

Memorial Ashford News

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*Congratulations to
Shanna Barzar and Kurt Vollers!*

They were elected by the Homeowners of Memorial Ashford to serve on the Board of Directors. Their terms last for three years, until the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Thank you to all three Candidates; Shanna Barzar, Lori Jacobs and Kurt Vollers for submitting their resumes. We appreciate them volunteering their free time to help make our Community a better place for all!



E-Recycle and Shredding Day on May 8th

Just in time for Spring cleaning, the Energy Corridor District is holding its Recycle Day on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. So, as you clean out those closets, attic and garage, set aside items including CPUs, monitors, keyboards, laptops, power cords, printers, televisions, fax machines, cell phones and batteries to be e-recycled. You can also bring newspapers, personal documents, photographs, diskettes, micro-fiche, CD-ROMs, videotapes, cassette tapes and X-rays for shredding.



E-Recycle Drive will take place in the ConocoPhillips parking lot behind the Omni Hotel/ConocoPhillips Service Station at the northwest corner of N. Eldridge and N. Dairy Ashford. For a complete list of recyclable materials and details visit www.energycorridor.org.

We look forward to seeing you on May 8 and thank you for helping protect the environment through recycling and e-cycling!

Security Report - April 2010

Houston Police Department ~ Westside Station ~ **Tip Hotline 281.584.4232**

~ Individuals can call to inform police of any possible crime activity taking place in their community.~

As always, our MATA Courtesy Patrol is doing an excellent job in keeping the homeowners/residents safe on MATA property and they will continue to do so. The presence of the police officers on MATA property does deter A LOT crime from occurring; however, we, as homeowners and residents, should continue to be vigilant and secure our property the best way possible.

Below is a summary of certain incidents handled by MATA Courtesy Patrol in the month of April, 2010.

Early Saturday morning of April 17, 2010, a Northside resident woke up to find what appeared to be a bullet hole in her front door which penetrated through the door and lodged into the interior wall. Considering the size of the hole, it appears to have been made by a large 45 caliber bullet. The resident immediately called HPD and a duty unit came out to investigate and subsequently, prepared a report. *Fortunately*, the resident was not injured. Investigation is still ongoing.

On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, a unit on the Northside was vandalized. This unit is vacant and currently on the market for sale and the owner of said unit came to check the premises only to find it had been vandalized. The alleged suspect(s) gained entry into the unit by busting out the front window. The homeowner immediately contacted Houston Police Department and a duty unit arrived on property to investigate. The HPD officer handling the investigation completed a report for the vandalism. The unit has an alarm system; however, said system was *not* being properly monitored. The suspects did major damage throughout the entire unit. Said suspects wrote all over the walls, toilets and doors with a black marker and tore down several wood cabinets from the built-in wall unit and burned them in the fireplace. This could be the work of juveniles that live in the surrounding area or on MATA property. A few days later, several juveniles were seen by the unit attempting to break in again but were scared off by the next door neighbor's son. **Please call Courtesy Patrol if you have any information about this incident.**

Officer on duty was approached by homeowner stating she felt she was being followed by another homeowner while out walking her dog.

Kids on skateboards on the main street of Perthshire. Officer told kids to get out of the street.

Officer saw resident on Northside cutting down several tree limbs by unit on Lane 2.

Red Chevy Malibu with dark tint pulled onto Northside of property. Officer followed vehicle throughout the complete and watch said vehicle leave the property.

A lot of individuals driving erratically throughout the property. Officer was almost hit 4 to 5 times while patrolling on property.

Ambulance arrived on Southside of property and a resident was transported to the hospital.

Officer encountered a white male, approximately 25 years of age, strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Stated he was waiting on a friend to pick him up. Individual did not live on property and was promptly escorted off property.

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Juveniles on the Southside of property were caught with what appeared to be pellet guns shooting at birds up in the trees. Officer spoke with the parents of the juvenile and handled the situation without having to call a duty unit onto the property.

Ambulance arrived on Northside of property and an elderly homeowner was transported to the hospital.

Officer encountered a white male, approximately 25 years of age, strong odor of alcohol on his breath. Stated he was waiting on a friend to pick him up. Individual did not live on property and was promptly escorted off property.

Loud music coming from a parked vehicle on the street next to the Ashford Pub.

White male dropped off near Lane 1 and walked to Southside of property. Officer stopped said male; checked ID; found did not live on property nor visiting and therefore was immediately escorted off property.

Officer encountered homeowner that was complaining about the loud music coming from the Ashford Pub. Officer advised homeowner to call HPD and request an on-duty unit come out to the Pub.

