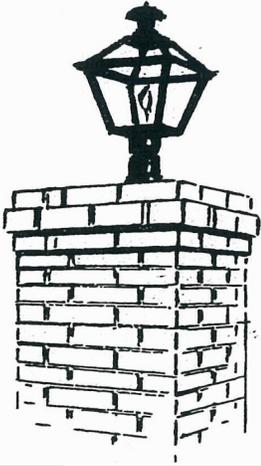


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KEEPING TARA SAFE

The final component of the Tara security system is the creation of the **Tara Neighborhood Watch** program. It is the third tier of our neighborhood security system and complements our existing security patrol and camera/license plate reader programs. The three components are designed to work together to provide a proactive approach for ensuring a safe, secure neighborhood. The neighborhood watch program is designed to be the eyes and ears – trained observers - of our security system. The Tara neighborhood watch program will dovetail with our security patrol allowing for real-time information sharing.



Our initial goals include recruiting potential block watch captains, creating a communication system and training our captains. We will have a Block Captain Coordinator. Block captains act as liaisons between block residents and the coordinator. They will provide information through the communication system to block residents and other block captains. Any adult resident can be a block captain. It does not require an excessive time commitment. We would like to have one block captain for each 10 homes.

We will hold our first organizational meeting on **Tuesday, September 24th , 6:30-7:30, St. Paul Lutheran Church**. We need 60 plus block captains throughout the neighborhood. Please help us as we develop the final component in our security system. With the neighborhood watch program in place we will add a real-time crime prevention component to Tara. To visit the National Neighborhood Watch website go to - <https://www.nnw.org/>. If you have questions please call Gary Patureau, Chair, Tara Crime Prevention District at 338-0705.

Looking Forward

In case you were not present at our General Membership Meeting, you missed a very good power point presentation titled "Revisioning Tara". Check the web site under the "Hot Topics" button to view the presentation.

Tara is now 54 years young and still as vibrant as ever. Tara's continued growth is a testament to a strong commitment from homeowners throughout the years to keep Tara a desirable and safe neighborhood. Current residents and new families, with young children are updating homes with modern features at a remarkable pace. Such changes can be knocking out walls updating bathrooms and kitchens, redoing floors and painting. Realtors will tell you it is all about "LOCATION—LOCATION". This seems to be so true for our community. The Our Lady of Mercy school population continues to grow in Tara as are other schools. We are located in a convenient part of town!

Your Civic Association has a vision to keep investing and moving ahead. Already there have been some exciting changes made. Additions such as, new street signs on the Boulevard, Crime Prevention and No Solicitation signage and new lighted flag poles.

Future projects planned include standardizing light pole size and color along the Boulevard, updating entrance signs and our deed restrictions. The goals of the deed restrictions update is to have all filings have the same restrictions except for certain aspects which need to remain the same (such as square footage within each filing).

Deed restrictions are vital to the health of any subdivision. Maintaining architectural control is the basis for ensuring your property values remain high. Reminder - as outlined in our current deed restrictions, all residents are required to submit an application for approval before undertaking improvements, repairs, additions or alterations on their property. This requirement helps to ensure compliance with the Covenants and Restrictions of our Subdivision. Submission of this application is critical to avoid confusion and potential cost to the resident for removing unapproved improvements or alterations. Unapproved work may result in legal action by the Tara Civic Association. Check the web site under "Before You Build" for a simple form to fill out and submit.

Parking In the Neighborhood

Parking in neighborhoods is a clear indicator of the health of a neighborhood. We are reminding all residents of current city ordinances that prohibit parking in front yards, parking on right-of-ways including over sidewalks, in bicycle lanes, facing the wrong direction or against traffic and on the street for over nine hours.

For questions about parking regulations see link below. https://library.municode.com/la/baton_rouge_east_baton_rouge_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT11TRCO_CH28PA_PTICI_S11_425PAO-TVITO

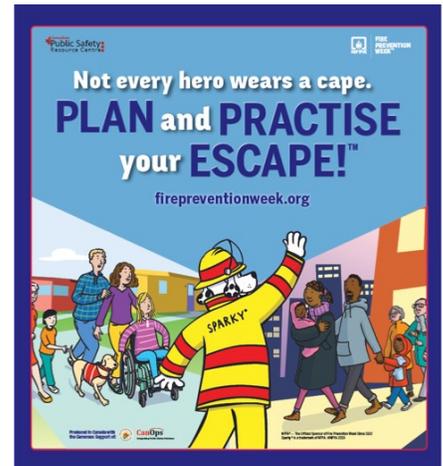
Fire Prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire.

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

But simply having these alarms is not enough! Push the test button on each alarm every month, and change the batteries at least once a year — no matter what kind of alarm you have. Replace older alarms to ensure they'll work when lives depend on them. **EVERY SECOND COUNTS!**

Plan Two Ways Out Fire grows and moves faster than you can imagine. When your smoke alarm sounds, your family could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely. Follow these simple steps to plan and practice your escape: 1. Draw a basic map of your home's layout. Include all windows and doors. 2. Plan two ways out of every room, in case one way is blocked by fire. Make sure doors and windows are not stuck closed or blocked by furniture. 3. Agree upon a "safe meeting place" outside near your home. 4. Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm. 5. Smoke rises. Immediately "get low and go!" 6. Practice your escape a few times a year with everyone who lives in your home. Finish by gathering outside at your meeting place.



