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Kolter Celebrates Its History and a Construction Milestone

by Jennifer Claridge

The Kolter Elementary school community, long a touchstone of Meyerland, came together on Saturday morning, September 14th at the campus' construction site on Runnymeade and S. Rice Ave. The event was held to commemorate Kolter's almost 60-year history. Students, their families, and faculty were invited to sign a steel construction beam. The beam is to be sealed and on display for future generations to understand the kind of resilient legacy they will inherit. The event attracted current students, their families, alumni, past and present faculty, elected officials, and those who are involved in the construction of the facility.

The signing ceremony began with Cub Scout Pack 455 serving as color guard. The masters of ceremony included Jake Wolff and Tenley Wolff, Carnegie Vanguard High School students, and Ria Nandungin, Bellaire High School student. They introduced Ms. Julie Dickinson, Kolter Elementary School principal. She quipped "We decided that we were going to have this signing ceremony. It is going to be 100 degrees outside, on a construction site at 10 a.m on a Saturday, and 1,000 of you said 'okay'!" She went on to tell the students how proud they should be to be a part of the Kolter community. "It is so much bigger than what Mother Nature thows at us." In turn, she introduced Ms. Sue Deigaard, HISD trustee. The interim superintendent of the Houston Independent School District, Dr. Genita Lathan also spoke. She referred to Ms. Dickinson's previous remarks and joked that perhaps Ms. Dickinson believed too much that the community was bigger than Mother Nature as water poured through Kolter and Ms. Dickinson was desperately trying to save the school. Dr. Lathan thanked Ms. Dickinson for her grace and leadership through uncharted territory



in which she and her team has guided students, parents and faculty since the dreaded day in 2017.

Kerri Lyons, Kolter's pre-kindergarten teacher, shared how she has enjoyed watching generations of kids graduate from school and come back to the community. Vangie Jordan, a former teacher and administrator who worked at Kolter for 30 years, spoke of how much the parents were always so active and available to support the academics inside. Ms. Dickinson also acknowledged the continuous contributions of the Parent-Teacher Organization.

The event concluded with an acknowledgment to the family members of the school's namesake, Jennie Kolter. Then students, parents and teachers lined up to sign the construction beam, which was secured on wooden cases about three feet off the ground. Everyone signed in blue and passed the pens to the person behind them. The beam will be forever displayed at the entrance of the new building which will be ready in 260 days on June 1, 2020.



HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan and Kolter students Rowan Smith, Corey Burck, and Niamh Smith



Students signing the beam



Jake Wolff, Tenley Wolff and Ria Nandungin



Your Meyerland

By Jasmine Davis, Architectural Services Coordinator

What do you see when you take a stroll through the greater Meyerland neighborhood?

Perhaps, at first, you notice the numerous homes that sit abandoned or neglected due to the aftermath of Houston's trifecta of floods: Memorial Day 2015, Tax Day 2016 and Hurricane Harvey 2017. The hurricane flooding crippled our city, including Meyerland, two years ago. While many homeowners were fortunate enough to repair and rebuild, there are others who were left financially, emotionally and physically powerless. Progress will be slow for some, but in time we will continue to see these homesteads restored or rebuilt and returned to their beautiful selves once again. Until then, our hearts are with those still navigating this difficult transition.

On the other hand, you will also notice many new and upcoming homes that are either finished or deep in process. Undoubtedly, this development only comes after countless hours and hours of work, design, planning and monetary sacrifices. Nevertheless, when it's all said and done, the homeowners can deservingly cherish their brand-new home. To those residents, we celebrate with you.

And interspersed between the neglected and the new are some

original Meyerland homes that have stood the test of time and remain in beautiful condition. These homeowners have fought hard to preserve their vintage homes. To those, we commend your heart and love of Meyerland.

Let's agree that this profound blend of distressed, original, and new homes is perfectly ... imperfect. Regardless if you find some homes more appealing than others, one thing is certain: Meyerland has a unique blend of homes. In Spring 1955 Vice President Richard Nixon cut the ribbon on the grand opening of the Meyerland Parade of Homes. There were over 30 model homes lined on both sides of the 5100 block of Jackwood that included innovative, architectdesigned homes. There were traditional ranch style, split-level and ultramodern homes from which to choose. And even though some of these homes were lost to the Houston floods, there is still great diversity in Meyerland's architectural designs. This makes for an interesting walk through our neighborhood. We strive to lead the way while retaining the heart of who we are. The best days for the community lie ahead. This is transformation, renewal and growth. This is your neighborhood. This is your Meyerland.



Garage/Estate Sales in Meyerland?

by Elaine Britt, Section 8N Director

The Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA) Board of Directors is reviewing the garage sale policy in Meyerland. Residents in 2017 may remember that this issue was raised before, but community flooding interfered with any policy changes to the garage sale issue at that time.

