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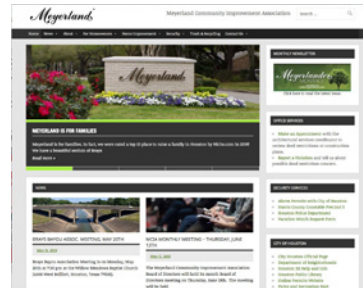
*By Bill Goforth, Section 1 Director*

June 30, 2019 ... mark it on your calendar as the day fee waivers end for Construction/Modification Applications. The Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA) granted this fee waiver after Hurricane Harvey impacted our lives in 2017. Your application for New Home Construction and Major Renovations needs to be submitted to MCIA prior to July 1 if you wish to take advantage of the Construction/Modification fee waiver. The fees, which are used to help offset costs of processing and reviewing your application, will be reinstated for both Major Construction and New Home Construction. Routine Projects like painting and fencing do not require a fee payment, but an application to MCIA and its approval is required. The Fee Policy can be found at Meyerland.net. If you have questions or need help with your project, please contact Jasmine Davis, MCIA Architectural Services Coordinator, via MCIA's website or by calling 713.729.2167.

The waiver for having a storage container or RV on your lot due to home repairs will end on August 30, 2019. After this date these items will be subject to your section's Deed Restrictions and MCIA Policies.

## We Have Remodeled

*By Bill Goforth, Section 1 Director*



Not only are the residents of Meyerland rebuilding and remodeling, so too is the Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA). The MCIA website has been stripped to the bones and rebuilt. As with any major remodel, there are still a few things that may need tweaking ... but we are now open at Meyerland.net for you to stop by and check out our newly redesigned website. For information about the HOA and Meyerland in general, please visit Meyerland.net. There is a range of topics from the history of Meyerland to what you need in order to obtain approval from MCIA for your own home remodel. Grab a cuppa, sit back and enjoy visiting the newly revamped MCIA website.

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## 4th Annual Justin's TRIumph Over GAN Splash & Dash

On Sunday, May 5th, 2019, 74 young athletes participated in the 4th Annual Justin's TRIumph Over GAN Splash & Dash sponsored by Reliant. The event originated as an Eagle Scout project for Bellaire High School Senior, Jared Clark, as an effort to raise money for Hannah's Hope Fund (HHF) and has continued annually ever since. HHF is a non-profit committed to finding a cure for the rare, fatal genetic disorder Giant Axonal Neuropathy (GAN). Jared's twin brother, Justin, and younger sister Lexi both have GAN.

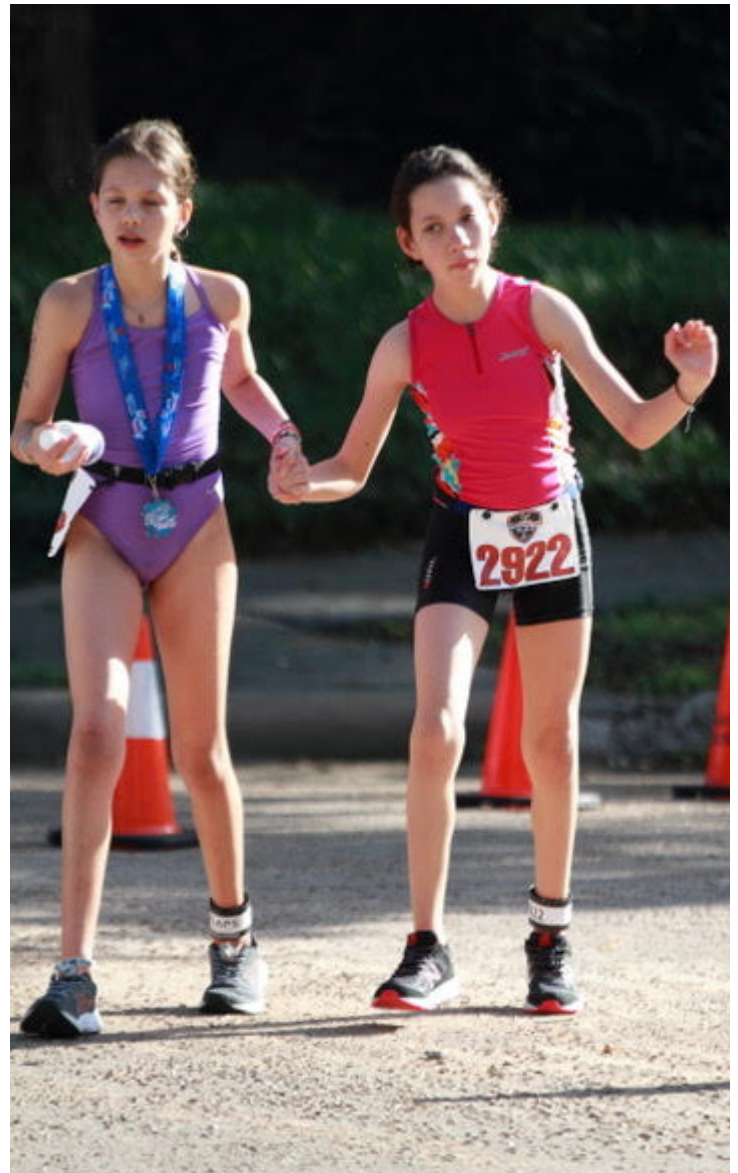
This year's event which took place at the JCC had several notable racers. Eleven year old Ariana Colunga French's cerebral palsy did not stop her from completing the Sr. Racer distance of 200m swim and 1 mile run and earning her medal. She crossed the finish-line to a cheering crowd. This was also the first multi-sport race for six year old twins, Michael and Angelina Sorena. Michael placed 1st in the 8 & under category and Angelina placed 5th. They each competed as Jr. Racers and completed a distance of 100m swim and 1/2 mile run. The twins enjoyed showing off their trophies and boasting that they are the family's youngest dual-athletes.

