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SECOND MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., 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). 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 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 shall be mailed to the Association by **SEPTEMBER 15th, 2013**.

ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS

The Association's official books will be available for inspection one hour before the meeting. Board Members will also remain after the meeting for any additional review as necessary.

MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON

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

Thank you Hank for graciously offering to continue on this committee.

Have you noticed that solar lights have been installed on the entrance sign on Hwy. 1083 and Pimlico and the Grande Hills Estates sign has been spruced up with paint?

Thank you Ron and Hank for completing this project.

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

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 (cell) 504-390-2177 or (985) 886-6038. Anyone who would like to help Travis and Jessica on this committee, please give them a call.

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.

HOMEOWNER YEARLY ASSESSMENTS

We are up to date on receipt of the annual assessments and would like to thank all members for their continued support of the Association.

ROAD RESURFACING

The Parish has completed the resurfacing of Pimlico and Ruffian Court. Hopefully in the future the remaining roads will be resurfaced. We will continue to work with the Parish on this project.

MEMBERS LIAISON COMMITTEE

At the suggestion of one of the members of the homeowners

association and approval by the membership at the January meeting, a liaison committee has been formed to handle any matters between the members and the homeowners association. The chairman of this committee is Warren Guillot. Please contact Warren at 985-893-5887 if you have any issues that you would like to bring to this committee's attention.

STATUS OF PENDING LAWSUIT

There is an upcoming hearing set on August 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. before Judge William J. Knight. Anyone can attend. The motion hearing will be on the following motions:

Dilatory Exceptions of Vagueness and Prematurity/Peremptory Exception of Res Judicata filed by GHEHA

GHEHA's Partial Motion for Summary Judgment (attached to this motion are the signed Ratifications by the membership adopting the changes in the Articles and By-Laws).

Plaintiffs' Exceptions of No Right/No Cause

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT 9 "DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY" PROGRAM

District 9 Fire Dept. (FD9) is offering a free service in the event of a hurricane this season. They will be using Whippoorwill Grove and Grande Hills Estates as a test project.

The free service will allow FD9 to check on your home (when safe) and to relay information back to the owner who has evacuated.

FD9 has donated tarps which they will use to protect your home (again, if it is safe to do so), if the need arises.

FD9 will be the first entity allowed out after a storm to make the preliminary assessments and will photograph the damages, or lack of, and send

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electronic copies to the homeowner if possible.

If you are interested in participating in this test project, contact **Fire Chief Scott Brewer** requesting that FD9 check your property after a storm and send the results back to you via e-mail, text, or another means of electronic communication. You should also ask that FD9 take available measures to secure the home if damage is found. **Fire Chief Brewer's number is 985-886-5608 or email chief@stfd9.org.**

FD9 is offering this service to the community since there are very limited resources that are available after a hurricane and the emergency responders will need 100% of what is available. FD9 realizes that the homeowner wants to know what condition their property is in and needs to return to the affected area. By providing this service, hopefully the need for the homeowner to return to the community before it is ready to support everyone again, will be diminished. By getting information back to the displaced residents, the Parish can get more reconstruction work done quicker thus allowing the community to get back to normal quicker.

VANDELISM TO YOUR PROPERTY

Recently, a few homeowners experienced minor vandalism. The Sheriff's Department was contacted and responded. We urge all members of Grande Hills to report any vandalism they may experience to the Sheriff's Dept. so that they are aware should the problem persist.

BOAT LAUNCH

There was an incident at the lake where a fire was built and trash was left in the lake, boat landing area, and the adjoining neighbor's property. Please be mindful that fires are not allowed on the boat landing area.

Thanks to Ron Trupp, Dion McKinley, Jon & Jessica Oglesby, and A.J. Ostarly for cleaning up this area.

As advised in previous newsletters, and at our previous annual meetings, a new lock has been installed on the boat launch gate.

The lake is a private lake for Grande Hills Estates homeowners only. Lake Rules and Regulations sections: 4.2.5: Only members, their families and their accompanied guests shall be allowed to use the 55 acre lake in Grande Hills Estates. 4.2.7: All children under the age of 12 years old shall be accompanied by an adult. 4.2.12: Hours of use are from daybreak to sundown. Please refer to the Grande Hills website for the complete list of lake rules and regulations: Resolution-2004-No. 1: [Amendment to the Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations 4.2: Lake].

Any Grande Hills member (property/homeowner), desiring access to the boat launch facilities must obtain a key. The key has to be signed for and received by the requesting property association member. The key is non-duplicable and requires a \$10.00 deposit, which is refundable if you no longer desire access to the launch facilities. Please turn in your boat launch key when no longer needed and do not pass this key on to new owners or others.

Keys can be obtained by contacting A.J. Ostarly at 504-258-7626. Please remember this is a voluntary position, so please allow sufficient lead time to obtain a key and timely consideration when calling.

CRAWFISHMAN TRIATHLON

Another successful triathlon was held within Grande Hills on May 5th. 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 GHEHA this year is \$750.00. In the past, this donation has been used to make repairs and improve the facilities at the boat launch, relieving the necessity to use Association assessment monies.

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:

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Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137
Judy Coker, 985-893-0858
Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180
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