

# Keswick-Stornaway Area Neighborhood Association

#### **Neighborly News**

### February 2020

Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, February 20th 7:00PM

Balmoral Baptist Church (Stout@Kirby)



Guest Speaker Judge Patrick Dandridge (Environmental Court Judge) Please join us in welcoming Judge Dandridge!



February 20<sup>th</sup> – Quarterly KSANA Meeting – Guest Judge Patrick Dandridge (Balmoral Baptist Church 7:00pm)

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting (Ridgeway Station 6:30pm) March 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Southeast Partnership Meeting (Ridgeway Station 3:00pm)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> –Monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting (Ridgeway Station 6:30pm) March 25<sup>th</sup> – MLG&W Integrated Resource Plan Draft Presentation. (Benjamin Hooks Library 6:00Pm)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Quarterly KSANA Meeting (Balmoral Baptist Church 7:00pm)

## **MLG&W** News

Your Memphis owned Electric Gas and Water Utility has been in the news lately as they seek to both improve service to the community as well as reduce costs. MLGW purchases power (gas & electric) from outside suppliers and pumps our water from the local Memphis Aquifer. Our distribution system is aging and needs significant improvement.

To help in that effort, the Memphis City Council recently approved a water, gas and electric rate increase, but the utility still needs to work to improve operations and lower costs by leveraging technology to reduce labor costs; improve restoral time and reduce the quantity of outages.

The cost of purchased power has become a concern and in response the Leadership of MLGW, in cooperation with many Neighborhood groups and concerned citizens, has been working on an *Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)*. The first public draft of this plan will be presented to the citizens of Shelby county on **March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Benjamin Hooks Public Library**. The meeting will begin at **6:00pm**. The final plan, to be approved by the City Council in May, will affect our Gas and Electric Utility services for the next 20 years.

KSANA is encouraging all our Neighbors to come out and participate in the discussion. Your input is very much appreciated and encouraged by the City.

## **Ridgeway Station News**

Car Theft and Theft of property from cars continues to be the biggest issue in the Ridgeway Precinct. Remember, never leave your car running for any reason and never leave any valuables visible in the car seat.

The Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

This is a chance to learn more about the officers and procedures that helps keep our neighborhood safe.

#### **KSANA Neighborly News**

- KSANA is working to add to our portfolio of Skycop cameras and has submitted a proposal to the Memphis Area Neighborhood Watch for a grant. This grant, if awarded, will provide us with an additional \$2500 to help in the procurement and installation of another camera in our neighborhood.
- Remember January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> is the Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period. If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can make changes during this period.
- Don't forget to vote! March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Super Tuesday Primary.



Have something for the Keswick Stornaway Newsletter? We're published 4 times a year and would love to include your news, questions or comments. You can email them to: <u>ksana.contact@gmail.com</u> or <u>patsym50@att.net</u>

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#### Important Numbers

SeniorBSafe hotline: 274-7477 To Report a crime – 545-COPS (2677) Ridgeway Precinct – 636-4500 Adrianna Hill (Neighborhood Watch) - 636-4539 Mayor's Action Center – 576-6500 or 311 (Call MAC to report code violations) Storm Drain Problem – 357-0100 Pothole Problem – 528-2911 To report littering motorists, get the vehicle's license number and call Clean-Up! – 52 CLEAN (2-5326) To report unleashed dogs – 363-1416 To report owners who fail to pick up after their pets – 576-6721 For Spanish-speaking officer – 598-4184 MGU (Multi-Agency Gang Unit- 222-GANG (4264)

## **Spring Reminder!**

- Keep your yard maintained! "It is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow over 12 inches high, or allow plants, shrubs and trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct pedestrian traffic or visibility of motorists".
- Be responsible for your pet! It is a violation to let your dogs run loose. Please keep them on a leash. "Next time you walk your dog, please bring a plastic bag to pick up your dog's waste and throw it in the trash. It's illegal to leave it behind".
- Take care of your swimming pool! Pools that have stagnant water are breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other undesirable elements that are health hazards. This year the weather conditions have been favorable for mosquitoes which can carry various viruses. Even pets can be infected by mosquito bites.
- Please help keep the sidewalks and streets litter free! Join in the neighborhood clean up on, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be picking up litter and removing debris from the storm drains to help prevent flooding in the street.
- **Spring is coming!** Adults are out walking, jogging and working in the yard and children are outdoors playing and riding bikes. It is also a time to be vigilant with regard to your children. Spring and summer are times when pedophiles are scoping out neighborhoods with kids. Not everyone driving through the neighborhood is dangerous but we need to remember to be alert for suspicious behavior and cars that don't belong and report them to the police.

Enjoy the spring and summer and keep an eye out for the neighborhood!