

Tara Talk News

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Tara Civic Association General Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Sixty Tara residents attended the 2017 TCA General Membership Meeting which was held May 9th at the Tara Swim & Racquet Club. Each year, more members attend to celebrate the year's activities and to learn of upcoming events.

One of the business items on the agenda was the election of Board Members for this year 2017 - 2018.

Returning and elected Tara Board Members for 2017 – 2018 are: *Suzanne Fiske, Carmen Trull, Cathy St. Romain, Trey Monsour, Wayne Martin, Angela Denova, Robert Say, Frank Fertitta, Jim Bob Ourso, Memrie McDonald, Alex Polito, Brenda Giacone and Richela Roy.* Dave Kelly's term is not up, but James Davis will serve out Dave's term. Dave will attend Board meetings as a guest in an advisory position.

Treasurer, Robert Say, reported that 475 out of 615 residents paid their 2017 dues and some residents paid extra. Thanks to those who have sent in their \$35 dues! The fall Wine Walk, held in October, made \$1,858. Again we thank all who attended and made the Wine Walk successful, a special thank you to those who offered their homes for this event.

Scott Ricca from *Clegg's Nursery*, was the guest speaker. He gave a short presentation about gardening in general and then answered questions from the audience. Many questions centered on weed control, planting of specific citrus trees and fertilization methods.

Matt Watson, *Metro Councilman*, 11th District, stopped by to introduce his legislative assistants:

Jonathan Tittlebaum
(JTittlebaum@brgov.com), (225-400-1379)

Molly McWhorter
(MMcWhorter@brgov.com),
(225-400-1319).

He also updated Tara residents about the sewer project on Wartelle. Matt had been keeping current with the progress of the sewer project and was hopeful Tara would see significant improvement in two weeks.

Fabian Blache, with the *Tara Crime Prevention and Beautification District*, updated members on security cameras being installed in the subdivision. The investigation is now comparing brands to see which would provide security for our specific needs and includes a camera with a license plate reader.

Door Prize winners were **James Davis, Will Dawes, Donna Miller, Marilyn Blache, and Richela Roy.** Two plants were donated by the Tara Civic association and three (3) car washes were donated by Hammond Aire Car Wash.

Suzanne adjourned the meeting and Tara residents enjoyed ice cream, desserts and networking. New residents remarked how happy they were to be part of such an inviting and progressive neighborhood.

SECURITY ISSUES

Emergency: 911
City Police: 389-2000

Going on a Trip?
Vacation Surveillance
Form Listed on Web Site
(submit from there)

2017-2018



President	Suzanne Fiske
Vice President	Carmen Trull
Secretary	Cathy St. Romain
Treasurer	Robert Say

Board Members

Angela Denova	Memrie McDonald
Frank Fertitta	Trey Monsour
Brenda Giacone	Jim Bob Ourso
James Davis	Alex Polito
Wayne Martin	Richela Roy

**Welcome New Residents
We are Glad you are Here!**

Our welcoming committee has been kept busy lately visiting the new residents moving into Tara. It is wonderful that our subdivision is known for great value and a convenient place to live. The school districts and our location is certainly a drawing point.

Sometimes we have to make several visits to find the new owners home because many are doing remodeling and freshening up before moving in. Some of these residents have been here for a while and are just now getting welcomed.

- Kim Angers
108 Roseneth Dr.*
- Jason & Talissa Becnel
1364 Oakley*
- Will & Heidi Dawes
1041 Crescent Dr.*
- Travis & Elizabeth Guillot
1478 Tara Blvd.*
- Delilah Luke
1235 Crescent Dr.*
- Andy & Suzie Adler
1974 Tara Blvd.*
- Steven & Susan Rebaldo
1411 Ringrose Dr.*
- Buddy & Estella Champion
8825 Wakefield Dr.*
- Duke Williams & Family
8543 E. Thurman Dr.*
- Jason & Stephanie Boudreaux
1270 Ashland Dr.*

Security Camera Update

Some time ago the Tara Civic Association raised money for Security Cameras to be located at the entrances to Tara. The Tara Crime Prevention and Beautification District Security Committee has been setting aside money for the cameras as well. The committee has been reviewing the use of cameras for a while and in the last meeting, Police Officers that patrol the neighborhood and Custom Security were present to speak on the topic of cameras.

At this meeting a motion passed to install cameras at each Boulevard entrance. Since this meeting the Security Committee has received a proposal from Custom Security to install the cameras. There will be two cameras located at each entry. One is a License Plate Recognition Camera mounted in a ground mounted box to record the cars as they enter and the other is a pole mounted camera to



to record cars exiting the neighborhood.

After meeting at the site with Custom Security to investigate the camera installation, it was realized that the two pine trees on the Goodwood Boulevard entry and the pine tree at the Old Hammond Hwy entry were in the way. Our options for placement of the equipment was very restricted and in order to achieve the desired results from the security equipment installation the pine trees needed to be removed.

