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MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7 pm
Generations Church
62340 Hwy 1090 (N. Military Road)

Current board members Bob Meltz, Peter Giuffria, Gina Nash, Paul Rao, Tracie Sheffield, and Pam Howell are willing to remain on the board for 2022. We have nominations for Lynn Adams, Terry Becnel and Jim Griswold as new board members.

In keeping with our by-laws, any member of this association may place a candidate on the slate; however, this must be given to the nominating committee 30 days prior to the 4th quarter general membership meeting, on December 9th, when the election will be held. If you would like to be nominated for a position on the board or recommend someone, please contact any board member listed on the front of this newsletter by November 9th.

We will also be voting on a by-laws change. Article 5, Section E of the by-laws currently reads:

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) directors. The President shall not be eligible to vote except in the case of a tie, at which time he must vote to break the tie.

The board recommends changing this to:

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) directors, assuming there are 8 or 9 directors. If there are 6 or 7 directors, a quorum shall consist of 4 directors. If there are 4 or 5 directors, a quorum shall consist of 3 directors. The President shall not be eligible to vote except in the case of a tie, at which time he must vote to break the tie.

Reasoning: The original by-law assumed 9 directors. With 9 directors, 5 is a quorum. We often have less than 9 directors. Requiring a quorum of 5 is not reasonable when working with less than 8 or 9 directors. This change gives the board the flexibility to define a quorum that is a function of size of the board.

Representative Mike Smith and Waste Management's Donald Hains will be guest speakers. We are also trying to get a representative from Utilities, Inc. Plus, each attendee receives a free ticket for the "entertainment" basket raffle!

President's corner:

Remember to vote on Saturday, November 13th. We have 4 constitutional amendments, 4 millage renewals and one parish tax proposal on our ballot. (The casino vote will be coming on Saturday, December 11th)

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE 2021

Magnolia Forest celebrated our 4th annual Halloween Hayride on Oct. 30th. We had 185 children registered for our hayride! The caravan consisted of 17 Spooktacularly decorated trailers and 13 vehicles ferrying a motley crew including a menagerie of critters, superheroes, maniacal villains, princesses, and the cutest little police-girl!

Thank you to over 40 families for passing out treats at our 11 stops. The decorated treat stops were even more over the top this year! Please check out our Magnolia Forest HOA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MagnoliaForestHA>) to see pictures of our winners!

Congratulations to **Kelli Hicks, Ryan White, Paula Mills, and Jessica Krumm** for the *Most Festive Treat Stop* over at Hermitage! And shout out to runners-up **Lynn & Lisa Adams** and **Terry & Perry Becnel**. Amazing treats and fantastic decorations all around! Thank you to **Team Romero** for judging.

Congratulations to the **Adams Family** and **Pete Giuffria**, who tied for *Most Festive Trailer*. The Adams' festively decorated their web covered trailer with Halloween garland, lights, and kiddie-friendly details. Pete took a darker path, choosing 4 floating apparitions to escort his howl-rrific trailer. Thank you to **Paula Mills** and the **Ormond Social Club** for judging.

Congratulations to **Dylan Richardson** for the *Most Original Costume* as Mario riding Yoshi. Other crowd pleasers were the **Romero Family's** Addams Family (pictured), **Bonnie Kennedy's** Queen of Hearts, and the **Brunette Family's** Steam Punks. Thank you to the **Krumm Family** for judging.

A huge shout-out to our volunteers who made this a successful event. Thank you to the following residents for donating and towing trailers for our hayride: **Bob & June Barrelle, David Hanley, Cory Karl, Chris Pizzolato, Peace Marvel, Nick & Megan Black, Nicole Boudoin, Lynn & Lisa Adams, Patricia Porter, Bonnie Kennedy, Kristina Romero, Kelli Olave, Alycia Long, Mike Polk, Pete Giuffria** and **Larry Johnson**.

Also, special thanks to **Megan Black** for marking the treat stops with balloons and **Percy Courseault** and **Bob Meltz** for serving as hayride captains.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS

By Amanda Overby

Our Friends Closet is a community-based organization that provides much needed items to homeless and low-income students in St. Tammany Parish. We would like to come together as a neighborhood to support these youth. We will be collecting items for Christmas on Sunday, December 5th. Please place any donations in a grocery bag by your mailbox (with the provided ribbon visible on the bag) by 9 AM on 12/5 for us to pick up. There will also be a drop box if you would prefer to drop your donations off at 118 Fischer Dr. (by the garage) between December 1st and December 8th.

