

# Montie Beach News

Newsletter for the Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place, and Lezzieton Terrace Subdivisions  
 Boletín de noticias para las Vecindades de Brooke Smith, Oakdale Place, & Lezzieton Terrace

**Please Join Us for the next Civic Club Meeting!**

**Thursday, Feb 2 at 7:00PM**

Montie Beach  
 Community Center  
 915 Northwood Street

**Guest Speaker**  
*Jonathon Smulian*  
 GHSC Transportation Plan Committee Chair

**New Montie Beach Running Group: Staying Healthy, Keeping Watch**

Does the 2012 New Year resolution plan include getting more exercise? If so, Montie Beach has good news. A group of Montie Beach neighbors have started a running group that meets Monday nights at 6:45 PM for a 7:00 PM run. They run around the neighborhood at a casual pace (9 - 10 minute mile pace) with a 3 mile course that weaves in and out of neighborhood streets and includes two laps around Montie Beach Park. The group welcomes everyone including our favorite four legged friends. Walkers are encouraged to join where a shorter course will enable runners and walkers to meet up at a few different points along the path. A "neighborhood watch" program will be added once the runners and walkers get the proper training. The group currently meets at the intersection of Northwood Street and Gardner Street. They head directly north on Northwood Street and run into Montie Beach Park where they do two laps. Any late comers can try to meet up and join them in the park while they are doing laps. Afterwards, they head north again on Northwood Street to Cavalcade Street (right), east on Cavalcade Street to Cordell Street (right), weave in and out of neighborhood streets heading towards North Main Street, then back to the start. If local residents spot the running group, please say hello as they pass by. Join the group to meet neighbors, learn the neighborhood and get some exercise. Perhaps afterwards the group can even cool down with a beverage so members can get to know each other better while becoming more familiar with local commercial establishments. Sponsors are welcome also! Local tint distributor, Solar Control Films, will contribute shirts to the first 20 Montie Beach runners! Remember Monday nights at 6:45PM.

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**AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Texas Que Smokehouse** By: Juleena Masters

Brooke Smith's newest restaurant opened its doors, bringing in BBQ lovers and an atmosphere that many will enjoy. My friends and I went to Texas Que Smokehouse on Saturday Jan. 7th during their soft opening. During the soft opening they offered either a BBQ sandwich or hamburger with a drink and chips for only \$5. We all had the BBQ sandwich and we were not disappointed! It was super yummy and we all were especially impressed with their BBQ sauce. They had football games on (being projected on the walls) and their support for the Houston Texans was obvious. There was quite a crowd, people eating both inside and outside, but despite the great turnout we got quick and attentive service. Mark Jimenez, SR one of the owners, was very friendly, welcoming, and most interested in learning about the neighborhood. We chatted for several minutes. Mark reports that Texas Que will have a full menu including their famous ribs. I believe this smokehouse is going to be a great addition to our neighborhood, so check it out! The restaurant is located at the corner of Airline & Patton Drive, 1504 Airline Dr. (Group photo features Mark A. Jimenez JR, Mark A. Jimenez SR, Annie Jimenez, Nena Torrez and Cowboy Salazar).



# February 2012



For more information:  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/schedule.html>

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

### Calendar Key

MBCC Meeting	
Regular Trash Pickup Recogida de Basura	
Recycling Pickup Riciclaje	
Heavy Haul Trash Basura Pesado	
Large Trees & Limbs Árboles Grande	

### Heavy Trash Schedule

TREE WASTE SCHEDULE	
January	Tree Waste ONLY
February	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste ONLY
April	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste ONLY
June	Junk Waste
July	Tree Waste ONLY
August	Junk Waste
September	Tree Waste ONLY
October	Junk Waste
November	Tree Waste ONLY
December	Junk Waste

## Running the Half By Kay Harnden

This past Sunday I ran the Chevron Houston half marathon. My body is still punishing me! This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> half, and I'm sure my worst time ever since I didn't train much this year. Nonetheless, it was a rewarding experience despite the pain. Along the way, someone posted a sign that said "Pain is Temporary. Pride is Forever." How true! I don't participate in competitive sports because I'm just not very coordinated. Running is something I can do though - on my own terms - and I am only competing with myself. My objective this time around was simply to finish. The hardest part was resisting the temptation to sneak home at the 5 mile point. You see, the course goes right past our house. I saw a few unattended bicycles along the way too, which got me thinking! But, I persisted and continued on.

Downtown Houston never looked prettier to me than when I turned the corner onto Allen Parkway for the last 3 miles. It was inspiring too because at that point the full marathoners were running adjacent to us. OK, it was a bit demoralizing that these people were passing me up who had covered twice the distance in the same time, but inspiring all the same. I got over my despondency at the 11 mile mark where some crazy people were passing out beer. I figured a little extra carbo boost was in order!

One of my favorite things about running the half/marathon is the support along the way. People come out in throngs with noise makers, musical instruments and funny signs. I saw Elvis, a giant banana, and a mariachi band. People are out in the barrios and River Oaks. It's a nice feeling.