In total, the event raised \$16,000 for Hannah's Hope Fund, which will go toward research and a clinical trial to find a cure. More information can be found at <http://www.hannahshopefund.org>.

*Photos courtesy of Joanna Brandt Photography*



*First-time dual athletes and friends Angelina Sorena (6), August Pichot (6), Michael Sorena (6), and Sierra Pichot (9) pose at the finish line with their medals*



*Medical Racer Ariana Colunga French (11) making her way to the finish-line with big sister Aurora Colunga French (13)*



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## Kolter Kids Show Their Strength

By Amanda Sorena



Kolter Elementary School in Meyerland participated in the Houston Texans Kids Triathlon on April 27th & 28th with a team of 66 kids from across all grade levels. The team was supported by many members of the Kolter staff volunteering their time race weekend to cheer on their students and the other 2,400 kids who race in this

two day event. This event is the largest kids triathlon in the world and takes place in the parking lot of NRG. It is also a fundraising opportunity with Kids Triathlon Inc. giving back \$10 for each student who signs up with a team. The Kolter kids prepared with transition clinics lead by Half Ironman Finisher and Kolter parent, Joe Sorena, and swim sessions donated by Wolfies Swim School.



*Pictured: Kindergarten Teacher Lexandra Francisco (Front Left), 1st Grade Teacher Alyssa Heater (Middle), PE Coach Tammy Parker (Front Right), and a group of Kolter Triathlon Team Jr. Racers*

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## Houston Home Sales on the Rise

*By Joyce Young*



According to the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR), Houston home sales in April 2019 were up 7.8 percent compared to the prior year. There were 7,586 single-family homes sold in April which marks the third straight month of positive sales. According to HAR, the average sales price for a single-family home increased 1.9 percent to \$310,676. The median sales price for a single-family home increased 2.1 percent to \$245,000. The largest increase in home sales was in the luxury segment (homes priced at or above \$750,000) which saw an increase of 14.2 percent. Pending sales for single-family homes were up 17.8 percent from last year. Total active listings increased 13.8 percent with a 4-month supply of inventory. By comparison, the nationwide housing inventory is at a 3.9 month supply.

## Harris County Releases Emergency Preparedness App

A free app is available for download on iTunes and Google Play as ReadyHarris. For more information on how to prepare for severe weather and other disasters download the app or visit [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org).

The ReadyHarris app delivers real time weather alerts, hosts a step-by-step guide to building a personalized family disaster plan, offers survival tip sheets, maps evacuation routes and locates local emergency services. The app is available in both English and Spanish.

“People depend on information to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters,” added Judge Emmett. “We want to make sure our community has the best available emergency information at all times, as easily as possible.”

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2	3	4 Trash	5 Junk	6	7	8
9	10	11 T/R	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Trash	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25 T/R	26	27	28	29

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

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## Willow Waterhole Music Festival 2019

*By Cary Robinson, Section 4 Director*

What a glorious weekend it was this year at The Willow Waterhole Music Festival. You might have thought you were in California because we sure borrowed their weather. But this is Texas and this was The Willow Waterhole Music Festival, a 290 acre beautiful greenspace designed to alleviate flooding in southwest Houston. However it has become oh so much more.

Not only has The Willow Waterhole become a nature sanctuary for many species of animals and birds, it has become a major venue for the music festival that draws very talented bands, many of them local.

The music was just outstanding. The Steve Gilbert Band and The James Wilhite Band, to name a few, really wowed the crowd and made you feel right at home while enjoying the sunshine. Many vendors and artists were selling their wares and there was plenty of entertainment for family members of all ages. Even family dogs came out for a great time.

All these great activities were tons of fun while in the background a beautiful body of water rippled in the wind with all types of fowl flying around in their seasonal home.

Even Mayor Turner and some City of Houston Council Members enjoyed the fabulous music and great weather. They spoke about making The Willow Waterhole a world class event in the future. I think it already is. Don't miss it next year. You'll see how terrific and well organized it is for yourself.



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The 3rd Annual Independence Day 8k will be held on June 29 at the Meyerland Plaza. The 8k start time is 7:30 a.m. followed by a Kids K at 9 a.m. The course is a fast and scenic route that runs along Brays Bayou. Parking is free and

the post race party will include food, drink, music and family fun. All 8k finishers will receive a finishers medal and a unisex t-shirt on race day. For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.independence8k.com](http://www.independence8k.com).



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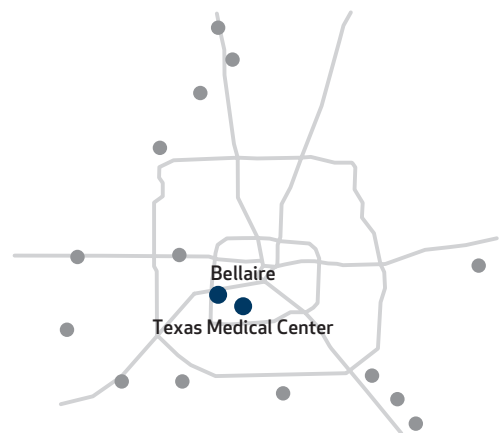


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