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## President's Message

I am pleased and honored to accept this opportunity to serve the homeowners of Marilyn Estates. As the new president of our homeowners association, I may not have all the answers right away, but I do have an incredible support system of board members (past and present) who want to see our association successful. I would like to thank them all for their guidance and service.

Most importantly, I want to acknowledge how much I enjoyed my friendship with CJ Yeoman. Her bright, energetic leadership will truly be missed. She cared deeply about Marilyn Estates, and I hope that I can serve this neighborhood and you as passionately as she did.

Over the past 8 years, I have come to truly love and value our neighborhood. We moved here in March of 2011 with two energetic girls, Lexie and Eleni, who are now eleven and twelve years old. You may have seen us walking dogs, riding bikes or just throwing a ball in the front yard.

My previous leadership roles in the neighborhood association have only deepened my appreciation for this community. For the past 5 years, I have had the pleasure of serving as a block captain, which included hosting block parties where old and new neighbors enjoyed getting together. This past spring, I had the privilege of chairing the Marilyn Estates Spring Social, which gave me an opportunity to meet many more of our homeowners and local merchants.

I look forward to serving you. This truly is a special community!

*Elizabeth Santikos*

## **Marilyn Estates CJ Yeoman Award**

CJ was a positive force in Marilyn Estates for more than two decades. We shall miss her dedication to our subdivision. Therefore, as a living tribute to CJ, we are establishing an award to recognize a member of our community who has given their time "above and beyond."

For this award, the Board of Marilyn Estates can recognize an individual annually at the October meeting, but they are not obligated to do this every year. We shall call this the **Marilyn Estates CJ Yeoman Award**.

Accordingly, CJ Yeoman is the first recipient of this honor.



## **Tribute to CJ Yeoman**

Question:

What do

Kathy Whitmore

Kim Ogg

Sylvester Turner

Lizzie Fletcher

all have in common?

Answer:

Carol "CJ" Yeoman helped all of these candidates win their political battles.

On Monday afternoon, October 7, 2019, CJ was not able to win her valiant battle with cancer.

CJ was born in Chicago, Illinois graduated from Dobie High School in Pasadena, Texas and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science from Texas A&M University.

Last year she was elected President of the Marilyn Estates Civic Association following an 8-year term as Vice President of the Meyerland Area Democrats Club.

These are some of the things her friends and neighbors have said:

"CJ finished tasks in a splendid fashion."

"CJ will be remembered for her smile and determination."

"CJ always focused on you and not herself."

"CJ was committed, dedicated, and always a team player."

"CJ was available to friends and gave honest opinions."

"CJ was true to her values, respected others, and was a thoughtful and good soul."

"CJ has left an indelible mark on many of us and our neighborhood."

"CJ loved Marilyn Estates."

CJ Yeoman is the inaugural recipient of the Marilyn Estates CJ Yeomen Award.



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## Security Report

We all need to be aware of neighborhood activity and report any suspicious people and vehicles in our area by calling Constable Precinct 5 dispatch at 281-463-6666 and providing the location and description. Law enforcement recommends installing home alarm systems, along with cameras to record activity that could be used as evidence and lead to arrest and conviction.

You can also call Constable Precinct 5 dispatch to request vacation watch on your home and a deputy will stop by to get your information before your trip.

Here are some additional security tips from Pct. 5 to keep in mind:

### **Keeping Your Home Safe**

**Residents are asked to do their part in reducing the number of offenses by making sure their doors and windows are locked at all times. Leave lights on outside, and do not leave valuable items in plain sight. If you have bushes near the house, keep them at a height where it is not easy for a potential burglar to hide behind them. If an incident does occur, call Precinct 5 dispatch at (281) 463-6666.**

### **Keeping Your Vehicle Safe**

**Residents are asked to do their part in reducing the number of offenses by locking their cars at all times, even if you are “just running inside for a second.” If someone is watching, the moment you walk inside, they could be in your car and gone before you get back. Please remove all valuable items from your vehicle as well. If an incident does occur, call Precinct 5 dispatch at (281) 463-6666.**

Be sure to program Constable Precinct 5 dispatch phone number 281-463-6666 into your cell phone, and notify your alarm company to have this number entered into their system, preferably as first responder. Thanks for all of your help and awareness in fighting crime.