Over the next month or so the trees are scheduled to be removed and the cameras installed.

CPD Meetings: June 19th, Sept. 25th, Dec. 11th. At the Goodwood Library.

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Property Along Old Hammond Hwy!

It's that time of the year when attention needs to be given to the property along Old Hammond Highway. When this property is not kept up it definitely reflects negatively on the Tara subdivision. This main border along Old Hammond Hwy is the only border that is visible to the public, and it should be as well maintained as our beautiful boulevard. This eyesore does affect the property value of everyone in Tara.

To those residents who live along Wartelle, please remember to take care of this area as well as your fenced in yard. THANKS!

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Membership 2017

Thanks to all who have paid their \$35 Civic Association Dues for this 2017 year!

As of now we have collected a little more than 475 dues. This total is less than we had at this time last year. With our busy lives and schedules it is easy to forget. An invoice can be found on our web site, www.taraciviccassociation.org

If you can't remember whether you sent in your dues, you can check by emailing taraciviccassn@gmail.com and we will let you know. THANKS!

Watch Out For Our Little Residents

School is out and with the beginning of summer it means that the Tara Club is open and swim team practices have started therefore you will notice more kids out walking and riding bikes in the neighborhood.

Bicycling is a great way for kids to have fun, freedom and get exercise Unfortunately, car/bike collisions can happen and most occur at intersections and driveways when motorists or bicyclists are turning. Residents please keep a

careful eye out at every intersection and driveway and let's keep our kids safe this summer. Also remember that the speed limit in our neighborhood is 25 mph. Please observe and be aware of kids playing.

Parents check out safe-kids.org/bikes



Ringrose Plantation A Continuing Series

This French Colonial house, built in the mid-1700s, is believed to be the oldest structure still located in its original location in St. Landry Parish.

It is located on the grounds of the Opelousas General Health systems and is fenced off. There is no admittance. It is, though, easy to see and photograph from the fence line. It appears to be in fine condition, considering it is over two hundred years old.

Ringrose was built by Michel Prudhomme, who donated a large tract of land to build historic St. Landry Catholic Church. The home was later owned by the Ringrose family and some folks today still refer to it as "Ringrose Plantation." During the Civil War, the home was used to house Union officers.

The Michel Prudhomme Home is locally significant because of its architecture. It is an excellent example of 18th century French-influenced building tradition as it began to be affected by the classicism of the first half of the 19th century.

The grounds feature one of the largest camellia trees in the country which produces a beautiful flower called *Opelousas Pink*. Also on the property is an original pigeonnier constructed of hewn Louisiana cypress. Its last private resident was the late Ruth Robertson Fontenot, noted historian, genealogist, author and artist. While residing at Ringrose, Fontenot painted many of her famous watercolors, of which some are on display today in the home. **Street Address:** 1152 Prudhomme Circle, Opelousas, LA.

Announcement Boards

In case you were wondering, the announcement board on the Goodwood end of the boulevard developed a leak and this caused damage to the inside of the case rendering it un-useable. It took a while working with the supplier to see if they would help with the replacement. This did not occur, so the Civic Association replaced it at our expense. In the meantime, the frame was relocated into the backside of the front flowerbed where it should be more protected from the elements. A special Thank You to **Douglas Schooling** for making this happen. Douglas is one of our residents and we are most appreciative for his assistance. Tara has many talented residents with different skills and we are so thankful to be able to call on these generous people. This is just part of what makes TARA GREAT!!!



Tara Swim & Racquet Club

Looking for something fun to do this summer and stay close to home?

Do you need something to do when it get too hot?

Well if you can't stand the heat, jump in the pool! Tara Swim and Racquet Club is open and accepting membership applications. Memberships include the use of the pool and tennis courts. It is a great place to join neighbors and "pass a good time." Check out their web site www.taraclub.org for more information!

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Gardening Tips

Have you notice what appears to be a fungus or sooty mold on your shrubs or trees? Well, its not a fungus. Its insects called aphids. Aphids literally suck the life out of leaves and stems, leaving a sticky substance on them. When this happens, these areas get covered with mold, and blackening of the leaves and stems occur.

In the past, aphids were treated with an oily product that had to be sprayed on both the tops and bottoms of the leaves to be effective. Now there is an easier treatment that is mixed with water and poured at the base of the shrub or tree. The product is called Tree and Scrub Systemic Drench and is

produced by Fertilome. It is available at local nurseries. Be sure to follow package directions.

Happy Gardening,
Brenda Giacone, Tara Garden Club
President



We are Healthy and Happy!

Yard of the Month

Thanks to these residents for helping to make Tara beautiful!

April: - The Sherburne Family on
Roseneath

May: - The Whatley Family on
Scarlett

June: - The Catalanatto Family on
Tallyho

Each of these winners were awarded a \$25.00 gift certificate compliments of Louisiana Nursery whom we thank for their continued support.



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