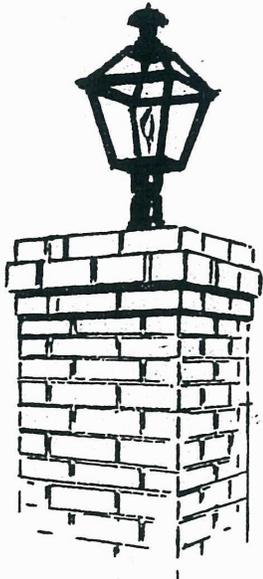


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TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TARA TALK

General Membership Meeting

The meeting was held May 6th at the Goodwood Library. There were around 93 residents in attendance. This is the most residents we have had in a very long time. Thanks to everyone that came out. New board members for 2019-2020 were elected.

The first speaker was Matt Watson, our city councilman, he addressed residents concerns of ATT 5G small cell towers being placed in the subdivision. Tara is very concerned and has formed a coalition with other neighborhoods to put a moratorium on installation of the towers. It is our hope that a better deal can be worked out with the City Council and AT&T. You can help support us by attending a meeting on Thursday, May 30th at 7pm at the Jones Creek Library. to show your support and learn all of the facts relative to ATT small cell towers in residential neighborhoods.

Our second speaker was Gary Patureau, resident and board member. Tara has been a subdivision for 54 years, he spoke of re-visioning Tara, or in other words moving it forward for the next 54 years. In case you missed the meeting there is a link to his power point presentation under Hot Topics on the Tara website, www.taracivicassociation.org. Also, discussed at the meeting was updating deed restrictions.

Newly Elected Board Members

Board Officers are

President: Carmen Dugas

Vice President: Carolyn Landry

Treasurer: Robert Say

Secretary: Cathy St. Romain

Other board members are: Frank Fertitta, Suzanne Fiske, Brenda Giacone, Andy Martin, Wayne Martin, Jim Bob Ourso, Gary Patureau, Michelle Schroder, Megan Songy, Richela Roy, and Dave Kelly

Updating Deed Restrictions

Tara is a deed restricted subdivision. Deed restrictions are rules and regulations to the use of land and look of the neighborhood. A benefit to deed restrictions is that they help maintain property values and make it more desirable to potential buyers. Each filing in Tara has its own set of deed restrictions. The board would like to make the wording consistent for all five filings, which currently is not the case. Also, at this time the first filings deed restrictions renew every ten years and other filings are every two years. Once again, the goal is to have all filings renew at the same time. To make all of this happen, the board needs your help.

Once the deed restrictions are updated residents will be sent a copy sometime in June. Then in July volunteers will be coming door to door to get signatures. To get the new deed restrictions passed there has to be over fifty percent approval in filings two through five and over seventy five percent in filing one.

Please work with the board in helping make Tara a better place and keep moving in a positive direction.

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Vacation Safety Tips

Let a neighbor know you'll be out of town and when you'll return. They should have the following: your emergency contact information; contact information for anyone with access to your house (pet sitter, etc.); when they should be expected; what they look like and a description of their vehicle(s).

- Let only those who NEED to know, know when you are going out of town. • Don't share vacation plans OR photos on social media. • Arrange to have your lawn cared for if you are going to be away. • Don't hide keys under doormats, flowerpots or in similar places.
- Put your lights, stereo and/or TV on timers.
- Leave a car in the driveway or ask a neighbor to park in it. • Don't cancel your paper or mail deliveries; ask that your neighbor pick them up every day. • Leave a key with a friend or neighbor; ask that the house be checked at regular intervals.
- Keep your house well lit at night (backyard included) with a motion sensor or photocell activated light.
- Store all your valuables.
- Consider asking friends or relatives to live in your home while you are away.
- Ask your neighbor to put trash in your trashcan and to put it out for collection and away when they put theirs away.
- Fill out a vacation surveillance form on the Tara website. The filing of this form alerts patrolling officers so that they may pay close attention to one's residence.

Tara Swim and Racquet Club (taraclub.org)

The Tara Club offers swimming and tennis. It has a swim team and offers swim lessons,. You do NOT have to be a member for your child to be on the swim team or take swim lessons. You must be a member to use the facilities Join now if you are not already a member. The membership is first come, first served. The pool opens May 24th.for the summer season. Tuesday-Saturday: 10 to 9 and Sunday: 1 to 9, Closed on Mondays. The club also offers tennis lessons, adult and children and tennis summer camp. These are run through Breakpoint Tennis. The club house is available for rental to both members and non-members.

Summer Safety

Look Before You Lock: Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can rise as much as 20 degrees in 10 minutes. An average of 37 children die each year from being left inside a hot vehicle. Suggestions: leave your purse or cell phone in the back seat with the child; keep a toy in the front seat with you; take off one of your shoes and leave it in the back seat with the child.

Pool Safety: Drowning is a leading cause of injury death among children ages 1-4. There are three layers recommended: 1) Supervision – someone is always ACTIVELY watching when a child is in the pool. 2) Barriers – a child should NEVER be able to enter a pool without an adult. 3) Emergency Preparedness – learn CPR and have a phone nearby to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. □

Sun Safety: Put on broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before going outside. Reapply as needed. Wear protective clothing, Find shade when possible. Wear a hat to protect your face. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from UV rays. STAY HYDRATED!

