

NEIGHBORHOOD DAY 2000

HEARTS & MEMERS



NEWSLETTER

Friends of Old Sugar Land

News and Information for residents of The Hill

January 2000

Great Plans for The Hill in 2000

It's been a while! Things have been kind of quiet so I haven't produced a newsletter in several months. In July, I gave all the block captains packets for National Night Out. I hope all of our streets hosted a successful block party. Unfortunately, I was out of town and was unable to attend but I am confident our block captains did a great job!

We have new block captains for Lakeview and Sixth Street. Mike and LaDonna Stubbs volunteered to work Lakeview from Wood to the bridge. Bob and Teresa Pierce and Doug and Marsha Kreimeyer will oversee activities on Sixth Street. I have known these families for more than ten years and I am thrilled to have their help.

Great plans are in the works for our neighborhood in the year 2000, thanks to Melissa Hoffman, new Executive Director of Keep Sugar Land Beautiful. Melissa and her husband Bud Little reside on Cleveland Lake Dr. (off Lakeview Dr.). I want to personally thank Melissa for "giving me back my enthusiasm" as Friends of Old Sugar Land starts its ninth year. Melissa is working with the Fort Bend Economical Development Council on the possibility of working on some homes in the Hill in April. On our previous "Neighborhood Day" events we have had more than 70 volunteers repair, clean, paint, etc. senior citizens' homes. This organization could bring many new volunteers, funds, etc. Wow! Folks this could be big, BIG, BIG!

I also mentioned to Melissa one of my goals this year is to get signs welcoming motorists to the Hill, *Sugar Land's First and Finest Community* (good slogan-thanks to Joan Maresh). Several years ago when I was working with Tommy Haynes, (City of Sugar Land Public Works Director) on the lamp posts I asked about the possibility of neighborhood entrance signs. Unfortunately, he said our neighborhood would have to pay for them. Melissa believes we could possibly obtain the signs through a grant from the Keep Texas Beautiful Program. Awesome! Finally, we will definitely have a big neighborhood bash to celebrate life on the Hill, we'll share home cooked dishes, scrapbooks, tapes of Mr. Rozelle on the history of the Hill, etc. 2000-It's gonna be great! *Kristin Lytle*





"Hearts and Hammers" Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council

Barkley Peschel, Vice President of Development, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council is excited to be working with The Hill on their first revitalization project. Their program, Fort Bend CORPS (Community Revitalization Projects) is a new 501(c)(3), non profit organization that focuses on emergency home repairs for elderly, disabled and low income homeowners who are financially and physically unable to make needed repairs. **Applicants must own and reside in the home and are qualified by a home visit and signed application.** This project will be just like our previous "Neighborhood Days", no project is too big or too small for the CORPS!





New group spurs environmental, recycling projects in Sugar Land

By **CHARLES DE MANGIN**
Chronicle correspondent

April has been targeted as "Keep Sugar Land Beautiful Month" by the new nonprofit group that is replacing the city's environmental advisory board.

City Council approved the status switch last month and the three environmental events planned for April are being coordinated by the new agency known as Keep Sugar Land Beautiful.

Melissa Hoffman has been named executive director of Keep Sugar Land Beautiful and a 15-member board approved by City Council oversees operation of the non-profit group.

Hoffman said she has been involved for seven years, including serving as chairwoman, with Keep Sugar Land Beautiful's predecessor, the Sugar Land Recycling and Environmental Advisory Board. The board started in 1990 as an advisory group to Sugar Land City Council.

"This last year we started proceedings and discussion on how we could further opportunities of the organization," she said. For example, she said, expanded fund-raising opportunities by qualifying for grants. "So, we in October organized a new nonprofit corporation, Keep Sugar Land Beautiful." It's an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

The mission statement is "to support the city of Sugar Land by providing education, programs and volunteers to promote litter and waste reduction, recycling, environmental awareness and beautification projects."

