



Meadowcreek Advisor

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President's Corner

- Suzanne Riegenbach

From the President's Corner ----

I have picked up a new saying that's been posted by several people or one person in Facebook: "creekers" meaning you residents in Meadowcreek Village. So I will address this snippet of news I have by saying,

"Hello Creekers,"

The civic club has been busy with several items in the neighborhood. Let me summarize for you:

- Since the beginning of June, Brian Greul, VP of Deed Restrictions, has been communicating the problems with the USPS (U.S. Postal Service): Late delivery, Misdelivery, Flagrant behavioral violations such as throwing packages on the ground/porch/stoop, Outgoing mail not picked. According to the station manager: the outgoing mail needs to be taken to the P.O., Ignoring vacation hold requests.

We have enlisted the aid of Congressman Gene Green's office. Jon Garcia, Field rep-Caseworker for Gene Green responded to our situation. In mid-July, Mr. Garcia attended the Second Quarterly USPS Congressional Briefing. Various managers and administrators were in attendance. The bottom line: the USPS will not address any issues until "case numbers" are assigned using the formal USPS complaint process. It was pointed out that the many people may not follow the difficult process of lodging a complaint. As of July 28, there are still issues and Brian emailed Debra Brown, of the USPS citing a recent news story that KHOU news aired on July 26, about residents of Rosharon that had mail items ripped open, money stolen from birthday cards, package delivered late or not at all. We are still awaiting status of progress with this situation.

If you have a problem with the USPS please let us know via email: president@meadowcreekvillage.org or my phone: 713-890-2356. If I do not answer please leave your name and number and say "this is a Post Office problem." I will return your call.



July 2018 Yard of the Month

- Mark Clemmons

The clever effort made by the home owners at 5110 Laurel Creek Drive makes this residence a "stand out" in Section 11. They were able to make the best of losing two beautiful oak trees and disguising an annoying front yard utility valve. The winner receives a Yard of the Month sign of recognition for one month. The Houston Independent School District professional Angelica Olvera works De Zavala Elementary School, and her Sales Manager husband, Raul, works for Midwest, a company that does various projects for the petrochemical industry. They have been Meadowcreek Village residents for over 10 years. We hope they and others will be at a MVCC meeting (August 9th) for all us to congratulate their efforts.

The beautification committee is looking for the winning front yard for August 2018 starting on 07-01-2018. The deadline for nominations is the last Friday of July for August 2018 YOM (07-27-2018).

The Beautification Committee welcomes any Meadowcreek Village Civic Club member to join the efforts of this committee, simply email: beautification@meadowcreekvillage.org or m.clemmons@meadowcreekvillage.org. The MVCC Beautification Committee currently has 5 on-going projects that need volunteer help and financial support.

- President's Corner Continued...

- Deed Restriction/City of Houston (COH) ordinance reminder letters – some of you received letters about non-drivable vehicles; trash/recycle bins left on the front curb; yard not neatly trimmed. These letters are reminders to help your residence not be the target of the COH ordinance dept. reps who WILL cite the property owner and impose a fine for such infractions.
 - For many years there have been residents who complained to the civic club about a neighbor's overgrown yard, junk in the yard, cars on jackstands, etc. The civic club is now trying to act upon the wishes of the residents to "better our community." We are proud of our 60+ year old community. Please take time to help us keep this community looking good.

At the upcoming civic club meeting on August 9th, we have a speaker from the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) to help residents understand flood insurance. We are encouraging people from Meadowbrook & Mt Vernon (Pasadena) to attend. Please come and join us.

Kudos! Go to all the folks who helped with "standing up" the big sign that was hit on Hwy 3. There is still work to be done but for now the sign looks decent.

According to the Meadowcreek Village by-laws the club is required to have elections for new officers. Please come to the meeting to help choose new officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

Officers are: President, VP of Deed Restrictions, VP of Membership, Treasurer and Secretary.

Grocery Delivery Options

Did you know that we have several options to have Groceries delivered? We do!

