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BIKE AND ICE

A huge thank you to all our neighbors who participated in the Bike and Ice event on Saturday, June 20! Over 100 neighbors visited the Kona Ice truck to enjoy the ice-cold treats and socialize, distantly, with our neighbors. The beautiful, sunny afternoon with a light breeze made the event even more pleasant. It was a pleasure meeting so many of our newer residents to Magnolia Forest and discuss plans for the upcoming Halloween Hayride.

The Scavenger Hunt was a bit more challenging than anticipated. Despite the difficult level, Magnolia Forest's **Lorelai Nunez** was our 13+ winner and a team effort for our 12 and under winners, **Wyatt and Harry Nunez**. Congratulations Team Nunez for hustling to find the 20 items scattered throughout the neighborhood!

(Pictured are the **Keicher, Williams, and Mitchell** families enjoying the Bike and Ice event.)



AUTHOR GEORGINA CROSS'S MAGNOLIA FOREST ROOTS

Suspense-thriller author, Georgina Cross's childhood experiences while growing up in Magnolia Forest shaped her writing style. Georgina grew up on Oak Alley Drive, after moving here in 1981 from England and Malaysia. She has so many wonderful memories of riding her bike with her sister, going up to the Magnolia Forest pool, and riding in the back of Bob Barrelle's truck and trailer for Halloween trick-or-treating. Georgina attended Woodridge Academy and Pope John Paul II High School, where her aspirations for writing became more evident. She graduated from LSU with a degree in mass communication and a minor in speech communications. As Georgina pursued her career in marketing & communications and raising her two sons, Reece and Liam, she put book writing on hold. And then in 2010, her best friend died from cancer. As therapy, Georgina wrote about her experiences. In 2016, Georgina decided to turn her "hobby" into something more.

Interestingly, Georgina's first book, a suspense fiction novel called NIGHT MAGNOLIA was inspired by a murder in the neighborhood. Georgina said "writing NIGHT MAGNOLIA was a blast from the past for me--not only because it's set in Magnolia Forest but also because I got to write about the camps along Lake Pontchartrain (my best friend's family had a house there), along with descriptions of Honey Island Swamp, the boat landings, and sections of Chalmette, Pearl River, and Slidell too. NIGHT MAGNOLIA is based on a childhood experience of mine when I witnessed a similar crime in my neighborhood. This story begins with what I saw beneath that car. This is my imagination at work for what I think happened to the family and the mess they got themselves in leading up to that tragic night."



Two legs sticking out from beneath a car. The delicate, white cotton of the woman's nightgown. Those are the images sixteen-year-old Emma can't get out of her mind when she sees Ms. Virginia's body. The reality Ms. Virginia's own husband has run her down in the front yard. But that's not all Emma witnesses in their sleepy, Louisiana town that night. It's what else she sees that soon releases a domino effect of strange behavior. First, by everyone at school, and then, by the dead woman's son.

Georgina is still adding a few more twists to the end of NIGHT MAGNOLIA but has written two other books currently in the publishing process. Georgina's upcoming book, THE STEPDAUGHTER, is a domestic suspense book that will be available in September 2020 and is part of a two-book deal with Bookouture. Georgina is expecting another suspense/thriller novel, NANNY NEEDED to be published in late 2021. Georgina is currently writing another suspense thriller and hired as a ghost writer for a celebrity memoir based in Huntsville, Alabama.

For more information about Georgina's books, including the murder she saw, check out her webpage at www.georgina-cross-author.com.



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MAGNOLIA FOREST'S SUMMER MAILBOX COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you to all our neighbors who blinged up your mailboxes to help us celebrate Summer and have a bit of fun! We had a total of 16 entries and a full spectrum of awesome decorations for our three categories: Most Patriotic, Most Summer-esque, and Most Artistic. Many of our mailboxes were voted on in numerous categories!



101 Houmas Ct.

For Most Patriotic, it was a close competition! The winner is **Barbara Burgueno** of 101 Houmas Ct. Barbara's festive arrangement of red, white, and blue stars and poms set the stage for her launching firecrackers, complimented with flag themed ribbon and coordinating filler ribbon, crowned with the American Flag for a stunning presentation! Everything about this decorated mailbox POPPED! Our runner-up is **Pepper Lowery's** 412 Ormond arrangement featuring a soldier "enjoying" a hotdog and ice-cold beverage with watermelon, corn cob, and a burger waiting for his next course! The lovely Red, White, and Blue roses made for a lovely backdrop to this Patriotic Picnic. And a shout out for 510 Southdown Drive's fun display with patriotic balloons, poms, and stars complemented by the American flag mailbox cover and pinwheel. Not to mention the "edible fireworks" passed out for our Scavenger Hunt participants!



412 Ormond



517 Hermitage

The Most Summer-esque winner is the **Sierra Family's** tropical display at 517 Hermitage. This festive mailbox made me long to be poolside. The brightly colored fish, tropical toucan, and pink flamingos were nestled in this fun, summery tower atop a sparkly pool floaty base. The leis and flip-flops complimented the beach signs and the pineapple sunglasses crowned this fun themed mailbox. And I have to ask... how did you get the floaty over the mailbox? Honorable mentions in the Summer-esque category include 805 Pine Alley's elegant sunflower and 504 Hermitage's beautifully coordinated beach themed mailbox.



510 Southdown



822 Pine Alley

The Most Artistic category was a 3-way tie! **Marelise Nash's** handmade creation on Monticello Ct. was fabricated from cardboard. This large blue shark, with a painted on tropical lei, invited Bike & Ice participants to the Kona Ice truck and helped kick off the Scavenger Hunt. 101 Houmas Ct. and 517 Hermitage rounded out the 3-way tie. Honorable mentions in this tough category were 412 Ormond and 822 Pine Alley with the vivid white stars on red background and blue and white stripe ribbons crowned with Uncle Sam's top hat for this sparkly, eye catching display.

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to all of our participants for helping us celebrate summer!



Monticello Ct.

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