Hoffman said the group is in the process of looking for an office. "We're looking for space, trying to make ourself accessible to the public." The group has brochures, books and videos that it would like to set up in a small library, Hoffman said, and can help Scouts, service or church groups interested in tackling environmental projects.

"We have lots of experience and lots of information so that we can help them to get that going," Hoffman said.

She's also recruiting volunteers for the group's April events. "As with any event volunteers are the key to success."

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful encourages civic organizations, churches, schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and individuals to volunteer, she said. For more information, call 281-242-1164.

The scheduled April events are as follows:

■ **2000 Great American Cleanup** — Keep Sugar Land Beautiful will hold the seventh annual citywide cleanup and Oyster Creek cleanup on Saturday, April 1.

The cleanup program will run

from 8:30 a.m.-noon at which time volunteers will be served lunch. Boat owners are encouraged to set sail in Oyster Creek to continue cleanup efforts on the same day.

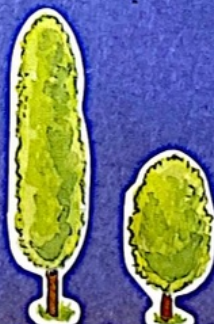
Co-chairs of the event are Tricia Bradbury, Marion Raska and Carol Beth Gore.

■ **Paint Recycling** — The Keep Sugar Land Beautiful paint recycling day has been set for Saturday, April 15. Unwanted cans of paint can be dropped off 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that day in the Schlumberger parking lot at 121 Industrial Blvd. in Sugar Land.

Residents are reminded to bring only household paint because no product with hazardous chemicals will be accepted. All usable paint will be remixed and donated to county organizations that assist needy families.

■ **Home Repairs** — A call for volunteers also is out for people wanting to help the elderly, sick or disabled make repairs to their homes. On Saturday, April 29, Keep Sugar Land Beautiful will team up with the Hearts and Hammers Home Repair organization to make the needed house repairs.

Kristin Lyle is chair of the event, which also is supported by the Fort Bend Community Outreach Revitalization Project and the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council.





NEIGHBORHOOD DAY 2000.

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, Fort Bend CORPS and Friends of Old Sugar Land will answer senior citizens' "wish lists" of repairs for Neighborhood Day 2000 on April 29. Crews will be armed with hammers and paint brushes to repair homes in The Hill — Sugar Land's oldest community. At right, young helpers, from left, Kyle Von Tungeln, Kandace Lytle, Brandon Sandowski and Dalton Lytle visit with a senior citizen home owner after planting some flowers for her during Neighborhood Day 1996. Far right are Sugar Land police officers trimming tree branches in 1996. Since the annual event took place in 1995, more than 150 volunteers have improved the homes of 30 senior citizens in Sugar Land.

Fort Bend CORPS is at it again

by Barbara Fulenwider

This past Saturday eight crews of 120 volunteers who are part of the Fort Bend CORPS (community revitalization projects) began repairing, repainting and rebuilding three houses in the Rosenberg-Richmond area.

It was the second time the Fort Bend CORPS has mobilized to help elderly and/or disabled homeowners in Fort Bend at no cost to the homeowner.

Crew members brought their tools - paint brushes, ladders, scrapers, gloves, screws, screw drivers, nails, hammers - and area organizations donated money to the CORPS to buy paint and lumber.

A caved in porch on one home was rebuilt while other volunteers tackled the home's wooden siding. Peeling paint was scraped off, new wood replaced rotted wood and paint was applied.

Barkley Peschel, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council vice president of development, said the CORPS will rehabilitate more privately owned homes on April 8 and also this month will help members of Keep Sugar Land Beautiful and Friends of Old Sugar Land rehabilitate some houses.

"They've been doing this for a couple of years. We want to have the flexibility to do houses at any time, so we're

showing our flexibility now by helping these two organizations with their program," Peschel said.

