8, the River Oaks Garden Club will host its Azalea Trail tour which includes seven locations whose gardens will feature the beautiful Azalea shrubs. These showy flowers are in full bloom each spring and include varying shades of pink, purple, white, red and yellow that are magnificent to behold. More information can be found at <http://www.riveroaksgardenclub.org/site/AzaleaTrail.cfm>.

The 38th Annual Bayou City Classic 10k Race and the family friendly Bayou City Classic 5k Fun Run and Walk will be held on Saturday, March 14. Strollers are welcome in the 5k fun run. This is a non-profit event organized by the Houston Area Road Runners Association and all proceeds benefit the Houston Parks Department. Information is located at <http://www.bayoucityclassic.org/>.

On Sunday, March 15, Tour de Houston Presented by Apache Corporation will wend its way through Houston's historic neighborhoods, scenic districts and parks while raising funds for the City's Reforest Houston program. The 20, 40 and 60-mile ride options come at the perfect time for those training for the BP MS 150 bike ride from Houston to Austin. See <http://www.houstontx.gov/tourdehouston/> for more information.

The Shell Houston Open will take place in Humble, Texas on March 30 through April 5. This PGA tournament purse is \$6,600,000 with the winning share \$1,188,000. Information is located at

<http://www.shellhoustonopen.com/>.

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March, 2015						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 Trash	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 T/R	11 Tree!	12	13	14
15	16	17 Trash	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 T/R	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Trash				

April, 2015						
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		


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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What began in 1957 with one \$2,000 scholarship has grown to an annual educational commitment exceeding \$24.6 million.

The rodeo has grown up over the years and is the world's largest live entertainment and livestock exhibition, which includes one of the richest regular-season rodeo events. It is considered Houston's signature event. Total attendance in 2014 reached a record 2,485,721 visitors over a 20 day period. The event is kicked off by a parade, a 10k run and the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. The 20 day event has something for everyone and that includes championship rodeo action, livestock competitions, concerts, barbecue, international wine competition, shopping and livestock auctions.

So, dust off the cowboy boots, grab your hat and head on over to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the NRG Stadium and NRG Center which kicks off on March 3, 2015.

Family Fun Monthly Events and Activities at Godwin Park

by Amy Hoechstetter

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPRD) is starting a new initiative designed to bring families and neighborhoods together in fun and exciting ways. The fourth Saturday of every month, except in June, July, and August, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Godwin Park Recreation Center will host a family fun day. Hugo Garcia, the Recreation Supervisor at HPRD, works very hard to ensure that fun events take place at the park, which is equipped with a covered pavilion, air-conditioned facility with kitchen and bathrooms, and meeting spaces. If you are interested in the weekly events, please contact Hugo Garcia by email at Hugo.Garcia2@houston.tx.gov or visit online at www.houstonparks.org



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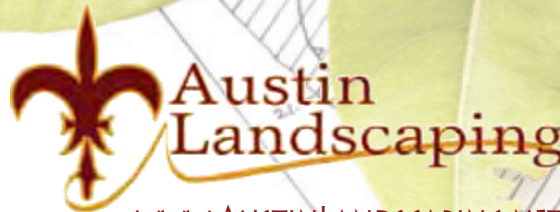
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Status of Meyer Library

by Amy Hoechstetter

At the Board of Directors meeting on February 9th, the Directors discussed the request from the City of Houston to purchase the Meyerland Community Improvement Association's land to rebuild the currently failing library structure. The Meyer Library was constructed at its current location over 60 years ago. The status of the library building is such that the only option is to tear it down and start over. The new concept requires a minimum of 12,000 square feet of building space and just over 2 acres of land space. John Middleton, Assistant Director, Planning & Facilities City of Houston, Library Division, came to talk with the Board back in January regarding the use of the MCIA land to expand the footprint. He requested a written response to three points: 1) whether the Association was interested in having a dialogue about the City acquiring the MCIA land that is adjacent to the library, 2) what the usage requirements were for the MCIA office,

and 3) what the value of the land was estimated to be by MCIA's evaluation.

The Ad Hoc Committee, led by Paul Connor (Section 8 North Director), put forth a motion at the February board meeting to continue a dialog with the City. The MCIA Board of Directors voted to enter into discussions with the City that could lead to a proposal that would allow the city to use MCIA's land whether by lease or outright sale. The Board also stated that an official appraisal of the value of the property must be done. A non-certified appraisal currently places the value of the land between \$35 and \$40 per square foot. This information was shared with Mr. Middleton after the Board meeting. We anticipate a response from the City within the next thirty days informing us of the next step.

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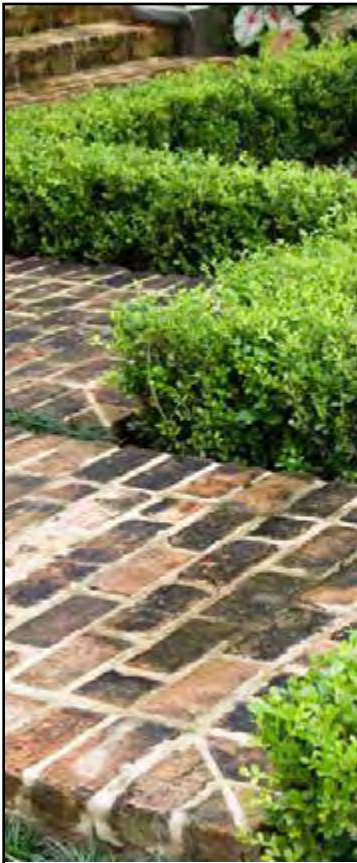
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