

Montie Beach News

APRIL '09 ■ Newsletter for the Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place & Lezzieton Terrace Subdivisions.

ABRIL '09 ■ Boletín de noticias para las Vecindades de Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place y Lezzieton Terrace.

Thoughts From Our President / Pensamientos De Nuestro Presidente

In this month we wish Amelia well as she takes a couple of weeks off for vacation. Look for her letter again in the next newsletter.

FLASH: FROM THE LAST MEETING / PÓNGASE AL DÍA DE LA REUNIÓN PASADA

Thanks to Gonzalo Camacho for his presentation on the possibility of a tunnel under I-45 as an alternative to the proposed Tx-Dot widening to increase traffic flow.

There were reminders of the March 21st, Montie Beach Mixer at Spanish Flowers and the March 28th Bayou Trash Bash. As this goes to print, we hope both of those events were well attended.

We again welcomed new and visiting members of the Brooke Smith Community. Please see the names of all in the list to the right. (*We do make a very concerted effort to get all names correctly spelled in the newsletter; our apologies to those whose we have misspelled*).

As mentioned in the last newsletter, "Action Teams" have been introduced. The first group to be formed is a monthly tour of our immediate area to help us get to know the businesses we call neighbors. Susan Hand and Grace Cervin will be our monthly hosts, and are busy lining up merchants to visit.

Resident Joe, who lives on Walton across from a noisy night time establishment, has asked for our help in trying to cut down on the noisy music and careless parking at the establishment. An action group is being formed to assist him and his neighbors in this endeavor.

Resident Jessica, in whose driveway a body had been dumped, shared the horrors of her ordeal. We certainly empathize with her and pointed out the need for an active Citizen On Patrol.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF "DRIVE" / RECICLE SUS TELÉFONOS CELULARES

So many of us upgrade our cell phones at contract renewal time with our carrier. Sooooo, what to do with the old phone??

In April, please bring your old and unused cell phones for our *1st ANNUAL PHONE DRIVE*. We will donate the collected phones to the Women's Crisis Center, where they will be expunged of any personal data and then set to dial emergency or pre-set numbers only.

These phones can become a literal "life-line" to a woman in crisis who needs immediate help. It's such a little thing for us that helps in such a big way!

DISTRICT "H" CANDIDATE FORUM / FORO DEL CANDIDATO

Friday, April 24th at 6:00PM there is a Candidate Forum scheduled for those who are vying for the District "H" seat; it will be held at Ripley House, 4410 Navigation. Please plan to attend; there will be an question and answer opportunity.

WELCOME

Welcome new and returning Members;
thank you for helping us grow.....

Reed Mattingly
Tanna Bennett & Mark Harkness
Marita Burns
Tim Goings
Aaron Evans & Amy Leonard
Ellie & Christian Busker
Jamie Owens
Raul & Maria Ontiveras

Host/Hostess Needed!
to organize the "May"

Montie Beach
MIXER



Call Kathleen at
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or Email her at:

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MONTIE BEACH T-SHIRTS ON ORDER / CAMISETAS DE LA PLAYA DE MONTIE EN ORDEN

Feel good about representing Montie Beach Civic Club when you are doing community projects, from delivering newsletters, to participating in Family Fun Day and Trash Bash type outings, to going on tour with the Action Group. We will soon have T-Shirts available for purchase in either large or medium sizes. They will sell for \$10.00 each. Call any MBCC board member to place an order and let us know how many you will want. Is there an interest for children's sizes? None are on order, but let Judi Bridges, our VP know of your interest.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED / JUECES DE LA ELECCIÓN NECESARIOS

Election judges are being sought for the Special District "H" City Council Election to be held on May 9th. If you are looking for a good civic-minded job and can spare a full day, please call Marty Morrison at 713-680-4032 (or email: marty_morrison@hctx.net) to offer your services. This is a paid position and it is a 12 hour shift. Please consider it.

APRIL SPEAKER / ALTAVOZ DE ABRIL

Our speaker for the April Meeting will be Roland DeLaCerde on "Street Smart Parking". Come with your questions and hear his appeal as he helps us understand the City's take on this.

ACTION GROUP OUTING / EXCURSIÓN DEL GRUPO

On Saturday, April 25, the 1st Neighborhood Tour will begin at the Park at 9:45am where we can join up and carpool. The first stop will be Aguirre Masonry where we will learn about the history of bricks and see the various types available. The next stop will be the newly opened Las Delicias Mexicanas Candy Store, and then on to the Spice Market, and the El Bolillo Bakery. Grace and Susan may have other stops on their agenda by the time we gather. Kudos to the girls for this idea and choosing to do the leg work necessary to set it all up. They were well received by the merchants and have increased our advertising coverage!

