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5/3.5 | ±3,739 sf
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Save the Date Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Lovett Elementary School

Every year the Meyerland Community Improvement Association meets with its membership for a "State of the Union" address. Residents will learn about the activities of the Board over the past year and hear the direction for the new year to come. Our guest speakers will be Alan Hassenflu, President & CEO of Fidelis Realty Partners - owner of Meyerland Plaza Shopping Center and Scott McClelland, President HEB Food/Drug Houston. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to cast your ballot for the new Directors before the meeting starts. Besides learning more about our local issues, the meeting is a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and enjoy tasty refreshments. Be on the lookout for the ballot which will arrive in mailboxes in early March.

NEW H-E-B COMING TO MEYERLAND

In December 2017, H-E-B announced that it will be opening an elevated supermarket in Meyerland Plaza. The new 95,000 square foot store will be built on and around the site of the former BBVA Compass Bank at Beechnut and Endicott. The store will be built on stilts with two levels of parking. The first floor will include a curbside grocery pickup area, pharmacy and a replacement BBVA Compass Bank. The second floor will connect to JCPenny via a sky bridge.

The new H-E-B store will include additional grocery options for the large Jewish community centered in the area and will include a kosher bakery serving breads, cakes, cupcakes and kosher tortillas. The store is expected to open in fall 2019 at a cost of approximately \$21 million. The store will be elevated slightly to comply with all city building regulations and will include additional stormwater detention.

The H-E-B located at Chimney Rock and South Braeswood suffered flood damage twice in three years and after Harvey's flooding, the company decided to close the store for good.

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Candidates for the Board of Directors

By the MCIA Office

Each year, Meyerland residents elect Directors to represent them on the MCIA Board. Each Director serves a 2-year term. Some Sections have two seats available due to a prior vacancy; in those situations, the second seat would be 1-year term. Where there are two seats available, the top two vote recipients will fill the vacant seats.

(THIS IS NOT A BALLOT) - This is the slate as of the date of the close of this publication, refer to your actual ballot for all nominees.

Section 1: Charles Goforth*

Section 2: Gerald Radack*

Section 3: Julie Hackett

Section 4: Cary Robinson*

Section 5:

Section 6 Lisa Gossett*, Nathan Lacoff

Section 7:

Section 8 North: Marlene Rocher*

Section 8 South: Bryan Holub*

Section 8 West: Larry Rose*, Larry Schwartz

Section 10:

At-Large: Lucy Randal, Julie Stirneman

** indicates incumbent Director*

At the time of this publication, we have received notice that these residents will run for a seat in his/her section. Write-in candidates must be received by the office at office@meyerland.net no later than Wednesday, March 22, 12:00 p.m. CST. If you are interested in running as a write-in candidate, submit your full name, property address, telephone number, and email address. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

WATCH FOR YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAILBOX.

COVER CREDIT

Shirley Hou, editor of the Meyerlander Monthly, is elated that her Harvey-flooded home on 5207 Contour Place, Section 8 North is finally elevated.



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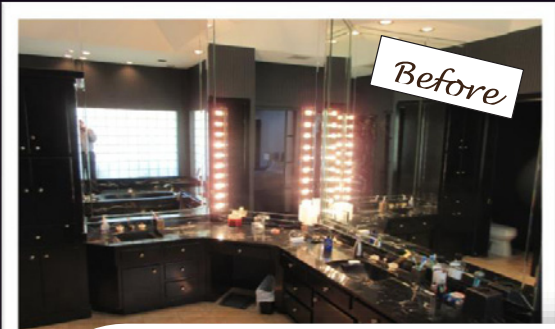
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CANDIDATE FOR SECTION 3

Julie Hackett, 5219 Jackwood

I have been a Meyerland resident for almost six years. My husband and I moved to the neighborhood when we had one daughter and another on the way. We are now a family of five with three daughters. Our oldest two attend Lovett Elementary and our third will be there in a few years. The wonderful neighborhood feel with excellent schools and great location are what brought us to Meyerland. After flooding during Harvey, something stirred in me—a greater passion for our neighborhood and community. We looked long and hard at many options, but kept coming back to this place we call home. I wish to be a part of the recovery efforts and help Meyerland move forward and continue to be the great neighborhood that it already is.

