

GRANDE HILLS ESTATES NEWS

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BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

We have noticed some area's in our subdivision that is not as attractive as others. We want to encourage everyone to take pride in landscaping our yards and public area's near our property. If anyone needs help please notify a board member and we will seek help. Also if you have a mosquito problem please call the Mosquito Control District #2 @ 985-643-5050 and they will come on your property "with permission" and spray.

The Board has reviewed the numerous suggestions received from GHEHA members. While a few are not viable at this time, several have been acted upon or are in the fact finding stage of development. More details will be available at the January 2007 general meeting. **KEEP THOSE IDEAS COMING!**

Just a reminder that St. Tammany Parish has a leash law in effect for our canine pets. Please be considerate of our community and maintain control of any dogs you own. If you notice a loose dog in our neighborhood, please first try to notify

the dog's owner. In the event you do not know to whom the dog belongs, you should notify St. Tammany Parish Animal Control at 809-0183. They are available Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm, and Saturday 8am to 12noon.

2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

This is to formally notify all members that the Annual Meeting of the membership for electing the required Board of Managers and approval of the 2007 Budget will be held on:

Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the Fire Station on HWY. 1083 (by Whippoorwill)

Personalized ballots for the election of Board of Managers and approval of the 2007 Budget will be mailed in early January 2007.

As in past years, counting of the ballots will begin at **10:00 AM**. The Annual Meeting will begin at **12:00 NOON**.

HAND DELIVERED BALLOTS: The deadline for hand delivered ballots at the fire station is **10:00 AM, Saturday, January 27, 2007.**

MAIL-IN BALLOTS: To be valid, mail-in ballots must be received by **9:00 AM Saturday, January 27, 2007.**

CALL FOR NOMINATION

In preparation for the election of the Board of Managers, we are providing to you herein, a nomination form in the event you wish to name up to five candidates. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU VERIFY YOUR CANDIDATES ARE WILLING TO SERVE IF ELECTED.**

Your completed nomination form must be mailed to GHEHA, P.O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431 and postmarked by **Saturday, December 30, 2006. Nominations postmarked later than 12/30/06 will not be accepted.**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

For assistance in the election process, the candidates may submit a biography/information sheet that contains those questions most often asked by fellow homeowners. The questions to be answered are as follows:

- 1) Current address.
- 2) How long have you owned property in Grande Hills?
- 3) Do you reside in Grande Hills, and if so, for how long?
- 4) Are you willing to actively and financially support the Association by adhering to the Recorded Deed Restrictions of Grande Hills Estates?
- 5) What goals would you like to see accomplished by the Association?
- 6) If needed, available space is provided for additional comments.

A Candidate Information Form may be obtained by calling a Board of Manger. In order to include this information with the Ballots, please mail the completed form to the Association postmarked by December 30, 2006.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

If you would like to serve on the Election Committee, please contact our Board of Manager, Judy Coker, and (985) 893-0858.

2007 PROPOSED BUDGET

Enclosed in this Newsletter is the 2007 Proposed Budget which will be included in your ballot.

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PAST DUE 2006 ASSESSMENTS

First, we would like to thank all the members who have already paid their yearly assessments.

There are a few members who have overlooked mailing in their assessments for 2006. We understand that this is a very busy time of the year, but the **ASSESSMENTS WILL BECOME DELINQUENT ON DECEMBER 31, 2006 THIS IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE.**

Please make every effort to get your checks in before the end of the year to avoid collection proceedings.

CERTIFICATES TO PROCEED

As stated in the Grande Hills Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, all plans for building structures, additions, fences, pools, etc. are to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for review in order for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. Please contact Dion McKenley at 504-237-3560 or Gary Wagner at 985-373-3369.

The following Certificates to Proceed have been issued:

Residences: 1
Barns: 2
Fences: 2
Gates: 1

REMINDER

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

Any changes should be directed to Board Member Judy Coker (985) 893-0858.

