

MANOR NEWS — APRIL 2016

Our yearly meeting was held in March 2016 and new members were elected to the board. The association has been serving the neighborhood for over 50 years and has undergone many changes during that time. The new board intends to make themselves accessible to the neighborhood in order to meet the changing needs of the area.

We are hoping to recreate a positive and friendly atmosphere within the association in order to bring in new members and have those who have left reconsider their decision and rejoin. Attached at the back of this newsletter is a membership form for those who have not yet joined, but would like to. We welcome the cooperation of renters. If anyone has questions, please contact one of the officers or attend one of our board meeting to speak to the entire board. Board meetings will be held in March, June, September, and December. Exact dates and locations will be provided when they are scheduled.

Under new management

In order to meet the needs of the neighborhood, we will be holding more meetings, scheduling neighborhood work parties, holding neighborhood watch events, and having an annual party.

Road maintenance will still be the primary function of the association, but we will return to the signage and social facets which have been disregarded for several years.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Since the county assumes no responsibility for our neighborhood roads, their maintenance rests solely with the property owners and residents. The roads in the manor have been under more strain than our current budget can handle. As a result, we have only been able to keep the roads open and not make them as smooth as we would like. To address the issue, we are attempting to reduce costs by having neighbors chip in and work on the roads, and are hoping to have more residents share in the costs. Due to changing weather patterns and new construction in the area, the problems with our roads are only expected to get worse. To help us keep the roads passable and well maintained, we ask all property owners to please contribute to the association.

Officers 2016

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Road Committee Chairman - Geary Hund 951-526-3348 gwhund@gmail.com

EVENTS

Party - Open to all residents, not just members. Our annual party will be held this year on May 7th , from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 62843 Turtle Road (Ron Bastrup's house) . Burgers and hot dogs will be provided by the new board, side dish contributions will be appreciated.

Work Parties - Our next work party is scheduled for April 23rd and hopes to address the concerns of Desert Shadows and Turtle Road. If you have specific concerns, or would like to join the party, please contact Geary Hund, or one of the officers.

Notifications

If at all possible, the association would like to provide notifications to all residents via e-mail. If you do not wish to become a member, but would like to stay informed, please give us your address on the application below and write Non-member on the top. In addition, new drop boxes have been attached to the three combination mailboxes at the major entrances to the area. Please check these occasionally to learn about upcoming events or issues.

Complaints

According to the by-laws of the association, we are primarily a road maintenance organization and exercise no authority over the uses of private property. The county provides services to deal with complaints. Issues concerning neighbors should be referred to animal control, code enforcement or the sheriffs department.

Builders and Landscapers

If you are planning on new construction in the neighborhood, please let us help. We have members who are experts on drainage, endangered species, and native plants, who will be glad to come and explore your property with you.

Members of the association have a great deal of experience and knowledge about what plants will thrive in our environment. Please contact us if you would like to learn more about native species, invasive species, and draught resistant plants.

Be sure to come to the annual party and ask the Bastrups for a tour of a large assortment of thriving desert fauna.

Kind of a Drag

Volunteers are needed to drag the roads and knock down minor bumps. The drag is heavy and requires a strong truck with low gears to pull it. The association will pay for your gas. Call Geary Hund 951-526-3348.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

We would like to thank those who contributed last year. **2016 contributions** are due. If you have sent in your contributions already, Thank You! We need your support, both through your attendance at our meetings and with your contribution, to keep our Monument Manor in good shape. **Please fill out the form below** and mail it to the address on the letterhead or bring it to one of the board members, with your \$50 contribution.

Address corrections: If you prefer not to receive announcements from the MMNA or no longer live or own property in the area, or would like to have your address and contact information updated or removed for some reason, please reply back and let us know. You can send me an email, write, or phone. We want to keep our mailing list current. Thank you.

Linda Doyle – Recording Secretary 503-539-7240 or Lsdoyle@earthlink.net

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