

# Tara Talk News

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## Our Sixth Year for the Louisiana Marathon



### Sixth Year For Team Tara Assisting with the Louisiana Marathon

Thirty-nine Tara residents joined TEAM Tara at the corner of Roseneath and LaSalle to hand out water, Powerade, energy boosters, and, yes, even ICE to the over 1000 runners who ran the full 26.2 LA Marathon on January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year Tara has participated and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have hosted a double water station. We actually serviced the runners as they enter Tara and on their way out of Tara. It does keep our volunteers busy and it is fun for all.

Runners from all 50 states and 36 countries ran the fast, flat and festive course which is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Not only is this a time to show the running world our southern hospitality with Mardi Gras music and beads, it is also a yearly occasion in which many of us look forward to catching up with the happenings of our neighbors. What is becoming significant is that young people who have joined their parents

and grandparents for years have begun taking on bigger roles with the Marathon duties needed. What a huge help!

Here's to a "shout out" to our neighbors whose yards were used, those who brought food and to all TEAM Tara volunteers.

*See you next year and Laissez les bon temps roulez!*



## SECURITY ISSUES

Emergency: 911  
City Police: 389-2000

Vacation Surveillance  
(form listed on web site)

Email us at  
[taracivicasn@gmail.com](mailto:taracivicasn@gmail.com)



**Welcome, New Tara Residents**

**Gregory & Rachel Beyer**  
1393 Tara Blvd.

**Corey & Natalie Bourgeois**  
9032 Cottage Ave.

**Guil & Rebecca Miranda**  
9048 Trinity Ave.

**Michael & Brandi Clay**  
1171 Aurora Pl.

## Tara Civic Association



**When:** Tuesday, May 9  
**Where:** Tara Club House  
**Time:** 6:30 pm

Come meet your neighbors,  
and enjoy the evening!

**Important Reminders**  
**What to do if.....**

Who do you call when a street light is out? You need to call Energy Repair/Outage at **1-800-968-8243**. Listen to the prompt and select the number which reflects your calling. This is the same number you use for reporting a gas leak.

There is a suspicious incident--how do you get in touch with our security? You need to call 389-2000. This is the non-emergency number for the police department. If one of our security officers is riding in our neighborhood they will respond immediately. If no one is on duty at that time, then city police will send someone out.

Citizens Service Key to Government. If you are not sure who to call for a particular problem, dial 311 and ask for assistance. Your call will be directed to the proper agency.

Remodeling or additions? Don't forget that if you are considering any outside remodeling, or adding an outside storage unit of any kind, there is a process which you must complete. Please check the deed restrictions for your filing and BE SURE to submit the correct form before undertaking your project. If it is not done properly, you may be asked to take it down. THANKS!

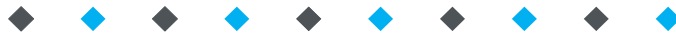
**Tara Civic Association Membership Drive**



**Together We Are Strong!**

The Tara Civic Association dues invoices for 2017 have been sent out to all residents. Dues are due by March 28, 2017. If you have not received your invoice, please email us or visit our web site, [www.taravicassociation.org](http://www.taravicassociation.org) There is a form available to print. The Board is so thankful to all who

continue to support our subdivision. Your dues make a real difference in helping the board continue to make improvements and to support our obligations. Thirty Five dollars is a small amount to keep our community strong. THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT US!



**New Councilman for our District**

As you all know, we now have a new councilman for our District which is District 11. Actually Matt Watson is not really new. For the last four years, he has worked for Ryan Heck as his Chief Administrative Assistant. Matt did a wonderful job helping Ryan, and I know he will continue to do so for us as our new Council Person. Matt's contact information is as follows: Office 389-5169; email [mwatson@brgov.com](mailto:mwatson@brgov.com)

Matt's Legislative Assistants are Jonathan Tittlebaum and Molly McWhorter. Their contact information is as follows: call the

Council Office @ 225-389-5169

or you can email them at the following addresses:

Jonathan  
[JTittlebaum@brgov.com](mailto:JTittlebaum@brgov.com)  
Molly  
[mmcwhorter@brgov.com](mailto:mmcwhorter@brgov.com).

