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Avg List Price vs Sales Price Ratio	98%
Avg Sales Price Per Sq. Ft	\$73.79

*Data is from HAR for 4-1-18 through 4-30-18

ACTIVE ON THE MARKET

Total Listings	27
Price Range	\$186,500 - \$529,000
As of Ma	y 2, 2018

Stats provided by Esanet Benedict

25 HOMES UNDER CONTRACT

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Price Range	\$249,750 - \$499,000
Pending Continue to Show	6
Price Range	
Pending	15
Price Range	

As of May 2, 2018

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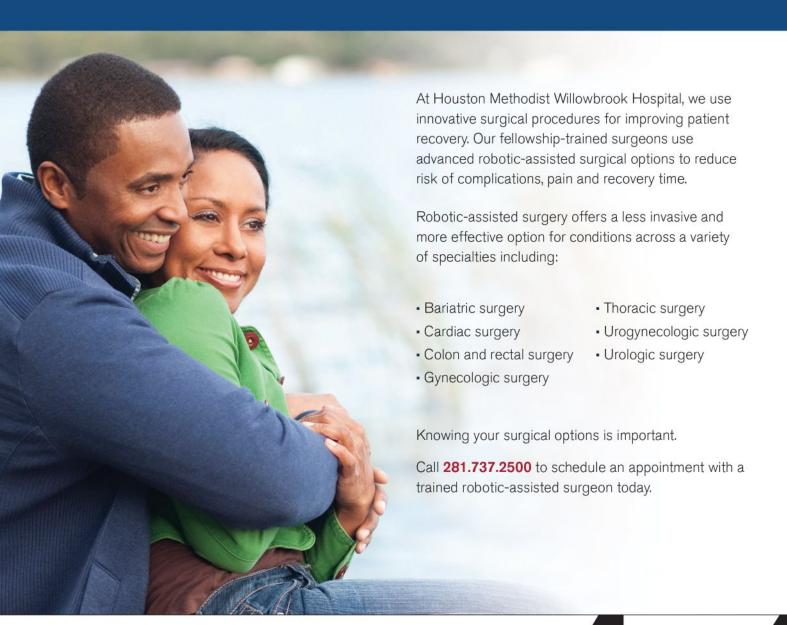








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MONTHLY HOA MEETINGS

Your involvement is important. The first Tuesday of every month your Homeowners' Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Please come out and hear how your HOA Board is trying to improve and maintain Memorial Northwest.

Upcoming Meeting Date: June 5



From the Editor Submitted by Candice Cowin, neighbor, and MNW Messenger editor

The window above my kitchen sink faces the street. It was one of those features of our home I liked the least after we moved in. I pined for a view of a pretty backyard where I could watch my children play during those many, many hours spent rinsing dishes. Instead, I've had the opportunity to watch my neighbor's children grow from chubby cheeked primary schoolers on bikes and skateboards into dashing, car-driving teens. This month will be bittersweet for them as they prepare their eldest to leave the nest. On the opposite side of my kitchen sink, I can look back and see my own babies growing up way too fast. My hope is to slow down the clock a bit this summer. The pressure will be there to take our children on vacations worthy of Facebook and Instagram fame, but I plan to enjoy a few leisurely family bike rides around the neighborhood, ice cream on the porch at Bruster's, and popcorn and snuggles in front of Netflix. The position of my kitchen window has taught me that childhood is fleeting. Capture its simple joys at home this summer.

MNW Messenger

Memorial Northwest Messenger is our full color magazine published by Champions Printing & Publishing. The deadline to submit suggestions for articles and photos is the 1st of each month to be included in the following month's issue.

- Deadline for July issue is June 1
- Deadline for August issue is July 1

Got something to say? Help make MNW better! Your MNW media team is always looking for news regarding the happenings in our neighborhood. Submit photos, articles, announcements and suggestions to:

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President's Message

Submitted by Greg Schindler, MNW HOA President

Safety & Security

At our May HOA meeting, Deputy Noack with the Harris County Sheriff's Department reminded all of us about vehicle security and safety. Our first line of defense concerning vehicle security is not to advertise an opportunity to a would-be criminal. In practical terms, park your vehicle in your locked garage. This is the "best quality of life" recommendation written in our covenants with each other. If your vehicle is in view of the public street, the next best thing is to keep your doors locked and remove everything visible within your vehicle. You will notice I used the word "everything" instead of "valuable," since what may be of little value to you may not be to someone else. If the interior of your vehicle looks like a desert, not a dessert, the would-be thief may move on to a better target elsewhere; preferably some another neighborhood.