CANDIDATE FOR SECTION 6

Lisa B. Gossett, 5238 Birdwood

Meyerland has so much to offer, with great parks and schools, friendly neighbors, and easy access to much of Houston. I have lived in Meyerland since 1989, and have represented Section 6 for the past 3 years. The extensive flooding from Hurricane Harvey presented challenges to our family and many of our neighbors. As a board member, priority issues include reducing flooding risks, supporting neighbors as they repair or rebuild, supporting deed restrictions revisions to meet current concerns while improving our community in the future, and continuing fiscal responsibility. I believe maintaining security is a priority, but so is enhancing Meyerland as a welcoming community. I support increased transparency, openness, and inclusion of residents as the MCIA board develops new policies and makes decisions. I previously worked as an engineer and an environmental attorney, and have been teaching environmental management at the University of Houston – Clear Lake for many years. My husband, Tom, is a CPA, and our two daughters, now young adults, grew up in Meyerland.

CANDIDATE FOR SECTION 8 SOUTH

Bryan Holub, 5211 Lymbar

I am proud to have represented Section 8S for the past two years on the Board of Directors. My wife, Nicole, and our four year old son, Noah have lived in Meyerland since 2014. Over the past 4 years we have discovered for ourselves just how tight-knit and friendly Meyerland truly is. I have worked in the construction industry for the past 10 years in and around the Houston area. I have been a member of the Review and Control Committee (RCC) and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for about a year. I look forward to continuing to work to make Meyerland an even more wonderful place to call home.

CANDIDATES FOR SECTION 8 WEST

Larry Rose, 5231 Valkeith

My name is Dr. Larry Rose and I have lived in Meyerland for over 35 years. I am a Board Certified orthodontist, have lectured throughout the US on various aspects of dentistry and orthodontics, developed a maxillofacial surgical technique to treat cleft palate patients that saves more than an hour of operating/anesthesia time, and developed and patented an orthodontic plier that is sold worldwide. I have represented Meyerland Section 8W for many years, have served on various MCIA Committees, as member or Chair, including Security, Deed Restriction Renewal, and By-Laws. I have also served terms as President of MCIA. I am the current 8W Director and am again on the ballot to represent the residents from Section 8W.

Larry Schwartz, 5223 Yarwell

I am running for the Section 8W representative to help Meyerland move forward from the aftermath of Harvey, Tax Day and the Memorial Day floods. My intent is to serve the people of Meyerland 8W, by being open and listening to my neighbors and their concerns and to be able to reflect those to the MCIA Board. I feel it is time for someone new to step up and take on the responsibilities for supporting the neighborhood through these difficult and transitional times. Lastly, I have been a Meyerland representative to the Brays Bayou Association over the past year, working with Charles Goforth and the others to find some solutions to the flooding woes of our region. Flood prevention and mitigation has become my passion, as I believe that there is much that we can do to reduce the impacts of our high rainfall and low elevation lands. Please support me in these efforts and a future where we can live without fear of flooding!

CANDIDATES FOR AT-LARGE POSITION

Lucy Randel, 5319 Rutherglenn Dr

I have lived in Meyerland 20 years with my husband Chuck D'Angelo and daughter Rosina. Like many neighbors, we are elevating and remodeling our flooded home. I am interested in working with the community in maintaining balance between old and new construction and encouraging sustainable building and landscaping practices. I would like to enhance opportunities for residents to communicate their ideas and concerns to the board using technology and other venues.