Currently, garage sales, yard sales and estate sales are prohibited in Meyerland. In order to obtain the community's opinion about this matter, we are asking for your input via this non-binding survey located at https://meyerland.net/garage-sale-survey/.

Please note that only one response will be accepted for each property address. Duplicate responses will be eliminated, so please make sure we only have one per household. We will use the most recent submission as the "final" version, should duplicates be found.

Please complete the online survey by November 30, 2019.

Please note that all information provided shall only be used in regards to MCIA and this particular issue. The board reserves the right to take no action on the current garage/estate sale policy.

Congresswoman Fletcher Tours Meyerland

By Jennifer Claridge

On August 21, 2019, Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher, and members of her staff, had a guided driving tour of the neighborhood to see homes in various stages - repair, new builds, elevations, etc. They also had the opportunity to view the Kolter Elementary school construction site on Runnymeade.

After the tour, Super Neighborhood 31, hosted a meeting for Fletcher with Meyerland residents to discuss their status in their recovery efforts. Fletcher's purpose was to see what could be done from Washington or through her Houston office, to bring aid to Houston residents, to identify the obstacles to recovery, and to let residents know what the processes are to deliver aid.

It is important that we, as Meyerland residents, continue to share our personal stories with our local officials.







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

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

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





IT'S OPEN!

By Charles Goforth, Section 1 Director

Ok...maybe it's just the parking garage. But what a nice, new, shiny and huge parking garage it is. So easy to maneuver around...I'll always park on top at store level.

Yes, the HEB & JC Penney parking garage is now open. The excitement is building for the opening of the new HEB, slated to be the largest within the City of Houston. This will be the first full-fledged grocery store in Meyerland Plaza since the Henke & Pillot supermarket, which had a conveyor belt that took your bagged groceries out to the curb for you to pick-up in your car. Kroger's rebranded the Henke & Pillot name in 1966. There has not been a grocery store in Meyerland Plaza since Kroger closed its store. It will be a welcome sight to see HEB opening soon in our neighborhood.

Update on Mailboxes

by Elaine Britt, Section 8N Director

The MICA office worked diligently with the Westbury Post Office to come to a resolution on the issue of mailboxes in elevated homes. The outcome, at this time, is that the majority of homeowners will not be required to make any changes in their current mailbox position.

In a few instances of homes that are elevated 10' or greater, the homeowner will be asked to compromise with the post office and lower their mailbox to a lower level that is more accessible to the mail carrier. Again, this is a compromise only on the very-high homes.

Meyerland has standards for mailbox design and location. Please contact the Meyerland office for additional information.

Recovery, Relocation and Alluvial Awareness in Post-Harvey Houston

NSF RAPID# 1760400; Principal Investigator: Dr. Dominic Boyer, Rice University; Postdoctoral Fellow: Dr. Mark Vardy, Rice University.

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This report presents the results from our study—funded by the National Science Foundation (RAPID grant #1760400)— that began six months after Hurricane Harvey. Over the course of the next year, the project team (PI Dr. Dominic Boyer, Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Mark Vardy, Research Assistants Jolen Martinez and Alice Liu) conducted 91 individual interviews and gathered 180 sets of survey responses from residents in the Brays Bayou and Greens Bayou watersheds that focused on decision-making processes about staying in residences that flooded or relocating elsewhere. The team wanted to find out how people respond socially and politically to major flood events. We hypothesized that people's experience with flooding might influence their sense of belonging to neighborhoods, communities, and Houston itself.

Summary of Main Findings

Section 1. People who moved away from their residences after being flooded in Hurricane Harvey are more likely to consider the stress of living in an area that might flood again, and the potential financial costs of future floods, as important factors in their decision-making than those who remained in a residence that flooded.

Section 2. Emotional attachment to the neighborhood where a flooded residence is located is correlated with people staying. This emotional attachment is eroded by the experience of being flooded multiple times. While policies and programs that address flooding at the level of individual households are clearly important, solutions to flooding should be designed at a community or neighborhood level.

Section 3. The sense of loss and trauma that resulted from Harvey can be exacerbated by environmental experiences, such as intense rainfall, and social and financial conditions, including the tremendous changes that some neighborhoods are going through as residences are torn down and rebuilt or "flipped" by speculators.

Section 4. Flooding can also increase the sense of connection some residents have to people in their neighborhoods. This indicates that going through a disaster such as Hurricane Harvey does not necessarily have to result in suffering. Rather, we found that the amount of

suffering that residents experience was always influenced by the presence or absence of a social support network.

Section 5. Floodwater infrastructure is political, and residents are not passive in the face of flooding. Residents who flooded sometimes become more involved in civic affairs to engage with flooding issues. In doing so, they hold public officials accountable, for example, for unchecked upstream development and insufficient downstream infrastructure for evacuating floodwater.

Section 6. In the absence of assurances that regional interventions will reduce the risk of flooding to a tolerable level, people are taking steps to find their own individual solutions. One of the flood-response strategies that people are often enthusiastic about is home elevation. Elevation, however, means different things for different people. While some residents elevate their homes as a solution to flooding, other residents perceive elevation as an ad hoc solution that exacerbates the unsettled situation of their neighborhood.