This past October, the CORPS had 250 volunteers who worked on houses in the county's Fifth Street area. "We have a few of the repeaters," Peschel said, "but it takes a good year to get volunteer crews for every April and October weekends.

"Some people couldn't commit to April but have already committed to October.

What we're lacking now is the more experienced crews" - people who are trained carpenters, plumbers, electricians, landscapers, etc.

Peschel said he has submitted a grant application to the county for a Community Development Block Grant "that would enable us to start our interior and roofing repairs where we actually hire contractors to go in and make the repairs."

Right now, he said the non-profit CORPS is looking for office space "where we can have warehouse space also."

Anyone who wants to volunteer their time and efforts and anyone or organization that wants to donate money for materials needed to rehabilitate homes in Fort Bend can call Peschel at 281-242-1721.

'Hearts and Hammers' to focus on emergency home repairs for elderly

Three organizations are working together to repair senior citizens' homes in The Hill, Sugar Land's oldest community. Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, Fort Bend CORPS, and Friends of Old Sugar Land will answer senior citizens' "wish list" of repairs for Neighborhood Day 2000. On April 29, crews will be armed with hammers, paint brushes, and most of all a lot of heart.

Homes in The Hill date back to the early 1900s, many senior citizen residents purchased the homes from Imperial Sugar in the 1950's. Most residents are physically and financially unable to make the repairs themselves.

Fort Bend CORPS (Community Revitalization Projects) "Hearts and Hammers" is a new 501(c) (3), non profit organization that focuses on emergency home repairs for elderly, disabled and low income homeowners. The organization was formerly established by the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council in January 2000 to meet the demand for emergency home repairs and community revitalization needs throughout Fort Bend County.

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful is also a non profit 501 (c) (3) organization and affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful.

Executive Director of KSLB, Melissa Hoffman, states "our mission is to enhance our community by providing beautification and environmental projects and educating the residents of Sugar Land. We look forward to working with our community partners to help keep Sugar Land Beautiful!"

Friends of Old Sugar Land was created in 1991 for residents of The Hill and has held annual Neighborhood Days since 1995. In the past more than 150 volunteers, including Sugar Land Police Department and Sugar Land Fire Department have repaired, painted, and added safety features to thirty senior citizens' homes. In 1997, Neighborhood Days raised more than \$23,000 for Brandon Reyes, a five year old Hill resident with cancer of the spine and brain. Lakeview Auditorium's "May Fest on the Hill" was the focus of Neighborhood Day 1998, with volunteers building game booths, and manning booths.

In addition to these organizations many others in the community will be sponsoring or volunteering. K2 Realty will be donating plants for the homes receiving repairs, cash sponsors include Lowe's Home Improvement, Fluor Daniel, Nalco/Exxon, ECO Resources, Alltel. Three locations of McDonalds; New Territory, Eldridge Road and First Colony will be providing lunch for the volunteers for all three Keep Sugar Land Beautiful events. Kroger on Settlers Way/ Highway 6 is donating drinks for all events.

Immediately following Neighborhood Day 2000, a special bar-b-q by Vasos Bar-B-Q is planned for all the volunteers and in honor of retiring Council Member, Mary Von Tungeln. "We love to help this type of community project. We have a great clientele in Sugar Land, and any time we can give back to the community we try to do so," says Frank Vasos, owner/operator, Vasos Bar-B-Que.

If your organization would like to volunteer please contact, Melissa Hoffman, Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, 281-340-2064 or Kristin Lytle, Friends of Old Sugar Land at 281-242-1899.

"Farewell to Princess Mary"

Please join friends and neighbors
as we "roast and toast" retiring
Council Member, Mary Von Tunglen.

Immediately following Friends of
Old Sugar Land's Neighborhood Day,
Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. at City
Park. (next to Sugar Land Middle
School)

Vaso's will be providing bar-b-q for
all, so please bring your hugs, kisses,
and most of all, best wishes as we
recognize Mary for her years of
unselfish efforts and devotion to our
community.

