



## MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# Newsletter

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## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT – PERCY COURSEAULT

Magnolia Forest is full of amazing people with big hearts. One of our favorite “behind the scenes” residents is New Orleans native, **Percy Courseault**. Percy, and his wife **Jill**, moved to Magnolia Forest in August 2006. They were originally planning on moving to the Rigolets but reconsidered after Katrina’s devastation. Their youngest daughter already lived in Magnolia Forest with 4 of their 11 grandchildren, which further influenced the Courseaults’ relocation decision.



Percy became very involved with the HOA in 2007 in a rather unusual way. His recruitment journey started with HOA letters addressing a trailer he had in his front yard. Post-Katrina, Percy was juggling additional curveballs that life threw his way, including a serious health condition for his wife, that delayed the trailer’s removal. Percy maintained open communication with the Board and was so impressed with how professional and sincere the issue was handled that he knew had to join the team!

Percy has been involved with a great number of projects and events that have made Magnolia Forest such a wonderful and beautiful neighborhood. Percy was instrumental in improving Magnolia Forest’s infrastructure, from installation of the entrances’ irrigation systems to keep the flower beds and lawn lush and beautiful, road barriers on Oak Alley to keep vehicles off the grass and getting the Magnolia Forest sign on Fischer erected. Percy also served two terms as Vice President and several years as the Magnolia Forest Newsletter Editor, with an even longer tenure coordinating the newsletter production and distribution. Although Percy tenured out eligibility to serve as a Board Member, he continues to serve Magnolia Forest as an Association Member and is always quick to volunteer help and assistance where it is needed most.

Percy made a lifelong career based on public service and put his MBA to good use. Percy served 3 years active duty in the Navy and an additional 3 years in the Navy Reserve. His near 30-yr career with the Federal Government spans from the early years as a loan officer with the Small Business Administration to retiring as the National Finance Center’s Facilities Manager. Percy’s great organizational skills and targeting opportunities to improve processes and services has been invaluable to Magnolia Forest.

So, stop and say “hi” to Percy when you see him passing out maps for our neighborhood-wide Yard Sale (the first Saturday in October) or leading one of our Halloween Hayride trains. Although he tries to stay in the background, his dedication and eagerness to help has made a lot of Magnolia Forest’s events possible and one of Magnolia Forest’s superstars!

## AUGUST GARDEN OF THE MONTH

By **Tammy Artalona**

Magnolia Forest's August Garden of the Month was awarded to **Nick and Laurie Wood**, 720 Ashland by Garden Club judges **Lynn Brandt** and **Beryl Deris**.

Nandina framed the front door entrance, which was adorned by a lovely summer wreath. Neatly trimmed holly lined the front of the house along with colorful pink caladiums, also edged with liriopse. The corners were anchored by a lovely crepe myrtle on the right and a nicely sculpted holly tree on the left.

The driveway was framed with large pampas grass and lined with oak and pine trees, providing an overall inviting appearance.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

We're expecting a huge turn-out for this year's MFHA Yard Sale. We posted a "Save the Date" event to Facebook in late June. That single advertisement has reached over 18.5k people and over a thousand people responded positively to attending the Yard Sale. The HOA will ramp up advertising in September and look forward to a lot of buyers. Please register early so you can be included on the Yard Sale map!

The MFHA is looking for volunteers to help with the Halloween Hayride. We will be changing up the Hayride route and want to make sure that we host a fun, safe event for our neighborhood children. Please let Gina know if you would like to help evolve this great event to the next level!

### Save the date:

- ◆ Magnolia Forest Yard Sale – Saturday, Oct. 1 (7AM – Noon)
  - ⇒ Register and be included on the MFHA Yard Sale map – Sunday, Sep. 25
- ◆ Halloween Hayride – Saturday, Oct. 29 (starting at 6 PM)

## POLICE PATROLS

Magnolia Forest had 3 scheduled police patrols during May and June. There were a number of traffic stops, including 2 failures to stop, 7 speeding, and 2 golfcart stops resulting in 4 tickets and 5 verbal warnings.

