



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

MAGNOLIA FOREST IS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS COMMUNITY

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

We honored mothers last month. Now it's Dad turn. Father's Day this year will be celebrated on Sunday, June 16th.

Below are a few humorous Father's Day quotes you may enjoy:

- 'A father carries pictures where his money used to be' - Steve Martin
'My 4-year-old son gave me a handmade card for Father's Day. Maybe for Christmas I'll draw him a picture of some toys.' - Jim Gaffigan
'I gave my father \$100 and said, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.' So he went out and bought a present for my mother.' - Rita Rudner

Speed tracks

One of the more common complaints the HOA board gets is about speeders driving through our neighborhood. Over the years, this has been both a frequent topic of newsletter articles, and a discussion topic at the HOA monthly board meetings. One step the board has taken is to pay for occasional police patrols. Thanks to those who contribute to this worthy cause.

The board is now considering installing speed tracks at certain spots throughout Magnolia Forest. To the right is a picture of one. These would force speeders to slow down.

If you would like to weigh in on this topic, please send an email with your thoughts to the covenants email address at mfacovenantscommittee@gmail.com.

Note that even if we as an HOA decide we would like to install speed tracks at certain locations within the neighborhood, it isn't a sure thing. We would need to make the request through our Parish Councilman David Cogle.



### 4th of July mailbox decorating contest!

The Homeowners Association is asking residents to bling up their mailboxes to help celebrate the 4th of July! If you would like to be a part of the decoration contest, please email a picture of your mailbox with your name and address to [rmeltz@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmeltz@bellsouth.net) by Friday, June 21st, to be included in the vote. We will pick winners in the following categories:

- Most patriotic
- Most artistic
- Most summeresque

Winners will be posted in the July newsletter.

### May 2024 Garden of the Month

The home of **Jeff** and **Paula Mills** at 518 Oak Alley has been named the Magnolia Forest Garden of the Month for May 2024. Garden club judges were **Carroll Knowles** and **Suzanne Robinson**.

Many varieties of newly planted specimens across the front included yellow daylilies, hawthorns, hibiscus, lirioppe, popcorn rose bushes and mandevilla vines. There was also a separate flower bed in the front with sunshine ligustrum and irises attractively arranged.

### Garbage Cans

Please retrieve your garbage cans as soon as possible after garbage pickup. Some have been leaving their garbage cans out for a few days. This detracts from the beauty and appeal of Magnolia Forest.

### In Need of Some Good volunteers

The HOA is a voluntary organization, and the more volunteers we have, the more effective we can be. You don't have to be on the HOA board to help out. Below is a list of some of the needs of the HOA.

1. Newsletter delivery—We have had many faithful newsletter delivery people over the years, but some have said they would like to pass this responsibility on. Therefore, we could use a few more volunteers. Contact **Terry Becnel** or **Bob Meltz** if interested.
2. Social committee members and support—If interested in helping plan social events for Magnolia Forest, please contact **Pete Giuffria**.
3. HOA board members for 2025—If interested in serving on the HOA board in 2025, get in touch with **Pete Giuffria**.

### Code enforcement process

St. Tammany Parish has a simple online process for filing code enforcement complaints. Go to the St. Tammany Parish government home page ([stpgov.org](http://stpgov.org)) —> Highlight the "I Want to" option near the top of the page —> Under "Complaints and Requests" click on the "File a Code Enforcement Complaint". This takes you to the code enforcement complaint form. The form is fairly self explanatory and anonymous, but you do need to provide an email address so the code enforcement folks can contact you.

### Your HOA at work

**Oak Alley entrance work**—On Saturday, April 27, numerous HOA members spent a few hours doing a debris cleanup at the front end of the Oak Alley entrance. The goal was to clear out brush and small trees the were blocking the view of the Oak Alley entrance signs.

**Reminder letter sent out**— Every year in May or June, the HOA board sends out reminder letters to Magnolia Forest residents who have not yet joined the HOA. We sent out about 210 letters this year. If you received one of these letters, please respond by joining.

**Spring planting**— Maintaining and sprucing up the entrances to Magnolia Forest are some of the bigger HOA responsibilities and expenses. These efforts are done in coordination with The Green Team. The spring plantings should be completed soon.

