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Make A Difference In Your Community

Good Afternoon,

I want to provide a bit more information on Miller's Point. I know that if you are new to Bexar County or an existing Bexar County resident it can be a bit confusing as to why we don't have some basic city services like trash pickup, curbside bulk and brush pickup, or streetlights on each street.

Why aren't these basic services free? We live in an unincorporated county and the above services are provided for city residents only. The City of Converse and the City of San Antonio provides all the services for their residents through their taxes, etc.

We don't live in the city, so we don't get these services free. We must pay for them. **If you want to know more about this, please take one hour out of your day and attend the meeting on October 18 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We can discuss in detail. Please feel free to contact our county commissioner for Pct 4 and our state representative D120.**

Bulk and brush pickup update. Please be advised that we will have a pickup twice a year. In the past the bulk and brush pickup was based on funding as this is not a free service. During the beginning of the pandemic, many county services and departments were reduced or eliminated or laid off.

After speaking with the department head of environmental services last year, we were able to secure one service pickup in August 2021. Due to the uncertainty of future pickups, it was recommended by one of the past committee chairs that we sign up for C-6 trash service which provides free quarterly curbside bulk and trash pickup like the City of San Antonio. C-6 is a great option as it is cheaper and provides quarterly curbside trash and bulk pickup.

I have not posted that we would not have brush and bulk pickup. It was posted that the previous committee chair position is open, and we need to have some volunteers to lead this project. **This is not my neighborhood alone. It is our neighborhood, and we must work together to accomplish our goals.** I need and want your help and support as we move forward. We are finally seeing some progress. Let's not get stuck in the past. Let's join together and move forward with this great opportunity to have Miller's Point shine and show other communities what can happen if we work together.

As the President of Miller's Point Neighborhood Association, I personally went to Commissioner's Court for several weeks to advocate for and secure a brush and junk pickup to be put into the budget so that



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we have funds earmarked for Miller's Point Neighborhood Association members. The funding has been put in the budget but now we need to get volunteers to lead this 2-day event. If you can volunteer 2-8 hours Saturday or Sunday, please sign up on the volunteer sheet or email millerspointna@gmail.com your availability.

The solar lights and electricity update. The neighborhood has a total of 13 lights at this time which are paid and maintained by the Neighborhood Association dues. We have for several years tried to motivate residents to join and pay membership fees which in turn pay for the lights. The utility bill ranges around \$250 dollars a month for 12 months which is \$3,000 a year. The dues are \$30 a year and it takes 100 members to pay annually just to pay for lights. We usually have 20-30 members per year. We need 80 folks to pay their membership dues just to keep the lights on.

This is our responsibility as Bexar County residents to pay and maintain our lights. All the other county residents pay their light bills if they have lights.

As previously mentioned, I have attended Commissioners Court meetings over the past weeks to secure funding for solar lights for the remaining streets that do not have lights and please note my street doesn't have a light yet. Fifty percent of the subdivision doesn't have lights. We have worked tirelessly with Commissioner Calvert's office, CPS energy and Environmental services to get some of the needed services we want for this community. Please note that we are responsible for the services at the end of the day.

I want to thank my team that has supported me at the meetings. My Vice President Shawanda Fowler attended the first meeting and last meeting. Elaine Miller attended the first meeting. Lisa Hunt attended the last meeting. This was a joint effort, and I could not have done it without the support of these ladies. But we cannot nor should we have to do it alone. This is our community, and I am proud of the progress we have made but we still need to do more. The utility bills are still due.

The funding in the budget is for the solar lights for streets that are dark. We received funding for bulk pickup, in which vendors will bid. We must remain diligent in this process and if you want to help let me know. Remember we still have to get RFP done, bids for the lights, and implementation of this project.

The next meeting to discuss this at length will be October 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Miller's Point Elementary. We have many offices vacant, and we desperately need a secretary. I encourage you to step up be a part of the solution.

Kind Regards,
Gwendolyn Bolden, President