With warmest regards,

*Maury Sklar*

# Marilyn Estates Association Minutes: Quarterly Meeting

Marilyn Estates Association  
Minutes: Quarterly Meeting  
Monday, October 28, 2019  
Jewish Community Center

NEXT MARILYN ESTATES  
ASSOCIATION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020  
AT 7 PM

Vice President Martin Stalnaker called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. A quorum was present. The previous meeting Minutes, as written, were approved.

Marge Meyer read some tributes to MEA President C J Yeoman, who passed away on 10/7/2019. MEA has established a "C J Yeoman Award," to be awarded annually to an MEA volunteer who has gone over and above their expected duties for Marilyn Estates. The first award will be given to C J Yeoman.

There was no speaker at this meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Robert Gehring asked for budget requests from the other committees for the 2020 budget. He announced that Security costs will increase by a nominal amount of 5% for next year's dues.

Question from the floor: How can we deal with delinquent dues payers? There are about 22 homeowners that are past due. Of these 22, 10 to 12 houses are for sale. When properties sell, we get any past due amounts at closing. MEA has sued the owner of 9702 Chimney Rock to collect the amount that is past due.

Ten houses have sold in the third quarter of 2019, and 19 for the year. The pace has picked up, but housing prices are moving downward.

**Architectural Control:** Michael Strickland reported that there has not been much activity this quarter. New yard signs are in use that show committee approval for renovations, and these seem to be attracting attention.

**Deed Restriction Enforcement:** There are 12 violation issues pending, and 9 have been resolved. Linda Miner is giving verbal notice first, which has been largely effective. If this doesn't work, MEA then issues written notices. If a violation isn't resolved after two written notices, the violation is sent to the attorney to handle.

Marilyn Estates needs several new block directors. These are important jobs for the neighborhood. Please consider serving as a block director if your block needs one.

Martin Stalnaker added that a judge has granted our motion in a suit against the owner of 5403 Wigton (which has been effectively abandoned and uninhabitable for years). This order requires the owner to either fix it and make it habitable or demolish it within 60 days. We were also awarded some of our legal fees.

**Maintenance & Beautification:** Linda Miner reported that there have been no problems, and everything is working well. The ruts on Braeswood have been filled in.

**Security:** Everything has been quiet in the neighborhood. We share two deputies with Barkley Square. Maury Sklar reminded everyone to call the Constable for assistance or to request vacation watch. Their number is 281.463.6666.

If you see anything suspicious on your Ring doorbell or outdoor video, be sure to keep it in case it is needed.

The 5500 block of Yarwell will again be closed off for Halloween night.

**Welcoming Committee:** Susan Gubitz reported that nine new buyers and two new renters have moved in to ME. She provided a letter of introduction and visited each home. She had responses from two.

**Communications:** We need someone who is willing to take over the ME website administration and email communications to the neighborhood. Please let anyone on the board know if you are interested.

### **Old Business:**

We are moving ahead with plans to have the STM Boy Scout troop handle flag placement on four holidays – President's Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day. The cost is \$168 for the year.

MEA will try to do something to recognize Neighborhood Night Out in the Spring.

Heavy trash came last week but missed some blocks. Call 311 to report if your trash was missed. You can also try calling Ellen Cohen's office to put more pressure on the city.

The Braeswood Market at the corner of Chimney Rock and S. Braeswood has been beneficial to the neighborhood. Show your support by shopping there.

### **New Business:**

Question from the floor: do the free newspapers that are delivered (often landing in the street) contribute to flooding? Some people have reported their newspapers landing in the street to Southwest News.

We thanked Martin for leading the meeting tonight.

**Project Brays:** Charles Goforth, representative of the Brays Bayou Association, reported on progress. Late in 2020, the bridges at Rice and Hillcroft will be completely closed and rebuilt. Chimney Rock will also be completely closed and rebuilt, but at a separate time. Braeswood will be reduced to one lane in each direction. The intersections of the bridges with Braeswood will be elevated. There were some concerns expressed about this possibly impeding the flow of water during street flooding events.

Mr. Goforth also reported that the new performance facility that will be built at Willow Waterhole will have an audience capacity of about 8,000. They expect to have 50 paid and 50 free events each year. There is concern about expected traffic congestion in the area, especially Chimney Rock and Braeswood, and he noted that the new intersection configuration is not optimal.

