



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

• MAGNOLIA FOREST IS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS COMMUNITY •

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PETE GIUFFRIA WILL LEAD MFHA IN 2024

At the December general membership meeting the slate of board candidates presented to the membership was accepted by acclamation. On January 10th, the new board met and elected the following officers:

- President: Pete Giuffria
- Vice President : Carroll Knowles
- Secretary: Betty Rose
- Treasurer/Membership: Kristen Karl
- Neighborhood Properties: L.J. Deris
- Newsletter Distribution: Terry Becnel
- Newsletter Editor: *



*Currently the newsletter will consist of input and articles from the 2024 Board of Directors and past president, Bob Meltz, who will also continue as publisher. There will also be a "Real Estate in Magnolia Forest" article written by Colleen Fickle, a realtor living in Magnolia Forest. Nonpolitical articles from association members that the board feels are of interest to residents, but are not offensive, are welcome.

There are committees that need volunteers. (Social, Covenants, Newsletter Couriers) Any association member who would like to assist but prefers not to serve on the board, should contact our president Pete Giuffria. We are always looking for more people to get involved with keeping our neighborhood looking good. While we are on the subject of volunteers, thank you to our current volunteers – **Sandy Solar** who posts the messages on our four message boards. Also, thanks to **Carol Hodge, Beryl & L.J. Deris, Tracy, Kadie, & Lillie Sheffield, and Percy Courseault**, our newsletter couriers; **Barbara Burgueno** and the Magnolia Forest **Garden Club** for decorating our entrance signs.

In addition to the new board being voted in at the December general membership meeting at Generations Church, incoming Parish councilman David Cogle and Sergeant Chad Risey addressed the crowd. Over 30 were in attendance, and Bernard and Carol Ory won the gift basket.

SANTA COMES TO MAGNOLIA FOREST

Santa and his elves visited over 20 youngsters throughout Magnolia Forest on a beautiful Dec. 15th evening, passing out treats and providing numerous photo opportunities. Santa's ride was a beautiful bright red 73 Chevy Caprice convertible complete with a reindeer!

Thank you to **Pete Giuffria**, and **Tracie Sheffield** and her daughters **Kadie** and **Lillie** for helping bring Christmas joy to our Magnolia Forest family and an extra special thank you to **Walter Williams** and **Danny Keicher** for providing Santa's stylish transportation!



Garden Club News

Arbor Day 2024

(Above) Magnolia Forest Garden Club members L-R Pam Anderson, Betty Rose, Tammy Artalona, Barbara Burgueno, Beryl Deris and Nancy Fisher recently met at the Fisher entrance to discuss the health of the Little Gem Magnolia trees planted by the club a couple of years ago. They are healthy and growing nicely. Seems like they will definitely survive the winter.

At a separate meeting, LSU Ag. Agent Will Afton also confirmed that the trees should survive the cold and last summer's drought.

(Right) Barbara Burgueno checking the viability of one of the Little Gem Magnolia at Fisher entrance to Magnolia Forest.



Christmas Decorating Contest

Judging for the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the Magnolia Forest Garden Club was held on December 18th. The winners in each category were given a gift card to Garden Spot Nursery.

The winners are:

Doors/Entrances – **Jack and Lorraine Pecot**, 545 Oak Alley

Artistic Home & Yard – **Lynn and Melissa Adams**, 465 Parlange

Novelty – **Scott and Aline Ulrich**, 469 Parlange

The judges reported there were many beautiful homes throughout the subdivision with many new themes and styles introduced this year making judging difficult. The judges were **Carroll Knowles, Florence Onstad, Sandy Solar** and **Suzanne Robinson**.

THE COVENANTS CORNER

Space permitting, we will have a “Covenants Corner” column each month to highlight some of our covenants. This month the covenants reminder is: **Permanent parking of recreational vehicles and boats must be in the rear yard or within a carport or garage**. Obviously, the intent of this covenant applies to other unnamed vehicles such as school buses, tanks, 18 wheeler cabs, to name a few.

How residents can make a Code Violation complaint

Did you know that you can file an anonymous code enforcement complaint?

- 1) Google “St Tammany Parish Code Enforcement”
- 2) Select “A Code Enforcement complaint”
- 3) Fill in Code Enforcement Complaint Form
- 4) Select submit

All information given will remain confidential.

Complainant will receive an email back showing the complaint was received.

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Thank you MFHA for your continued support.

DUES ARE DUE

It's time to renew your Association membership or to join for the first time. All homeowners are eligible for membership, and membership is as simple as paying yearly dues of \$50 per family. All residents of Magnolia Forest benefit from the work done by the volunteers as they attend to the needs of the subdivision. **All residents should share in the expense of cutting the grass, maintaining the entrance garden beds and the other services the association provides.** Just imagine what it would do to our property values if the association members were not cutting the grass and maintaining the garden beds at the entrances. Primarily our dues are used for:

- Grass cutting at the entrances
- Maintenance and new plantings in the garden beds
- Water bills for the garden beds
- Purchasing, repairing, maintaining and installing signs and message boards
- Funding sheriff patrols in the subdivision
- Printing the monthly newsletter for **all** residents
- Office supplies, postage, post office box rental
- ◆ Legal expenses

Joining is as easy as filling out the form below and sending it in with your payment, or paying through the Venmo link below.

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