**Welcome Jonathan and Molly!!**

You may want to make a note of these contact numbers in our Tara Resident Directory on page 10 as this information was not available when the directory went to press.



## Annual Progressive Garage Sale

**Start saving your stuff now** for our annual spring Garage Sale on **Saturday March 11, 2017**. In case you are new to Tara, here is how it works. The sale starts at 7 am and runs until you decide you want it to end. You will need to put a sign in your yard announcing your sale. When you decide you are through, just take down your sign. T.C.A. will run an ad in the paper with the date and time for the sale. We also create a map with all the houses that participate. If you want to be on the map, you will need to email us letting us know of your participation by **Monday March 6th**. If you do not care to be on the map and would like to participate you may do so. Residents usually have good results when participating as a group. **Make a note of the dates** mentioned and best of luck with your SALE! taracivicassn@gmail.com

## General Membership Meeting

Our General Membership Meeting/ Ice Cream Social for 2017 is scheduled for **May 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Tara Club house**. This is the second Tuesday in May. Reminders will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the meeting along with the Ice Cream Social.

Each year we invite a guest speaker for our meeting. If you have any suggestions for a speaker or topic let us hear from you. Please contact Suzanne Fiske (924-3454) or snfiske@cox.net. She would love to hear any ideas you may have. THANKS!

### *Old News---just in case you missed the email during December.*

Our Christmas Lighting Contest was a big hit again this year with many residents participating. Winners were: The DeNicola family on Beechgrove for Best Door; the Jones family on Crescent for Best Children; the Smith family on Beechgrove for Best Religious; the Denova family on Trinity for Best Lighting; the Colomb family on Cottage for Most Original; and the Bello family on Tara Boulevard for Judges' Choice.

We would like to thank Cindy Moran and Jeanette Johnson with the Baton Rouge Garden Club for serving as judges.

## Welcoming New Residents

As new residents move into Tara, they are welcomed by at least two members of the Civic Association Board. Each family or individual receives a Welcome Packet with a

friendly "Hello and Welcome to Tara". Included in the Welcome Packet is general information about Tara, along with the Deed Restrictions for their filing. In some cases it takes several visits to catch up with the residents as they may not be moving in quickly due to remodeling. Many younger families are doing some awesome remodeling. As the older homes are remodeled, their property value rises. This is wonderful for Tara. We are always encouraging residents to keep their property well maintained. Taking care of the aesthetics of a home increases your property value!!!

## GREEN THUMB GROUP

Eleven volunteers stepped forward this year to help out with this project. We could always use more volunteers, so if you have not signed up and would not mind helping out during the pansies growing season, please send an email to (snfiske@cox.net). Suzanne will be happy to hear from you!

We have had such a warm winter, it is our hope that the pansies continue to make it through April. With the hot weather we are having, there's no way to know. Pansies are really cooler weather plants.

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**Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

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### *Gardening Tips / Yard of the Month*

Due to severe weather in recent weeks, we have been unable to choose a Yard of the Month winner for January or February. We hope to resume this activity in March.

As gardening goes, February is always a tricky month. It's tempting to begin planting in our flower beds or vegetable gardens when the weather is in the 70's or

above. But February has a way of sneaking in a hard freeze or two before it ends. So, it is best to wait until mid-March or later to plant tender vegetation.

February is, however, a good month to prune rose bushes or fruit trees. Use sharp pruners or loppers to make clean cuts. This will prevent damage to the plants.

Do not prune plants that bloom in the spring, like azaleas.

Brenda Giacone,  
Tara Garden Club  
President

A colorful graphic with the text "Happy Mardi Gras!" in a playful, bubbly font. "Happy" is in pink, "Mardi" is in green, and "Gras!" is in yellow. The letters have a slight 3D effect and are set against a white background.



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