Section 7. People are made more vulnerable to flooding by structural conditions related to poverty, race, ethnicity, and citizenship status. Financial precarity propels people into flood risk, and while some people are aware of flood risk, the turnover of rental accommodation can mean that people move in unaware of flooding history. The loss of vehicles to flooding often has more dire consequences for residents living in poverty, who also have fewer resources to deal with moldy housing. Undocumented populations are particularly vulnerable.

Section 8. People pay more attention to, and place greater faith in, the advice of individuals who are already in their social networks when they are deciding to relocate or remain. Flood mitigation actions thus need to acknowledge the ways in which people actually learn and make decisions about flood risks in context of their social networks.

Go to https://anthropology.rice.edu/sites/g/files/bxs1041/f/Flooding_Report.pdf to read the full report.

ATM Withdrawal Via Pickup Truck

By Meyerland Section 2 Resident

Want to hear a knee slapper...?

I have a Ring doorbell. When I got up this morning, I looked at my phone and it said there was someone at my door at 4:03 a.m. Looked at the video and it was a Houston Police Officer. Thinking back, I kind of remember a doorbell sound during the night, but I guess I thought I was dreaming it.

So, I looked on my camera, and the officer was out in front of my house for about 10 minutes in his vehicle. Then a short while later it dawned on me, that view is where my old truck is parked (or better said, where my truck WAS parked). So, I go to the door and look out, and the truck is gone and there is a pile of broken glass in the street.

So, thinking maybe the Police Officer knew something about it (not thinking he was just driving down the street at 4:00 a.m. and saw broken glass and decided to stop), I called the dispatcher. They couldn't find any record of it, so they transferred me to the local station. They couldn't find anything either.





I called Catherine, at the Meyerland Association office, to let her know I have a tip for her next crime report.

And off to work I went; albeit, a little shaken up. I first called the insurance company to let them know what happened. I knew I didn't have full coverage on it (maybe just hoping I did). I told the lady I wanted to "let them know in case the perpetrator robbed a bank or something".

A short while later, I received a call from a Sergeant at Precinct 5. He

asked if my vehicle had license plate #XXX XXXX, and I said yes. He said he found a Houston Police Report that the vehicle was used in an attempt to steal the ATM at the Bank of America branch in Meyerland (the one in the parking lot near J.C. Penney).

Now, my feeling of fear was more one of anger, but still kind of humorous. I called the insurance company back to report I was just kidding when I said what they might do, and of course asked if I could be held liable by the bank for the damage since it was done by my truck. Fortunately, she said no.

The Sergeant took the report and watched the two videos I have. (I'm waiting for my neighbor who is out of town to come back and look at his video footage from another angle.)

The Sergeant thinks they were shopping for a big pickup that was

strong enough to move the ATM. It certainly wasn't because my old truck is an attractive vehicle.

I drove by the ATM at lunch today. It's closed, and you can tell it has been damaged. I guess there is still money in there because there is a guard stationed behind it in a vehicle.

In a related note, another attempted ATM heist that also happened this morning DIDN'T include my vehicle. But it is the same type. Even HPD called the Constable to make sure.

So, maybe they'll find the vehicle...

And yes, they did find my vehicle. It's a little worse for wear as they used my truck to ram the ATM and then try to pull it out. My prescription sunglasses were still in the vehicle, but other items were gone. They apparently exchanged them with a backpack that was not mine. Just like CSI, my truck was dusted for fingerprints and DNA samples were collected where we're guessing someone cut himself while climbing in the window.

Front end is damaged; back end is damaged; driver's side door that was being jimmied is broken; of course the back window which provided an entry is gone with glass all over the vehicle. The repair guy says it is a total loss. Hmm . . . did I want a new truck?

I couldn't make this stuff up!



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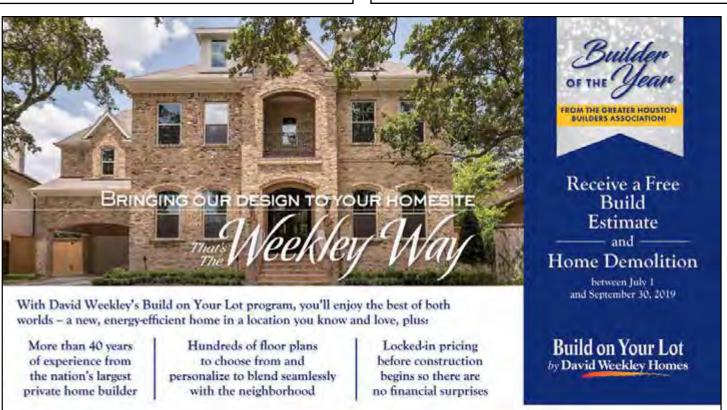
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