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activities and other matters. IF ANYONE HAS ANY ITEMS THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE MEETING AGENDA, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER PRIOR TO JUNE 5TH @ 5:00 PM. The meeting agenda and all related matters will be finalized at that time. We also look forward to YOUR thoughts on improving our community with special projects (see enclosed article). Mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you Saturday June 10th, 2006, 12:00 noon at the Fire Station on Hwy. 1083 (normal meeting location).

enough information to develop the picture. As always it is the Boards hope to have full community involvement in a positive manner in order to further increase our enjoyment of community living in Grande Hills as well as continue to increase our property values. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to the Homeowners meeting on Saturday June 10, 2006 at 12:00 noon at the Fire Station on Hwy. 1083. If for any reason you cannot make the meeting please feel free to drop off your note to a Board Member or you may mail it to GHEHA, P.O. BOX 395, BUSH, LA 70431.

HOMEOWNERS MEETING 6-10-2006 12:00 NOON

We will have our second homeowners meeting of the year on Saturday, June 10, 2006. The meeting itself will begin at 12:00 noon. We will have all GHEHA documents available for open review from 9:00 am until the meeting begins at 12:00 noon. We have another great meeting planned and will have two guest speakers: Mr. Mark Salvetti of the Crawfishman Triathlon Association who will recap the recent event in Grande Hills, make a presentation and discuss other future matters. We will also have as a guest Mr. David Holloway who has visited with us before and will present an update on the Real Estate market and how things relate to our subdivision. We will also discuss a number of social

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

SEEKING YOUR THOUGHTS AND HELP

As the Board has noted in previous meetings and newsletters, we have set aside a special fund that is to be used for improvements to Grande Hills. This Fund is primarily intended for the use of making our property and community relations the best they can be. The Board wanted to ask each homeowner association member to write on paper, their thoughts and recommendations as it relates to these special projects. We are open to entertaining all reasonable ideas as it relates to the primary goals and pending the number of responses may even look into forming a committee to further review the matter. Your note at this time does not have to be long, detailed or in depth. Simply write a short note with the idea and

2006 ASSESSMENT

The Board wishes to thank the homeowners of Grande Hills for sending in their assessments so promptly.

SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Major topics discussed were:

- Katrina Tax Advice:
Thank You Gene Veillon Jr.
- Crawfisherman Triathlon:
Mark Salvetti
- Discussion of Amendments to By-Laws.
- Membership input for future capital improvement projects. Any further suggestions should be submitted to a board member.
- New Entrance Signs:
Update by Jill Vybiral

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- Road Work Projects 2006:
(See article)

"Thanks Grande Hills"...Mark Salvetti

2006 Michelob Ultra
Crawfishman Triathlon a success
thanks to Grande Hills Estates:

Sunday, May 7th, 2006 turned
out to be a wet day for most, but
for the athletes who competed in
the Crawfishman Triathlon held in
our own Grande Hills it was a
welcome relief to the heat.

In January the Crawfishman
Race Directors requested use of
the subdivision with the use of
Dion McKinleys property which
adjoins the lake and boat launch.
With the approval of the
Homeowners, the Race Committee
was off and running to plan their
May event.

Race morning saw over 350
athletes swimming, biking and
running in the neighborhood.
Most athletes were heard praising
the course as one of the best and
challenging for the hills in region.
A lot of homeowners were seen
visiting the site, and quite a few
even volunteered to help hand out
water to the runners. By 12:00
noon the race awards were
complete and the rain came down,
just in time as the race volunteers
had just pack up the last of their
gear from Dion's and were
heading out.

This year the Race Organizers
donated over \$8,000 to local
charities including: \$4,000 to Have
A Heart Thru Art Foundation that
sends underprivileged children to
summer art camp. The Mary Bird
Perkins Cancer Center (\$2,500) in
Covington, The Kidz Konnection

(\$1,500) who is in the process of
building a boundless playground
for handicapped children at the
Tammany Trace complex at Koop
Drive in Mandeville. In addition,
the Race Organizers are donating
\$750 to the Grande Hills Estates
Homeowners Association to aid in
their "Boat Ramp Fence" project.

Race Director Mark Salvetti
wishes to express his sincere
appreciation to the Homeowners
Association and Homeowners of
Grande Hills. Without the use of
the neighborhood, lake and Dion's
property we would not have been
able to stage such a top quality
event this year. And having the
race in the neighborhood helped us
cut some costs that would have
otherwise gone to other fees and
requirements not needed this year.
The race would love to come back
next year, and there are even
rumors of some other events
planned by the Race Organizers.

SIGNS INSTALLED: "NO THRU TRUCKS", REPAIRS TO DAM AT LAKE, AND AN UPDATE ON ROADS

At our annual meeting in January,
it was brought to the Association's
attention that trucks are using
Grande Hills Estates as a means to
get to and from Hwy. 1083. The
St. Tammany Par. Engineering
Dept. was contacted to request a
study on the road use in our
subdivision. They were very
responsive to our request to
conduct a study. The results have
indicated a need for installation
"NO THRU TRUCKS" signs at
the front and back entrances. The

Department of Public Works has
already installed the signs.
If anyone notices illegal trucks
passing through our neighborhood,
please obtain the license plate
number, company name and notify
the Sheriff's Department for
enforcement.