I have degrees in chemical engineering and environmental studies, as well as permaculture designer and native landscaping certifications. I am retired from environmental consulting and have been an active volunteer at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and my daughter's schools, including about six years as volunteer school orchard caretaker. Currently I serve on the board of Air Alliance Houston, a nonprofit

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Candidate Biographies (Continued from Page 8)

focused on air pollution issues, and on the leadership team for the Urban Harvest Fruit Tree Sale.

Julie Stirneman, 4910 Jason

My husband, Dr. Jordan Stirneman, and I chose the Meyerland area to build our home, raise our family, and care for our patients at Bellaire Family Dentistry. I graduated from Texas A&M and then earned my law degree from the University of Houston. After serving in both public and private law positions, I dedicated myself to our family business and our children. Now, I would be truly honored to bring my experience and qualifications to the HOA Board. I'm particularly qualified to represent the Meyerland community and our members' interests. While I am very organized and disciplined, I am also flexible. If elected, I will be both fair and effective, and will work tirelessly to advance our community's interests. I would consider it an honor to serve my neighbors on the MCIA board, and respectfully ask for your vote.

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Meyerland Rebuild Progress and Processes

By Randi Cahill

Even though many streets in Meyerland feel empty with its residents displaced by Hurricane Harvey, the uptick in architectural applications indicate that the streets will not remain that way for long. Between December 2017 and January 2018, MCIA received a record number of Major Projects and New Construction applications. Below is a breakdown of the type and number of applications received and processed between December 2017 and January 2018:

Routine Projects (painting, windows, roof, etc.): 38

Major Projects (elevation): 27

Demolition: 36

Major Projects (addition): 1

New Construction: 34

Due to the increase in construction activity, wait times between submission and receipt of committee response has also increased. There are a few things, however, that can be done to ensure that your application is reviewed and approved the first time it is submitted.

First, please read your section's Deed Restrictions and the MCIA Policies. It is important that you know the rules. While many architects are familiar with Meyerland's rules, the responsibility of adhering to them lies with you, the lot owner.

Second, be sure your application is complete. It is important that all of the required information is received in order for the Committee to make a determination regarding your project. For instance, a design plan is required for all New and Major Construction projects. This means that you must visually provide an example of the colors and materials proposed for the exterior of your construction. If you do not provide this information, or other required information, your application may not be reviewed at that time, and could even be denied for missing information.

Third, please remember that this is a process. Please submit your application as soon as it is complete. With the current number of applications, it is likely to take 30 days for your application to move through our process. While we are making changes to

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improve response time, please know that we are moving through the process as quickly as we can.

The Committee has one set meeting per month, however it convenes more often when necessary. There are two distinct review committees. The committee that governs your Section can be found in the Deed Restrictions. The membership of the two committees is identical, allowing for both continuity in decisions and a larger pool of committee members to review applications outside of set meetings. Committee members are Meyerland residents/Lot Owners and all committee members are volunteers. Current members of the Meyerland Architectural Control Committee (MACC) and the Review and Control Committee (RCC) are: Al Kirshner, Bill Goforth, Bryan Holub, Chris Bisel, Clive Hess, Derek Olander and Marc Spieler.

It is highly encouraged that you submit your application at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date. Early submission gives me the ability to review your application before it goes to committee. I can often catch missing information, allowing for you to provide information or amend items which may be necessary for approval. Please allow 5 business days after the meeting to receive your response via email. The next regularly scheduled meetings for the MACC and RCC are March 6, April 10 and May 8.

SENIOR JUSTICE ASSESSMENT CENTER

By Joyce Young

The new Harris County Senior Justice Assessment Center, located at 2525 Murworth Drive (near NRG Stadium), opened on 6/27/2017. It is funded by a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team that includes the Houston Police Department, The Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Protective Services, the district attorney's office, the Area Agency on Aging, Harris County Health Services, the University of Texas Health services and various other agencies.