Deputy Noack reminded us that our contract deputies may leave a yellow leaflet on your windshield providing valuable feedback. The most profound comment he made was a reminder not to shoot the deputy when you may see someone checking out your vehicle. At first it seemed like a joke, but I realize, given the current social climate, this is a valid concern. The deputies are here to protect and serve. A yellow note left on your car is just a gentle reminder the deputies care.



His "don't shoot" comment also reminded me of the no-sign provision within our deed restrictions. The deed restrictions state that to enforce the no-sign provision, personnel are authorized to enter your property and remove the sign. We certainly don't want anyone getting hurt over a sign. The best thing to do is not have any restricted signs. Deed restrictions are available on our HOA website (https://mnwhoa.org); click on the "Documents" link on the home page and then select "Deed Restrictions." If you have questions about your deed restrictions, please contact your Area Director.

I need your feedback and input concerning contractor yard waste left curbside in plastic bags several days before trash day. From a policy perspective, your HOA has avoided implementing any policies regarding fines like other neighborhoods. We only have provisions to recoup expenses like certified letters and legal fees. So send me your feedback: should we consider a nominal fine (say \$2) for yard waste bags left out?

Please put in the subject "policy on fines" when sending an email to president@mnwhoa.org. Please send me your thoughts concerning this subject or for any subject. Good, thought provoking emails I may use or publish to further the discussion.

GARAGE DOOR PICKUP FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING

Don't forget: Household trash and recycling are now picked up at your garage door!

Only yard waste should be taken to the curb.



Sarah Leia Atkinson



Sarah Leia Atkinson is graduating from Klein High. She will be headed to UNT.

MacKenzie Enis



Orchestra star MacKenzie Enis is graduating from Klein High School and will attend Sam Houston State University School of Music next fall!

Abigail Renae Cole



Dennis and Stacey Cole would like to announce the graduation of their daughter, Abigail Renae Cole. Abbey received her bachelor of science in health studies from The University of Texas at Tyler. Abbey was part of the UT Tyler women's soccer program, member of Alpha Chi Omega, Order of Omega and Honor Society. Previously she attended

Theiss Elementary, Doerre Intermediate and Klein High School, and she is the sister of Claire and Gillian Cole.

Shelby McMally



Mr. and Mrs. David McNally are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Shelby McNally, from Klein High School. Shelby will attend the University of North Texas in the fall. We are so proud of the young lady you have become. What a blessing you are to our family. We cannot wait to see what your future holds.

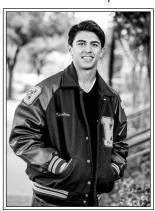
Love, Dad, Mom, Ellie and Scott

Madison Anne Miller



Madison Anne Miller is a senior at Klein High School and the daughter of Todd and Anne-Marie Miller. Maddie will attend Texas A&M University in the fall and major in University Studies: Pre-Law. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Junior Guild service organization. Maddie enjoys playing the piano, volunteering with children and the elderly, and traveling.

Christian Lance Pena



Congratulations on your graduation and all of your accomplishments.

> We love you, Mom, Dad and Victoria

"Behind you all your memories, Before you all your dreams, Around you all who love you, Within you all you need."

Autumn Riley



Autumn Riley is graduating from Klein High School. Next fall, she will attend Blinn College, where she will be studying music.

August Sanders



August Sanders, son of Lynne and Jim Sanders, will graduate with honors on June 1 from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) with a BFA in Graphic Design. He plans on moving to Dallas for an internship with the Hexbug division of Innovation First to work on their package design.

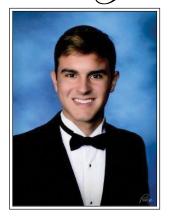
Evan Cole Smith



Evan Cole Smith graduates from Klein High School. Originally from Fredericksburg, Virginia, his family moved to Texas and the MNW community in 2012. Evan is a member of the National Honor Society and Co-Captain of the KHS Varsity Basketball team. Evan received Academic All-District and Second Team All-District

awards for basketball. He will be majoring in Psychology and plans to be a sports psychologist. Evan has been accepted to six schools and is currently undecided where he will attend in the fall. His parents, LaJuan and Akia Smith are Co-Presidents of the Klein Boys Basketball Booster Club. His grandparents, Vernon and Jacquetta Smith have lived in the MNW community for over 25 years.

Brendan Joel Stanford



Brendan Joel Stanford is the son of Scott and Kay Stanford. Brendan has lived in Memorial Northwest for 18 years. He is graduating from Klein High School. Brendan teaches guitar at The Rehearsal Room and will attend college in the fall.