Please be aware that school is starting the week of Aug. 8 and the buses will be running with potential traffic delays. And please watch out for kids... we have had a lot of new youngsters move into Magnolia Forest over the summer.

### President's corner:

**Bonterra update** - Phase 1 has received final approval. The developer was to appear before the Parish council on August 4th to appeal the April 12th Planning Commission denial for preliminary approval of Phases 2 and 3, but the appeal was postponed until the September 1 Parish Council meeting. (Got that!) More to come on this in the September newsletter.

**Alligators at Oak Alley entrance** - At least 4 small alligators have been observed at the culverts near the Oak Alley entrance. **L.J. Deris** contacted the state Wildlife and Fisheries and a field agent came out and was able to remove 2 of the alligators.

## JANET FOUERT TRIBUTE

Magnolia Forest has lost longtime resident, **Janet Fouert**, who lived life to the fullest while taking care of others and helping wherever possible. She was an active member in the Magnolia Forest Garden Club, frequently serving as a Garden of the Month judge and always eager to volunteer and help make our community a more beautiful place. Janet always flew her American flag, donning patriotic shirts, and supported our soldiers deployed overseas through the Slidell Ladies for Liberty. She was an avid Zumba participant at Cross Gates Gym. She passed away from complications following an emergency aortic tear surgery on July 6, 2022. Janet was preceded in death by her loving husband Norman Francis Fouert Sr., her son Norman Francis Fouert Jr. and her sister Jeanine Calvet Guidry. She is survived by her son John Fouert, daughter-in-law Lee Ann (Puckett) Fouert, her brother-in-law Malcolm Guidry, and several nieces and nephews.

Janet was a native of New Orleans and graduated from McMinn High School and Louisiana State University. Janet worked for an LSU Museum and a Tulane science lab before meeting and marrying Norman Francis Fouert Sr. Together they owned and operated a framing shop on Jackson Square, building a synergy with local French Quarter artists who directed business to their framing store in exchange for storing artwork overnight. The Fouerts relocated to Slidell and opened Exclusive Creations, a custom picture framing business on Robert Road. Norman and Janet built their home in Magnolia Forest in 1991. Norman passed away in 2001, and Janet continued running the shop for a few more years.

Her son, **John Fouert** shared the many ways that Janet loved life, and really enjoyed her Magnolia Forest Family. "She always looked forward to seeing everyone", from Garden Club luncheons to Gin Rummy with friends. Janet was a football fanatic and an avid fan of the LSU Tigers and New Orleans Saints. (See photo with Gail Benson.) Janet travelled well into her 80s to meet up with family for exotic trips around the globe. Janet contributed the Mulhall Cookie recipe to Marcelle Bienvenu's "Cooking Up a Storm", a post-Katrina cookbook compiling beloved family recipes to preserve and safeguard the New Orleans' culinary legacy. Janet originally got this cookie recipe from her Aunt Ethel, who got it from her friend, Flo Mulhall.

Janet was able to visit with extended family recently at her brother-in-law's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Janet was out with friends watching the new Elvis movie when the chest pains from the torn aorta set in. Janet donated her body to science, through the LSU Medical School. She wanted to help educate the next generation of medical doctors and researchers. Donations can be made in her honor to Slidell Ladies for Liberty.

### Mulhall Cookies

- 2 -/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, or 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup margarine, at room temperature
- 1 (1-pound) box light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecan pieces

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sift together three times the flour, soda and cream of tartar; set aside. In the large bowl of an electric mixer (use dough hooks if available) set on medium speed, thoroughly mix butter and sugar, two to three minutes. Beat in one egg at a time and continue beating until mixture is very light in color and texture, about five minutes, pushing sides down with a rubber spatula. Gradually add flour mixture, a few tablespoons each time, then add vanilla and pecans, mixing well; batter will be quite stiff.

Drop batter by slightly heaping teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 1/2 to 3 inches apart. Bake until golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let cookies cool for only about one minute on cookie sheet. Then, working quickly, loosen them with a spatula and transfer to a wire rack to cool. (If you remove cookies from pan too soon, they break apart; if you wait more than about two minutes total, they tend to stick.) Store in airtight tins or freeze. Makes about five dozen cookies.



## The Association has 191 members

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