A grant proposal to coordinate cohesive services and investigations of the senior population, that previously had parallel investigations on the same cases because of the lack of coordination, was assembled by the various agencies. The Senior Justice Assessment Center created defined roles and established processes and procedures for the intervention of senior victims of crime that include determining if a crime has been committed, assessing the client's mental capacity and ensuring physical safety. The program is modeled after child-focused centers and a similar seniors' program in California. The various agencies work together to create and implement plans that are tailored to each client's needs.

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Lovett Elementary's "Black and White" Mother Son Dance

by Pauline Mathiesen

Dress up or dress down, but just dress in black or white! That was the theme for the 3rd Annual Mother-Son Dance at Lovett Elementary. The dance was once again headed by Amy Steen and Rebecca Gomez along with their helpful crew of dedicated boy moms. These moms put on quite a dance! Imagine the multipurpose room transformed into a sea of black and white and everyone dressed in matching colors. It was a very cool sight to see. Once again, the dance included a photographer, selfie station, snack bar, cool raffle items, and of course, a DJ! The boys and their moms hit the dance floor early and everyone at the event seemed to be busy and happy!

This event doesn't exclude helpful dads and daughters... there were dads working the front door and helping to set up, while some daughters helped man the selfie station, raffles and snacks! For some, this was a full family event. Many of the moms with daughters explained how this was a special night for the dads and daughters who got to spend some special time together while mom and son danced away. "It's nice that this dance is available. For father and daughters, there are a few chances for them to attend a dance together - The Bellaire Rec have put on a lovely annual Father/Daughter dance for years. I've never seen a Mother-Son Dance, so it's nice to be able to do this", explains one of the committee members.

Not only was the night a ton of fun for mothers and sons, it was

also a successful fundraiser for the school! This year boasted the most attendees and raised more money than it did in the past. The word is getting out that this is a fun and special night for mothers and sons. Leaving the dance, I heard a few moms say to their 5th graders, (and one 5th grader say to his mom), "Aw, this will be our last Mother Son Dance here" and as a mother of sons myself, that tugs at my heart! So, I'll be enjoying these special Mother-Son dances for as long as I can!



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All Aboard The Love Boat!

by Natalie Johnson

On Saturday February 10, 2018, the Herod Elementary PTO hosted its largest fundraiser of the year at Braeburn Country Club. Parents, faculty, family and friends of Herod were taken aboard the Love Boat and enjoyed a fantastic evening of dinner, drinks, and a silent as well as a live auction. Guests were entertained by Love Boat Cruise directors, and Herod fathers, Jay Freedman and Conor Johnston. The evening raised over \$44,500 for school improvements that will benefit the students and faculty greatly. Cecilia Freedman,



Principal Michelle Turek and Vice-Principal Bryan Bancroft.
Photo courtesy of Sandy Zarwulkoff.

PTO President, auction coordinator and Herod mother of three enthused, "I am so overcome by the generosity of the Herod community. This event requires parent, teacher and staff volunteers to make it a success. I'm so proud to say that we beat our record last year by almost \$10,000. This is an event that everyone looks forward

to every year. The planning has already started for next year!"

The Herod staff and faculty have as much fun at the auction as the parents do. Kindergarten teacher and Herod parent, Audrey St. Germain, stated "My expectations for how much we might raise were pretty low considering all we've been through this year. We still have many families displaced and are all feeling the financial burden of living and working in an area so ravaged by Harvey. We stretched ourselves in ways we couldn't have even imagined. I'm humbled and in awe of how much money was raised. It further proves that we really have the most wonderful, supportive, and loving community, committed to the work we do with Herod kids every day." Herod mother of two, Leslie Schwartz, stated "Mike and I had fun at the auction. It's nice to see our community support our children and Herod after such an intense Fall semester. The amount of work that goes into it, from the decorations to the organization, is incredible. I feel very proud to be a part of this community." This year's Herod Elementary PTO auction was definitely a night to remember.



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25	26	27 Trash	28	29	30	31

April, 2018						
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THE HISTORY AND LEGEND OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of Bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village.

During his captivity, he became closer to God. He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity. His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second Bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity. His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461.

That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.



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