

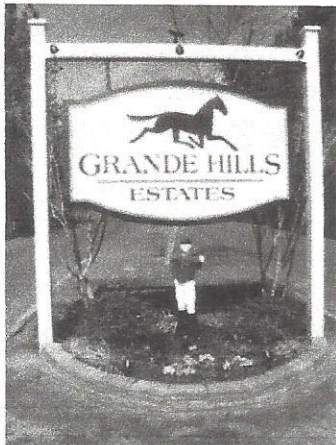
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This is to formally notify all members that the Annual Meeting of the membership for electing the Board of Managers and approval of the 2020 Annual Budget will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020, at 12:00 NOON.** The meeting location will be at the Bush Fire Station on Hwy. 21.

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

Personalized ballots will be mailed in January.

As in past years, counting of the ballots will begin at 10:00 a.m. by the Election Committee.

We invite all new landowners to come out and meet your neighbors!

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

NO INCREASE IN BUDGET / DUES

For the 5th straight year the Annual Budget for the Association remains in the pattern of reducing and holding the line for our homeowners. The Board is pleased to announce, that even in times of increasing inflation, to offer for your consideration the 2020 Annual Budget that has NO increase. The

Board has continued to work at every aspect of reducing and holding the line on any and all cost increase. While inflation is happening in the world around us, we have basically cut cost at every opportunity to absorb the cost that are increasing and are beyond control to eliminate.

For your reference, the Annual Budget in 2015 was \$35,160.00, \$16,485.00 for 2016, \$13,960.00 for 2017, and for 2018, the Budget was reduced to \$11,985.00. It remained there for 2019, and is offered for your consideration at the same rate for 2020. The Board has managed to keep the budget in tact while at the same time continuing to address the lake care and improvements, as well as other necessary care for needed items in the upkeep of our wonderful community. This Annual Budget will need to be voted on even though both years are the same amount. The Per Acre amount on the Annual Budget will remain at \$9.55 Per Acre.

The Board remains diligent as we continue to work to not only keep a community with increasing property values, but also one with dues that are not only the lowest in St. Tammany Parish, but the entire State of Louisiana. We thank you for your continued support and ask for your **APPROVAL** of the Annual Budget recommendation for 2020.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In preparation for the election of the Board of Managers, we are providing to you herein, a nomination form in the event you wish to name up to five candidates. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU VERIFY YOUR CANDIDATES ARE WILLING TO SERVE IF ELECTED.** Your completed nomination form must be mailed to GHEHA, P. O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431, and received by **DECEMBER 21, 2019.**

ELECTION COMMITTEE

If you would like to serve on the Election Committee, please check off the "Yes" box on the Nomination Form and mail to GHEHA.

AGENDA ITEMS

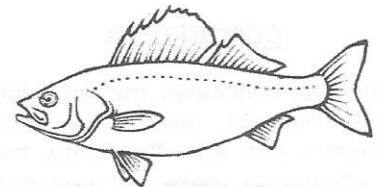
Any items for discussion you wish to have on the agenda for the annual meeting may be included on the back of the nomination form or sent as a separate attachment.

BOAT LAUNCH KEYS

Please note that the boat launch keys are assigned to you by number and should be used only by property owners in this subdivision. If you would like a key to the boat launch area call A.J. Ostarly at 504-258-7626.

CRAWFISHMAN TRIATHLON

The Crawfishman Triathlon was another success for 2019. The Association is pleased to report it received a donation in the amount of \$750.00, which was used for lake area projects and preparation for the triathlon.



LAKE COMMITTEE

Members of the lake committee are: Ken Cooper, Steven Crawley, Casey Lynch, Dion McKinley and John Oglesby.

The lake committee is preparing to implement Phase 3 of the regeneration of the fish population and improved fish habitat. Spring of 2020 will include the stocking of the lake with Bass and more forage fish. Along with the installation of added fish habitats: Christmas tree installation, new artificial tree stumps to expand on last years installed habitat. A new artificial

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catfish habitat and added spawning beds. The Association appreciates the lake committee members continued dedication to the improvement of our lake.

Please note:

It was suggested by the committee that if any landowner who lives on the lake wants to dredge the shoreline of their property to contact either a committee member or the Board prior to the project. Considering the issues of improving fish habitat and restocking our lake, dredging the shoreline may need to take place at certain times of the year.



CHRISTMAS TREES

The lake committee wants your Christmas tree. Please place your Christmas tree (without any flocking, tinsel, or lights) in the boat launch area by 1/18/2020. The collected trees will be recycled to supply a habitat for the fish.

COMMITTEES

As the year concludes, the Association would like to thank the many volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to make our community look great. In particular, we would like to thank all the chairpersons of the many committees. You are a major piece to the puzzle.

In addition, we thank you, all of our members, who are always there to give the Association support by attending our meetings and volunteering in various ways throughout our community. The Board always looks forward to a full house at the membership meetings!!

GHEHA ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Any new construction plans may be submitted to our GHACC committee

members, Michael Wolford, (504) 915-7703 or Travis and Jessica St. Pierre, (985) 886-6038 or Jessica's cell (504) 390-2177.

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 understand that all of our positions on the Association are voluntary, therefore, plans should be submitted well in advance of commencement of the construction project to allow time to review and approve.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH BUILDING PERMITS

Please make note that St. Tammany Parish requires a building permit for ANY construction over 100 sq. ft. The GHACC will review your plans but will not give final approval until receipt of a building permit from St. Tammany Parish.

BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS

With family commitments, school activities and full-time jobs, it is very difficult to schedule ahead of time monthly board meetings for the year. The Board requests that if any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please send us an email through the Association's website to receive the date of the next Board meeting. Thank you.

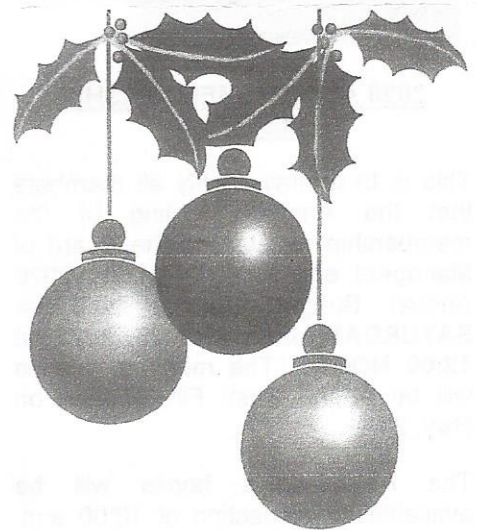
REMINDERS

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 the Board Members by using the Association's website.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**



NOMINATION FORM
FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS TO THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
YEAR 2020

YOUR NOMINATION(S)--(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME

ADDRESS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

NOTE: Please insure the candidate approves of his/her nomination to the Board of **Managers**. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves should they desire to run for a position on the Board

Please Print your name(s):

Your Signature(s):

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PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Grande Hills Estates Homeowners' Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 395
Bush, Louisiana 70431

*****NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEC 21, 2019*****

*****NOMINATION FORM MUST HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE TO BE
CONSIDERED VALID*****

I wish to volunteer for the election committee ___ Yes ___ No

If you have items for discussion you wish to have on the agenda for the January Membership Meeting, please note on the reverse side of this page or send as a separate Attachment.