R.S.V.P. Kristin Lytle 242-1899
(by April 24 for Vasos)

P.S. I hope you'll be working on a good "toast"
or "roast" for Mary.

PROJECT HOUSES

CREW LEADER: BOB PIERCE
HOMEOWNERS: NADINE ANDERSON
 403 Main

LILLIE FABIAN
 122 Sixth

REPAIRS:
 Paint tin roofs

CREW LEADER: LEO MEERMAN
HOMEOWNER: ALOIS AND BETTY GOEHRING
 107 Fifth

REPAIRS:
 Repair Roof Leak
 Possibly paint ceilings inside home

CREW LEADER: WARREN PARKER
HOMEOWNER: CHARLENE LANCASTER
 151 Second

REPAIRS:
 Paint seal coat on front porch
 Paint seal coat on back porch
 Put skirting on front of house

CREW LEADER: DON PARKER
HOMEOWNER: ROXIE STRICKLAND
 102 FOURTH

REPAIRS:
 Install new siding on garage and paint

CREW LEADER: ROLAND YOUNGER
HOMEOWNER: MARY LAFFERTY
 122 LAKEVIEW

REPAIRS:
 Rain gutters on front and back need replacement/repairs
 New screen on one window in back
 Paint front porch floor
 Power wash and clean awnings

CREW LEADER-BUD LITTLE
HOMEOWNER-MARGIE COPELAND
 114 4TH STREET

REPAIRS:
 Replace facing around back door
 Caulk windows around facings
 Paint entire house
 Paint back shed

CREW LEADER: GENE PONZICK
HOMEOWNER LOU EVA BROOKS
 135 6th

REPAIRS:
 Clean up front porch
 Scrape and paint all trim/doors, eaves, handicap ramps

LILLIE FABIAN 122 6th
LOU EVA BROOKS 135 6th
NADINE ANDERSON 403 Main
CHARLENE LANCASTER 151 2nd
VELMA STEWART 123 6th
BUDDY BLAIR 319 Main

