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BOARD OF MANAGERS

President – Jill Vybiral
VP/Secretary – Larry Pippins
Treasurer – Ron Trupp
Board Member – Judy Coker
Board Member – James Smith

SPECIAL THANKS!

The Board would like to express its appreciation to Gene Veillon for volunteering to audit the Board's financial records. Great effort!

SPECIAL BALLOT NOTE

On your 2010 ballot, you will notice one issue regarding a potential change to our current By-Laws. Item # 2 is a result of the recent survey sent to members. Seventy percent (70%) of those responding agreed this change to the By-Laws would benefit your Association. Items 3 and 4 are a clarification of questions previously asked on the survey to get your input. Please ensure you mark your preferences on these questions. Thanks!

LEGAL ISSUES

The Board was served in September with a subpoena from: **Eric Lowe, Dr. Craig Guidry, Betty Shackelford, Thomas Vermillion and Mary Lee Oliphant-Wood.** Several issues were raised in this suit, but the most significant involves the validity of our current Articles of Incorporation and our Association Bylaws. Your Board has been advised by our Association lawyer, Mr. Bill McGee, not to discuss details of the suit. The lawsuit is still pending resolution.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

If you have not paid your 2009 assessment, the deadline is **December 31, 2009.** After this date delinquency fees will be incurred. Please mail them to: GHEHA, P O Box 395, Bush, LA 70431. Please call Ron Trupp at 809-1180 if you have any questions.

ELECTION NEWS

The 2010 Annual Membership meeting will be on **SATURDAY, January 9, 2010, 12:00 Noon, at the Bush Fire Station, Highway 21.** Along with imparting information regarding recent Board activities, the results of the Board of Managers election also will be presented. For your convenience

in voting for the Annual Budget, a copy of the Proposed Budget along with an itemization of the 2009 expenditures of the Association is enclosed on the reverse side of this newsletter.

The Election Committee shall begin **counting** the ballots at **10:00AM**, and the **Annual Meeting shall commence at 12:00 noon.** You may vote by mail-in ballot or **in-person by delivery of the ballot between 9:00 AM and 10:00 Am** at the Annual Meeting, Jan. 9, 2010. **Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by midnight, Wednesday, January 6, 2010** and mailed to GHEHA, P O Box 395, Bush, LA 70431.

The Association books will be available for your review from 9:00 am to 12:00 am the day of the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Board is very pleased to announce a significantly reduced assessment for 2010. This is due to current year cost savings and excess funds from previous years. The By-Laws require that excess funds such as these be returned to members in the form of lowered assessments. In 2009, your Assessment was **\$9.05/acre.** In 2010, your Assessment will be **\$2.81/acre if the new Budget is accepted.**

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2009

<u>Description of Expenses</u>	<u>Budget 2009</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred - 2009</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Budget 2010</u>
Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.	\$475.00	\$809.21	\$650.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$98.00	\$100.00	\$106.00
Washington St. Tammany Electric/Front Entrance Lights	\$200.00	\$208.85	\$230.00
Secretary of State	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Grass Maintenance and Landscaping	\$2,000.00	\$1,704.00	\$1,562.00
Liability Insurance	\$5,300.00	\$3,887.00	\$3,900.00
Maintenance and Repairs	\$200.00	\$17.18	\$20.00
Legal Fees/Consultations	\$2,500.00	\$2,935.00	\$2,500.00
Federal Taxes (not required, will remove as line item next year)	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Landscape/Beautification	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Miscellaneous (covers next 4 items, broken down for 2009 budget)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
St Tammany Farmer Newspaper		\$20.00	\$20.00
Bank Charges		\$182.39	\$50.00
Website (Komputer Clique for 2009) (for 2010 XL Technologies inc)		\$241.25	\$144.00
Security for Sept. General Meeting		\$120.00	\$0.00
Laptop Computer (to purchase)			\$1,000.00
BUDGET FOR 2009.....	\$11,352.00		
2009 EXPENSES INCURRED.....		\$10,229.88	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010.....			10,237.00
<p>There are 1255.11 Acres in Grande Hills Estates. Your assessment for the year 2010 is determined by dividing the proposed budget of \$10,237.00 by the number of total acres in Grande Hills, which will equal the annual assessment per acre of land that you own. Due to \$6,706.85 excess in the Association financial account this amount will subtracted from the 2010 proposed budget of \$10,237.00. This revised figure is \$3,530.15.</p>			
<p>\$3,530.15 divided by 1255.11 acres = \$2.81 per acre for 2010</p>			
\$303.41 for boat launch extension from Crawfish Triathlon donation not budgeted.		\$303.41	
ACT software from Crawfish Triathlon donation not budgeted		\$221.56	
2009 TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED BUDGET & NOT BUDGETED		\$10,754.85	