



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Memorial Bend Neighbors,

We hope you and your family are keeping high spirits during this time of uncertainty. It already has been seven months! The pandemic has challenged all normalcy, like social interactions with our neighborhoods and community. As I drive through our neighborhood, I see walkers and bikers interacting with each other and it is great to see that we are still connecting and being part of each other's lives, while staying socially responsible.

For this quarter's message, I would like to briefly discuss the negative connotation associated with receiving an "HOA letter". I have to confess that I have received this "letter" in the past myself and it does tend to depress our spirits. However, the AVR's (Management Company) intent is not to make our lives unpleasant but to identify and rectify non-compliance with Memorial Bend guidelines. In most cases the violation is easily fixed.

As part of adopting best practices, Board members are screening and taking a proactive approach with home owners (when possible) to address any violation before it escalates. In other words, we are trying to make this process stress-free and friendly as possible. Please work with AVR and the Board to rectify any violation(s) quickly. Our primary focus is beautifying our neighborhood, as a whole, by all adhering to the same guidelines and deed restrictions.

Thank you again for being neighborly, your support for each other, and our community during these trialing times.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Hurr  
President  
Memorial Bend Civic Association



## BIKE BRIGADE

RCE Bike Brigade has its very own MBC captain: Sarah Rapp!  
Sarah has created a signup genius to help get our little Bend riders off to school in a safe manner.  
Please sign up if you have RCE kiddos who ride to school: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084daaa82ba6f58-memorial>

**SAFETY:** Don't forget helmets! They could save a life!



## HALLOWEEN

We sure do love seeing all the kiddos dressed up! For those neighbors who want to hand out candy and/or whos kiddos want to trick or treat, we will have trick or treating in the neighborhood on Saturday October, 31 from 5:30-7:30.

Neighbors wanting to participate: place the orange pumpkin sign on your door along with porch lights to let others know you are passing out candy! If you didn't get a flyer, reach out to MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com

Keep in mind safety protocol for Covid19. As this is a simple gesture to promote community during this time, safety is the number one priority.

Please note this is optional understand that some neighbors may not want to participate!



## SECURITY UPDATE

A young boy in a neighboring community was hit by a motorist while riding his bike. The boy did not survive the impact of the accident. Please be aware in our neighborhood and others for kids at play and bikers.

A resident of Memorial Bend was attacked while out on a walk during the later evening hours. Although this was an isolated event, we're urging residents to stay mindful of their surroundings as well as notify any suspicious behavior.

Suggestion:

- Do not give money to pandhandlers. If you'd like to make an impact on the needy community, you can find resources on the Meaningful Change website [HERE](#) on how to help.
- Get a "No Soliciting" sign and place on mailbox an/or front door. When solicitors see that more neighbors are not interested, they eventually will leave the neighborhood.



## YARD SIGNS

In effort to promote more awareness and safety, the board is having the safety signs made up. These signs will be scattered in several entrance points and streets throughout the neighborhood.

We are encouraging neighbors to place these signs in their yards as well. We will be notifying neighbors when the signs are ready and how you can get one or adopt one. These signs should not cost more than \$5-7.

Be on the look out with more information coming soon!



## BOARD UPDATE

We wanted to bring an update on the things the board has been working on through the 2020 year:

- Updating our website to incorporate better information for home projects, building, and applying. You will see a new form for generator requests! It is live and being tested, you'll start to see other forms so that we can streamline minor projects faster.
- We have hired a 3rd party to review all major projects which will help not only the homeowner/builder stay in compliance but also fast track these projects more efficiently.
- Working with Greg Travis' office to get street signs that notify commuters that our neighborhood on the West side has no outlets and hopefully help with unwanted traffic. The first "No Outlet" sign will be placed at Traviata & Beltway 8.
- Also working with the State to get speed bumps in several areas of the neighborhood to work on speed control as well as possible speed limit signs.
- Covid19 has put communication dampers on a few items, such as updates with the Super Neighborhood projects, but we're staying informed as we can on issues raised such as; drainage, future construction on Memorial, etc. and will get as much information to the neighbors as we can.
- Working on more social interactions to promote community, we should have some events to put on the calendar for the upcoming 2021 year! We're excited to have had great outcomes over the last several impromptu dinner trucks and National Night Out.
- Working with the Constable's office on security and alerts and how we can provide better communication and safety features to the neighbors
- Reinstated Yard of the Quarter & the Welcoming Committee

As our meetings have gone virtual this year due to the pandemic, all neighbors are encouraged to join the general meetings the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm. You can email [MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com](mailto:MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com) to get the dial in information or reach out to Kathryn at AVR at [kament@avrmanagement.com](mailto:kament@avrmanagement.com) or 281-481-8062.



## EVENTS:

Stay up to date by checking the website or joining the neighborhood groups on facebook:

- [Memorial Bend Residents Group](#)
- [Memorial Bend Womens Group](#)



## PATROL:

Security Officer:  
 Constable Victor Hernandez  
 • PCT5 (281) 463-6666

Vacation Watch:  
[constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch](http://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch)

Crime reports for MB will be sent monthly via email blast.



## SILVER WATCH

Educate & perform welfare checks on the senior community.

