

# The Methodist Encampment Bulletin Board

September 2020

Howdy, Campers,

You have not had a Newsletter from the Little House of Peace Free Library in quite a while, because, well...there wasn't much Library news. Consequently, I decided to enlarge the scope of the Newsletter to serve more as a Methodist Encampment bulletin board. Many of us use "Next Door," but that serves some 40 neighborhoods in Kerrville. I thought we needed something a little more specific to our very unique enclave. **If you have items you'd like to share with the neighbors, send them to me at this E-mail address**, and I will try to put out a bulletin whenever there's enough stuff to warrant it, but not more often than monthly.



This is not the first time that Methodist Encampment has had a newsletter. More than a quarter century ago there was another one, and the neighborhood was even organized into an association called the *Mt. Wesley Neighborhood Association*, with an elected **Board of Directors!!!** Look on the last page for a sample of one of the issues of the *Mt. Wesley Neighborhood News* from 1997.



From *Linda Stone*:

Over two years ago some of us started working with the local Kerr County Historical Society to apply to the State for a subject marker for our unique neighborhood. The application was accepted, and then the text for the marker was also accepted in July of 2019. There has been a long delay for the physical production of the marker, but we have been told that it is now ready to ship. Thanks to the generosity of the Rio Texas Conference, who owns the property, the marker will be placed at the northeast corner of McAllen and Methodist Encampment Road. A dedication will be planned, and we will let you know about that later. The research for this project is available on a flash drive in the Little Library, please return it once you

have downloaded it. We continue to collect historical data, if you have some to share, please let us know.



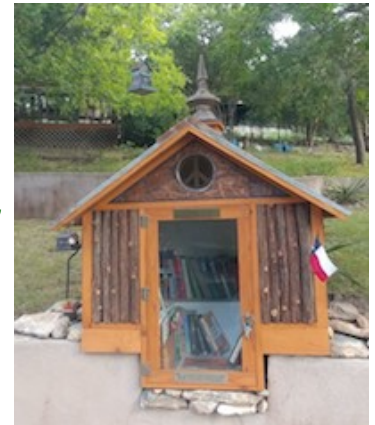
Our **Little House of Peace Free Library** was two years old on July 29th, and it is starting to require a bit of attention. We now have so many books that the house needed another shelf in order to organize them better. **Thanks to Mark Stone for building a strong new shelf in the back of the Library.**

Now we need to find a volunteer with the skills and time to freshen up the green bench on the Library campus, site of a great love story (see below)! This bench is a historic Methodist Encampment landmark in itself. It is a pew from the outdoor chapel at the Bolivian cross on the summit of Mt. Wesley. It used to be about three times as wide as it is now and had three pockets for hymnals on the back. However, it fell into the hands of someone who thought it was too big and needed to be cut down to size. The House of Peace behind the Library has one of its sister pews in full size. It doesn't have to be green. It could be stripped, stained and sealed to look more natural as it used to be. If this is something you can take on, please step forward and make yourself known! I have the paint! It would be a great service for Methodist Encampment and those who visit us.

Our little landmark is impacting people's lives:

A lovely young couple from outside the neighborhood reported **"We had our first date at the Little Library! We sat on the green bench there and looked at books together. It was our beginning. We LOVE the Little Library."**

A sticky note found on one of the books, *"I want to thank you for the books and beautiful setup. This brings joy to my granddaughter and I. I would like to bring some books for donation. Thank you again. **Books are the world!**"*  
*Rebecca*



Someone left a rock with the word "HOPE" painted on one side. It's been there for months. Then one day it was turned over and something else had been written on the other side: **"Kerrville Rocks."**

**Halloween** is fast approaching! **Who would like to decorate the Little Free Library for the occasion this year?** Don't be shy!!! And by the way, we have a big collection of children's books now.