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Shreyas Suresh



Shreyas Suresh, a resident of our community, is the early graduate valedictorian at KHS. Since he has completed all required coursework by 11th grade, he has decided to graduate early. He will be going to University of Houston Honors program to graduate in Chemistry. He is passionate about teaching and founded the free website, simplecourses.org.

Jackson Alexander Waltman



Judson and Dwana Waltman are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Jackson Alexander Waltman, from Concordia Lutheran High School. Jackson will take a gap year and attend Baylor University in the fall of 2019.

SAVE the Date!



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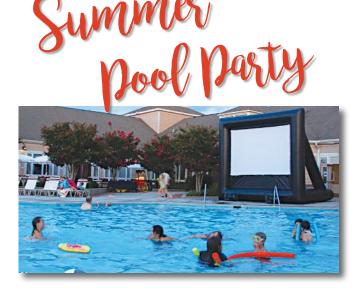
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Season ending BBQ and Play Day \$15 Singles and \$30 per team doubles Deadline for sign up and payment is Friday, May 25.

> To register contact Dave Brassard biggbass1012@gmail.com, 832-250-3091



Memorial Northwest



Saturday, July 14 and August 18

Food and Fun – 6-8 p.m. Movie Pool Side – 8-10 p.m.

> Games and door prizes Popcorn and snow cones

Bring a folding chair for the movie and a noodle for the pool. (Only small flotation noodles will be permitted.)

Please join us for an evening of fun pool side! We will be serving pizza, drinks and snow cones from 6-8 p.m.

> MNW Community Center 17440 Theiss Mail Route Road 281-376-4001

Open to Memorial Northwest Residents only



Barbara Bush Branch Library Back in Action

The Barbara Bush Branch Library has reopened its doors following eight months of renovations in the aftermath of catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in September 2017. The library is now accepting book returns and donations to refill its shelves. A pallet has been placed at the back of the library building for easy drop off of any book donations. The library will also be offering free SYNC audiobooks for teens ages 13 and up all summer. Kids can download two free audio book offerings per week. Each week will have a fun and different theme. Sign up to receive text or email alerts when new offerings are available at www.audiobooksnyc.com.



Trash & Recycling

Important Reminder:

Both our household trash and our recycling are now garage door pickup. Not only is this much more convenient, but it keeps the appearance of our beautiful neighborhood much more attractive to anyone driving through it on pickup days, including prospective homebuyers!

Trash Pickup -Monday & Thursday Recycling - Thursday Only Have it out by 7 a.m.

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Ladybugs GARDEN CLUB NEWS Submitted by Kathy Dodge

The Ladybugs always welcome quests and new members. For information about joining us, please call Membership Chairman Maggie Houck at 281-379-2773 or email houckmaggie@gmail.com.

The Ladybugs Garden Club recently enjoyed a Bus Pilgrimage on April 25 to Schulenburg and the nearby Texas towns of Dubina, Praha, and High Hill to visit some of the beautiful "Painted Churches" that grace our Texas landscape. The churches were built over 100 years ago but have all been maintained and refurbished over the years and are still in use today serving their nearby communities. The Czech, German and even Austrian settlers who first built these churches decorated with ornate yet tasteful artwork that still impresses visitors today. A very informative tour guide from the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce provided the history of how each of the four churches visited came to be established for the community.



A stop for lunch at the famous Oakridge Smokehouse in Schulenburg was an enjoyable treat for the Ladybugs and their guests who made the trip. We even managed to get a glimpse of some of the lovely Texas wildflowers, including bluebonnets, still blooming with vibrant color along the highway. All agreed that this April bus trip was definitely one of our favorite pilgrimages yet! Beautiful sights, delicious food and wonderful company.

The Ladybugs' next meeting will be in September.

The Ladybugs always welcome guests and new members. We would love to meet you, if you are interested. If you would like information about joining the Ladybugs Garden Club, call Membership Chairman Maggie Houck at 281-379-2773 or email houckmaggie@gmail.com.

> Until next month, The Ladybugs



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Area III Tom and Melinda Shelton 8424 Hidden Trail

Due to the camera limitations we were able to show only a portion of these beautiful yards. We encourage you to take the time to drive by these homes and enjoy the entire yards. See the MNW website at www.mnwhoa.org for more Yard of the Month photos. ~ the Publisher

Memorial Northwest **POOL SCHEDULE**

Weekends only, noon to 8 p.m.

May 26 and 27

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day) 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Full Schedule June 2 through August 19

We are closed on Mondays

Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Weekends Saturday and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

Weekends only, noon to 8 p.m.