The detention ponds at the intersection of S. Braeswood and Post Oak (610) will be deepened, but are only expected to be maintained once a quarter, which is of concern.

If you would like to get updates from BBA, email [BraysBayou@gmail.com](mailto:BraysBayou@gmail.com) to be added to their distribution list.

**Election of 2020 Officers:** Michael Strickland presented the following slate of candidates –

Parliamentarian	Ed Fastow
Corresponding Secretary	Steve Blechman
Recording Secretary	Susan Sides
Treasurer	Robert Gehring
Vice President	Martin Stalnaker
President	Elizabeth Santikos

There were no nominations from the floor. The Slate passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Susan Sides*

## Treasurer's Report - by Robert Gehring

Marilyn Estates Association

Q3 - 2019, Financial Summary

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Security Assessment	\$2,434	\$100,366
Dues	\$1,035	\$30,374
Fees - Refinance	\$200	\$350
Fees - Resale Certificate	\$140	\$215
Fees - Transfer	\$710	\$1,710
Advertising	\$40	\$40
Dividend Income	\$299	\$779
Interest Income	\$2,070	\$2,956
Credit Card Fees	\$0	\$72
NSF Fee	\$12	\$12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,940</b>	<b>\$136,873</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Security	\$27,074	\$81,221
Lawn Service:		
Contractual	\$2,814	\$8,442
Flower Planting	\$0	\$0
Flag Replacement	\$0	\$250
Maintanance	\$0	\$220
Tree Project	\$0	\$6,592
Insurance	\$0	\$4,381
Legal Fees	\$7,850	\$7,850
Tax Preparation	\$0	\$0
Admin	\$223	\$1,077
Bank Charge NSF	\$12	\$12
Newsletter	\$23	\$62
Website	\$0	\$286
Constant Contact (email marketing)	\$0	\$0
Socials	\$0	\$19
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,995</b>	<b>\$110,413</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$31,055)</b>	<b>\$26,461</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		<b>09/30/19</b>
Chase Operating Acct as of 3/31/2019		\$42,667
Chase Savings Acct as of 03/31/2019		\$43
Fidelity Investment Account:		
Fidelity Government Money Mrkt Fd (SPAXX)		\$53,436
Community West Bk @1.95%, 1/26/21		\$100,000
Wells Fargo CD @ 2.55%, 8/27/2020		\$70,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$266,145</b>
Account Receivable:		
-22 homeowners are past due - total delinquent = \$18,873.40		
-9 homeowners are past due more than 1 year		
Home Sales:		
* 10 homes sold in Q3 2019		
* 19 homes have sold in 2019		
* 33 homes sold in 2018		
* 17 homes sold in 2017		



## Yards of the Quarter

Fall is here!! For our new neighbors, we have folks driving through Marilyn Estates, choosing one front yard on each street which stands out in its appearance.

Some reminders:

- 1- Please remove your garbage and recycle bins the day of pickup.
- 2- Kindly remove newspapers and debris from the front of your home.
- 3- Those neighbors who have a drainage sewer nearby, kindly be sure the grates are clear.
- 4- For safety, you must have your home address visible from the street incase an emergency vehicle needs to find your home.

5507 Braeswood 9723 Braesmont 9702 Chimney Rock 5407 Paisley 9710 Oasis 9711 Kit	5423 Wigton 5547 Wigton 5410 Cheena 5430 Cheena 5415 Lymbar 5539 Lymbar	5502 Rutherglenn 5435 Rutherglenn 5535 Queensloch 5438 Queensloch 9718 Burdine 9719 Checkerboard
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# Harris County to Crack Down on Violators of Floodplain Regulations

Last month, Harris County Commissioners Court moved to crack down on violators of floodplain regulations by allowing the County Attorney to fast-track cases without prior approval.

The floodplain management enforcement measure authorizes the Harris County Attorney's Office to file lawsuits against individuals and businesses who violate floodplain management regulations (e.g. inadequate elevation, fill in the floodplain, construction without a permit). This will streamline and speed up the process of addressing a growing number of enforcement cases, and work to deter violators from engaging in actions that put communities at risk.