I don't really recommend doing what I did - i.e., not training. There are some excellent running groups that will prepare you for a 5-K, half marathon, or full marathon. Some of my favorites include Power In Motion (an 8 week running clinic that meets at Memorial Park), and then for specific half/marathon training my favorites are Runner's High and The Kenyan Way. There's nothing like the feeling you have after completing a marathon. I ran the full marathon 10 years ago. It was incredible (I trained that time). If you're even thinking about it, I would encourage you to go for it. As for me, I am about to begin my training for the 2013 full marathon. Check with me this time next year.

### Family Fun Day In The Park

Montie Beach Community Center  
 Saturday, March 24, 2012  
 11:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

Participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
 Montie Beach Team Competition

Gather your friends and family members!  
 Sign up your team to compete.

Teams of 5 will compete in 5 individual events & 1 team event.  
 Top 3 winning teams will receive awards.  
 Minimum age to participate in competition is 14.

For more information and registration contact Montie Beach Park at (713) 864-6820.

**We're looking for volunteers at the Montie Beach Community Center!**  
 Please Contact Steve Messa: 713-864-6820

## Get Involved, Get Fit!

### Montie Beach Running Club

(Above): Montie Beach Runners: Phillip Hollocher, Scott Mullins, Hillary Brown and dogs Coetzee and Aleda.

## Drainage Improvements for Brooke Smith, Browning Elementary

For many years, residents, businesses, and Browning Elementary School have been plagued with a significant drainage problem near West Patton and Edsee Streets. During heavy rains, the intersection becomes impassable. Homes and buildings on the campus of Browning Elementary School have flooded. One such event subsequently caused a fire in one of the outbuildings at Browning. Montie Beach Civic Club first alerted the City to the problem in February 2010. Since then, the Public Works and Engineering Department diligently performed numerous studies, surveys, and inspections. Finally, they contracted a private engineering firm to analyze the drainage problem and to produce a set of recommendations.

The resulting 101 page engineering report was completed in March 2011. It concluded the flooding was the result of a lack of inlet capacity on West Patton and Edsee Streets, overland sheet flow from Montie Beach Park, and a lack of capacity in the 120-inch storm system for 2-year and 100-year storm events.

Based on the recommendations of this report, the City added several new Type "B-B" inlets along West Patton Street, connecting each of them with 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) to convey the flow to the 120-inch RCP major truck line downstream. (The report suggested this would provide sufficient capacity to intercept all 2-year storm runoff from the park.) On Edsee Street, the City replaced the existing 18-inch RCP and single Type "B" inlet with 24-inch RCP and two Type "B-B" inlets to bring the system up to current standards.

Per the engineering report, the estimated contract price for this scope of work (excluding permits) ranged from \$95,467.84 to \$115,383.50. The project was funded by the Public Works and Engineering Department as a Local Drainage Project (LDP), which are smaller in scale and faster in schedule than Capital Improvement Projects.

Nearly two years after initiating a dialogue with the City, we are very pleased to see the work crews wrapping up! We are optimistically hopeful that this will be a permanent solution to the flooding problem that has plagued many of our residents, businesses, and school. On behalf of Montie Beach Civic Club and the community of Brooke Smith, we want to thank all of the folks in the Public Works and Engineering Department, Sander Engineering, and AECOM that played a role in this. In addition, we would like to thank the residents on West Patton and Edsee Streets who provided photographs and proof of financial loss as well as former Browning Elementary School Principal Hilarion Martinez who hosted the first meeting with the City at Browning Elementary School in 2010. Most of all we want to thank Brooke Smith resident Blake Masters who not only initiated this project but kept it alive. Blake, who serves as the Montie Beach Civic Club Delegate to the Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council, has spent much time in meetings, writing letters, conducting research, making phone calls, and sending emails to make sure that the flooding issue was addressed.

Brooke Smith resident Sharon Abbey reports being pleasantly surprised during and after recent heavy rains that caused flooding and standing water in many parts of the city including between the exits of North Main Street and Patton Street on Interstate 45. "Even though the holes aren't covered yet and the work isn't finished the street didn't flood. I was expecting flooding in my yard, driveway, and Patton Street but there was no flooding at all." Sharon

## MBCC Membership Application 2012

## MBCC Calidad De Miembro Aplicación

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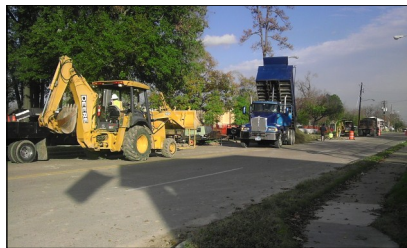
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### Montie Beach Community Center Activities / Actividades

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
8AM-9AM	Walking	Walking	Walking	Walking	Walking
9AM-10AM	Aerobics	Aerobics	Zumba*	Aerobics	Zumba*
6PM-7PM	Aerobics	Zumba**	Aerobics	Zumba**	*\$3 class
7PM-8PM	P90X	Walking	P90X	Walking	**\$5 class

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expressed her appreciation "I am so thankful that this project is getting done. I know that Blake has worked diligently to get the flooding and drainage addressed and it hasn't gone unnoticed. I am very thankful. I can't wait until the project is all finished. It has already made a huge difference and it isn't even completed yet."



Do you have historic photos of the neighborhood or other great photos? Share them with us! [history@montiebeach.org](mailto:history@montiebeach.org)

## Continued Thanks!....

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