Some requested items include socks, pajamas, gloves, hats, rain clothes, umbrellas, candles, gift cards, or donations to Our Friends Closet (Venmo, Paypal or through their website www.ourfriendscloset.org)

This year Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11th

U.S. Air Force	
Martin Catanese	1968-1972
Robert (Bobby) Givens	1966-2001
Harley E. Hurlburt	1965-1969
Larry Johnson	1970-1974
Woody Johnston	1957-1962
Lenny Knowles	1956-1978
Cyril Prattini	1953-1957
William Ruscoe	1978-1998
Ronald Uhler	1970-1974



U.S. Marine Corps	
Jerry L. Gamer	1969-1993
Stanton Gunderson	1965-1968
Eric Maehler	2010-Pres.
Matthew Maehler	2011-Pres.
Andrew Meltz	2011-Pres.
Joshua Meltz	2006-Pres.
Nick Wood	1968-1971



Mike Ferris	1995-Pres.	U.S. Coast Guard
James E. Gerace	1969-2007	U.S. Army/LA National Guard
James Gille	1979-1986	U.S. Army/Navy
Larry Key	1986-2018	U.S. Air Force/National Guard
Joe Leake (deceased)		U.S. Army National Guard
Charles Maehler	1943-1976	U.S. Army/Navy/Coast Guard
Kevin Maehler	1979-2003	U.S. Coast Guard
Rhiannon McCloud	2009-Pres.	U.S. Coast Guard
Nathanael Meltz	2008-2015	U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Army	
Chad Chagnard	1988-1999
Gerald B. Dupuy	1963-1969
George Frichter	1958-1964
Charles Harper	22 years
Thomas Holley	1966-1968
Darren Landreneau	1986-1995
Joseph Laundry	1961-1985
J.R. McNerney	1960-1962
Thomas A. Ryan	1960-1963
William F. Wallace	1968-1988
Joseph Weadd	1968-1970
Peter Vogt (Deceased)	1958-1961

U.S. Navy	
Bob Barrelle	1966-1969
Gary Bonnett	1961-1967
Edward Buuck	1965-1967
Percy Courseault, Jr.	1960-1966
Louis (L.J.) Deris	1970-1974
Jerry Fisher (Deceased)	1968-1972
Karen Fisher	1981-1990
William Fisher	1968-2000
Stephen Foster (Deceased)	1964-1992
Wayne Gray (Deceased)	1969-1973
W. Jay Rose	1965-1990

PASSING OF JOE LEAKE

We are sad to announce the passing of long-term Magnolia Forest resident, Joe Leake, a native of Woodville MS, and University of Southern Mississippi alum. He served in the Army National Guard as well as 25 years with the FBI, including stints in the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, before transferring to the New Orleans office, where he retired in 1996. He is survived by his wife Karen, son Joe "Casey" Leake, III (Allison) and step-father to Calvin "Stewart" Cage, Jr. (Lori) and Stephanie Danielle Cage Martin (Chad), and four grandchildren.

THANK YOU MARGO!!!

Margo Necaie, a resident of Magnolia Forest for 24 years, recently moved to coastal Mississippi. For over 20 years, Margo served on the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association Board as a member-at-large and covered numerous support roles, starting with the message boards at the entrances to the neighborhood. Margo truly had Magnolia Forest’s pulse, weaving wonderful stories about our neighbors, peppered with interesting neighborhood history and colorful nicknames for Magnolia Forest landmarks, like the Murder House. She kept the HOA Board meetings lively and entertaining! Margo helped to inspire many of the newsletter articles about our neighborhood and was able to point the editors in the direction of the best news sources and background information.

Margo voluntarily picked up trash between her home on 805 Pine Alley to Military Road monthly for many years, stopping to care for her father-in-law. Margo delightfully shared some of her most interesting trash finds, including a \$20 bill and a suitcase of Bud Light. It was astonishing the volume of trash and the sundry items that Margo collected. Margo was part of a team instrumental in evolving care for Magnolia Forest’s entrances from piece-meal volunteer projects to regular, professional care by the Green Team.

Not only will we miss Margo’s huge involvement in keeping our neighborhood beautiful and welcoming our new neighbors with welcome packets, but Margo and Greg’s amazing holiday decorations for Halloween and Christmas over the years.

Margo grew up in Ocean Springs and was a surgical nurse with Methodist Hospital until its closure after Hurricane Katrina. With her husband Greg’s retirement last November during the Covid shutdown, they got back into their morning walks and runs. Although Margo “moved” over 6 months ago, she has kept up our neighborhood entrance signs and helped to keep track of membership.

We will greatly miss Margo’s contagious smile, exuberant demeanor, and mega-contribution to keeping Magnolia Forest one of the best neighborhoods on the Northshore!

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