August 25 and 26 September 1 and 2

Monday, September 3 (Labor Day) 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

MNW Marlins Swim Team



Marlins Swim Team Grads

The Marlins swim board and team would like to say congrats to our two senior coaches graduating from Klein HS: Maggie Kappel and Taneal Black; along with our senior swimmers, Jack Andrews, Josh Groover, John Pacione, and Brendan Stanford.

Thank you for swimming as a Marlin and Good Luck!

Upcoming Meets and Events

June 1	Family Fun Night With the Marlins
June 2	Candlelight Hills – Home
June 9	Lakes of Eldridge – Away
June 16	Divisionals
June 17	Happy Father's Day to all the Dads on the Team, Board and Officials
June 18	Swim Team Banquet 5:30-8 p.m. at the Clubhouse. For Swim Team Families Only

June 20 Marlins Splashtown Day

Family Fun Night

The Marlins will be hosting Family Fun Night June 1, 6-8 p.m. We will be selling pizza and drinks, and Tikiz Ice will be selling sweet treats. The event is open to the entire community, and all proceeds benefit your neighborhood swim team.



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Pet News

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Elvie Kingston, Pet Liaison

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Pet Walkers

When walking your pet, please be respectful to your neighbors by remembering to keep your pet leashed, restrain them from jumping on others and to clean up any messes they may make. By law, dogs must be on a leash when in public.

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Being Your Best: Health, Fitness and Your Personal Journey

Health and Fitness

Brandon Ivey, IFA Certified Personal Trainer and Memorial Northwest Resident

When It All Seems Hopeless, Don't Stop – Results Will Come

Have you ever set a goal for yourself, like having to lose ten pounds within six months before a wedding or just trying to look healthy rather than like a limp noodle? Lots of people, maybe you, started out doing great, but then lost the drive to continue and then had trouble getting motivated? Oh, it happens to all of us. You wake up, go to work, come home, go to bed, and repeat. Sometimes you feel like you're not going anywhere and not accomplishing anything. Everyone has times in their life when they feel discouraged, lost, or in a rut, and you don't know how to get out of it. Life just keeps piling it on. It's discouraging when things get hard, so here are a few starting points on how you can climb out of your hole and get back on track.

There are a lot of great reasons to exercise, and there's never a better time than when you're down or you feel like your life isn't going anywhere. When you exercise you'll boost your confidence, de-stress your fatigued mind, sleep better, and you'll have more energy to do the things you care about. You might think you're a rock, but the truth is that not everyone can do it on their own. There is nothing wrong with asking for help when you need it. Reach out and find somebody who will work out with you or talk to others about what they are doing to exercise. However, if no one will invest in you then invest in yourself; if no one will believe in you – believe in yourself. Even if you don't see the results right away, Never, never give up. Even if you don't see the results for a very long time, results will never come if you quit. Every step you take adds up because success will never come if you quit and then fall back

into your comfort zone; that's exactly what brings you down. Just take that first step and sooner or later you will look back and see that you're at the top of the mountain. If you keep climbing, if you just keep learning, if you just keep trying, then you will see you'll get to the next level. Remember if you never take that first step, you will never get there, and you will forever live in regret for never taking that first step.

You're in control of your health and your time, so start by writing down three or four goals you want to see happen for yourself. Make them specific, measurable and realistic. Just to make sure you remember your goals, post them where you will see them constantly. Perhaps it's on a door or a mirror. Now that you have your goals, establish three or four measurement markers within each goal. Write them down so that as you accomplish each one you can scratch it off. Let's say your goal is to walk five miles a day but you would start by walking a mile each day and see if you can improve your time each day. The following week, walk a mile and a half and do the same each time. Continue until you reach your five miles. Each scratched off marker is a milestone for your health. You'll be surprised how you feel and how much progress you've made.

Remember, nothing will change unless you act. You're in control of how you spend your time. A simple change can give you the perspective adjustment you need. As you accomplish a task, check it off on your list. Tell yourself, "Hey, I've run 2½ miles; I'm nearly halfway to my goal!" Reward yourself with something you promised yourself when you set your goal. Feel as successful as you are! Now think ahead to accomplish the rest of your goal: "What do I have to do to reach five miles? How am I going to make the time to train?" If you want the rewards you must put in the effort not just for one day but every day.



Exercise of the Month

Donkey Kick

By: Pamela Evans, PFTA Certified Trainer and Memorial Northwest Resident

Type: Strength

Main Muscle Worked: Glutes

Equipment: Body

Optional equipment: Resistance band, ankle weights

Level: Beginner

- Get on the floor or exercise mat on all fours. Your hands should be shoulder width apart below your shoulders and your knees below your hips. Your head should be looking forward. This will be your starting position.
- 2. As you exhale, lift up one of your legs until your hamstrings are in line with your back while maintaining the 90-degree angle bend in your knee (Your upper leg should be parallel to the floor and the heel of your foot should be pointed to the ceiling.). Contract the glutes throughout this movement and hold the contraction at the top for a count of two.
- 3. Go back to the initial position and repeat.
- 4. Continue until all of the recommended repetitions have been performed.