In addition, members also brought
to the Association's attention that
the dam by the lake is eroding due
to the wave movement caused by
Hurricane Katrina. The Dept. of
Public Works has already
approved funding to repair the
dam. You will see the work being
performed shortly in this area.

This a very difficult time for the
civil servants working for St.
Tammany Parish Government in
the wake of Hurricane Katrina.
They are all dedicated employees
working very long and stressful
hours. We owe them a big thank
you for always being attentive to
the needs of Grande Hills Estates.

Thank you to the members who
brought these issues to the
Association's attention. With
cooperation from you, the
members, we can work together to
make Grande Hills one of the top
communities in St. Tammany
Parish.

Within the next 60 days the
residents on Kelso Ct., Sir Barton
Ct and part of Churchill Downs,
by the lake, should see
construction crews from
Covington Asphalt Co. starting the
resurfacing project in our area.

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The Parish has advised that they are in the process of compiling the 2006 road list, which includes a complete resurfacing on Imperator and an overlay on Secretariat. It was requested that another street be included in the 2006 list. In addition, there was discussion regarding overlays on all the thoroughfares in our subdivision, i.e. Churchill Downs, Pimlico and Santa Anita. It was suggested that a section of these roads be done each year. Hopefully, our busiest roads will eventually be resurfaced.

Bonnie Hebert
Public Affairs

GOALS

2006 Objectives

- Review fencing rules
 - Capital Improvements
 - Boat launch improvements
 - Fencing at the boat launch
 - Solar lighting on front and rear entrance signs.
- Accomplished!**
- Continue to build our cooperation within community

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

As outlined in the Grande Hills Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, an Application for a Certificate to

Proceed along with all plans for structures, fences, etc. may be submitted to Harold Moore or any of the Board of Managers to be reviewed by the GHACC. The GHACC will then issue a Certificate to Proceed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

MOVIE BY LAKE

Our Social Committee is making plans for our first of hopefully many "Movies at the Lake". We would like to ask if any members have connections that would help with movie screens, sound systems, etc., to please contact us immediately. We have a power source with the help of Mr. Dion McKinley, but would like to pursue all opportunities to get the best equipment at the best possible cost to the Homeowners Association as possible before spending funds. We would like to also seek recommendations for the movie(s) we would be showing as there will be a diverse group of people to entertain as well as children, thus considerable thought must be given. We plan on this being an event that is BYOC (bring your own cooler) and blanket. With the Board of Directors efforts to save money on additional newsletters, our NOTIFICATION will most likely be by way of signs put up at the entrance areas. We will discuss more in detail at the next Homeowners meeting and be having fun real soon. If You can

help with either the equipment or have thoughts on the actual movies to show please contact Judy Roberts @ 985-264-3430.

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

We will again have a Halloween hayride on October the 29th. Look for further details in our next issue.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

OWNERSHIP/ADDRESS CHANGES?

Please help the Association keep track of new ownership, changes of address and telephone number changes.

Any address or telephone change should be directed to Board Member Judy Coker, (985) 893-0858.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

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Judy Coker (985) 893-0858

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Steve Roberts (985)

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June 16, 2006

For your convenience, attached is the St. Tammany Parish 2006 Evacuation Map.

A representative of the Association attended the St. Tammany Parish meeting for homeowners associations on June 15, 2006.

Below is important information that was discussed at the meeting:

- 1) Anyone with special needs should contact St. Tammany Parish at (985) 898-2323 to register with the parish so they will be in a position to assist should an evacuation be necessary. The number is also listed in the brochure. The special needs evacuation shelter will again be at Covington High School. A care giver will be required to stay with the special needs person(s).
- 2) WWL 870 A.M. will be the official radio station broadcasting from St. Tammany Emergency Operations Center in the old courthouse in downtown Covington.
- 3) The parish advised that a new deadline for putting out **tree debris only** is **JUNE 30, 2006**. They recommended you not place the debris in the ditches, but place it near the ditch. They want to keep the ditches clear of debris should we begin to get the summer downpours.
- 4) The parish advised that there are 10,000 FEMA trailers around the Parish. They are aware of the location of each trailer. They will also be touring each neighborhood to register other travel trailers into the system. The deadline for housing trailers on residential property in St. Tammany Parish is one year from August 29th, 2005. After this date, an extension will need to be filed. Extensions will be granted for a 6 month period. Thereafter, the trailers will need to be removed.

FYI: On **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Parish Council Chambers, located on Koop Dr., off of Hwy. 59, the St. Tammany Parish Planning and Zoning Council will hear a petition to change the zoning for a 78.87 acre parcel on the west boundary of our neighborhood from rural to A-2 and A-3. I understand this means developing lots that are 91.8 % of an acre on approximately 1/3 of the front portion of the parcel and 45.9% of an acre on the remaining parcel. As this could impact the access and traffic in our neighborhood, I encourage you to attend and voice any concerns you may have. If this is changed into A-2 and A-3 zoning, trailers may be allowed. Any development would necessitate the need for individual water treatment plants and water wells on each lot. If you have any questions or cannot attend, please feel free to call me and voice your concerns. Thanks. **Mary Gerardi (892-1091)**