TRIATHLON NEWS

We received \$750 from the Crawfish Triathlon to help replace the Fence around the Boat Launch.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairpersons for our committees follow:

- Architectural Control Committee Co-Chairs,
Dion McKenley (504) 327-3560
Gary Wagner (985) 373-3369
- Maintenance and Capital Improvement Committee Chairperson,
Jose Balli (985) 809-7671
- Welcome Committee Co-Chairs,
Lisa Balli (985) 809-7671
Bonnie Hebert (985) 867- 9137
- Social Committee Co-Chairs
Judy Roberts, (985) 898-0682
Earline Hall (985) 893-7097
- Garden Committee Chairperson,
Elizabeth Crawley, (985) 809-3846
- Public Affairs Committee
Bonnie Hebert (985) 867- 9137

The Board wishes to thank the members of our committees for volunteering their time and talent to work with our Association to improve our community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We ask any members who have an interest or talent in any of our projects or committees to call the Chairpersons listed above or any of your Board of Managers.

WELCOME

The Spencer Family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

December 30, 2006 – Deadline for submitting nominations, candidate information, and agenda items for January meeting.

December 31, 2006 – Assessments will become DELINQUENT AFTER THIS DATE. PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR ASSESSMENTS.

January 27, 2007 – 10:00 AM – Deadline for hand delivery of ballots prior to memberships meeting.

January 27, 2007 – 12:00 NOON – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF MANAGERS AND APPROVAL OF THE 2007 ANNUAL BUDGET – FIRE STATION, HWY. 1083 BY WHIPPOORWILL.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:
Lawrence Cangelosi 985-867-8002
Judy Coker (985) 893-0858
Harold Moore (985) 871-6762
Steve Roberts (985) 809-6279
Mary Gerardi (985) 892-1091

From your Board of Managers to each and every member of the association, we extend our heartfelt wishes that you have a safe and joyous holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2007

<u>Description of Expense</u>	<u>Budget 2006</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred- 2006</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Budget - 2007</u>
Newsletters and/or Restrictions Ballots, Printing, Stamps Envelopes, Labels, etc.	\$ 700.00	\$ * 543.71	\$ 700.00
Post Office Box Rental	76.00	70.00	76.00
Washington St. Tammany Electric/front entrance lights	200.00	205.72	250.00
Annual Report to Secretary of State	5.00	5.00	5.00
Grass Maintenance & Landscaping	1,300.00	760.00	1,250.00
Liability Insurance	6,047.74	5,538.50	6,047.74
Maintenance & Repairs	200.00	415.97	200.00
Legal Fees/Consultations	750.00	* 810.82	750.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	1,017.69	300.00
BUDGET FOR 2006.....	\$ 9,578.74		
2006 EXPENSES INCURRED.....		\$ 9,367.41	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007.....			\$ 9,578.74
<p>There are 1255.11 acres in Grande Hills Estates. Your assessment for the Year 2007 is determined by dividing the proposed annual budget of \$9,578.74 by the number of total acres in Grande Hills, which will equal the annual assessment per acre of land you own.</p> <hr/> <p>\$ 9,578.74 divided by 1255.11 acres = \$ 7.63 per acre for 2007</p> <hr/> <p>* These expenses do not include an estimated cost of \$150.00 for postage & publishing of this Newsletter and mailing of the ballots.</p> <p>* These expenses do not include the most recent legal fees associated with the Lowe/Guidry document requests.</p>			<p>\$ 7.63 per acre for the year 2007</p>

NOMINATION FORM
FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS TO THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
YEAR 2007

Please print your name(s):

YOUR SIGNATURE(S):

YOUR NOMINATIONS -(Please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

NOTE: Please insure that the candidate approves of his/her nomination to the Board of Managers.

PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P. O. BOX 395
BUSH, LA 70431

*******NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE POSTMARK DATE OF DECEMBER 30,2006*******