



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

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PETER GIUFFRIA WILL LEAD MFHA IN 2019

At the December general membership meeting, the slate of board candidates presented by the nominating committee was accepted by acclamation. The 2019 board met on January 09th and selected the following officers and committee chairs:

PRESIDENT

Peter Giuffria

VICE PRESIDENT

Lynn Brandt

SECRETARY

vacant

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NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTIES

Louis (LJ) Deris

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tamy Rispoli

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WEBMASTER AND MEMBERSHIP

Robert Meltz

Also at the January meeting, Margo Necaïse volunteered to continue her role with code enforcement and distribution of welcome packages to new residents.

Additionally, Carroll Knowles (Past president and past newsletter editor) will continue her role as advisor to the board.

It with deep regret that I have to report John Campbell has retired as publisher of the newsletter. John, after serving as board president, volunteered to publish the newsletter and has being doing so for the past 5-6 years without missing a month. He will certainly be missed.

However, it is with no regrets that I welcome Bob Meltz as the new publisher for the newsletter. Bob will assume these duties in addition to his duties as webmaster and keeping track of the membership.

In addition to all of the above, there are several residents who have consistently worked with me in ensuring that each resident receives a newsletter. These are the residents who volunteer to deliver the newsletter and have done so for the past few years. I would at this time like to thank the following for their efforts:

JAN BARBARO

LOUIS & BERYL DERIS

JERRY & NANCY FISHER

MICHEN HOUSER

JIM McINERNEY

GREG & MARGO NECAISE

CAROL HODGE (Does not have a regular route; however, assist on a regular basis.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



The contest was sponsored by the **Magnolia Forest Garden Club**. Judging was completed on December 17, 2018. The garden club wishes to give a thank you to all who participated in spreading the Christmas spirit. The winners in the various categories are:

Doors and Entrances – Jerry and Iris Despain, 106 Houmas – Beautiful traditional lighted wreaths on doors and windows with fresh garlands.

Artistic Home and Yard (1st Place) – Nowell Terrien, Bobby and Tamy Rispoli, 502 Southdown – Many attractions were in this well designed Christmas display, a nativity scene, lighted deer and wreaths, and an animated movie scene.

Artistic Home and Yard (2nd Place)-Pete and Chris Giuffria, 100 Houmas – A scene from a picture perfect post describes this home. Twinkling wreaths and sparkly decorations lit up this home.

Novelty Home and Yard – Florence Onstad, 102 Tara – Surprise after surprise! A nativity scene, church with carolers, a hint of Cajun humor with a truck pulling a camper, a bear in a boat over blue water and other displays highlighted this property.

Each winner was presented with a fragrant rosemary tree from Judges Janet Bernard, Beryl Deris, Suzanne Robinson, and Joann Round.

COVENANTS REMINDERS

The covenants for every phase of our subdivision state:

“Permanent parking of recreational vehicles and boats must be in the rear yard or within a carport or garage.” The intent of this covenant includes other obvious vehicles such as large commercial trailers, cabs of 18 wheelers, horse trailers, etc.

PEOPLE GET READY

Yes, get ready for the Magnolia Forest spring fling wine tasting event. The wine tasting event is currently in the early planning stage; however, we anticipate producing the event in the spring of 2019 (Late April-early May).

A substantial amount of additional information will be provided in the March newsletter. Eventually, **Tamy Rispoli**, our social coordinator, will be the contact person for the event. Until that time, if you have any questions, please refer them to **Pete Giuffria**, board president. Pete's contact information is located on the front page of each newsletter.

We are predicting that 2019 will be a great year in the social area for our residents. **Tamy** will coordinate the wine tasting event, **Gina Nash** has promised an even better Halloween event, and **Tamy** will coordinate a Christmas (Santa Claus) event. **John Campbell** has committed to assisting with the Christmas event for 2019.

Assistance Needed

All personnel listed previously in this newsletter, with the help of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club, are volunteers who help keep our subdivision in the great condition it is in. This only makes up a fraction of our residents; therefore, if you feel that you can help in any way, or could serve on the board; please contact **Pete Giuffria**, board president. We especially need someone who could serve as the board's secretary.

Loose Dogs

We have an enormous number of dog walkers in our subdivision; therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you keep your dog on a leash at all times, and remember to keep them in fenced in areas at your residence. We had several instances of dog attacks in 2018. Let's not have any repeat performances.

In addition, when walking your dog, please remember to bring your "doggie bag" with you. We have recently had instances of dogs leaving unwanted material on neighbors lawns.

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Mon-Fri; 8:00am - 6:30pm

Sat: 8:00am - 2:30pm

Sun: Closed

MEMBERSHIP

All residents of Magnolia Forest benefit from the work of volunteers on the board of directors and committees as they attend to the needs of the subdivision. Your dues show your support of their efforts. Not every resident is able to devote the time and energy it takes to keep this subdivision informed and looking good; however, all residents can be involved by paying dues and/or making a contribution to beautification/maintenance or the extra sheriff's patrols. If you care about your property values, quality of life issues, safety, etc., please remember to renew your membership or join for the first time. **All residents should share in the expense of cutting the grass, maintaining the entrance garden beds and the other services the association provides.** Just imagine what it would do to our property values if the association members were not cutting the grass and maintaining the garden beds at the entrances. Primarily, our dues are used for:

- Grass Cutting service at the entrances
- Maintenance and new plantings in the garden beds
- Water bills for the garden beds
- Purchasing, repairing, maintaining and installing signs and message boards
- Funding extra sheriff patrols in the subdivision
- Printing the monthly newsletter for all residents
- Printing neighborhood directories
- Office supplies, postage, post office box rental
- Legal expenses

Membership in the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association is \$50 per year per household. Dues are for the calendar year and due on January 1st of each year. It is not a guaranteed twelve months membership regardless of when paid.

If you haven't already joined, **PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2019 DUES.**

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2019 Family Membership \$50 \$ _____
 Beautification Donation \$ _____
 Donation for Extra Sheriff patrols \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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