



## MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# Newsletter

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## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Our wine and cheese gathering was a bright spot on a gloomy, rainy April day! A huge thank you to **Terry and Perry Becnel** for hosting the Magnolia Forest HOA wine tasting and cheese social at their beautiful home and thanks to all who donated wine. We had a great turnout to enjoy good wines, wonderful cheeses, and other delicious snacks.



From left : Kristen Karl, Bob Meltz, Parish Councilman Mike Smith,  
 Perry Becnel, Terry Becnel Gina Nash

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

We have a number of fun events planned for Magnolia Forest. Please renew your MFHA Membership if you haven't done so already to help keep Magnolia Forest beautiful and desirable. Free ad space is available for the children and/or grandchildren of MFHA members to advertise their services for babysitting, yard work, etc.

Save the date:

- \* Early Oct – Night Out Against Crime
- \* Oct 7 – MFHA Yard Sale
- \* Oct 28 – Halloween Hayride
- \* Mid-Dec – Santa's Visit
- \* Dec 24 – Light Papa Noel's Way

## President's Corner:

- ◆ A reminder to those who walk their dogs: please pick up after them! A number of homeowners have come to me with this complaint. Carry a bag with you.
- ◆ On a sad note: This will be the last newsletter put together by Gina Nash. She has been our faithful newsletter editor for 4 years, but family and work responsibilities have made it more and more difficult for her to fit this into her busy schedule. If interested in helping out with this, please let me know.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

This picture is from the April, 2013 HOA newsletter showing Margo Necaie, Jay Rose, Cliff Dugas, Larry Campo and Percy Courseault getting ready for the Great Magnolia Forest Bike Ride. Bet you didn't know we ever did such a thing!



## CURB APPEAL AND PROPERTY VALUES

By Carroll Knowles

Curb appeal is the impression your home's exterior and yard conveys to an observer from the street and can create an emotional desire for visitors to own a home in Magnolia Forest. According to many real estate articles, courteous neighbors with tidy yards and well-maintained homes can increase your property's value. A good landscape design can add 20% to the value of your property. For many homeowners their home is a large investment, and they work to maintain their property's value. ***As members of a subdivision, we also expect our neighbors to maintain their property because the condition of their property directly affects our property's value.***

***Yes, your neighbors can decrease your property's value.*** Someone's cluttered yard in the subdivision can detract from the positive aspects of your home and call into question quality of life issues. According to an article by Bianna Golodryga and Mable Chan written for ABC, real estate experts say untidy neighbors and unkempt neighborhoods could be hazardous to a home's value, and a messy neighbor could possibly bring down the value of your home by 10% to 20%, maybe even more. No one will pay top dollar to live on a street with a house with an unkempt yard, a car propped up on cinderblocks, a yard with a collection of vehicles, a porch piled with junk, or toys thrown across the yard. A potential buyer knows he can fix things that are wrong with his house, but not things that are wrong with his neighbor's house. You don't just sell a home, you sell a lifestyle and you sell a neighborhood. A neighborhood eyesore can easily turn a buyer off.

There are also St. Tammany Parish Codes that address this issue. For example, Chapter 26, Sec. 26-2 states that **major appliances**, such as refrigerators, freezers, etc. on any portion of any occupied lot is a violation and should be reported to the parish code enforcement division; violators could be fined.

## GARDENS CLUB NEWS

### April Garden of the Month

The MFGC's April Garden of the Month was awarded to **Lynn and Lisa Adams's** yard on Parlange Drive. Their well-trimmed yard contained well designed flower beds featuring many species of plants, including the Lorapetalum at the back of the front bed, accented by the lime green of the sunshine ligustrum, and the dark green of the Juniper in the front. Other shrubs included Boxwood, Japanese Holly, Crepe Myrtle trees, and Giant Evergreen Liriope. The front door was framed by two Carolina Blue Sapphire Cypress Pom Pom shrubs. The yard also had several other trees including a red maple.

Judged by **Linda Donaldson** and **Mary Jean Freeman**.

### June Garden of the Month

Congratulations to **Kevin and Kerri Olsen**, at 535 Oak Alley for being awarded MFGC's Garden of the Month for June. Their lovely garden is welcoming with a well-manicured array of plants, including Indian hawthorn, Coleus, Vincas, Agapantha, Knock Out Roses and Begonias. Shades of red, white, pink and purple flowers brighten this wonderful yard and home.

Judges were **Jill Courseault** and **Beryl Deris**.

### July Garden of the Month

The MFGC's July Garden of the Month was awarded to the home of **Perry and Terry Becnel** on Southdown. Their front yard is like a flower shop, artistically arranged with a variety of blooming and green plants, including an abundance of roses, Graney Gray Beard, Penta, Crepe Myrtles, Boston fern and ornamental grass.

Judges were **Carol Hodge** and **Suzanne Robinson**.

**Installation of 2023-2024 Officers** – On May 11th Past-President **Georgette Frichter** inducted Magnolia Forest Garden Club's 2023-2024 officers in an installation ceremony during a wonderful luncheon at Keith Young's in Madisonville.



Officers L to R are: Tammy Artalona, President; Carroll Knowles, 1st Vice President; Betty Rose, 2nd Vice President; Nancy Fisher, Secretary; Lynda Donaldson, Treasurer; Pam Anderson, Historian; Nancy O'Bryan, Parliamentarian.

Other Garden Club news and pictures can be found on the Garden Club page on the MFHA website.

## The Association has 175 members

|                   |                    |                  |                          |                    |                      |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Adams, L & L      | Cefalu, R & J      | Gallacher, D & P | Kaehrle, B & Barbero, J  | Onstad, F          | Solar, R & S         |
| Anderson, J & P   | Chagnard, C & M    | Garner, J & S    | Karem, R & H             | Ory, B & C         | Stubbs, M & J        |
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| Arthur, M & N     | Clatterbuck, N & K | Gernon, E        | Karl, T & H              | Overby, M & A      | Trainor, T & K       |
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| Benedic, P & K    | Courseault, P & J  | Goodson, F & M   | Kostmayer, J & L         | Pierkarski, D      | Venables, L          |
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| Bentson, M & L    | Deris, L & B       | Gregg, J & C     | Lacourrege, J & D        | Pousson, D & J     | Vogt, F              |
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| Bermingham, M & P | DeVall, R & C      | Griggs, J & A    | Landry, P & L            | Prattini, C & C    | Wagner, E & J        |
| Bernard, L & J    | Devezin, T         | Griswold, W      | Lightfoot-Freeman, E & S | Prendergast, B & B | Wallace, W & L       |
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| Bordes, P & K     | Donaldson, L       | Gust, L          | Maehler, K & D           | Reed, J & M        | Wilcox, R & B        |
| Bowman, W         | Drewes, M & D      | Habbab, T        | Martin, B & K            | Render, A & A      | Wingrave, D & D      |
| Boyd, J & S       | Dupuy, G & A       | Hamilton, M & L  | Martin, E                | Robinson, C & J    | Winkler, D & A       |
| Bradburn, M       | Evans, J & G       | Hanley, D        | McDowell, D & K          | Robinson, S        | Wood, N & L          |
| Bradburn, WP & M  | Farley, M & S      | Harper, C & C    | McGee, L & S             | Rose, J & B        | Wyatt, C & D         |
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