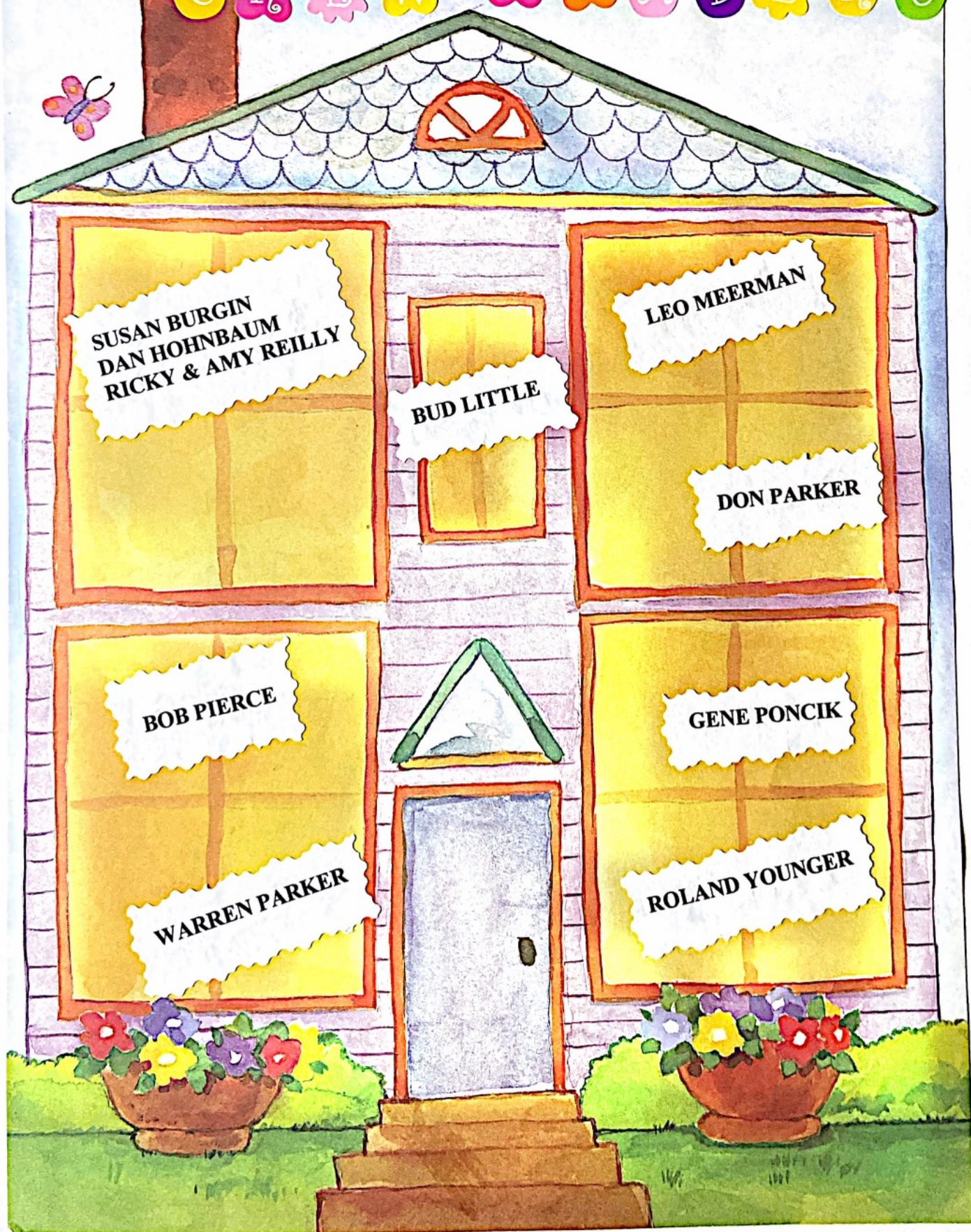
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 Edge
 Trees Trimmed

VOLUNTEERS

Katie Bellue
Warren Parker
Lesli Berry
Pat Grounds
Jane Goodsill
Michele Moreno
Tyler Wenzel
Charles Harbison
Marsha Smith
Ronald Johnson
Susan Burgin
Valerie Hunsaker
Roland Younger
Kate Mitchell
Will Barrett
Joe Middlebrooks
Mario A. Esparza Jr.
Amy & Ricky Reilly
Lindsay Deister
Burke Sunday
Don Comer
Bob Pierce
Carol Beth Gore
La Donna Stubbs
Erica Badu
Dawn Brate
Felix Silva, Jr.
Woody McAndrew
Melissa Hoffman
Mary Von Tunglen
Leo Meerman
Jeff Parker
Doug Fowles
Nick Warren
Kevin Fowles
Jack Herron
Paul Burdette

Gene Poncik
Don Mikeska
Jack Grounds
Manny Henry
John Frierson
Michelle Sprague
Jim Wensel
Mike Doan
Phil Van Overbeke
Chris Lende
Dan Hohnbaum
Dennis Parmer
Cheri Zarzecki
Ruth Barrett
Richard Hirsch
Laure Locascio
Robert Alcazar
Scott Furnish
Amanda Schwartz
Megan Sunday
Teresa Pierce
Kim Pierce
Jane Cherian
Sherri Sanders
Susan Nayeri
Brenda Ferguson
Joan Maresh
Carol Freeman
Kristin Lytle
Candace Marquez
Don Parker
John Burchfield
Dylan Fowles
Warren Jackson
Alice Fowles
Ann Burdette