Smoke Alarm Installation

Having a working smoke detector properly installed in your home will more than double your chances of surviving a fire. The Baton Rouge Fire Department has a program that will install a free smoke detector in the homes of the elderly or handicapped. If you or someone you know fits into this category and is in need of a smoke detector, BRFD will schedule an appointment to professionally install a detector free of charge. Please go to this web page <https://www.brla.gov/FormCenter/Fire-Department-8/Smoke-Detector-Installation-Program-58> and fill in the information and the BRFD will contact you to schedule a convenient time to install the smoke detector or call 225-354-1400.

Quick and Easy One Pot Meal—Skillet Sausage Pasta

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound fully cooked smoked sausage in your flavor of choice
1 cup diced onion
2 cloves garlic minced
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 (14.5) ounce can diced tomatoes
8 ounces dry penne pasta (approximately 2-1/2 cups uncooked)
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper or to taste
1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper each
1/2 cup half and half or heavy cream
1 cup Monterey Jack cheese shredded
1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions.

Instructions

Add olive oil to a deep, oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage and onions and cook until lightly browned, about 4 or 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for a minute or two until fragrant.
Add broth, tomatoes, pasta, crushed red pepper, salt and pepper and stir to combine. Bring to a boil, cover skillet, and reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer until pasta is tender, about 15 minutes. Stir in half and half or heavy cream and simmer for another minute or two until warmed through.
Remove skillet from heat, add cheese and stir until melted. Sprinkle with green onions and serve.

Fall Flowers

Summer is coming to an end... Really it is almost the end of August, September can be hot with some cool spells, and October is where we will get some cold fronts to cool things down. So summer is almost OVER!!!

As this cooling period happens, a wider selection of blooming annuals become available. Here is quick rundown on some options for our area.

September - October:

Petunias are the most popular annual in the United States. In northern climates, Petunias are planted in spring and perform into the fall. In our climate, they are best planted in early fall and their performance stretches well into spring. Petunias have a wide range of colors and growth habits.

If you are looking for height or a beautiful backdrop in your beds, Snapdragons are your best choice for cool weather color. Snapdragons come in many mature heights, some as tall as three feet! They bloom in cycles from fall through spring. Snapdragons have showy bloom clusters at the tops of the plant.

Garden Mums are always a favorite! They explode in the fall with small daisy flowers that remind all of us of our childhood. The colors remind us of fall – Reds, Yellows, Bronzes and even some pinks!

Dianthus is an "old fashion" flower that use to be referred to as Pinks. Dianthus is a clumping plant that, like Snapdragons, bloom in cycles on the top of the plant. The Amazon series was named a Louisiana Super Plant in 2010.

October - November:

Pansies and Violas are two versions of the same plant. Pansies are Violas with large blooms. They both come in an array of colors with varying distinguishing features. Violas, also known as Johnny Jump Ups, may have smaller flowers but the amount of flowers each plant produces is unbelievable!

Ornamental Cabbage and Kale are cool weather annuals that are known for their large "heads" formed by their leaves. They become colorful as they mature; color choices range from white, pink and purple.

Article by LA Nursery

Welcome New Residents

Seth & Sara Carter	1832 Beechgrove Dr.
Bradley Ferrara	1153 Ashland Dr.
Daniel & Samantha Francioni	8761 Bayside
Stephen & Rachel Huggins	8857 Wakefield
Adam & Laura Ledet	8881 Darby Ave
John & Mary Radcliffe	8980 Trudeau Ave.
Ray & Jennifer Scioneaux	816 Chopin Dr
Adam & Kristen Serrano	1310 Tara Blvd.
Jamie & Hilary Tallman	9038 Trinity Ave.
Charles Terrebonne	1025 Tara Blvd



Garden Club-Yard of the Month

June: Joe Guthreaux & Judy Duet on Scarlett

July: Lisa & Bryan White on Cottage

August: Glyn & Wayne David on Beechgrove

Each winner receives a \$25 gift card from Louisiana Nursery.

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Voting

Debby Thompson, WBNA President says when it comes to voting you need to be informed. Do not vote for the first person who sends you a flyer in the mail. Instead make the effort to find out all you can about each of the candidates before making your choices. Read about them. Visit their websites and Facebook pages. Reach out and ask questions. Some question to seek answers to: • Education & Experience? How will your education, career path, and life experience benefit the people of Baton Rouge? • What unique qualities do you bring to the table? • Motivation? Why are you seeking this position? • How have you demonstrated an interest and involvement in our community? • Do you actively volunteer your time for Baton Rouge? If so, how? • Will you be present at our community functions? • Will you listen when residents have questions or concerns? • What do you see as the single most important issue facing Baton Rouge? • How will your election improve Baton Rouge residents? These are all important questions; what have each of these candidates demonstrated in past positions and within our community? When you do pick your candidate remember to emphasize your candidate's attributes, not your opponent's shortcomings. Let's stay positive.

The Secretary of State website has information about elections, early voting, amendments and propositions. Want more information go to: <https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetElectionInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

Reminders

TARA SUBDIVISION IS A DEED RESTRICTED SUBDIVISION.

There is a form available for use by residents who are planning to make **revisions, modifications or additions** to their property. If you are planning such a project, you **MUST submit** a completed copy of the property owner's **application** for building or remodeling available at <http://www.taracivicassociation.org/before-you-build>.

Fill out and mail to the Architectural Control Committee (address on form). The committee will review the plans and will notify you of their approval or disapproval within thirty (30) days.

SECURITY ISSUES

Emergencies call 911

Non-Emergencies call

City Police 389-2000

See Something Say Something

If you see suspicious activity, report it. Use your cell phone to snap a picture.

If you are going out of town, fill out the form on the website so our officers can keep an eye out.

TARA PRIVATE PATROL UNITS

Chevy Tahoe #430

Chevy Impala #1230

Chevy Impala #1315

Chevy Impala #1404

