
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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UPDATE ON LAKE

Southern Pond Management placed the carp into the lake on Oct 24, 2008. The Grande Hills Board would like to thank Mr. Robbie Roundtree and Mr. Tony Savoie for their time and effort dedicated to this project. Pictures of the carp going into the lake are now available on our web site at

<http://grandehills.com>. If anyone is interested in donating to this cause please do so by mailing donations to Grande Hills association P.O. Box 395, Bush La. 70431.

Boat Launch Update

We would like to thank A.J. Ostarly for supplying the posts that were used for fencing and Dion McKinley and Ron Trupp for the time and effort in putting them in the ground. Plants have been purchased to place between the posts and that

will be done in the near future. Thanks to Jill Vybiral and Pat Trupp for the selection of the plants.

Dog attacks

We have had several dog attacks in our neighborhood in the past month. As a reminder, if you have a dog it must be on a leash or behind a fenced in area as mandated by the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances SEC. 4-129.00 Leash Law. If you are attacked or see a dog not complying with the leash law, please call St. Tammany Animal Shelter 25026 Highway 36 Abita Springs, Louisiana 70420 Phone number 985-809-0183.

Legal Defense Fund

Due to several law suits this year by Eric Lowe & Craig Guidry, we will need to replenish our legal defense fund. This fund according to our amended By Laws Resolution – 2005- No 3 is special dedicated funds which can be viewed on our web site <http://grandehills.com>. **“Any monies removed from this fund shall be returned at the next assessment period by apportioning said amount equally among all property**

owners”. This is the reason we’re increasing the legal fees /consultation fund for the 2009 budget.

Lawn Care Company

The Grande Hills Board would like to announce that beginning this month we have a new Lawn Care Company by the name of Corporate Green. The company is insured and the cost for service is \$ 1705.00 a year versus \$3080.00 a year that we previously paid.

Neighborhood Watch

Friends and neighbors, our neighborhood has seen various forms of vandalism over the past few months. Examples include the jockey at the front entrance, several street signs being painted, mailboxes being destroyed, and even a residence being shot at. The St. Tammany Sheriff’s office has been notified in each incident and informed us to get the word out to everyone in the neighborhood of what has been happening. If you or any of your family members or friends notices anything unusual, please contact the St. Tammany’s Sheriff’s Office immediately, the safety of our neighborhood is all of our responsibility.

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ASSESSMENT REMINDER

The end of the year is fast approaching. If you have not paid your 2008 assessment, the deadline is December 31, 2008 after which time delinquency fees may be incurred. Please call Ron Trupp at 809-1180 if you have any questions.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

Enclosed in this newsletter is the nomination form for the annual Grande Hills Estates Board of Managers election. Please consider your selections, either among your neighbors or the current members, return the form **postmarked no later than December 31, 2008.**

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.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

President: Michael Roundtree
(985) 809-3109

Vice President: Jill Vybiral
(985) 871-5759

Treasure: Ron Trupp
(985) 809-1180

Secretary: Judy Coker
(985) 893-0858

**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!

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2008

<u>Description of Expenses</u>	<u>Budget 2008</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred - 2008</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Budget 2009</u>
Newspapers and/or Restrictions Ballots, Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.	\$350.00	* \$442.12	\$475.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$96.00	\$98.00	\$98.00
Washington St. Tammany Electric/Front Entrance Lights	\$175.00	* \$175.00	\$200.00
Secretary of State	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Grass Maintenance and Landscaping	\$4,150.00	* \$3080.00	\$2,000.00
Liability Insurance	\$4,900.00	\$5,292.70	\$5,300.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$200.00	\$257.63	\$200.00
Legal Fees/Consultations	\$750.00	* \$7428.17	\$2,500.00
Federal Taxes	\$24.00	\$17.00	\$24.00
Landscape/Beautification	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$666.85	\$400.00
BUDGET FOR 2008.....	\$10,950.00		
2008 EXPENSES INCURRED.....		\$17,462.47	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009			\$11,352.00
There are 1255.11 acres in Grande Hills Estates. Your assessment for the year 2009 is determined by dividing the proposed budget of \$11,352.00 by the number of total acres in Grande Hills, which will equal the annual assessment per acre of land you own.			
\$11,352.00 divided by 1255.11 acres = \$9.05 per acre for 2009			
\$2750.00 to Abco Construction for boat launch from dedicated Triathlon Fund and from Capital improvement Fund			
\$350.00 from Capital Funds to Southern Pond Mgt. to assess the weed problem in the lake and give recommendation to correct the problem			
* Indicates additional expenses may be incurred as bills arrive.			