

**\* MCCCIA - NEWSLETTER \***

Special Edition

# SECURITY CHANGE NOTICE

## **MCCCIA - Memorial Chase Community Improvement Association**

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***This is a special edition for all MCCCIA resident to advise of possible changes to the neighbor security contact for 2011. Details are provide below and the Board of Directors are requesting comments from the MCCCIA resident via mail at [mccia@memorialchasecia.com](mailto:mccia@memorialchasecia.com)***

### ***Brief History***

Currently MCCCIA is part of a group of assocaitions that contract with the Harris County Sheriffs Department for contract deputies. Memorial Chase HOA actually holds the contact with the Harris County Sheriffs Department for the area associations. These associations include Memorial Chase ( MCHOA and MCCCIA), Memorial Creek, Colony Creek and Brentwood Lakes. These five associations make up a total of 2715 homes which are all part of our current 2010 contact. Our current contact is for three deputies - this would be a day shift, evening shift and a relief shift. Coverage is not 24 hours a day and depends on the day of the week. For security reasons the exact coverage is not published. The deputies patrols our neighborhoods during their shift and are to spend around 70% of their shift in the area. The deputies do respond to calls outside our area depending on the nature of the call. As a note Memorial Chase does have two associations - MCCCIA and MCHOA MCCCIA cost for the 2010 security contract is \$67.95 per home per year. The annual cost for MCCCIA is \$15,967.54

### ***Current Status***

Colony Creek has contact Memorial Chase HOA to inform them that they will not be participating in the 2011 security contact. Colony Creek represents about 40% of the contact (and cost) with 1083 homes. This decision will impact the 2011 security contact in several ways which could include but are not limited to: Increase in cost, reduction in coverage and or dropping of the neighborhood deputies.

### ***Moving Forward***

The Board of Directors of each of the remaining associations are working to review cost, budgets etc as we are all getting to the end of the year and need to complete budgets and mail out the 2011 assessment invoices. If we try and keep the same coverage that we have today the estimated increase would be \$50 or more per home per year. If we were to reduce the current coverage of three deputies to two deputies the cost would increase around \$15 per home per year. One question that comes up is why would we pay more to get less service? We were at this same point last year when we were advised by the County Attorney that we should expect a major increase in the contract deputy charges, but this did not occur. Some of the comments that we received last year included:

We pay taxes - why do we have to pay extra

When will the increases stop

It's nice to have them in the area

How about changing to the Constables

We never see them

They are always at the pool

### ***Residents Comments***

The MCCCIA Board of Directors are asking residents for their comments on these options so that we can make a decision that is best for our community. Residents can make comments via email at [mccia@memorialchasecia.com](mailto:mccia@memorialchasecia.com) - please include your name, address and a contact number. Residents are also encouraged to attend the monthly HOA meeting. Please submit your comments via email - Keep in mind some of these items:

Would you be in favor of paying an additional \$50 per year as a security fee to keep the deputies (3) ?

Would you be in favor of paying an additional \$15 per year for less coverage (2 deputies) ?

Are you in favor of keeping the contact deputies at any cost ?

### ***Additional Options***

WE are working to discuss our option not only with the MCCCIA residents but also the Board of Directors of the other associations. If any of the other associations including MCCCIA were to drop out of the contact it would impact the cost for others. We will work to get this worked out the as quickly as possible and will post updates online at [www.memorialchasecia.com](http://www.memorialchasecia.com)