Loud music emanating from a black truck parked by the Clubhouse. Driver of said vehicle is a resident on the property. Officer advised resident to turn down the music.

Officer investigated an incident wherein a vehicle struck a parked vehicle on the main street of Perthshire. Said suspect then left the scene only to be caught at the corner of Memorial and Thicket. A duty unit was called out and after a thorough investigation, it was determined it was a domestic dispute and said suspect was arrested.

While patrolling, officer noticed a door to a vacant unit was ajar. Officer discovered the owner was inside the unit doing repairs and simply left the door open.

Two young juveniles crawled underneath the chain link fence to gain access to the Southside pool. Juveniles live on the Southside of property.

White Chevy Suburban on Southside of property. Drive of said vehicle noticed Officer was following him and immediately left the property.

Officers continue to see patio gates left opened with no visible sign of the homeowners being home at the time. Please **DO NOT** encourage crime. ***DON'T BECOME A VICTIM -- PLEASE LOCK ALL DOORS AND GATES EACH AND EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME.***

Officers made contacts with numerous homeowners while patrolling.

Vacation watch was utilized since several homeowners were on vacation or out-of-town.

As a reminder, Courtesy Patrol is **not** on property 24/7. If you call the Courtesy Patrol phone number (713.471.5882) and do not get a return call, **OR** if you are in fear of your life, ***please call 911.***



www.EnergyCorridor.org

Have you checked out the site lately? It's full of guides to shopping & dining in our area, trail maps for biking & hiking and so much more!

Check out the calendar of events too!

Pet of the Month ~Lafitte~



Lafitte is a Yellow-Sided Green Cheek conure. She loves to bathe in crisp, cold water anywhere it's flowing. Her favorite snacks are sunflower seeds and walnuts, but she has been known to enjoy a bite or two of mashed potatoes too. One of her best, and most adorable tricks, is to make a 'kiss' sound when people come into the room and she really loves spending time with her mama, riding around on her shoulder or nestled in her hands being pet.

If you'd like to show off your furry, feathered or scaly friend, please send in a picture along with some information to share.

Email it to SpinsterKelly@yahoo.com

PET REMINDER

Please keep your pets leashed at all times in the common areas & always clean up after them. **This will help you avoid the \$100 or \$200 fines and keep our community clean and safe!**

THANK YOU to everyone who does their part & picks up after their dogs. Pick-up baggies are provided at each "Doggie Station" on the north & south sides.

Remember to keep your pets leashed at all times in the common areas or kept within the confines of the pet owner's patio or unit.

Please do not leave your dog on the patio all day to bark, whine or otherwise annoy your neighbors. Plus, the Texas weather can be brutal on them.

We are all working towards an enjoyable, peaceful community!

If anyone encounters an unsafe or dangerous situation with an animal **CALL THE POLICE** immediately!

~THANK YOU!

Treasury Report - Shanna Barzar

**March 2010 Financials
Year to Date**

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Gross Income: | \$91,793 |
| Expenses: | |
| -Administration | \$3,085 |
| -Ins. Expenses | \$384 |
| -Tax Expenses | \$1,080 |
| -Capitol Improvements | \$3,000 |
| -Utilities | \$20,145 |
| -Contract Services | \$17,477 |
| -Maintenance/Repairs | \$(12,432)* |
| -Salaries | \$9,332 |
| Total Expenses | \$42,071 |
| Net Income | \$49,722 |

*the negative number is because MATA received an insurance check for a damaged brick wall and that money was used for repairs & upgrades on property

OPEN BOARD SEAT

Due to a recent resignation, MATA now has one open seat on the Board of Directors. This is a Director position and the term will end in April 2012.

The MATA Board of Directors generally meets twice a month, and sometimes more frequently, depending on what business needs to be handled.

If you are interested in applying, please read the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations to assure you qualify. Please turn in your resume to the Clubhouse Office by 5:00pm Monday, June 14, 2010.

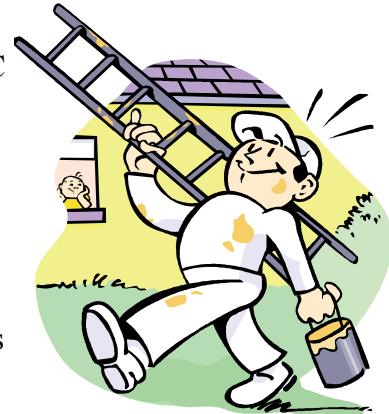
Interviews will be conducted the evening of Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Please contact Milbry Smith with any questions.

