



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Memorial Bend Neighbors,

We hope you and your family are staying healthy under this unprecedented global pandemic. Despite uncertainties surrounding this crisis, the Board has been actively engaged and addressing business needs of our neighborhood.

As discussed during annual meeting, we are committed to implementing best practices. Some examples are as follows:

- flexibility and adopting best practices (ie: teleconference board meetings & electronic ARC versus face to face)
- integrating a partnership with outside architectural firm for major projects
- consolidating and centralizing files and contracts for our future civic association
- actively staying engaged with our management company to address the needs our community.

Just as the water kept rising during Harvey without an end in sight, on one sunny day, water stopped rising. This pandemic, like Harvey, will eventually fade away in our history books. Let us not be too consumed with things we cannot control and let's continue to live (incorporating social distancing, washing hands, etc), and try to bring normalcy during these abnormal times by creating stronger bond with our family and neighbors.

Although this pandemic is shaking up our comfortable lives and interfering with our modern conveniences, serendipitously, it is making us rethink what is truly valuable in our life.

Stay safe and let's plan to see each other at our next block party, when this crisis dwindles.

Sincerely, Kenneth Hurr
President
Memorial Bend Civic Association



NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE

www.MemorialBend.org

This is our neighborhood website. You will find ALL pertinent information on the website such as; Governance, Deed Restrictions, past MBCA minutes, architectural compliance and forms, city service contact information, vacation watch and other security details.

We will begin to rely heavily on our website for up to date information. Please make sure you have bookmarked the site to stay up to date with news.

Quarterly newsletters will be posted on the website moving forward. You'll also be able to find it on our social media pages.

We will begin emailing the neighborhood newsletter to as many neighbors as we have contact information for. 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



ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- An outside architect has been approved by the MBCA. The selected firm works with a number of surrounding neighborhoods and will be able to streamline the review process and reduce the load of our ARC volunteers. The outside firm will review technical aspects of new construction and major projects.
- Application fees for new construction will be \$750 & major projects \$650. Refundable deposit cap will decrease to \$4,000.
- The ARC will also review recommendations and propose updates to the guidelines/application as well as move towards digital applications.
- All questions and comments should be addressed to AVR regarding the new firm.
- As a reminder, in addition to new construction and major projects, submissions are required for demolition, tree removal, exterior renovation, major landscaping, swimming pools and fences. All applications should be submitted to AVR. You can find the appropriate forms on the Memorial Bend website; MemorialBend.org



EVENTS:

The Easter Bunny will drive through neighborhood Sunday April 12 starting on the West side at 10:00 am! Social Distancing will be observed!

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

- Memorial Bend Residents Group
- Memorial Bend Womens Group



PATROL:

New Security Officer:
Constable Victor Hernandez

- PCT5 (281) 463-6666

Vaction Watch:
constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch

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



REAL ESTATE:

15 homes for sale; \$475K - \$1.625M
1 home under contract
5 homes sold over last 6 months;
\$414K - \$1.25M

Housing trends are being monitored with declining oil prices & factors that may be associated with Covid19

Mortgage rates were at record lows in February 2020.



SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

All meetings have been suspended due to Covid_19. The latest update is as follows:

- Security in W Houston: mostly car break-ins and increased traffic stops. Please remember to lock vehicle & remove valuables.
- Memorial Dr. Project from Beltway to Tallowood Dr.; design is being changed & reviewed. Project Q2 or Q3 2020.
- Sewer Treatment facility on the west side is functioning but will be terminated in next 6-8 years.
- 5G towers are being installed. The State is in control of placement and city has limited power on placement. Greg Travis will update as they go in.



SILVER WATCH & SECURITY

Precinct 5 Constables office offer a "Silver Watch" program designated to help inform and do welfare checks on senior Citizens.

The senior or family member can fill out a form in which a uniformed constable makes weekly checks. During the check the constable will educate on current crime trends and how to protect themselves and their property. The constables will also be updating on the latest internet & telephone scams to keep you well informed.

The form is found on Houston Precinct 5 website at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/silver-watch/>



COVID_19 UPDATE

The city of Houston is currently under "Stay Home Work Safe" order until April 30.

The President has extended social distancing through April 30.

Times of isolation can bring on many stressors and depression. Be sure to get outside and take in some Vitamin D and fresh air often.

Check on your neighbors and offer to do porch deliveries if you need to get out. All essentials, such as; groceries, health care, and restaurant (take out/delivery) will remain open. Otherwise stay home.

Randall's and several other grocers have special hours for seniors prior to opening to the public. Randall's is open early from 7a-9am on Tues & Thurs.

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 for assistance.

Up to date information can be found at:

- Houston Health Department www.houstonemergency.org/covid19
- Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's office at gov.texas.gov/coronavirus
- Emergency at readyharris.com/stay-home
- Dial 211

As a reminder, Stay Home Work Safe & Social Distancing say NO to the following:

- playgrounds
- game rooms, arcades
- gyms / fitness centers
- bowling alleys
- swimming pools
- malls & shopping centers
- tattoo parlors
- etc.
- movie theatre, concert halls
- spas, hair & nail salons, massage parlors
- recreation facilities (including sports complexes)



YARD OF THE MONTH

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

- Each receiving a \$50 restaurant gift cards!
- Post Harvey construction is still ongoing, but as Spring is finally here and a lot of homeowners are back or moving back, we're looking forward to everyone being able to get out into their yards again!



Jeff & Tiffany Williams
12935 Electra



John & Tricia Delaney
519 Electra



2020 TAX SEASON

In case you missed it; The President has pushed tax deadline out until **July 15, 2020**



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

All face to face interactions have been suspended for the time being per Stay Home Work Safe; but they are still taking calls and emails and working virtually.

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

- E: kament@avrmanagement.com
- O: 281-481-8062
- F: 281-481-8099



ASSOCIATION DUES

If you have not already paid your 2020 Memorial Bend Civic Association Dues, you are past due. Please call or email Kathryn Ament at AVR to get this taken care of: kament@avrmanagement.com or 281-481-8062



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 or memorialbendclub.org for more information.

The pool, playground, et al, should not be used & is CLOSED during the Stay Home Work Safe order.

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

UPCOMING MEETING:

3rd Monday at 7pm
 Memorial Dr Methodist Church
 Room D205
 Mon. April 20
 Mon. May 18
 Mon. June 15

Due to Covid_19 all future board meetings have been moved to teleconference until social distancing and the Stay Home Work Safe order has been lifted.

Conference line information will be placed on the Memorial Bend website at MemorialBend.org prior to the set meetings.



Easter

BUNNY PARADE

West 10am

East 10:45am

Watch and wave as
the MB Easter Bunny
passes by your house!

APRIL

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