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SECOND MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 at 12:00 Noon, we will have our second meeting this year for the Grande Hills Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. The meeting will be at the Bush Fire Station on Hwy. 21 (new fire station). The Association's official books will be out for review at 10:00 a.m. and remain open for review until the beginning of the meeting. Board Members will also remain after the meeting for any additional review as necessary. This meeting will be different from previous meetings. This meeting will be totally dedicated to the discussion of the pending lawsuit against the Association by the Opposition Group. The Board will make a presentation on the Association's documents and discuss both the lawsuit as well as our plan to try to stop this financially costly litigation to our members. While the meeting will still be conducted under proper rules of order, the format will be more focused and detailed. As always, the Board values your time and will try to do our best to make the meeting quick, clear and concise to the critical points of discussion. We greatly look forward to your

attendance and feedback. Thank you as always for your support and help.

AGENDA ITEMS

Any items for discussion to be placed on the agenda for the membership meeting on September 8th shall be mailed to the Association by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2012**.

ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS

The Association's books will be available for inspection two hours before the meeting and after the membership meeting, if necessary.

NEW MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON

Henry "Hank" Scavo has offered to also chair the Maintenance Committee as well as the Landscape Committee.

Thank you Hank for graciously offering to help out on this committee also.

Have you noticed that both entrances have been spruced up already. Thanks Hank for making our entrances look great for our visitors for the Crawfishman Triathlon.

Anyone who would like to help Hank on these committees, please give him a call at 504-915-9354.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Mark your calendar for the date of **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** for a community clean up day. Meeting place will be the boat landing. Our plans are to canvass the neighborhood for trash in ditches. Please bring plastic bags, gloves and golf carts, if available. Check GHEHA website for alternate date in case of rain. For any questions, call Hank Scavo, 504-915-9354.

TRIMMING OF OAKS

Have you noticed how nice the oak trees look on Grande Hills Blvd.? Thanks to Art Price and Dion McKinley who brought their heavy equipment to the Blvd. and trimmed all the low branches on the oak trees. Our community appreciates the time spent doing this laborist work for the benefit of all.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Please note a change of contact number for Travis and Jessica St. Pierre, Chairpersons for the Architectural Control Committee. They can be reached at (985) 886-6038.

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.

ASSESSMENT DUE DATE

For the great majority of members who have already paid, the Association thanks you for your prompt response and support.

Annual Assessments were due by APRIL 30, 2012. If you have not sent in your assessment you are past due and reminder notices and demand letters have gone out. To avoid additional expenses to collect these assessments, please forward payment as soon as possible.

ROAD RESURFACING

The Parish has advised the Association that Pimlico Dr. is scheduled to be resurfaced this fall. Any updates will be passed on to you.

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BOAT LAUNCH

As previously disclosed in previous newsletters as well as our annual meeting, a new lock has been installed on the boat launch gate. It was anticipated that we would be able to use the new and old locks jointly for a period of adjustment, but unfortunately someone has removed the old lock, therefore, the new lock is the only one on the gate and requires anyone desiring to use the launch facilities to obtain a key. The key requires a \$10.00 deposit, refundable at anytime you may choose to not use the boat launch. Keys may not be duplicated except by the Association and can be obtained by contacting A.J. Ostarly at 504-258-7626. As a reminder, please do not assume that you may trespass on our Association member's property that is next to the boat launch in order to use the facility.

CRAWFISHMAN TRIATHLON

Another successful triathlon was held within Grande Hills on May 6th. Thanks go out to the organizers as well as several of our Association members who volunteered their time and talents. Thanks also to Dion McKinley for volunteering his property as host site. As most of you know, but for the benefit of any new Association members, the Crawfishman Triathlon hosts this event within and surrounding our neighborhood, and generously donates from their receipts to many local charities as well as making a donation to Grande Hills Homeowners Association. The donation to the Association in the past has been used to make repairs and improve the facilities at the boat launch, relieving the necessity to use Association assessment monies.

RECYCLING

It has been brought to the Association's attention that St.

Tammany Environmental Providers (S.T.E.P. LLC) provides recycling in our subdivision. If anyone is interested in this type of service you may call (985) 264-8750. With their garbage service, the additional cost is \$10.00 and without their service the cost is \$15.00.

BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS

If any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please call one of your Board of Managers for the date of the next board meeting so you may attend.

With family commitments, school activities and full-time jobs, it is very difficult to schedule ahead of time monthly board meetings for the year. For this reason, the Board requests that you give us a phone call, and we will gladly let you know when the next board meeting is scheduled.

REMINDERS **Change of Address?**

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