- Amazon Prime Now (Whole Foods)
- HEB
- Walmart



You can also order online and pickup from Walmart and Kroger which can help save time for more exciting things.



Time Warp

-Lauren Meyers

One of the more modern homes in the neighborhood, built in 1959 and has a tree planted in the center of the driveway (and check out what might be a 1960 Pontiac Safari station wagon?). It was originally home to John (Jack) E. Kirkpatrick, a builder who developed in Meadowcreek, including a lot of section 11/Silver Creek townhomes.

A sale listing from 1972 reads:

"Spacious, modern, wooded area Meadowcreek; carpet new less than 3 years ago; new roof, new compressor last week; new no wax vinyl in den & kitchen; fabulous game room; small bldg stays; near bus." (the house was built with oak and tile flooring)

Photo, Plans, and sketch for 5335 Laurel Creek Way.



Meadowcreek Village Real Estate

Q3 Real Estate Statistics

(May, June, most of July)

- 6 houses sold
- \$144,758 average sales price
- \$151,750 median sales price
- 2,096 average house square footage
- 11,155 average lot square footage
- 12.7 average days on market

Currently on market:

- 6 houses
- \$183,950 average list price
- \$201,000 median list price
- 1,813 average house square footage
- 11,123 average lot square footage



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Richey Street Sidewalk Update

- Brian Greul

For over a year the Civic Club has been working with the City of Houston to get a sidewalk installed on Richey between Queens Street and Forest Oaks. This would make it safer for children and residents who walk along this busy street. Mark Clemmons and Lauren Meyers have been doing all of the hardwork of reaching out to adjacent property owners for support.

A big thank you to Elim Church for their early support of this project. They own quite a bit of property along Richey and quickly agreed to support adding a sidewalk at the City's expense.

We still need support from several property owners. If you people who own property along this route please encourage them to contact the civic club to help. No financial committment is required from property owners. The sidewalk will be paid for by the City's Safe Sidewalk program to install sidewalks in areas used by children going to and from school.

Grandma's Garden Tip

-Cathy Carnes

If you want repeat blooms on your rosebushes, it's all in the cutting! After a bloom fades, follow that stem down to where you see the first 5 leaf growth. Snip the main stem just on top of the 5 leaf stem. (Leave the 5 leaf stem) This will encourage new buds rather quickly. If you need to prune or shape the bush a little more severely, use the same pruning method and go further down the cane to a thicker section and prune just above the 5 leaf stem. Always look for the 5 leaf stem before snipping. There are plenty more detailed version of this on the internet, but this simple "cut above the 5" has always worked for me.

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August Civic Club Meeting

- Thursday August 9th
- Meadowcreek Park Community Center
- 6:30pm
- Topic: Flood Insurance
- Presenter:
FEMA / National Flood Insurance Program

Reminder - Dues Renewal Time

Please help us keep Meadowcreek Village a great place to live by paying your dues. Dues are less than \$5/mo and can easily be paid online at www.meadowcreekvillage.org. Membership is open to all property owners and residents of Meadowcreek Village. Meadowcreek Village Civic Club is a non-profit organization and all officers and volunteers are non-paid. All dues collected benefit the neighborhood to pay for services and items that the City of Houston will not provide. Examples include neighborhood signs, entrance landscaping, and supporting our community center.

Heavy Trash Reminder

- Brian Greul

August is Junk Waste Month and pickup is August 13th for most of Meadowcreek. Section 12 (North of Allendale) is August 6th. Place items out for collection the Friday before (August 10th or 3rd).

If you place tires out please call 311 to request pickup for your tires. They will not be collected without a request to 311.

If your pickup is missed, call or email 311 right away to report the missed pickup. If your whole block is missed send the block / street and 311 case id to deed@meadowcreekvillage.org so that we can escalate the issue.

Remember, Odd months are Tree Waste and Even months are Junk Waste. Please do not put heavy waste out early as you may be subject to enforcement action which can include fines from the City of Houston.