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## The Long Road to Recovery

By Joyce Young

On August 25, 2017 Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 storm with 130 mph winds, began its devastation in Texas when it reached landfall at Port Aransas and Port O'Connor near Corpus Christi. On August 26, Harvey descended on Houston and stayed for four days. By the time it left our city it had flooded 25% to 30% of Harris County which is home to 4.5 million people and damaged approximately 204,000 homes.

Harvey did not leave Meyerland unscathed as approximately 1,900 of the 2,300 homes in our community were flooded. It was a time of tears and heartache as we watched our once idyllic neighborhood bear the brunt of Harvey's wrath. The neighborhood, for the most part, looked bleak and depressed with trash and debris scattered and stacked several feet high in almost all yards. Homes were gutted; families were left homeless and sought shelter outside the community. Neighbors who had lived their entire lives in Meyerland were also gutted with no flood insurance to their name. It was a heartbreaking time; everyone felt the pain in our city and definitely in our community.

Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 billion in damage, which measures more than any other natural disaster in US history, except for Hurricane Katrina. Two feet of rain fell in the first 24 hours and one-third of Houston was underwater. The Houston Police Department's dive team rescued 3,000 people in four days.

Meyerland is nothing, if not resilient. The rebuilding of the community began immediately as neighbors helped neighbors. Volunteers descended and gutted, boxed, cleaned, purged, provided food and comfort and anything that was needed. Lives were changed in those four days. Neighbors who lost everything and did not have flood insurance were forced to leave their homes and settle in new communities. Some neighbors who had flooded in the Memorial Day Flood and/or the Tax Day Flood finally cried "uncle" and left the community. Others who had also suffered the effects of the previous floods did not give up the fight and were determined to make Meyerland their homestead once again.

And so the rebuilding began. New construction, house elevations, remodeling and restorations began in earnest. Two years later, the landscape of Meyerland has changed. Due to new City building codes, houses that were levelled and rebuilt had to be elevated. Some homeowners voluntarily raised their existing homes. These homes are nestled in between the original homes that were renovated, or perhaps the original homes are now nestled in between the new construction and elevated homes. Either way, the landscape has changed. But the community is still a vibrant family welcoming the new families who have moved into Meyerland in the past two years. The heart of Meyerland did not change when Harvey's deluge wreaked havoc upon us. Our spirit may have been temporarily broken, but once the shock wore off, the community rallied. And even though Meyerland has a ways to go before it is completely rebuilt, for now the new normalcy is looking pretty darn good.









#### **Kolter Update** by Jennifer Claridge

Recently I had a chance to observe the large crane in the middle of Meyerland that lifted the steel framing up to brace the future Kolter Elementary building (a sight I never imagined). Honestly, though, I was more interested in the bottom of the construction site, specifically the ground. My concerns lie in the site preparations and building construction methods and materials used so that not only is the school safe from flooding, but also that surrounding homes are not flooded by water displaced by the new building. In the last issue of the Meyerlander the building and drainage methods were described. However, when looking at the site in person I observed a significant amount of concrete poured, more than a parking lot as previously described. Hence, I went back to HISD and asked for clarification.

HISD stated that the perimeter of the new school's foundation will be covered with a metal mesh screen system that will allow water and air to flow underneath portions of the new Kolter Elementary School. The ground level concrete observed is known as a mud slab. The concrete mud slab prevents muddy, damp conditions and unwanted vegetation growth underneath the building. It also facilitates cleaning, maintenance, and pest control in those hard-to-reach crawl spaces.

That concrete is part of the 60,552 sq. ft. ground floor footprint taken into consideration when the impervious surfaces of the new campus were calculated to be only 10% greater than the old campus. The semipermeable fill is being placed on the berms along the vehicular drives and at other areas around the site where fill will be required.

HISD also explained another area of concrete noted at the site as one of the cantilevered exterior walkways around the school building. This approach of attaching the walkway to the building structure will allow a reduction in the amount of fill that would normally be brought to the site to be placed underneath a typical exterior sidewalk for support.

Next stop: permitting office to determine how these calculations were made.



Kolter Elementary Construction



## Sales Tax Holiday

by Joyce Young

The annual Texas Tax Free Weekend will take place from August 9 through August 11. The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use tax. Qualifying items subject to the sales tax exemption include items sold online, by telephone or mail orders. Lay-away plans also qualify. More information can be found at https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-490/.

## Meyerland Plaza Road Construction

The construction of a new left-hand turn lane into the shopping center that houses Men's Warehouse has caused the eastbound traffic on Beechnut at Endicott to be reduced to one lane for approximately 30 days. The construction began in mid-July.

In addition, Endicott Street northbound from Indigo (St. Thomas) to Beechnut (Chick-fil-A) will be closed for approximately 60 days. Progress is being made on the H-E-B parking garage on the west side of JC Penney's and is scheduled to open August 9.



H-E-B Construction at Endicott and Beechnut







## Trash/Recycling Schedule

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

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

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You may now recycle GLASS in your green recycle bin again. Visit the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept. website for more information.



## Project Brays and the Hillcroft Bridge

By Gerda Gomez, Section 7 Director

Raising of the Hillcroft bridge is included in Harris County Flood Control District's (HCFCD) Project Brays widening of Brays Bayou. The Hillcroft bridge over Brays Bayou was to have been raised 15 inches this summer. The raising has been postponed until 2020.

Originally a new sidewalk was not planned for the Hillcroft bridge. The pedestrian and bike crossing was to remain at the current 46 inches. The Hillcroft crossing is very narrow and hence unsafe. The City of Houston and HCFCD were close to finalizing an interlocal agreement in June 2019 for adding a 10-foot wide sidewalk on the Hillcroft bridge (Meyerlander Monthly, July 2019, p.6). However, the cost presented by the contractor for the addition of a new sidewalk and cement overlay was too high.

