



## MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# Newsletter

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- **Your dues and contributions at work!** The "Keep St. Tammany Beautiful Salutes" signs you see at the Fischer and Oak Alley entrances are a result of your membership and beatification funds. As highlighted in the July newsletter, the Magnolia Forest HOA received the 2021 Keep St. Tammany Beautiful (KSTB) Salutes Award for our attractive, well maintained and litter free entrances.
- **200+ members for the HOA!** For the first time since 2014 the HOA membership is over 200. Thanks to all who have joined. We had 211 members in 2014. Let's see if we can exceed that number this year. We are currently at 202, as listed on page 4.
- **Thanks to those who have stepped up to fill vacancies.**
  - \* Pam Howell for joining HOA board to fill the "at-large" position
  - \* Sandy Solar to update the message boards
  - \* Carroll Knowles and Beryl Deris to hand out welcome packets to new homeowners
- **Useful things on our website:** The HOA has a website : [magnoliaforest.net](http://magnoliaforest.net) Among other things, it includes links to HOA newsletters going back to March of 2017, Garden Club news going back to the summer of 2018, and links to our Facebook page, to Venmo and to Homes for Sale in Magnolia Forest.
- **Speeding in the subdivision:** One of the biggest complaints many homeowners have are the number of speeders we have in the subdivision. This is becoming more of a safety issue as we have more families with young children. The board attempts to address this with occasional police patrols. We also occasionally have access to speed monitors, but it seems some only use those to calibrate their car's speedometer as they speed past. So, please slow down!

**Bob Meltz****EDITOR'S NOTES**

- Save the date:
  - \* MFHA Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - \* Monday, Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale registration deadline to be included on the map.
- We need volunteers! Please consider helping with one of the following positions:
  - \* Newsletter route delivery
  - \* Properties & Covenants – HOA Board
- Remember that dogs should be walked on a leash and that you should clean up your pets' waste!

## THE STELLAR OVERBY TWINS

You may have seen the Pearl River High School graduation signs on Fischer Driver announcing some of **Gabriel** and **Caleb Overby**'s accomplishments, including their involvement in band, with Caleb as the Drum Major and Gabriel playing the tuba. But did you know the brothers' weighted GPAs exceeded 4.5 and that they shared this year's valedictorian title?

The identical twins are a highly competitive pair that attribute their success to their special bond of living life in sync, from sharing most of the same classes since their St. Margaret Mary days as well as participating in JROTC, band, swimming, and working the same summer job. It is hard to tell these twins apart, because of their likeness in countless ways, including their shared style of clothes, hair, and glasses. They also share a drive to be one step ahead of the other as well as the knack of completing each other's sentences. Since they were toddlers, Caleb and Gabriel have been the best of friends and fierce competitors. "It helps us because we keep pushing the other one to want to be better," said Gabriel.

The twins plan on attending the University of Louisiana in Lafayette this fall and share a dorm room. However, their paths will begin to diverge as they pursue different careers. Gabriel plans to major in pharmacy while Caleb will pursue a career in accounting.

Thank you to **Jan Barbero** for forwarding the **St. Tammany Farmer's** news article detailing Caleb and Gabriel's success from June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please share any good news about Magnolia Forest Residents with our newsletter staff so we can share it with our neighborhood family!



### JULY GARDEN OF THE MONTH

By Janet Fouert

The judging of Magnolia Forest Garden Club's Garden of the Month for July 2021 was delayed due to the constant rain we were having, leaving grass too wet to cut and gardening chores such as pruning, spraying, and shaping, impossible to carry out. Once the rains diminished some, the Garden of the Month was awarded to Jay and Betty Rose of 525 Oak Alley Drive. Judges were Georgette Frichter and Janet Fouert. The lawn was neatly mowed, the shrubs were trimmed and shaped, and various splashes of eye-catching color brightened the landscape. These included blue plumbago, pink spirea, pink begonias, black-eyed susans, lavender trailing vinca, red knockout roses and yellow lantana, among others. The overall effect of the careful planning and design by Betty and Jay from the beginning makes this yard appealing, not just in the hot summer months, but all year long.

### AUGUST GARDEN OF THE MONTH

By Nancy O'Bryan

Magnolia Forest Garden Club yard of the month for August 2021 was awarded to Nick and Laurie Wood - 720 Ashland Drive, Pearl River. Judges were Nancy O'Bryan and Jane Freeman. The lawn and shrubs were neatly trimmed. The landscape was edged with monkey grass. The crepe myrtle and caladiums added bright color to the landscape. The yard included magnolia trees to add shade. The patriotic door decoration added a finishing touch to this beautiful setting.

- pictures for both can be found online at [magnoliaforest.net](http://magnoliaforest.net) and <https://www.facebook.com/MagnoliaForestHA>

## HELPING THOSE IN NEED WITH COMMUNITY FRIDGES

**Marelise Nash, and Girl Scout Troop 30512,** wanted to help those in need while earning their Silver Star Award. Their service project focused on homelessness and hunger in our community and used the New Orleans Community Fridges ([nolacommunityfridges.org](http://nolacommunityfridges.org)) to distribute food and blessing bags for the homeless.

The girls researched and assembled a list of contents that would be most helpful for the blessing bags. They made a goal and a budget to accomplish their service project and solicited family and friends for donations, with an overwhelming response. The Troop made 50 blessing bags, filled with snacks, water bottles, personal hygiene products, and first-aid kits. The girls also made scores of sandwiches to help stock the community fridges each time they delivered blessing bags.

