

Volume 3 | Issue 11

MEYERLAND.NET

NOVEMBER 2015



In Everything Give Thanks

We believe in...



If you are thinking of buying or selling your home, allow us to provide you with our Meyerland expertise, the strength of Martha Turner Sotheby's worldwide network and a Relocation department coordinating moves of buyers into Houston.

For all your real estate needs, call



You deserve a great Realtor[®] who knows Meyerland!

We have over 50 years of combined experience.



Turner

Sotheby's International Realty and the Sotheby's International Realty logo are registered (or unregistered) service marks used with permission. Operated by Sotheby's International Realty, Inc. Real estate agents affiliated with Sotheby's International Realty, Inc. are independent contractor sales associates and are not employees of Sotheby's International Realty, Inc. Equal housing opportunity.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

MCIA OFFICE

Amy Hoechstetter MCIA General Manager Catherine Martin, Randi Cahill Office Staff

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday	
Friday 9:00 a	.m 12:00 p.m. Central Time
Closed Saturday, Sur	nday, and holidays.
Telephone	
Fax	
General Email	office@meyerland.net
Architectural Control	randi@meyerland.net
Community Assistance	catherine@meyerland.net
4999 West Bellfort St.,	Houston, TX 77035

Visit our website at www.meyerland.net

SECURITY

Precinct 5 Constable (including burglar alarms)	
Emergency	
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency713-884-3131	

CITY OF HOUSTON

Houston Help & Information
District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen
Meyer Branch Library
Godwin Park Community Center713-393-1840
CENTERPOINT ENERGY
Electric outages or electric emergencies

For missed garbage pickup, water line break, dead animals, traffic signals, and other city services, dial 311. Some mobile phone users may need to dial 713-837-0311.

Meyerlander MONTHLY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To contact a member of the Board of Directors, please visit www.meyerland.net and click Contact Us.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Elizabeth Black Berry
Vice-President	Jim Walters
Treasurer	Gerald Radack
Secretary	Mike Jones

SECTION DIRECTORS

Charles Goforth	Section 1
Bill Goforth	Section 1
Jim Walters	Section 2
Emilio Hisse	Section 2
Open	Section 3
Cary Robinson	
Gary Altergott	
Open	Section 5
Elizabeth Black Berry	
Lisa Gossett	
Gerda Gomez	Section 7
Open	Section 7
Marlene Rocher	
Paul Connor	Section 8 North
Jordan Longerot	Section 8 South
Open	
Larry Rose	Section 8 West
Steve Fowlkes	
Open	Section 10
Mike Jones	
Gerald Radack	e e
	0

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

MCIA Publications Committee

Gerald Radack - Editor Elizabeth Black Berry Amy Hoechstetter Gerda Gomez Shirley Hou Marlene Rocher Joyce Young

Send comments to meyerlander@meyerland.net

Publisher - Peel Inc	www.peelinc.com
Advertising	1-888-687-6444

Photo Opt Out - If you do not want your home's photograph featured in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to meyerlander@meyerland.net with your address and the subject line "Opt-Out."

Ad Disclaimer Statement - The Meyerland Community Improvement Association neither represents nor endorses the accuracy or reliability of any advertisement in our newsletter. We strongly encourage you to do your own due diligence before responding to any advertisement.

Meyerlander and Meyerlander Monthly are trademarks of the Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA). © Copyright MCIA 2015, All Rights Reserved

Meyerlander MONTHLY

Afternoon in the Park Sunday, November 15!

Due to severe thunderstorms on the original day, Afternoon in the Park is rescheduled for Sunday, November 15, rain or shine. Come out for a fun-filled day of FREE activities, entertainment and food. This spectacular event will take place at Godwin Park from 2 - 5 p.m.

Third Annual Veteran's Day Celebration

by Amy Hoechstetter

Lovett Elementary Fine Arts Magnet School will host its Third Annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The event is scheduled to take place outside under the school's pavilion from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. A complimentary breakfast provided by Chick-fil-A will be served beginning at 8:15 a.m.

This special event will honor the veterans of all branches of the armed services. The Bellaire Rotary Club will supply the flags and the Bellaire High School JROTC will present the colors and perform drills. Rickey Polidore, Art and Media teacher, will act as Master of Ceremonies for the event introducing the Band, Chorus, Handbells and Orchestra who will honor our veterans with a musical journey through our nation's history. Also assisting in the program are the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and student council members. The entire student body will join in to celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Reserved seating is available for all veterans and their family members. Please RSVP to rphilli6@houstonisd.org for reserved seating and complimentary breakfast. The celebration is open to all members of the community.



It's harvest time at the house at 5338 Paisley in Section 8 North.