ACC forms

Don't forget to submit an ACC Form to the office BEFORE working on the exterior of your home. Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Windows
- Doors
- New flowerbeds or borders
- Adding mulch
- Painting front door
- Trimming trees or bushes
- Adding/removing plants, trees, bushes
- Yard accent lights
- Potted Plant out front
- Satellite dishes
- Antennas
- Patio Cover



~THANK YOU~

2009 Audit Report

The 2009 Audit Report is now available to Homeowners. Please contact our Property Manager, Milbry Smith if you would like to receive a copy.

Sign up for the
Official MATA Email List today!

You will receive important
Notices, Security Alerts,
Announcements and the MATA Newsletters
right to your inbox!

Please send your name, address and the email address you wish to add to Kelly Bellemans at SpinsterKelly@yahoo.com.

Add mata@memorialashford.com
to your "safe senders" list so you do not
miss our emails!

Property Manager Meetings

Property Manager meetings (not Board Meetings) will be held quarterly. This is a time for Homeowners who can't get to the Clubhouse Office during business hours to come by, meet with our Property Manager, Milbry Smith, and voice any questions or concerns to her.

The tentative schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:



- June 10, 2010 - Thursday
- September 9, 2010 - Thursday
- December 9, 2010 - Thursday

All meetings will be held in the Clubhouse and will begin at 7:00pm.

MATA Landscaping Company at Open Board Meeting

Kevin Austin, owner of Earthbound Landscaping, will attend the May 27th Board Meeting to meet with Homeowners and answer any questions they have about MATA Landscaping.



If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like to present Kevin with some questions or concerns, please contact Milbry Smith and she will get the answers for you.



Financial Management Company

Since August 1, 2009 MATA has been working with a new financial management company, Creative Management Company (CMC), to manage Homeowners' accounts.

You should have already received your coupon payment book in the mail from CMC. If not, please call them at 713-772-4420.

Your address is still your account number and your check will be made payable to "**Memorial Ashford**", just like it has been in the past.

Mail your payment to:

Memorial Ashford Townhouse Assoc.
c/o Sterling Bank
PO Box 4991
Houston, TX 77210-4991

If you wish to learn more about CMC, please check out their website at www.CMCTX.com.

Creative Management Company (CMC)
 8323 Southwest Freeway, Suite 330
 Houston, TX 77074-1692
 Phone: 713-772-4420
 Fax: 713-772-8655
 Email: general@cmctx.com
 Website: www.CMCTX.com

If you have any questions, about your payment options, please contact CMC at 713-772-4420.



DO NOT mail your monthly payment directly to CMC's office or to MATA's clubhouse office. This will only slow down posting the payment to your account. Mail your payment to the Sterling Bank address listed above.

REMINDER

Per the MATA Rules & Regulations; patio tree branches, bushes and any other plants must be cut back from the exteriors of the buildings, carports and fences to prevent roof, fence and building siding damage of any kind. Roots from patio trees, shrubs and plants that impact foundations, sidewalks or fences must be also be removed. Homeowners at their sole expense have the responsibility to provide this maintenance.

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Please contact our Property Manager, Milbry Smith, with any questions about your patio tree.



May 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Mother's Day | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Armed Forces Day |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Open Board Meeting 7pm - Clubhouse | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Memorial Day (observed) | | | | | |



~Dial 911 for EMERGENCIES~
AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY
281-531-8699

On-Site Property Manager: Milbry Smith
Monday - Friday; 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Phone: 281-531-8699
 Email: MATAcorp@sbcglobal.net

Creative Management Company (CMC)
 Phone: 713-772-4420
 Website: www.cmctxc.com

Mail Monthly Payments to:
 Memorial Ashford Townhouse Assoc.
 c/o Sterling Bank
 PO Box 4991
 Houston, TX 77210-4991

Courtesy Patrol:
713-471-5882

HPD Courtesy Patrol Officers

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sergeant Millette | Officer Gilbert |
| Sergeant Escobar | Officer Helms |
| Officer Collins | Officer Alcover |
| Officer Robles | Officer Ordonez |
| Officer Coleman | |

Centerpoint:
713-207-2222

City Departments:
311

Harris County Info line:
713-755-5000

Comcast:
713-341-1000

Fire Department:
713-247-5000

Fire Marshall:
713-865-7100

HPD Dispatch:
713-884-3131

Towing Service:
713-988-1409

PEAT: (HCTRA
motorist assistance)
713-222-7328

Poison Control:
800-764-7661