CREW LEADERS



SPONSORS

K2 REALTY

VASOS BAR BQ

LIVING IMPROVEMENTS

MC DONALDS

FORT BEND CORP

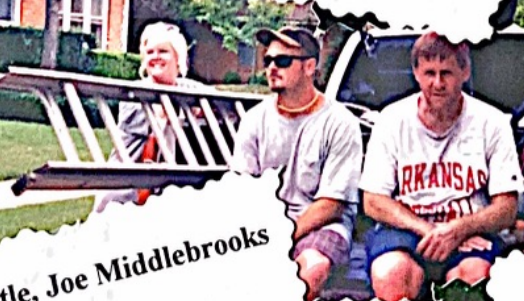
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BEAUTIFUL

SLFD

LIONS CLUB



Teresa Pierce, Bob Pierce,
Melissa Hoffman and Katie Belue
and Landscape Crew, Katie Belue
Ricky and Amy Reilly and Paul
Burdette



Crew Leader, Bud Little, Joe Middlebrooks
and Mrs. Copeland.



Crew Leader, Bud Little will go to any length to
get the job done.



Landscape Crew

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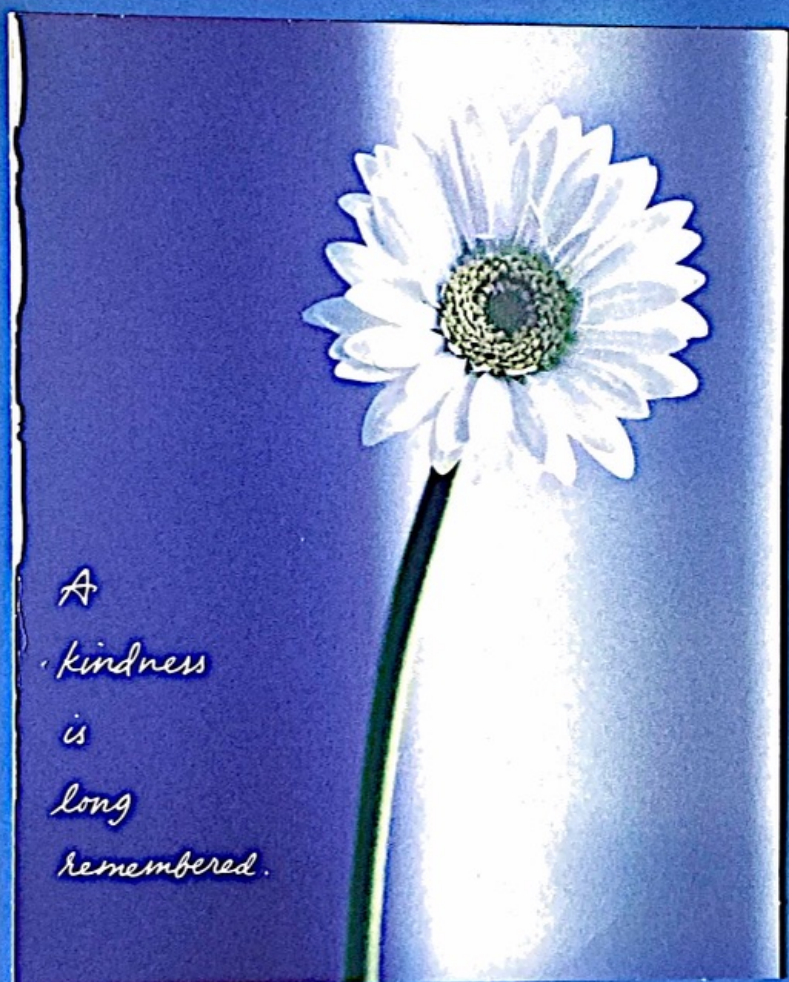












A
kindness
is
long
remembered.

This is just thank you
+ all the people who
painted my house +
worked on my yard. I
want you'll to know I
loved it. Thanks Again
Margie Copeland

April 30, 2002

Kristin Leytle -

I want to say thanks to you + Melissa
for the work that was done at my house
on Neighborhood Day.

