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Montie Beach News

MAY '09

▪ *Newsletter for the Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place & Lezzieton Terrace Subdivisions.*

MAYO '09

▪ *Boletín de noticias para las Vecindades de Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place y Lezzieton Terrace.*

Thoughts From Our President / Pensamientos De Nuestro Presidente

Dear Residents and Owners, As your President, I am asking if you as a member of MBCC will place signs in your front yard every month. One would be for Heavy Haul, one for Tree & Limb, one for Monthly Meeting, and one twice a month for Recycling. If you can, let me know and we can make more signs. I will certainly appreciate you helping.

If you know of any suspicious drug activity in your block let us know. Together with (C.O.P) WE CAN REDUCE CRIME in BROOKE SMITH.

I sure enjoyed my vacation but am glad I made it back safe. *Your President, Amelia*

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

It was reported that arrests have been made at the Idyllwild @ Amsted apartments; police are continuing to be in surveillance, both in marked and unmarked cars. The trash dumpsters are now behind a secured gate. Much has also been happening at Sara's Place. There have been police interventions, arrests and continued surveillance.

We owe a huge thanks to *John Daniel in City Council office "H"* for all he does to go to bat for our neighborhood and the concerns that come to us. He is a tireless advocate and does so much to get the departments and people to the situations as needed.

Our first annual **Cell Phone Drive** was successful; thanks to all who donated. These phones can become a literal lifeline to women in need. The crisis center will distribute them once they have been purged of all personal data.

Our Secretary, Grace Cervin talked about the first bi-monthly tour of some of the business establishments in our immediate area. This is a really neat Focus Group and it will be a fun thing to look forward to every other month.

The new MBCC T-Shirts were introduced at the meeting. For those who deliver the newsletter, we will give a free shirt. All others can purchase them for \$10.00. We will have them available at each meeting or you can call any officer to get one. We want residents to wear them for our Community activities.

MBCC Balance on hand April 3, 2009 \$2998.00.

Often the Board Officers receive a phone call saying something is going on somewhere in Brooke Smith. Calling one of the officers is often a delay in getting immediate Police help. Please act as an informed citizen and report what you see or hear to either 911 or 311. REMEMBER, you never have to leave your name, address or phone number when you call. Another way for interaction is to become a paid member in the Montie Beach Civic Club. We are active and we are getting things done in the area. Many of the issues that we are addressing as a group have been brought to us by the citizens. Please come visit and meet some of your neighbors. Bring your concerns, share the good changes you are seeing, let us know your needs.

GET INVOLVED IN MBCC!

We need the following help on an on-going basis:

- Volunteers to deliver newsletters.
- Homeowner's willing to post signs indicating trash days.
- Citizen's on Patrol Volunteers.
- Community Garden Volunteers.
- MBCC Mixer Hosts/Hostesses.
- Meeting Hosts/Hostesses.
- Speaker Suggestions (*Let us know if you have a Speaker you want to suggest*).

Contact Judi Bridges at (713) 805-1423 if you are interested in helping in any of the above areas!



2009 OFFICERS

Montie Beach Civic Club

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www.montiebeach.org

2009 Officers:

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Secretary, Grace Cervin (832) 858-0589

Newsletter, Kathleen Ledezma (713) 869-4322

WE NEED YOU!

Hi Neighbors, our email list has grown to 67 names! This is pretty exciting... It is such a good way to keep everyone posted of things happening in our area. Not everyone on the email list is a paid member. I would like to request that every household represented in the email list send in their 2009 dues, which are per household...what a great deal!!! By paying your dues, our civic club strengthens...When our membership numbers are high, we can get more attention from City leaders, etc. about issues in our area.

Your Neighbor, Kathleen Hatch-Ledezma.

Here is what your MBCC Officers and Members are doing for you:

- They are keeping our new website updated: www.montiebeach.org.
- They have worked to get many area business to advertise in the monthly newsletter.
- They have gotten citizen's on patrol back up and running in our neighborhood (We still need more volunteers call Vice Pres., Judi Bridges (713) 805-1423 if you would like to be a citizen on patrol).
- They have organized many social events for 09. (go to www.montiebeach.org/events).
- They have recently produced, and are selling, MBCC T-Shirts (\$10.00) each.
- They have formed a Business Outreach Action Group.
- They are getting signs made for Heavy Trees, Heavy Haul & Recycle Days.
- They are getting attention from city officials on area crime issues.
- They are getting involved with the Heights "Super Neighborhood" Program.
- As a GROUP, the officers and members are working hard to make Brooke Smith/Montie Beach an even better place to live!

GET INVOLVED • BECOME A MEMBER • HELP STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY

CITIZENS ON PATROL / CIUDADANOS EN PATRULLA

We are on patrol again! There will continue to be classes for those who are interested. Remember that we the neighbors know more about what is going on than anyone else. We are the eyes and ears of the Brooke Smith area. Magnetic signs are at Amelia's home 1205 WALTON; swing by or call to pick them up for your patrol time. Your forms can either be dropped at Amelia's or faxed to (713) 864-3908. We have a great group of patrollers and we are on foot, in cars & trucks, and bicycles!!!

NEXT CLASS: MAY 7, 7:00PM @ the Montrose Storefront, 802 Westheimer, just East of Montrose. Please mark your calendar so you can attend the class.

GREATER HEIGHTS SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD

A core group of citizen representatives from the Civic Clubs within the Heights continue to make headway in forming an alliance to work as a united voice against crime in our area. Crime will not be the only cause that will bring a united voice to the City Council, as there will be other issues within the Heights boundaries that come to the group. Look at it as a Networking Group that will help us in the Brooke Smith area as well as the other civic groups. Each group represented, called a "stakeholder", will have a vote; each stakeholder will have a delegate and an alternate delegate. Those of us on the MBCC board have been quite excited about this and can only see it getting stronger and bigger over time. If this group is a place where you would like to volunteer, please call any officer and find out more about the Heights SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD.

Continued Thanks!

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

SPEAKER FOR MAY / ALTAVOZ PARA LA MAYO

Our own Kay Harnden will share with us ideas on Urban Gardening. Since the City has withdrawn funds for this program, Kay will give us some ideas on beginning our own within our neighborhood. Come hear and let's all get behind this idea which has been so successful in other areas.

CONDOLENCES / CONDOLENCIAS

We offer our condolences to Lourdes Bermudez and family in the loss of her sister in Nuevo Laredo.

Get Out & VOTE!
Elections for a
New District "H"
Representative
are May 9th.

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PROPERTIES

MAY CALENDAR / CALENDARIO de MAYO						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Spring Fling: Shops on 19th Street in the Heights: Spring sales, music, refreshments til 6-10 pm.</i>					1	2
3	4 Regular Trash	5	6	7 MBCC 7:00 PM 	8 Heavy Haul Trees & Limbs	9
10	11 Regular Trash	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Regular Trash	19	20 PIP 7pm 1600 State St.	21	22	23
24 31	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 Regular Trash	27	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	

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