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MEYERLAND 5230 Grape Street | \$329,500

3/2 | No Flooding MLS 9231376

5622 Jason | \$498,500

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MLS 70582031





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5126 Carew Street | \$449,900 4/3 | Move in ready MLS 78970191



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5106 Yarwell Drive | \$300,000 MLS 81754782



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5235 Carew Street | \$2,100 Monthly

MLS 71570219



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5210 Carew Street | \$398,000 3/2 | Move in ready

MLS 61210859

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Annual Meeting | March 27th



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. This year's Annual Meeting is March 27 at Lovett Elementary School. The guest speaker is Shannon Cobb Evans, Chair of the Board of the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR). A native Houstonian and second generation REALTOR®, Ms. Evans has over 35 years of experience in real estate and

has held numerous state and local leadership positions. The MCIA President, Treasurer and committee chairs will also provide updates, and voting for the next slate of Directors will take place at the start of the meeting.



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)

Section 1: (1 seat open) Bill Goforth*

Section 2: (1 seat open) Emilio Hisse*

Section 3: (2 seats open) - Jonathan Elton, Barbara Kile

Section 4: no seat is open in the 2019-20 election cycle

Section 5: (1 seat open) - no candidates yet

Section 6: (1 seat open) - no candidates yet

Section 7: (2 seats open) Gerda Gomez*

Section 8: North: (1 seat open) - no candidates yet

Section 8: South: (1 seat open) - Sacher Bodner

Section 8: West: (1 seat open) - no candidates yet

Section 10: (1 seat open) Bob Lordi*

At-Large: (1 seat open) Eddy De Los Santos*

* indicates incumbent Director

At the time of this publication, we have received notice that these residents will run for a seat in their section. Write-in candidates are permissible; please see official ballot for details. 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 27 at 7:00 p.m.

WATCH FOR YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAILBOX.





Trash/Recycling Schedule

March, 2019						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5 T/R	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Trash	13 Tree	14	15	16
17	18	19 T/R	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26 Trash	27	28	29	30

April, 2019						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 T/R	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Trash	10 Junk	11	12	13
15	15	17 T/R	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Trash	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 T/R				

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Biographical Information of Candidates

Editor's note: not all candidates submitted biographical information in time for this publication. Please refer to the mailed ballot for a complete list of candidates.

Jonathan Elton, Section 3, 5215 Grape Street

My name is Jonathan Elton and I have been a happy resident in Meyerland for four years with hopefully many more to come. I would like to ask for your support to serve you as a Director for Section 3 and actively contribute to the community in which we all live. I have previously served on a Homeowners Association in the UK, where I am originally from and helped improve the area there.

It is my belief that a Director needs to give their time, effort and ideas, listen to other points of view with an open mind and be available and talk to residents at any time. If elected I would stay informed and do all I can for the greater good of our wonderful part of the city in the short and long-term.

Gerda Gomez, Section 7, 4906 Glenmeadow Drive

I have been representing Section 7 on MCIA for the past six years. Currently, I represent the MCIA on the Greater Meyerland Super Neighborhood 31 (SN31). I wish to continue representing Section 7 on the MCIA and on SN31, a forum where residents and stakeholders, including MCIA, can collaborate on neighborhood issues and work with city officials to be more responsive to community needs.

My family and I have lived in Meyerland since 1978. We have a feeling of loyalty and love for Meyerland and a desire and commitment to see Meyerland rebound from the recent flood devastations. My house flooded in 2015 for first time and again in 2017. Section 7 was devastated and is slowly recovering.

I have Baccalaureate, Master's and Doctoral degrees from Columbia University, New York. I am retired after 25 years on the faculty of The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center School of Nursing. I applaud the work of the previous MCIA directors and staff. I believe it is my turn now to give back for all the benefits I and my family received these many years.

Eddy De Los Santos, Candidate At-Large, 5206 Braesheather Drive

I am a resident of Meyerland with an address of 5206 Braesheather Dr. (Section 8I). My family and I have lived in Meyerland since 2013. Our family home flooded in May 2015, was torn down in 2016, and new construction was completed in late June 2018. We are so grateful to be back in our home in this neighborhood that means so much to us. I have served on the MCIA Board since my appointment in late 2016 and won election as an At Large Member in 2017. For the past two years, I have served as the Vice-President of the Board and have (Continued on Page 7)

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chaired the Deed Restriction & Renewal Committee (DRRC). Under my leadership, the DRRC has been the driving force for getting new deed restrictions approved for 14 out of 22 sections of Meyerland. This substantial endeavor could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of various Board Members, the MCIA staff and numerous residents. In addition to chairing the DRRC, I have served on the Security and ByLaws committees.

I am a shareholder with Baker Donelson. I practice a wide variety of litigation, including commercial litigation, construction law, toxic tort, product liability, personal injury, transportation, real estate, oil and gas, pharmaceutical and medical device, commercial collections and general business law. In addition, I represent various clients in transactional matters. I am the immediate past Board Chair for Child Advocates, Inc. ("CAI") for 2017 and 2018. CAI provides court appointed volunteer guardians ad litem that advocate for the best interest of children in the Child Protective Services' system. I have been an advocate volunteer with CAI since 2001 and a member of the Board since 2007. Prior to becoming Board Chair, I served as CAI's general counsel for 4 years. My family and I are members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and have been since 1998. I was formerly an HOA Board Member for the Lynn Park Civic Association from 2008-2011.