Two women + one man trimmed my
bushes in front of my home + it looks
real nice.

I am so sorry the man who paints
the house tops fell + hurt his self. I
do hope he is doing real good now.

Thanks for the hamburger + french
fries you brought me.

This was a wonderful thing to do
for Senior Adults who are no longer
able to do these things for their selves.

Best Wishes to you + Workers

Nadine Anderson

403 Main Street

Sugar Land Texas

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'Hearts & Hammers' Neighborhood Day



More than 75 volunteers young and old helped repair, paint and clean 14 homes in "The Hill," the oldest neighborhood in Sugar Land, during the recent "Hearts and Hammers" Neighborhood Day. The homes, date back to the early 1900s, are occupied by senior citizens who are now financially or physically unable to make repairs on their homes. Area companies donate most of the materials, and individual and group volunteers donate the time and labor. In the top left picture, students from Kempner High School AVID College Program paint the trims on a home. At left, Don Mikeska of First Baptist Church Sugar Land trims trees after spending the first half of the day painting. Above, Austin High School PALS students Michelle Sprague and Michele Moreno give a home window some special treatment.

"Farewell to Princess Mary"

April 29th 5:30 p.m. City Park

(Immediately following Neighborhood Day)

We definitely won't be looking our best but Mary doesn't care. She will have worked all day with us, that's the kind of "gal" she is. Friends of Old Sugar Land will be hosting a celebration in honor of our Councilmember, Mary Von Tunglen. Mary has decided not to seek re-election.

We have been so fortunate to have had Mary as our Councilmember for the last five years. Folks, I'll tell you a secret she didn't do it for the *big bucks* either-(*cause there isn't any!*) There are two types of politicians and Mary is the type that works for the people, from the heart, mixed with good common sense and a level business head, *no ego attached*. Mary once told me she has a special fondness for the Hill area, her actions while in office confirm that statement. She has been our voice on many issues, and her list of accomplishments in office are too lengthy to list here! She will remain active in the community and spend more time with her family and her growing business.

Call me if you would like to volunteer to help organize the bar-b-que for "*Farewell to Princess Mary*" (I once gave her a princess crown; Jon Matthews, Fort Bend Star referred to her as "Princess Mary" in his column, now I guess I'll have to get her a ball cap with B.U.M. on it.)

Bring your hugs, favorite dishes and most of all-your best wishes-
for Mary

Saturday, April 29th 5:30 p.m.

City Park

We roasted and toasted retiring Council Member
(Princess) Mary Von Tunglen.









You made my day!



05/09/00

Dear Kristen,

I just wanted to take time to thank you so much for taking the time to organize my retirement "roast". It was so much fun and I know that between Neighborhood Day, being sick, and Austin, it was not easy to orchestrate. You and everyone there made me feel so special. It truly made me feel good about the five years I have spent on City Council.

I have just finished going through all of my "Princess" goodies. I got another chuckle over each one. You are so creative, not to mention having a great sense of humor! I hope you all had fun. Can't wait to see the pictures. (NOT!)

As I am looking forward to the end, I keep thinking of what to do. I have finally decided that I am not going to think about it anymore and am just going to go get a Massage. How sinful is that!

Seriously, you really did make my day. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of your kind words, encouragement and support over the years. You are a great person and I am happy to call you my friend.

Love,
Mary

May 17, 2000

All dressed up...



The "Princess" is retiring

At the recent Hearts and Hammers project 75 volunteers repaired, painted, and cleaned 14 homes in the oldest neighborhood in Sugar Land, The Hill, which dates back to the early 1900s. Retiring Council member, Mary Von Tungeln, was honored for her years of volunteering and service to the community. See related article on page 2.



Hard work pays off

Don Mikeska, First Baptist Church, Sugar Land, painted the first half of the day and did tree trimming after lunch.

