
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the membership for electing a five member Board of Managers and approval of the 2011 Annual Budget will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011 at 12:00 NOON.** The meeting location will be at the Bush Fire Station on Hwy. 21.

The voting will be in writing by those members authorized to cast votes. To assist you, a ballot is enclosed with this Newsletter that has been personalized with your name(s), the lot(s) you own and your total voting acres.

According to the By-Laws, Article II,5, before any meeting can be held a quorum of 40% of the voting rights present or represented by a notarized proxy must be present. The Association has had in place for years a method of determining a quorum beforehand in order for the annual meeting to commence promptly at 12:00 noon. Enclosed with your ballot is a numbered envelope which when used in mailing your ballot will help determine the acreage votes submitted to reach a quorum of 502.04 acres. This will also alert the Association that it is a ballot to be submitted to the Election Committee.

ANY ENVELOPE RECEIVED WITHOUT A NUMBER WILL BE ASSUMED TO BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A BALLOT AND WILL BE OPENED.

For your convenience in voting for the Annual Budget, another copy is enclosed.

In accordance with the By-Laws, Article V, 6, enclosed is a copy of the 2010 yearly itemization of expenses and amounts received.

ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS

The Association's books will be available for inspection at 10:00 a.m. until meeting time and after the membership meeting, if necessary.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The counting of the ballots shall begin at 10:00 a.m. You may vote by mail-in ballot or in-person by delivery of the ballot on the date of the Annual Meeting. Mail-in ballots must be **postmarked by midnight, Wednesday, January 26, 2011**, to insure arrival by Saturday, January 29th, and mailed to Grande Hills Estates Homeowners Assoc. (GHEHA), P. O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431. **In-person deliveries of ballots are to be submitted between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on January 29th.**

GUEST SPEAKERS

The guest speakers for the Annual Meeting will be:

Mr. Gary Cooper, District 2, Parish Council

Mr. Mark Salvetti, Crawfishman Triathlon

2010 ASSESSMENTS

It is with great pleasure to inform the membership that ALL 2010 assessments have been paid. Thank you so much for your support of our homeowners association. There are still some outstanding assessments for previous years in which legal action has been taken and liens have been filed with the St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Court's Office. It is our hope that in the future these individuals will come forward and clear the books of your Association.

THANK YOU

The current Board would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time and energy to the Association and the community during 2010.

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 Jack Ussery, III 985-898-2889 or Jack Ussery, Jr., 985-871-7534.

OWNERSHIP/ADDRESS CHANGES

Any address or telephone change should be directed to Board Member Ron Trupp, (985) 809-1180.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

Steve Roberts, 985-809-6279
Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137
Judy Coker, 985-893-0858
Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180
James Smith, 985-809-5209

Association Address

P. O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431
www.grandehills.org

GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ITEMIZATION OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 2010

Balance Forward from December 31, 2009	\$	\$ 26,832.03
INCOME:		
Settlement payment regarding damage to statue/front entrance	201.00	
Donation-2010 Crawfishman Triathalon	600.00	
Assessments (Includes delinquent assessments and penalties)	6,360.86	
TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED FOR 2010: (Includes \$2,465.16 in delinquent assessments and penalties)		7,161.86
TOTAL INCOME BALANCE:		<u>\$ 33,993.89</u>
2010 BUDGETED EXPENSES:		
Washington/St. Tammany (one year service)	230.00	
Publication of Newsletters (Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.)	607.30	
Post Office Box Rental	100.00	
Secretary of State	5.00	
Liability Insurance	3,576.75	
Grass Maintenance and Landscaping	1,704.00	
Maintenance and Repairs	17.18	
Legal Fees/Consultations	3,333.44	
St. Tammany Parish Farmer	20.00	
Bank Charges	6.00	
Website XL Technologies, Inc.	777.75	
2010 NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES:		
Terry Galloway - excavation work at boat launch	500.00	
Pap's Garden & Gifts - replacement jockey	139.75	
Paint & cement for jockey replacement	98.99	
Magee & Assoc. - from Legal Defense Fund	5,752.15	
Magee & Assoc. - from Operational Reserve Fund	4,000.00	
2010 TOTAL EXPENSES:		20,868.31
ENDING BALANCE (AS OF DECEMBER 2010)		<u>\$ ** 13,125.58</u>
** One check for \$142.00 not cashed, thus bank balance reflects \$13,267.58		

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2011
Description of Expense

<u>Description of Expenses</u>	<u>Budget 2010</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred - 2010</u>	<u>Proposed Annual Budget - 2011</u>
Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.	\$ 650.00	\$ 607.30	\$ 1,000.00
Post Office Box Rental	106.00	100.00	106.00
Washington St. Tammany Electric (front entrance lights)	230.00	230.00	250.00
Secretary of State	5.00	5.00	5.00
Grass Maintenance & Landscaping	1,562.00	1,704.00	1,704.00
Liability Insurance	3,900.00	3,576.75	3,900.00
Maintenance & Repairs	20.00	17.18	100.00
Legal Fees/Consultations	2,500.00	3,333.44	10,000.00
Landscape/Beautification	25.00		150.00
Miscellaneous	25.00		0.00
St. Tammany Farmer Newspaper	20.00	20.00	20.00
Bank Charges	50.00	6.00	50.00
Website XL Technologies, Inc.	144.00	777.75	294.00
Security for General Meetings	0.00		275.00
Laptop Computer (to purchase)	1,000.00		0.00
BUDGET FOR 2010.....	\$ 10,237.00		
2010 BUDGETED EXPENSES INCURRED.....		\$ 10,377.42	
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2011.....			\$ 17,854.00
There are 1255.11 acres in Grande Hills Estates. Your assessment for the Year 2011 is determined by dividing the proposed annual budget of \$17,854.00 by the number of total acres in Grande Hills, which will equal the annual assessment per acre of land you own.			
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<u>\$17,854.00 divided by 1255.11 acres = \$14.23 per acre for 2011</u>			
Terry Galloway for excavation work at boat launch - not budgeted		500.00	
Pap's Garden & Gifts - replacement jockey - not budgeted		139.75	
Paint and cement for jockey replacement - not budgeted		98.99	
Magee & Assoc. From Legal Defense Fund		5,752.15	
Magee & Assoc. From Operational Reserve Fund		4,000.00	
TOTAL 2010 EXPENSES (Includes non-budgeted expenses).....		\$ 20,868.31	

BALLOT

For the ANNUAL ELECTION of the Board of Managers of the
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(January 29, 2011 AT 12:00 NOON)
BUSH FIRE STATION, HIGHWAY 21

PROPERTY OWNED:

Ballot Number:

SQUARE: LOT: ACRES:

TOTAL VOTING ACRES:

There are five Board of Manager positions. **You may vote for no more than five candidates.** You may choose from the nominees below or write in your choice(s). Each candidate named below has agreed to serve if elected. The blank spaces are for write-ins you may prefer.

PLEASE VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE CANDIDATES:

Judy Coker _____

Steve Roberts _____

Craig Duplantis _____

Jim Smith _____

Bonnie Hebert _____

Ron Trupp _____

Eric Lowe _____

Mary Lee O. Wood _____

Write in Candidates below:

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. ANNUAL BUDGET--I accept the recommendation of the Board of Managers for the adoption of the annual budget.

Yes _____ No _____

Thank You for Voting

THE SIGNATURE OF THE DESIGNATED PARTY OR ONE LEGALLY RECORDED OWNER MUST VALIDATE THIS BALLOT.

_____ Date _____
(Owner and or Designated Party)

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