I would like to thank the residents of Meyerland for working

together to rebuild the neighborhood, maintaining the community environment and remaining resilient during a difficult 4 years. I am eager to continue the DRRC's work to amend the deed restrictions for the remaining 8 sections, to help the MCIA Board effectively and efficiently serve the Meyerland community, and to provide governance that protects the considerable financial investment property owners have made in Meyerland. As someone who had been critical of the Board prior to joining, I look forward to continuing my efforts to address operations, functionality, and strategy for the benefit of all Meyerland residents.

Emilio Hisse, Section 2, 5143 Beechnut

Hello, my name is Emilio Hisse and I have had the privilege of living in Meyerland for the past twenty-one years. I have also served on the Meyerland board for the past six years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to work through and strive to resolve the issues that face the Meyerland community, including the hardships that came in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. I am passionate about finding solutions by discussing with others around me to resolve all the issues that may and will come about in the next years.

I am a Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon, and work in the Medical Center, as well as my private practice in the area. My wife and I have raised our five children in this neighborhood. I enjoy participating in the social events and activities within our area. I am (Continued on Page 8)

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committed to work with my neighbors and fellow board members to help Meyerland become one of the best places to live in Houston. I am thrilled and look forward to continue serving our Meyerland community as a board member.

Sacha Bodner, Section 8 South, 5210 Lymbar Drive

I am a grateful dad, husband, and licensed master social worker who grew up in Houston, TX. I have graduate degrees in Social Work and Law and Social Policy. I have dedicated my profession to advocating for vulnerable children and families across schools, communities, and cultures. Since shortly after Hurricane Harvey, I have managed Act Now Houston, a volunteer initiative that engages citizens in rebuilding a greater Houston through meaningful service. I have also served as a Regional Facilitator with New Politics Leadership Academy, a national non-profit organization dedicated to creating opportunities for service veterans to engage with policy and politics. In addition, I have been a Trainer with Fuel Ed, a Houston based non-profit organization that fuels schools with the power of relationships. I am also creative in music, photography, and cooking. I love living on one of Meyerland's friendliest blocks, and I'm running to help the neighborhood continue to revitalize!

Bob Lordi, Section 10, 5626 Jason

It has been my pleasure to represent Section 10 on the MCIA board for the past three years. In that time, I was involved with successfully stopping an expansion of Hillcroft through our neighborhood, maintained the security and safety of Meyerland through service on the Security Committee, and gained the attention of elected officials regarding flooding in our area. Before coming to Houston in 2007, I was a sworn Civil Deputy for the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department in Ohio and now work for Methodist Hospital in marketing.

My wife, Julie Farr, and I are grounded in Houston, living happily in Meyerland since 2009. After a city-wide search, we chose Meyerland because of the unique character of the homes, the safety of the area, and the feeling of the neighborhood. We both appreciate the easy access to all parts of the city, security and lifestyle provided by living here.

The MCIA Board of Directors has just formed a committee to promote Meyerland, Meyerland Moving Forward, to showcase the neighborhood as a terrific place to live. We plan on meeting with realtors to convince them of the benefits of our community, display the flood abatement work being done, and our proximity to Texas Medical Center. Our goal is to bring back our home values to preflood levels and beyond.

I would be honored to continue to represent Section 10 and advance these initiatives.

Bill Goforth, Section 1

I have been a part of Section 1 - Meyerland since 1962, attending Lovett Elementary, Johnston Middle School (aka, Meyerland PVA Middle School) and Bellaire High School.

I am currently the chair of both the Review and Control Committee (RCC) - tasked with reviewing construction plans, and the Deed Restriction Compliance Committee (DRCC) - tasked with maintaining the aesthetics of Meyerland and developing policies that assist the association. Additionally, I am on the Deed

Restriction Renewal Committee (DRRC) – tasked with keeping each of Meyerland's 22 sets of deed restrictions current as to the times and wishes of its residents.

It would be a great honor to continue representing Meyerland Section 1. This was the first section developed and the one that set the benchmark for Meyerland. Our community has and will continue to be a jewel in Houston. The rebuilding of Meyerland by its residents has made our neighborhood even more desirable and impressive as we watch the architectural landscape change and develop all while keeping the community intact. With your support, I look forward to another exciting and challenging term with the Board as we continue to improve our neighborhood.

Barbara Kile, Section 3

In 1972 my husband, Ed Kile and I bought our house and moved to Meyerland. My qualifications for serving on the MCIA Board of Directors include living here for 47 years. In addition, I have worked in education and I have experience as a professional librarian in several academic institutions; I've served on committees and boards of professional organizations on the national, state and local levels and I volunteer for local non-profits.

Over the years I have watched and participated in the growth and changes in Meyerland. My reason for volunteering to run for a board seat at this time is to help maintain and improve Meyerland as a safe place to live, raise families and enjoy life. A more practical reason is to ensure that there is adequate staff and resources to efficiently run the MCIA office. Most important, I would strive to represent Section 3 residents and communicate with them about board issues and decisions.

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