Hearts & Hammers make it a special day on The Hill

On Saturday, April 29 more than 75 volunteers repaired, painted, and cleaned 14 in the oldest neighborhood in Sugar Land, The Hill. Homes in the Hill date back to the early 1900's, many senior citizen residents purchased their home from Imperial Sugar in the 1950's. Some are now financially or physically unable to make repairs on their homes.

All 14 project homes are owner occupied by senior citizens, who have lived in the Hill for more than 45 years. Neighborhood Day Crew Leaders boasted builders and remodelers well known throughout the Sugar Land area; Roland Younger, Leo Meerman, Gene Ponzick, Don Paker, Warren Parker, and Bob Pierce directed volunteers from First Baptist Church, Kempner High School AVID Program, Kiwanis Club, and residents of the Hill. Landscape crews lead by Ricky and Amy Reilly, Susan Burgin and Dan Hohnbaum edged, mowed, trimmed trees and planted flowers donated by Mel and Loretta Knesek, broker/owners of K2 Realty.

Three organizations worked together on the fifth annual Neighborhood Day, Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, Fort Bend CORPS and Friends of Old Sugar Land organized volunteers, supplies and communicated with the elderly homeowners. "We had a wonderful volunteer turnout, the people working

on these homes were of all ages, from all walks of life, with one common bond, a big heart. They all worked so hard to get the job done," says Melissa Hoffman, Executive Director, Keep Sugar Land Beautiful.

A "roast and toast to Princess Mary" for retiring Council Member Mary Von Tungeln took center stage, with Von Tungeln being draped with a trash bag, crown and Princess sash, and several roasts, but most of all heartfelt thanks for all of her years of service to the community. She started as the original Lady Landfill and as a member of the Sugar Land Recycling Board. Von Tungeln has been a city council member for five years, and was coined "Princess Mary" by newspaper columnist/radio personality, Jon Matthews.

Friends of Old Sugar Land founder, Kristin Lytle commented the community involvement seems to get stronger every year. "This is our fifth Neighborhood Day, and I already have volunteers and sponsors approaching me about doing this again in the fall. We also have other older homes in neighboring communities, Mayfield Park and Brookside that are in need of assistance. As long as people find it in their hearts to give eight hours of sweat once or twice a year we'll keep going, and in Sugar Land I know that will never be a problem," says Lytle.

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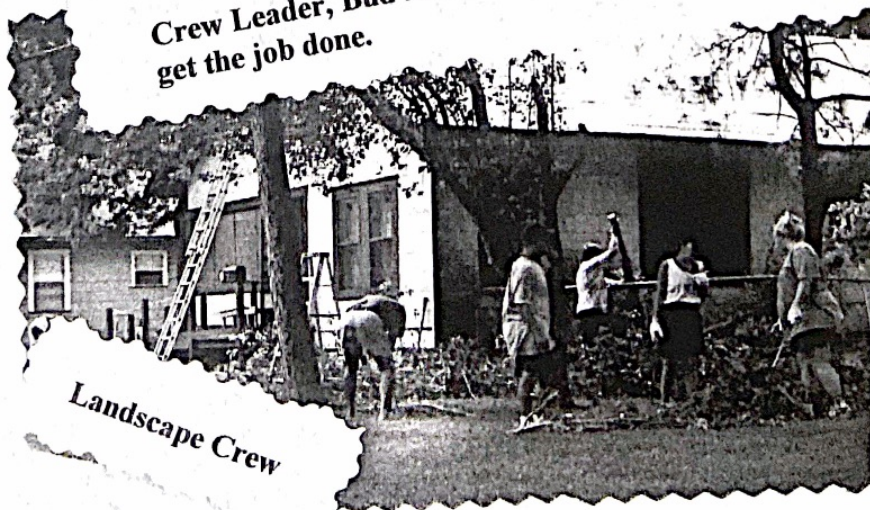
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