CITIZEN ON PATROL / CIUDADANO EN PATRULLA

Those who were at the first Citizen on Patrol Class are now officially active and that is a good thing. Other residents continue to sign up and we will be scheduling the next class in the near future. Thanks to all who have taken the class and those who will follow.

GREATER HEIGHTS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

On Monday, March 16, members of the board met with other civic organizations in the Heights area to learn about the re-institution of Super Neighborhoods. This council is recognized as a crime prevention task force forum. In a nut shell, if a group of smaller neighborhoods can come together and form a larger group, we will have more clout and have the advantage of better communication, possibly grants and better police coverage, all in an effort to reduce crime in our inclusive neighborhoods. This forum is a pro-active way of being one greater voice before City, County, and Federal officials. You will be hearing more about this as the task force takes shape. Please be willing to step up to the plate when asked to help.

Continued Thanks!

to Anthony & Kay Hamden and Suzanne Anderson Properties for donating their time, printer and ink to print our MBCC Newsletter!

Yard of the Month



511 FUGATE ST.

CONDOLENCES / CONDOLENCIAS

Our condolences to Susan Hand as she and her family grieve a recent death of Dad/Granddad. Please remember her in thoughts and prayers.

FOOD DRIVE

We will have our bi-monthly food drive at the general meeting. Please share what you can with the End Hunger Network. They really appreciate the generosity of our Montie Beach Civic Club. Thanks in advance from them and the hungry in Houston.

CRIME REPORT / INFORME DEL CRIMEN	
MONTH	DEC 08
ROBBERY	5
ASSULT	4
BURGLARIES	2
BURGLARY OF AUTO	5
AUTO THEFT	3
NARCOTICS	14
DWI	5
RAPE	0



APRIL CALENDAR / CALENDARIO de ABRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00 PM  Food Drive	3	4
5	6  Regular Trash	7	8	9	10 ■ HEAVY TRASH	11
12	13 Regular Trash	14	15	16	17	18 GARAGE SALE
19	20  Regular Trash	21	22 PIP 7pm 1600 State St.	23	24	25
26	27 Regular Trash	28	29	30		

 MBCC Meeting 7:00 PM *Reunión MBCC*  Recycling Pick-up *Reciclaje* ■ Heavy Haul *Basura Pesado*

MB COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES / ACTIVIDADES

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8-9 AM	Walking Club	Walking Club	Walking Club	Walking Club	Walking Club
9-10 AM	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	
6-7 PM	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	

Montie Beach Park & Community Center (713) 864-6820 915 Northwood

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

GET READY for our Community Garage Sale, scheduled for **April 18th**.

The MBCC board will be advertising and placing general signs at the main entrances to the entire area served by Montie Beach Civic Club. It's a good time to open your yard/garage to those who really need the treasures we are willing to let go of! We hope to make this a semi-annual opportunity, so start putting prices on your goods and get them ready to sell! Our advertising will indicate hours 8:00-4:00, but that should not restrict you if you choose to have yours stay open longer. There will not be a rain date, so help us think sunny!

Job Opportunity!

Landscaping/Garden Help Needed.

Memorial/Antoine Area
1-2 days per week. Great part-time work for a student.

If interested, please call David at (832) 877-8485.

NUMBERS / NÚMEROS

3-1-1 Service Helpline
www.webintake.houstontx.gov

Council Member's Office
(832) 393-3003
districth@cityofhouston.net

Heights Police Storefront
(713) 803-1151 phone
(713) 803-1155 fax

HPD Non-Emergency
(713) 884-3131

Victim Services Unit
(713) 308-0080

Animal Regulation & Care
(713) 238-9600

MBCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008 / MBCC CALIDAD DE MIEMBRO APLICACIÓN

New newsletter advertising rates beginning 2009! Monthly: \$15 • Semi-annually: \$80 • Annually: \$150

NAME / NOMBRE _____ ADDRESS / DIRECCIONAMIENTO _____

PHONE / TELÉFONO _____ E-MAIL _____

- \$15.00 Homeowner
- \$10.00 Renter
- \$ 6.00 Senior (over 65)
- \$25.00 Business

ADVERTISING: \$15.00 Monthly / \$180.00 Annually. For Advertising info please call Kathleen at 713-869-4322.

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