Violations, which can range from structures built below elevation requirements to the illegal filling of the floodplain, are first addressed by the County Engineer's Office with an official notice that oftentimes leads to a resolution. But in some cases, legal action is required to ensure compliance. Tuesday's vote authorizes the CAO to pursue such cases without first seeking Commissioner's Court approval, a step that can add two to three weeks to the process. It also permits the expenditure of up to \$35,000 in legal expenses and discovery costs.

In other action, Commissioners Court voted to advance construction of the first quarter of Flood Bond projects approved by voters. Eighteen projects, located in all four precincts in Harris County, include:

- Stormwater detention basins in Addicks Reservoir, Cedar Bayou and Cypress Creek watersheds.
- Bridge replacement for Greenhouse Road at South Mayde Creek in the Addicks Reservoir Watershed.
- Channel conveyance and design improvements in Brays Bayou, Sims Bayou, and Cedar Bayou watersheds.
- Stormwater detention basin in Halls Bayou and White Oak Bayou watersheds.

Commissioners also approved a series of measures designed to address past flooding and mitigate future disasters. The County Engineer's Office, working with Community Services and Flood Control, will seek qualified firms to evaluate evacuation routes, early warning systems, flood sensor technology, and needed mitigation efforts for major roads, bridges, ferries and tunnels. Floodwater retention in land-use planning and the effect of drainage improvements will also be closely analyzed.



## BRAESWOOD FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 9:00-1:00PM

In the HEB parking lot corner of S. Braeswood and Chimney Rock

### Braeswood Farmers' Market Spicing Up Our Neighborhood

You can't miss the excitement every Saturday and Sunday morning on the corner of S. Braeswood and Chimney Rock. Michael Babajonov recruited farmers, bakers, and a variety of other artisans to be part of a growing farmers market in Marilyn Estates. Each weekend draws regulars and new faces, who leave with bags of goodies. There is also a pizza truck and fresh Indian food.

It's exhilarating! If you haven't been there yet, and even if you have, stop by either Saturday or Sunday from 8 to 12ish. Thank you, Michael, for implementing this creative idea.



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## From Our Congresswoman, Lizzie Fletcher

### Community Conversation on Veterans Issues and Resource Fair



Join Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07) and representatives from federal and state agencies and local service organizations for a Community Conversation on Veterans Issues, followed by a Veteran Resource Fair. The event will take place at Houston Community College West Loop Campus, 5601 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77081 on Saturday, October 26, 2019, 1pm-4pm and is open to all. Call (713) 353-8680 with any questions about the event and be sure to RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/Veterans-Conversation>.

### TX-07 Town Hall

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07) will host a town hall on Sunday, **November 10, 2019** from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at West University Elementary School in the Auditorium at 3756 University Blvd., Houston, TX 77005. She wants to hear from you and provide an update on her work in Washington, D.C. and Houston. Join her to ask questions, share your thoughts, and find out what her office can do for you! Contact the Houston office with questions at (713) 353-8680 and be sure to RSVP online at <https://fletcher.house.gov/TX07TownHallRSVP>.



## Welcome Committee:

At the end of August, I received notification from our treasurer that 9 additional houses had been purchased in Marilyn Estates since our August 2019 meeting. One of our block directors also provided me with the names of two couples who are currently renting in the 5400 block of Yarwell.

I delivered letters of welcome and recent copies of our Marilyn Estates Gazette to all 11 of these households. To date, only one homeowner has responded: Julie and Michael McHale, 5443 Lymbar.

Local merchants kindly donating items for our Welcome Bags include: Belden's Grocery, La Fresca Pizza, Vogue Cleaners, Home Depot, Avalon Insurance Agency (gift and Lowe's gift card). We greatly appreciate their generosity.

*Susan Gubitz*

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FYI: ROAD CLOSURE DOWNTOWN !!!!!

**Roadway closures**

**3. Weekend closing:** Two lanes in each direction along I-10, 9 p.m. Nov. 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

**1, 2. Long term closing:** The ramps from eastbound Interstate 10 to southbound Interstate 69 and from northbound I-69 to westbound I-10 will close Nov. 1 until February.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation

Staff graphic

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**NEXT MARILYN ESTATES ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, January 21, 2020 @ 7pm**

THE END