Fireworks Safety: The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home, Most patriotic of all is the annual fireworks show in Downtown Baton Rouge over the Mississippi River! Baton Rouge's Fourth of July Spectacular welcomes thousands of guests from around the country dressed in their best red, white and blue for an evening-long event of fun, ending with a breathtaking fireworks display overlooking the mighty Mississippi. Bring a blanket or chair and set up along the riverfront, or watch from one of the many attractions and restaurants nearby hosting viewing parties like the USS Kidd, Shaw Center for the Arts' rooftop terrace and more.

4th of July - Work Toward Your Own Financial Independence Day

We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy, but have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps: Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your pay-check, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement goals. If you deviate from these guideposts – for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk – you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt – the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans – perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer – you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture. Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display – but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

A Bee Friendly Yard

Bees are critical pollinators essential in the garden and flowerbeds. A yard with a healthy bee population will have larger crops of healthier fruits, vegetables and flowers, and it is important to offer plenty of different plants that will entice bees to lend a helping buzz in the garden.

Best Plants for Bees

While bees will visit nearly any blooms to do their pollinating, certain types of plants with the right shapes and colors will be more attractive. Adding these plants to your yard will ensure a strong bee population nearby.

Aster, Basil, Bee balm, Black-eyed susan, Blueberry, Butterfly bush, Catnip, Chives, Coneflower, Cosmos, Crabapple, Daisy, Geranium, Lavender, Lilac, Milkweed, Mint, Oregano, Pumpkin, Queen Anne's lace, Rosemary, Salvia, Sumac, Sunflower, Tulips, Zinnia,

More Tips to Attract Bees

-Just adding a few plants bees love to the yard will not increase the bee population dramatically, but if those plants are added thoughtfully and a few other simple steps are taken, the entire garden will be a-buzz with busy pollinators.

-Choose native plant varieties whenever possible, as they will be more recognizable to bees and will be better suited to local growing conditions, soil and climate.

-Diversify plantings to provide abundant blooms from early spring to late fall so bees have a continuous source of pollen and nectar in the same area.

-Create a varied garden with bee-friendly plants in a variety of colors (bees are especially fond of yellow, blue, white and purple) and at a variety of heights to attract more bees.

-Minimize pesticide and herbicide use that could be detrimental to bees, and if chemicals are necessary, be sure they are applied correctly.

-Provide a source of water suitable for bees in the yard, such as a shallow tray with several pebbles or rocks that will allow bees to reach the water safely.

Garden Club News

Yard of the Month went to Mrs. Tillie Lee, 8967 Cottage in November and Jim and Mary Lynn Porter, 1168 Ashland in February.

Special thanks to Jennifer Steady for decorating the entrances and Kathy Tonore for maintaining entrance bulletin boards.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Scott & Emily Beckwith 8945 Tallyho Ave
Nicholas & Morgan Zaeff 8955 Cottage Ave

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Hawaiian Chicken Kabobs

Ingredients

1/3 cup ketchup
1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/3 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1/4 cup canned pineapple juice
4 Tbsp olive oil, divided, plus more for brushing grill
1 1/2 Tbsp rice vinegar
4 garlic cloves, minced (4 tsp)
1 Tbsp minced ginger
1/2 tsp sesame oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 3/4 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast, chopped into 1 1/4-inch cubes
3 cups (heaping) fresh cubed pineapple (about 3/4 of 3 lb pineapple)
1 1/2 large green peppers, diced into 1 1/4-inch pieces
1 large red onion, diced into 1 1/4-inch pieces



Instructions

In a mixing bowl whisk together ketchup, brown sugar, soy sauce, pineapple juice, 2 Tbsp olive oil, rice vinegar, garlic, ginger and sesame oil. Stir in 3/4 tsp pepper and season with salt if desired.
Place chicken in a gallon size resealable bag. Reserve 1/2 cup of the marinade in refrigerator then pour remaining marinade over chicken. Seal bag and refrigerate 1 hour (meanwhile soak 10 wooden skewer sticks in water for 1 hour).
Preheat a grill over medium heat to 400°F (200°C). Meanwhile, drizzle remaining 2 Tbsp olive oil over red onion, bell pepper and pineapple and toss. Season red onion and bell pepper with salt and pepper, then thread red onion, bell pepper, pineapple and chicken onto skewers until all of the chicken has been used.
Brush grill grates with olive oil then place skewers on grill. Grill 5 minutes then brush along tops with 1/4 cup of remaining marinade. Rotate to opposite side and brush remaining 1/4 cup of marinade on

Reminders

TARA IS A DEED RESTRICTED SUBDIVISION.

Any improvements or renovation work to your house that affects the exterior size, shape, or aesthetics must be submitted to the Tara Architectural Control Committee and approved before any work can begin. Residents are required to submit a property owner's application for building and remodeling, which is available at 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.

KEEP US UPDATED

Send us a quick email or call us to make sure your mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses are up to date!

TARA PRIVATE PATROL UNITS

Chevy Tahoe #430

Chevy Impala #1230

Chevy Impala #1315

Chevy Impala #1404