**Finn:** Our new neighbor Sally on Alice seeks a small-to-medium, friendly, daytime playmate for her 3 year old, 18-pound Japanese Spitz, Finn. They can meet at her house or in the park or walk the neighborhood. Contact Sally at [sbens2010@gmail.com](mailto:sbens2010@gmail.com)



**Hitch:** Some in the neighborhood may remember the Amazing Saga of **Hitch**, the traveling kitten. Hitch is now seeking a permanent home. I will pay for her to be spayed. She is gray tiger with a white bib and white boots. Hitch is frisky and smart. I have too many to keep her! Contact Linda @ [lindafern@gmail.com](mailto:lindafern@gmail.com)



The Point--800 Lazy Lane--is available for rent. Contact: [jackewilson99@gmail.com](mailto:jackewilson99@gmail.com)

The portal to the neighborhood at McAllen and Methodist Encampment Road is getting a facelift!



REMINDER: The annual **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** will take place **TOMORROW, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hill Country Youth Event Center.** This is our one chance this year to responsibly get rid of paint, cleaning and agricultural chemicals, tires, oil, electronics, spent batteries, and other dangerous things to have around.

If you have moved or for any other reason do not wish to receive this Newsletter, just send an E-mail to me with the word "unsubscribe" in the subject line, and I'll take you off our list. Or if know someone who has recently moved into the neighborhood and is not yet on the list but would like to be, tell them to let me know. Finally, if you would like to DO this Newsletter, I have no monopoly and would be delighted for someone else to take it on once, sometimes, or always. A hard copy of this Newsletter will be placed in the Little House of Peace Free Library notebook.

*Linda Bullard, Steward of the Little House of Peace Free Library*

P.S. Don't forget to look at the next page for a sample of the historic *Mt. Wesley Neighborhood News*, which was produced between 1993 and 1997. All the issues which we have can be found on the flash drive in the Little Free Library notebook, Methodist Encampment section.

# MT. WESLEY NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

No. 8

Kerrville, Texas

October 7, 1997

**ALL RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS  
ARE INVITED!!!**

**MT. WESLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING  
Tuesday, October 21, 1997**

6:30 p.m. in the Susannah Building at Mt. Wesley  
Conference Center (NW corner of Alice & Methodist Encampment)

**POTLUCK DINNER (Drinks, plates & utensils provided)  
Come and meet your neighbors!!**

## "POTLUCK" DINNER PLANNED

Bring a salad, vegetable, meat or dessert dish, enough for your family and another, and join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. George Eychner, our host, says that the Conference Center will provide coffee and tea. They will also provide plastic plates and utensils.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A Nominations Committee has been contacting members to serve on our Board of Directors for the next year, and will present a slate. Additional nominations will be welcome from the floor. If you have any suggestions, call Mike Walker at 895-3297.

## PROGRAM ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Mike Walker, program chairman for this meeting, reports that Jim Dower, City Engineer, and possibly other city officials will be present to speak to us on issues concerning streets, paving, drainage, signage and other safety issues. Several members of the City Council have also been invited. This should be of great interest to all residents of our subdivision. Information will also be available on the long-range expansion plan of the Mt. Wesley Conference Center, and on a variety of home safety issues.

## DESCRIPTIONS...

*"Trashed... Weedy... Neglected... Charming... Picturesque... Unique..."* Which words would you rather hear used to describe our neighborhood? How about a vigorous autumn clean-up?

--Pat Renshaw

## PRIORITY CONCERNS

The Board of Directors, through questionnaires and interviews two years ago, determined that the priority concerns of residents were:

**Security** - Crime prevention, police patrols, Neighborhood Crime Watch

**Sanitation** - Installation of sewers (accomplished!), trash cleaning and pick-up

**Safety** - Traffic patterns, speeding, animal control, paving, street signs

If there are specific problems or concerns in any of these areas at the present time which should be addressed, we hope you will speak up and make us aware of them.

## WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the many new residents who have moved into our neighborhood since we last met. We think it is a very special place, with unique charm and character which we hope to preserve, and we hope that you will come to our meeting and get acquainted. There are 100 homes in the Methodist Encampment (Mt. Wesley) subdivision, and we would love to have every one of them represented.

Mt. Wesley Neighborhood Association  
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