Kolter Elementary Student Ambassador Council by Joyce Young

Congratulations are in order for the first elected Student Ambassador Council at Kolter Elementary School. Kevin Anderson, Magnet Coordinator, and Assistant Principal, Julie Dickinson, began the discussion of establishing the program last year. The mission of the program "allows students the opportunity for leadership development by demonstrating respect and responsibility, participating in servicerelated projects, exhibiting global awareness, and representing Kolter Elementary in various roles throughout the year".

(Continued on Page 6)



"The care you deserve from the people you can trust..."

Meyerlander MONTHLY

A National Night Out in Meyerland

Fall Plantings

by Joyce Young

by Amy Hoechstetter

Tuesday October 6th was the National Night Out for Texas. This year, the Association hosted an event at Godwin Park for those who wanted to get together with their neighbors. MCIA President, Elizabeth Black Berry, the MCIA office staff, Precinct 5 Sergeant Larry Bauer, and Deputies Carlos Escobar, Victor Hernandez, Filiberto Gonzalez and Kenneth Garcia greeted guests at the event. About 70 residents enjoyed popsicles and water while they talked about safety, security and, of course, the damage caused by the flood. New homeowners and established homeowners met and shared their stories, while kids played in the park. Terry Cominsky and Brena Moglovkin of Martha Turner/Sotheby's donated salty and sweet snacks to the group and shared great insight into the strong real estate future of Meyerland. Meyerland resident and Mayoral Candidate Chris Bell and his wife Alison, were on hand to speak with residents about their concerns including serious issues involving both the flooding as well as the infrastructure needs of the city.

Aside from the gathering at Godwin Park, neighbors hosted block parties, including Laurie Buchbaum who hosts a "corner" event every year. Neighbors from her section participated in the event which helped to bring everyone closer together to create a bigger boundary of protection against crime in their part of Meyerland.







Most people think of spring as the time to plant gardens and add trees and shrubs to their landscapes, but fall also has distinct advantages for planting gardens. Because fall temperatures are cooler,

newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials can establish their root systems more easily as the stress of long, hot summer days is gone. In addition, the soil stays relatively warm in the winter and plant roots will continue to grow all season long.

Some colorful garden selections include pansies, violas, snapdragons, alyssum, dianthus, lobelia, calendulas, ornamental cabbage and poppies. All of these plants grow and bloom during cool winters and can last into the spring season. Many vegetables and herbs also thrive in the cooler temperatures. These include broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, cabbage, mustard greens, peas, dill, cilantro and parsley.





CLOSETS | GARAGE | MURPHY BEDS | HOME OFFICE

Save 15% until Oct. 31, 2015! 713.688.8808 | SPACEMANAGER.COM Owned by a Meyerland Resident since 1999!

Meyerlander MONTHLY

Thanksgiving Day Parade

The 66th Annual H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade will take place on Thursday, November 26, 2015. The parade began in 1949 when Santa arrived at Union Station and rode his sleigh to the downtown Foley's. Although the celebration has gone through a few changes, it still remains a holiday tradition that showcases the Houston community. More than 200,000 parade-goers will line the streets on Thanksgiving morning to witness the stunning showcase of sensational floats, high-flying balloons, marching bands, artistic entries and live entertainment. The parade begins at 9:00 a.m. on Smith at Lamar. The parade route is free and open to the public.





(Continued from Page 4)

The application process was open to students in grades 3 through 5. Approximately 90 students applied for the 15 council positions. The process was arduous in that each student required parental approval, had to complete an application and write an essay on why they wanted to be on the Council. The President and Vice President positions were determined by staff who conducted interviews with the students. The President's position will always be filled by a 5th grader while a 4th grader will act as the Vice President each year. Additionally, one representative from each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class was voted on by their peers. On October 9 the students were notified and the school announced the first ever 2015 student ambassadors.

The committee's responsibilities include representing the student body of Kolter Elementary, demonstrating the "Fantastic 4 Values" (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Committed to Learning), lead and participate in community service projects, attend meetings and events, encourage student involvement in school activities, develop and maintain good relationships with school staff, administration and PTA, and maintain acceptable grades and conduct.

According to Mr. Anderson, the school is excited that the "students will participate in the decision-making process and help guide us" during the school term. One of the Council's first tasks will be to determine the theme of Red Ribbon week where each day of the week hosts a different theme, e.g., crazy hat day, neon day, etc. The students are enthusiastic to be a part of the leadership at Kolter Elementary where they will value global diversity, practice citizenship and give back to the community.