Consequently, Project Brays is looking into other bids, particularly from the contractor for the South Rice and Chimney Rock bridges. The South Rice and Chimney Rock bridges over Brays Bayou will be replaced in 2020. They will both receive 10-foot wide sidewalks.

The Hillcroft bridge construction must take place during the summer time due to an existing gas line. Therefore, the Hillcroft bridge raising will most likely occur in the summer of 2020. The completion time for Project Brays is still planned for 2021 and will include all bridge work.



South Rice Avenue Bridge Facing East

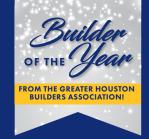


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# **Keeping Meyerland Beautiful**

by Lucy Randel, Director At-Large

Driving through Meyerland you will see several entrances with signs and flower accents in addition to multiple esplanades with numerous trees. Maintaining these areas, even during times of construction and displacement, helps to restore a sense of order and balance. The MCIA Image Committee partners with LMC (Lawn Management Company) to mow, prune trees and install color plantings on a regular basis. This all goes on behind the scenes to make sure Meyerland continues to present a welcoming face to visitors and residents alike.

The Image Committee also oversees any hardscapes owned by the Association. For example, the Meyerland office has a large parking area in front of the office on West Bellfort, which was resurfaced several years ago. This inviting parking area, however, began attracting individuals in trucks and large vehicles that were not part of the Meyerland community. The parking area was not designed for heavy loads; therefore, the existing fence was recently extended to the edge of the property line in order to minimize the wear and tear from unauthorized vehicles. Good fences make good neighbors.

If you have ideas on how to make our neighborhood more attractive, please send them to the image committee via the Contact Us link on Meyerland.net.



## **Triple C Podcast**

by Joyce Young

The Houston Police Department (HPD) has a new podcast called "The Triple C" which embodies "Cops Communicating with the Community". The podcast is hosted by HPD officers Lahar, Joseph and Williams and is scheduled to be aired twice monthly. The goal is "to bridge the gap with the community by showing a lighter side of law enforcement".

The Triple C podcast will include crime prevention tips, interviews, never before heard "Cop Stories" and upcoming HPD programs and events. The hosts of this podcast have a combined 40 years of law enforcement experience with different backgrounds. They agree that communicating with the community they serve is paramount. The podcast delivers its many and varied messages with perspective and humor. It can be found on SoundCloud and RadioPublic.



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# Mosquito Control and Research

by Gerda Gomez, Section 7 Director

The Mosquito and Vector Control Department of Harris County Public Health is conducting mosquito research, surveillance, and pesticide application. Its representatives Dr. Dagne Dugama, Entomologist, and Rebecca Riley, Health Education Specialist, spoke at the June 24, 2019 Super Neighborhood 31 meeting to advise of current activities and to seek community assistance.

Areas in Harris County are being sprayed with pesticide if a vector transmitted disease is found. Testing is being done on mosquitos and the brains of dead birds for multiple diseases. The diseases include West Nile, St. Louis Encephalitis, Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika and Yellow Fever. Asian viral disease appears to be increasing. Community assistance is needed to capture mosquitoes via traps for testing mosquitoes and new control products. The Mosquito and Vector Control Department will come to your home to set up the mosquito traps. They can be reached at 713-440-4800 if you are interested. For reporting dead birds please call the Dead Bird Hotline at 713-440-3036. The bird must be dead less than 24 hours.

To schedule an appointment for inspection, identification of mosquito breeding sources, and reduction of mosquitoes on your property, please call 713-440-4800.

## **Stain Solutions**

Try as you might to prevent them, spills, drips and splatters in your house are inevitable. Whether you, your family or your guests are the culprits, stains happen. Most, if not all, are treatable, especially if you act quickly and use the right stain-removing technique.

If there's an accident on your carpet or a rug, start by scooping up any solids and soaking up any unabsorbed liquids. Then, blot the stain with a white cloth or paper towel. You should work from the outside in so you don't spread the spill, and dab at it instead of rubbing or pressing hard.

You also can try spot cleaning with a soapy water mix. Dilute a ¼ teaspoon of clear hand-dishwashing soap with 1 cup of lukewarm water. Spray the solution on the stain, and mist the area with clean water or blot with a wet towel. Then blot the area with a dry towel. Repeat this process until you get as much residue out as possible.

Follow these specific instructions for cleaning up the more stubborn stains and sticky spots on your floors:

• Red wine: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then, dribble very hot water from a sponge onto the spill. Continue to blot with a clean towel, and repeat until the carpet no longer shows any red.

- Soft drinks and coffee: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then dab on hydrogen peroxide. Wait one hour before repeating the process. Hydrogen peroxide bleaches a stain without breaking down carpet dyes. Use a 3 percent solution, which can be found at a drugstore, and apply at full strength.
- Candle wax and chewing gum: These are easiest to remove when hot or cold. For the cold method, harden the spot by rubbing it with an ice cube inside a plastic bag. Then, carefully scrape off the residue with a dull knife or a plastic card, such as an expired credit card. For the hot method, apply paper towels over the waxy area, and then use a clothes iron on low heat to soak up the wax. Replace the paper towels until all the wax is removed. Use a hair dryer to heat gum. Then with a plastic bag over your fingers, pull the goo off.

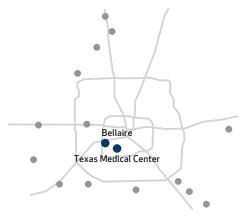
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