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MANOR NEWS --- SEPTEMBER 2016

It's been six months since our general meeting in March 2016, and the Monument Manor Neighborhood Association (MMNA) Board and members of the community have been busy.

ROAD WORK

In March, we had a road work party using sand bags as a stable base to build up low spots on the roads at the corner of Old Vine and Singletree. We also built a rolling dip on Uphill to slow down and divert the rain water back into the wash and desert landscape.



In April, neighbors came together adding sandbags and fill dirt to the road at the corner of Rocking Chair and Uphill and at the corner of Turtle and Desert Shadows. If you have questions, please contact Geary Hund, Road Committee chair at: gwhund@gmail.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

In May, we held a Manor neighborhood party. It was great to meet new neighbors and reconnect with others. Thank you Ron and Lauren Bastrup for hosting!



BOARD MEETINGS

In March and July, the board met to discuss the impact of rainfall on our dirt roads causing the massive pile up of sand across major intersections in the manor. We also discussed speeding on our roads. Cars and trucks going too fast on our roads stirring up dust, creating washboards in the road, and adding to road erosion. We have installed several 20 MPH speed signs but more countermeasures are needed to help drivers understand why they need to slow down on our roads.

We are all aware of the damage that large vehicles going faster than 20 MPH cause to our roads. Understanding that the Burrtec, Fedex and UPS drivers are under immense time pressure to get the job done as quickly as possible, Ellen Jackman (MMNA President) will be reaching out to each of these organizations to address the issue of speed on our roads. In the meantime anyone with suggestions on how to reduce time pressures for the drivers on their route, please share.

NEIGHBORS HELPING THE MANOR

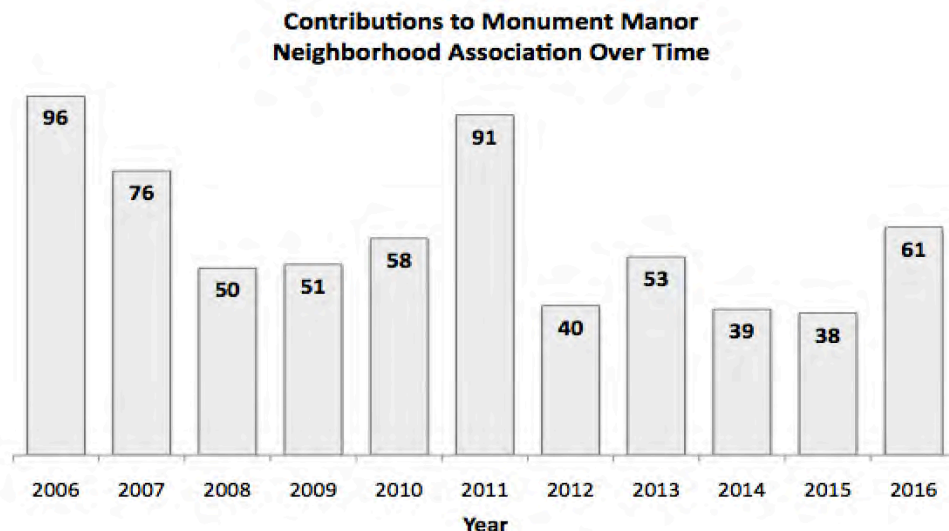
Neighbors in the Manor support the community in so many different ways. Earlier this summer while having earthwork and sand removal done on their property, **Cathy and Stas Vellonakis** used the contractor at their expense to remove excess sand at the wash crossing on Uphill Road. Thank you Cathy and Stas!

NEW INFORMATION BOXES

We have several new information boxes in the Manor. One is located on a post at the mailboxes at Uphill and Quail Springs. Copies of the latest newsletters and Membership Forms are there for you to take and enjoy.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to those who have sent in Membership contributions for this year. Since our roads are private, their maintenance rests solely with the property owners and residents. Contributions received are essential to help pay for road maintenance, especially after rainfall. With your support both financially and through volunteering, we can keep the Monument Manor roads in great shape. The graph below shows the number of contributions to the MMNA over the past 11 years. Help us spread the word to your neighbors about the MMNA. The more the merrier!



NEW WEBSITE

The Monument Manor Neighborhood Association (MMNA) has leapt into the 21st century with the creation of its very own website. The new website makes it easier for owners and residents to keep up on the latest news and information about the neighborhood, including volunteer opportunities in the Manor. Costs associated with the website are donated by a board member. Please take a stroll around the website at: <http://www.monumentmanorneighborhood.com/>.

NEXT ROAD WORK PARTY

Saturday, September 10th at 7:30am. Meet at the corner of Uphill and Rocking Chair.

Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, water, hat and sunscreen. If anyone has or knows someone with a trailer or pickup that could join us, that would be great. We will be working on a rolling dip near the top of Uphill Road and on areas where corners have eroded out the roads at Rocking Chair and Desert Shadows. Work includes filling sand bags, placing them in the low spots and topping them with fill dirt. See you Saturday, September 10th at 7:30am.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Upcoming board meetings are in September and December, with exact dates/locations posted on the website and through email notification. Also, mark your calendar for the **all residents Annual Monument Manor Neighborhood Association meeting scheduled for March 2017.**