6 Meyerlander Monthly - November 2015

Meyerlander MONTHLY

Restoration and Recovery

By Randi Cahill

The restoration and recovery of Meyerland since the 2015 Memorial Day flooding has been quite remarkable. In the face of such tremendous turmoil, our community has come together stronger than ever, lending weight to just how resilient we are. The Association wants you to know that we hear you and are listening to your concerns. Deed Restrictions, policies, and processes are all being reviewed and revised, if necessary, in order to allow for better representation of what you, the homeowner desires. There is major construction in nearly every Section of our community, and we want this construction to complement the neighborhood we have all come to love, not detract from it. Many properties have been purchased by either builders or investors.

The construction Meyerland will see over the next two years will be quality additions. We have taken care to speak with investors, builders, and residents in order to shed light on the application and construction process in Meyerland. Our office is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of this beautiful neighborhood, and you have our promise that your experience will be as pleasant as possible. If we have not yet spoken, please contact the MCIA office. It will be my pleasure to assist you through the process. I can be reached at 713-729-2167 or via email at randi@meyerland.net.



every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.



Trash/Recycling Schedule - November - December, 2015

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



Average MOW price in your area is only <u>\$30.00</u> for weekly and <u>\$35.00</u> for biweekly service!

2007 Recipient of Mayoral Honorable Mention Award, Keep Houston Beautiful

Meyerlander MONTHLY

Traveling with your pet over the holidays? Here are some tips that will help make your drive smooth sailing.

Submitted by Kristen West, Owner of Gusto Dogs LLC.

1. Take your pet on short trips prior to the big day to let him get used to traveling by car.

2. Keep your pet safe in a secured, well-ventilated crate or carrier. It should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around. Letting him have free range in the car not only puts him at risk, but it also poses a risk to your family if you were to stop suddenly.

3. Never let your dog travel in the bed of a truck. Even if he is secured on a short line to prevent him falling or jumping out, your pet can experience discomfort from the weather and wind or sustain injury from debris.

4. Feed your pet three or four hours prior to departure and avoid giving him any food or treats in the car.

5. Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle, which can quickly become a furnace and cause heatstroke, even with open windows. In cold weather, the car holds the temperature like a refrigerator.

6. Your pet's microchip should be up-to-date and he should be wearing a flat collar and ID at all times.

7. Bring a bowl and extra water in case you get stuck in the inevitable holiday traffic jam!

8. Take lots of breaks to let your pet stretch his legs and relieve himself. It's a great excuse to do some sight-seeing or pick up a fun treat for yourself!





THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

_Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

_The two things I hate most: loud dogs and noisy neighbors.

_I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

_I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

_I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're not home and for the flat screen TVs and gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

_Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page or other social media. It's easier than you think to look up your address. _To you, leaving the window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

_If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally I hit the jackpot and walk right in!

Please remember to report all suspicious people or vehicles by calling the Precinct 5 Constables at (281) 463-6666.





10 Meyerlander Monthly - November 2015







Amy Bernstein 713.932.1032 x 148 abernstein@BernsteinRealty.com



Leora Kahn 713.826.9109 Ikahn@BernsteinRealty.com



Judy Levin 713.204.8807 jlevin@BernsteinRealty.com



Scott Minchen 713.213.6829 sminchen@BernsteinRealty.com



Laura Perlman 281.796.1798 Iperlman@BernsteinRealty.com



Sondra Rosenthal 713.870.3790 srosenthal@BernsteinRealty.com

Mindy Tribolet 713.502.5915 mtribolet@BernsteinRealty.com

For a real estate experience that will exceed your expectations, please contact us. We look forward to being of service to you!

our home. Our expertise.

713.932.1032 www.BernsteinRealty.com









MEYERLAND MAINTAINS CHARACTER, STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY

Featured Article in the Flouston Chronicle

COMMUNITY

"Our family loves the diversity and sense of community among the people who live in Meyerland," said Ed Wolff, president of Beth Wolff Realtors, Real Living, who has made his home in Meyerland for 11 years. "The neighborhood is focused on education, community and family, and that has been special for us."

CONVENIENCE

"The bayou and the trails make the park space in Meyerland significant for a neighborhood of its size," Wolff said. "Being able to hop on a bike to ride to the Texas Medical Center and back without having to get on a major thoroughfare is impressive. Even by car, Meyerland has easy access to the three largest business centers in Houston."

CHARACTER

"The schools have maintained a very high level of performance because neighbors have been vigilantly involved so that the schools keep their character... The ability to live in a single-family home on a large lot inside the fourth largest city in the country with access to the arts, parks and museums, but still have a neighborhood where you feel you can walk down street and know your neighbors and the kids can play is a huge attraction."

(713) 622-9339* WWW.BETHWOLFF.COM