



## BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

**Thank you and good luck to  
our outgoing President, Steve  
Roberts**

On August 6, 2008, Steve Roberts tendered his resignation as President of the Grande Hills Homeowners Association due to relocation of his employment out of state. The Grande Hills Board would like to thank Steve Roberts for his many years of outstanding service as our President. His shoes will be hard pressed to fill. We wish nothing but the best for Steve and his family in their future endeavors. With this in mind the G. H.H.A. Board is as follows:  
Michael Roundtree - President  
Jill Vybiral - Vice President

Ron Trupp - Treasurer  
Judy Coker - Secretary

## 2008 Assessments

As a reminder the 2008 Assessments are due. We appreciate all that have already sent their payments in, as this is the operating budget money for the association 2008 year. Please make payment to G.H.E.H.A. at P.O. Box 395, Bush, LA. 70431. **THANK YOU.**

## CERTIFICATES TO PROCEED

As required by our Key Documents, a Certificate to Proceed must be obtained before any building or construction of any type in Grande Hills. If you have any projects planned, please call a "Board of Managers Member" for a Certificate to Proceed application. Once the Application is filled out and returned with all information necessary the ACC and Board will act quickly to help speed your process.

## BOAT LAUNCH FENCING

We will soon be fencing off the boat launch with pilings like the front portion of the property closest to the road. No exact date has been set, but we will need some volunteers to assist in the placing of the pilings and with the planting of some landscape material in between the pilings. If you are willing and able to assist (assuming the day meets your schedule when it is determined) please contact Ron or Pat Trupp

at 809-1180. We will contact you when the day has been determined. Thanks in advance for your consideration in this matter.

## STREET SIGNS UPDATE

Grande Hills Street Signs for Affirmed Court, Churchill Downs address numbering and several Stop signs have been reported to the Streets Department of St. Tammany and they have ensured us they will resolve the signs issues as soon as possible.

## WEB SITE UPDATE

Grande Hills Board would like to thank Kevin Cleveland on his hard work on our web site. He has informed us that he is almost finished with the data base that will allow everyone to place there e-mail address on the site. He is applying a security feature which you will have to apply your name, lot and square number before it will allow you to put in your e-mail address. This will allow the Board to send you newsletters and updates via e-mail. In the future we hope to have a section in this data base which will also allow you to select to turn off hard copies of news letters and ballots. This will save us money on stamps, paper, envelopes, coping fees and time! This is a way to help keep our yearly dues down. Please visit our web site at [www.grandehills.com](http://www.grandehills.com) and feel free to e-mail us at [GHE@grandehills.com](mailto:GHE@grandehills.com).

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## Grande Hills Lake

The below letter from Fisheries Biologist, Robert Mayo emphasizes the critical state of the Grande Hills Lake due to the infestation of underwater grass. As the centerpiece of our subdivision, our lake will soon become a lake without fish if we do not take immediate action. The lake is used several times a year by the Crawfishman Triathlon, generating revenues for Grande Hills. They have commented on how swimming has become more and more difficult due to the grass infestation. Please carefully review Mr. Mayo's official report on the lake.

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Robert M. Mayo  
Fisheries Biologist, MS  
Regarding the approximate 54.0 acre Grande Hill Lake, the following letter should serve as an outline of recommended management activities to eradicate your aquatic vegetation problem and answer other possible pond management questions.

Currently the 54.0 acre lake maintains a moderate to severe infestation of bladderwort (*Utricularia* spp.), pondweed (*Potamogeton* spp), and watershield (*Brasenia schreberi*). A light infestation of torpedograss (*Panicum repens*) is also present. The bladderwort and pondweed are considered submergent species, the watershield is considered a floating species, and the torpedograss is considered an emergent species. When considering treatment options, we

have different recommendation for all 3 types of vegetation (submergent, emergent, and floating).

Rather than try and treat the submergent species with chemicals, we suggest using biological methods. We can attempt to treat both submergent species with chemicals: however, it will be very expensive and provide no long term control. In an effort to control the bladderwort and pondweed, we recommend stocking grass carp. The state of Louisiana requires that all grass carp stocked in the state must be certified triploids. This is a genetic creation done in a lab that results in the fish having the XXY chromosome. Because extra effort must be used in spawning the fish and certifying the fish, they are more expensive than diploid (XX or XY) grass carp. Additionally, it is a fairly time consuming process and does not happen quickly. Grande Hills will have to apply for the permit, send in a fee, receive the permit, fax it to Southeastern Pond Management, we will send the permit to our hatchery, testing will be done on the fish, and, finally, the delivery process can begin.

We recommend stocking Fifteen, 9-11" triploid grass carp per acre. This was the rate that grass carp were stocked in Whipoorwill Grove. From the conversations I have had with property owners, they are very happy with the results. Whipoorwill Grove maintained similar densities of submergent vegetation at the time of stocking. The cost to stock grass carp at the above rate will be \$7.50 per fish plus delivery. I expect delivery fees to be approximately \$750.00.

Grande Hills Lake is a beautiful lake that is, unfortunately, infested with several species of nuisance aquatic vegetation. Several property owners have shouldered the burden of spraying the watershield. Once grass carp have been stocked, the submergent vegetation will be eliminated in time and the lake will once again be weed free.

It was pleasure meeting you and examining Grande Hills Lake. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Robert M. Mayo, Fisheries Biologist,  
MS

The amount of fish per acre was investigated by Mr. Robbie Roundtree through interviewing residents of Whipoorwill Grove. They informed us they received the same amount of fish per acre from Southeastern Pond Management but decided to go with 10 fish per acre which turned out to be too much and they wished they would have went with 8 fish per acre.

**Cost to implement recommended course of action is as follows:**  
**\$50.00 permit fee**  
**\$750.00 transportation fee**  
**54 acre lake @ 7 fish per acre =**  
**378 fish @ \$7.50/fish = \$2,835.00**  
**Total cost = \$3,635.00**

Currently, Grande Hills homeowners Jay Esteve, Jerry Carroll, Larry Pisher, and Robbie Roundtree are generously donating their time, energy and financial resources to spray the water shield, we would like to thank them for their time and effort. Monetary donations for spraying and implementing cost is greatly appreciated and welcomed.