The project's sustainability was impressive with how the girls elevated awareness about the fridges and how easy it is to help the homeless while encouraging others to spread the word about community fridges and helping those in need. Marelise said that "this project shows Girl Scouts making a difference by helping to raise awareness about a community issue, help come up with solutions to improve quality of life for the homeless, and to let them know that somebody does care."

During a trip to load blessing bags and sandwiches, the girls met and chatted with a homeless woman, who was ecstatic to get the blessing bags and food. "One woman got sandwiches and 5 bags for herself and the people she lived with under the bridge. She said the feminine hygiene items were really hard to find and glad we made some bags for women."

For more information about this program and how you can help, please visit their website ([nolacommunityfridges.org](http://nolacommunityfridges.org)). You can help with monetary donations as well as help stock the fridges with perishable and non-perishable food and personal hygiene products.



### Covenants Corner:

As per the covenants—

"Each lot owner must protect the wooded appearance of his lot, cutting only those trees necessary for construction of improvements and those trees which die and create a hazard. Unnecessary cutting of trees 6" in diameter and larger shall result in a fine of \$100 per tree."

A large part of the appeal of Magnolia Forest are the large lots with lots of trees. Let me know if you have plans to cut big trees down and I'm sure we can work it out. Thank you for your attention to this.

Bob Meltz, HOA president and chair of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

## The Association has 202 members

Adams, L & L	Braun, J & L	Dupuy, G & A	Hanamean, J & C	Krumm, J & J	Nelson, R & C	Sheffield, D & T
Allen, A & C	Bravo, D & I	Farley, M & S	Hanley, D	Labry, R & J	Onstad, F	Sierra, K & M
Anderson, J & P	Brooks, J	Ferris, M & S	Harper, C & C	Lacourrege, J & D	Ory, B & C	Sims, M
Arieux, B & A	Burgueno, E & B	Fickle, K & C	Harrison, J	Lambert, K	Ostericher, C & T	Smith, C & L
Arthur, M & N	Cahill, G & J	Finnin, A & M	Hasperue, P & C	Landry, L & P	Overby, M & A	Smith, T & S
Babington, S & N	Cain, J & M	Fisher, B & K	Hebert, D & A	Landry, P & L	Pecot, J & L	Solar, R & S
Baird, J	Callais, C & S	Fisher, N	Hedrick, E & B	Lawrence	Pham, P	Srinivas, D & R
Barnhill, C & M	Campbell, J & C	Ford, J & Milliet, B	Heisser, A & R	Leake, J & K	Piazza, C & K	Standiford, S & J
Barrelle, R & J	Carrigan, G & C	Foster, B	Herman, M	LeBlanc, R & H	Piekarski, C & D	Stanton, B & M
Barthel, B & L	Cefalus, J & R	Fouert, J	Hodge, C	Loggin, B & K	Pitman, A & J	Stewart, J & M
Becnel, P & T	Chagnard, C & M	Frichter, G & G	Hogue, S	Lorusso, F	Pousson, D & J	Sullivan, D & D
Benedic, P & K	Champagne, J & L	Frischhertz, G & R	Holbrook, J & D	Loupe, C	Pousson, M & M	Trainor, T & K
Bennett, P & A	Clatterbuck, N & K	Frueh, D	Holley, T & A	Maco, P & R	Prattini, C & C	Trascher D & Foy M
Benson, A & L	Clavier, P & S	Gallacher, P & D	Houser, M & J	Maehler, K & D	Prendergast, B & B	Trippe, M & M
Benson, C & L	Cooney, M & T	Garner, J & S	Howell, M & P	Marquand, A & S	Ramirez, G & L	Verges, B
Bentson, M & E	Coote, D & B	Gerace, J & J	Johnson, L & E	Martin, B & K	Rao, P & C	Vernon, W & K
Berdine, F & B	Corbin, J & P	Gernon, E	Johnston, S & F	Martino, D & S	Rao, T & C	Vogt, F
Birmingham, M & P	Courseault, P & J	Gille, J & J	Kaehrl, B & Barbero, J	Mavor, D & D	Riedie, L & D	Voiselle, R
Bernard, L & J	Cross, S	Girod, J & H	Karem, R & H	McDowell, D & K	Rispoli, T & B	Wagner, E & J
Black, N & M	Dawson, C & M	Giuffria, P & C	Karl, C & K	McGee, L & S	Robinson, C & Juliax, R	Wallace, B & L
Bonnett, G & L	De Rouen, E	Goodson, F & M	Karl, T & H	McInerney, J & M	Robinson, S	Walls, J
Boos, M & B	Deris, L & B	Gray, K	Keicher, D & M	Melancon, F	Rose, J & B	White R & Hicks K
Bordes, K	Devezin, T	Gregg, J & C	Kemp, B & J	Meltz, B	Round, C & J	Wilbourn, J & C
Bowman, W	Dier, J & J	Griffith, S	Kennedy, C & B	Merrill	Rullman, D & E	Wilcox, R & B
Boyd, J & S	DiMeglio, N & P	Griswold, W	Key, L & L	Mills, J & P	Rusco, B & V	Williams, W & S
Bradburn, B & P	Donaldson, E	Gunderson, S & S	Knowles, L & C	Morton, F & G	Rushon, W & D	Wingrave, D & D
Bradburn, M	Donaldson, L	Gust, L	Koen, R & J	Moyle, J	Ryan, P & D	Winkler, D & A
Brandon, R & J	Drake, R & L	Habbab, T	Konda, D & T	Nash, G & A	Saladino, M & G	Wood, N & L
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### MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**2021 Family Membership \$50**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    **Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Beautification Donation**                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation for Extra Sheriff patrols \$** \_\_\_\_\_    **Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**                                \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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