Who Wants to Learn Tennis?

We are always looking for ladies who want to learn the game! MNW Tennis Director Gilberto Arcay is currently organizing a group tennis lesson for new players/beginners. There are currently six to ten ladies who will attend, so now is a great time to join the fun if you have ever considered playing tennis. If you have any questions or would like to be included, please call Gilberto Arcay at 281-799-5021 or Regina Khim at 281-536-6193.

Ladies' Tennis League Opportunities

There are many tennis leagues that provide the opportunity to enjoy tennis competitively at your skill level on a regular basis.

Houston Ladies' Tennis League (HLTA) Monday morning, fall and spring seasons, doubles format. Contact: Helen Haig 281-376-0316 or HelenHaig@comcast.net.

North Houston Tennis Association (NHTA)

Monday evening, fall and spring seasons, singles and doubles format. Contact: Sandy Brassard at 832-630-0448 or SandyBrassard@att.net.

Northwest Women's Tennis League (NWTL)

Weekday mornings, fall and spring seasons.

Doubles format, various levels. Contact: Regina Khim at 281-536-6193 or judy@judithsherwood.com.

Texas Jackrabbit League Friday mornings, fall and spring seasons, doubles format. Contact: Judie Cook at 281-370-5206 or JudieCook@gmail.com.

Summer USTA Leagues There are various USTA teams that form in the summer. Skill levels vary from 2.5 to 3.5. Contact: Lynne Sanders at 281-236-8217 or Lynne.Sanders@garygreene.com.

Men's Tennis Opportunities

Join the men for casual play or for competitive league play.

Men's North Suburban Tennis League Tuesday and Thursday evenings, fall and spring seasons. All levels A-D. Contact: David Brassard at 832-250-3091 or dbrassard1@att.net.

Men's Pickup Tennis is composed of retirees who enjoy the game of tennis. There are no fees, no fixed teams, and no records – just a little bit of exercise, a lot of fun, and some very stimulating conversations. At least once a month we follow tennis with a luncheon to celebrate someone's birthday. Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Contact Mick Mikuenski at 346-412-2882.







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Court Reservations

Court reservations may be made up to seven days in advance by contacting the club office, or by walk-in reservation signup at the tennis pavilion two days in advance. Contact: Anne Kidney at 281-376-4001 or memorialnw@comcast.net.

Ladies' Pickup Tennis

Contact Regina Khim at 281-536-6193 or khim_regina@yahoo.com

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1. June 4-7 5. July 16-19

2. June 11-14 6. July 30-August 2

3. June 25-28 7. August 13-16

4. July 9-12

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30 Tennis warm-up and fun drills

9:30-10:15 Tennis strokes and tips

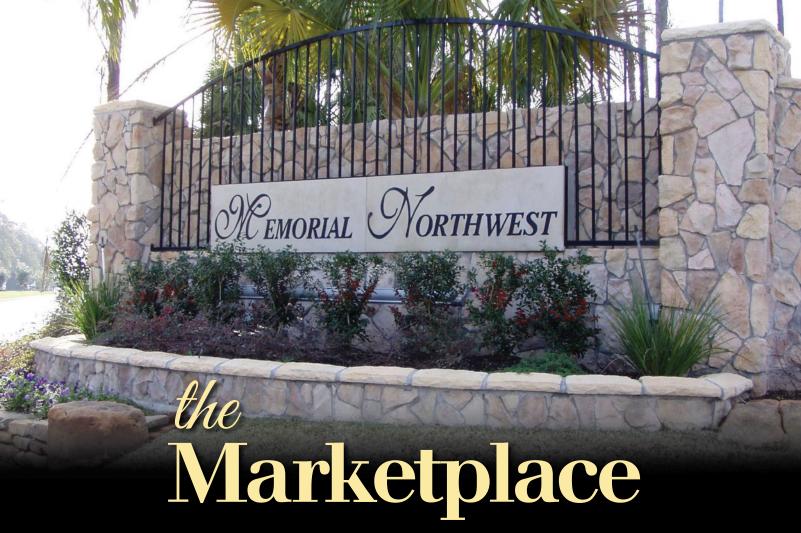
10:15-10:35 Snack

10:35-11:30 Tennis match play

11:30-12:30 Pool time

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