Seniors receive education on current crime trends & how to protect themselves and their property. The constables will also be inform on the latest internet & telephone scams.

Fill out a form for yourself or on behalf of a loved on [HERE](#).



## ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- We are working on digital forms for approvals such as Generators! Check out the new form [HERE](#)
- New construction applications are now paperless
- The website has been updated to reflect the modified fees for applications/deposits for major and minor projects
- The ARC is still reviewing the guidelines and proposing updates
- The third party architect has been reviewing new construction applications
- Deed restriction or ARC guideline violations are to be reported AVR
- You can find the appropriate forms on the Memorial Bend website; [memorialbend.org/governance](http://memorialbend.org/governance)



## NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE

ALL pertinent information such as; Governance, Deed Restrictions, past MBCA minutes, architectural compliance and forms, city service contact information, vacation watch and other security details are on the web at [www.MemorialBend.org](http://www.MemorialBend.org)

Community news is now digital! We will no longer be offering a print version of neighborhood news. If you have not already submitted your email, you can update your email with Kathryn at AVR or simply go to our website sign up page at [www.memorialbend.org/contact](http://www.memorialbend.org/contact)



## REAL ESTATE:

17 active single family homes, 3 under contract, 5 sold  
5 lots for sale, 2 pending & 1 sold from 419,000-735,000

August proved to be another healthy month for home sales despite the lingering coronavirus pandemic. The high end of the market staged the strongest performance(homes over \$750,000). However, with a decline in the number of listings for sale coming on the market, inventory has now fallen, setting the stage for moderating sales in the weeks ahead despite historically low interest rates.

Sales of all property types were up 7.3 percent from August 2019.



## COVID\_19 UPDATE

City of Houston along with the State of Texas has still has a mandatory mask mandate in place.

You can read all the rules and exemptions on the [Texas Department of State Health Services](http://Texas Department of State Health Services) website.

If you find yourself in need, please reach out to your block captain or Susie White at 713-248-4135. You may also email [memorialbendhouston@gmail.com](mailto:memorialbendhouston@gmail.com) for assistance.

Up to date information can be found at:

- Houston Health Department [www.houstonemergency.org/covid19](http://www.houstonemergency.org/covid19)
- Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's office at [gov.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://gov.texas.gov/coronavirus)
- Emergency at [readyharris.com/stay-safe](http://readyharris.com/stay-safe)
- Dial 211



## YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners for this quarter:

- Each receiving a \$50 restaurant gift cards!
- Cooler temps hopefully will have more people outside!
- Houston Garden Center website for coupons [www.houstongardencenters.com](http://www.houstongardencenters.com)
- Moon Valley Nurseries is also close to us and has some great deals as well! [www.moonvalleynurseries.com](http://www.moonvalleynurseries.com)



Culen & Whitney Burton  
12803 Tosca



David & Karon Reid  
418 Gretel



## 2020 ELECTION

- Election day is Tuesday November 3
- Early voting starts Oct. 13 - Oct. 30

Find out more about polling places, the candidates and issues to vote on in Houston at [HarrisVotes.com](http://HarrisVotes.com)

## hello WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you have a new neighbor or know of a new neighbor, be sure to email [MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com](mailto:MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com) so we can make sure Han & the welcoming crew is aware and can stop by!



## TRASH & RECYCLING

- Regular trash is every Monday
- Recycling is ever other Mon;
  - Houston A schedule
- Heavy Trash: 4th Wed of month:
  - Even (tree)
  - Odd (junk)



## AVR MANAGEMENT

AVR is our neighborhood management and all issues should be directed to them:

- E: [kament@avrmanagement.com](mailto:kament@avrmanagement.com)
- O: 281-481-8062
- F: 281-481-8099



## MEMORIAL BEND CLUB

Memorial Bend Club is a separate entity from the Civic Association. If you'd like to join the club and have use of the pool, tennis courts and play area please contact [memorialbendclub@gmail.com](mailto:memorialbendclub@gmail.com) or [memorialbendclub.org](http://memorialbendclub.org) for more information.

## MBCA BOARD

Your 2020-2022 Representatives:

President - Kenneth Hurr  
 Vice Pres. - Erika Sorsby  
 Treasurer - Van Durboraw  
 Secretary - Jennifer Richman  
 Gov. Liason - Eddie Papin  
 Sgt-at-Arms - Nicole Hobson  
 Security - Erica Agostini Jordan  
 ARC - Marie Dupree  
 Communication - Chrissy Sylvester  
 Beautification - Megan McLellan  
 Block Captains - Susie White  
 Speed Bumps - Brad Chin  
 Welcome - Han Wright

## BOARD UPDATES:

General board meeting minutes will be posted on our neighborhood [website](#) one month in arrears after approved. You can view them at [memorialbend.org](http://memorialbend.org) or click [here](#).

## UPCOMING MEETING:

3rd Monday at 7pm

Mon. Oct. 19  
 Mon. Nov. 16  
 Mon. December 21

Due to Covid\_19 all future board meetings have been moved to teleconference until it is safe to gather in groups again.

Email [MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com](mailto:MemorialBendHouston@gmail.com) prior to the meeting to get dial in information.

As a reminder, all homeowners are welcome to join the board's general meetings.