### Real estate

**Houses currently on the market as of May 20, 2024:**

1007 Oakland Dr. \$675,000

201 Milbank Lane \$359,000

411 Parlange Dr. \$330,000

**Houses under contract:**

108 Fischer

123 Fischer

**Recent closings — Last 6 months:**

427 Parlange Dr. : List price \$320,000, Closed price \$320,000

Seller Concessions \$9600

308 Nottoway Dr. : List price \$289,000, Closed price \$300,000

808 Pine Alley Dr. : List price \$395,000, Closed price \$370,000

Seller Concessions \$15,965

321 Nottoway Dr : List price \$315,000, Closed price \$323,000

Seller Concessions \$13,500

435 Parlange Dr : List Price \$285,000, Closed price \$257,000

**Lots for sale:**

719 Ashland Drive : List price \$95,000

419 Parlange Drive : List price \$37,500

**Colleen Fickle**

Keller Williams Realty Professionals

### School's Out!

More kids will be on our street.  
Please drive carefully.



### Covenants Update

The Covenants Committee sent out 17 letters to homeowners in April. Thanks to all who received a letter and agreed to the request to come into compliance with our restrictive covenants.

## The Association has 144 members

Adams, L	Brandt, B & L	Dupuy, G & A	Griggs, J & A	Konda, D & T	Petrucci, M & E	Sims, M
Anderson, J & P	Braun, J & L	Evans, J & G	Griswold, W	Lacourrege, J & D	Piazza, C & K	Smith, C & L
Arthur, N	Brooks, J	Farley, M & S	Guillory, R & T	Lambert, L & K	Pitman, A & J	Solar, R & S
Baird, J	Burgueno, E & B	Ferris, M & S	Gunderson, S	Landry, P & L	Pousson, D & J	Stubbs, M & J
Barbaro, J	Cain, J & M	Fickle, C & K	Gust, L	Martin, B & K	Prattini, C & C	Sullivan, D & D
Barrelle, B & J	Cameron, B	Finger, J & A	Habbab, T	Martin, E & A	Prendergast, B & B	Trascher, D & Foy, M
Becnel, P & T	Campbell, J & C	Finnin, A & M	Hamilton, M & L	Martino, D & S	Ramirez, G & L	Trippe, M & M
Benedic, P & K	Carrigan, G & C	Fisher, N	Harper, C & C	McDowell, D & K	Rao, P & C	Venables, L
Bennett, P & A	Chagnard, C & M	Fosdick, J & K	Harrison, J	McGee, L & S	Rao, T & C	Vernon, W & K
Benson, A & L	Champagne, R & L	Fouert, J	Hasperue, P & C	McInerney, J & O	Reed, J & M	Wagner, E & R
Benson, B & L	Clatterbuck, N & K	Frischhertz, G & R	Hebert, K & A	Melancon, F	Riedie, L & D	Wallace, W & L
Bentson, M & L	Compass, E & A	Frueh, D	Heisser, A & G	Meltz, R	Robinson, S	White, R & K
Berdine, B	Cooney, M & T	Gallacher, D & P	Herman, J & M	Mesman, R & A	Rose, B	Wilbourn, J & C
Birmingham, M & A	Courseault, P & J	Garner, J & N	Hodge, C	Mills, J & P	Round, C & J	Wilcox, R & B
Bernard, L & J	Cross, A & S	Gerace, J & J	Holley, T & A	Moyle, J	Rullman, D & E	Wingrave, D & D
Billings, S & M	Dean, D	Gernon, E	Houser, J & M	Olsen, K & K	Ruscoe, B & V	Winkler, D & A
Bonnett, G & L	Dehm, S	Gille, J & J	Johnston, W & F	Onstad, F	Rushon, W & D	Wood, N & L
Boos, M & B	Deris, L & B	Girod, J & H	Karl, C & K	Ory, B & C	Ryan, P & D	Wyatt, C & D
Bowman, W	Dier, J & J	Giuffria, P & C	Karl, T & H	Ostericher, C & T	Ryan, T & M	
Bradburn, M	Donaldson, L	Goodson, F & M	Knowles, L & C	Overby, M & A	Sanders, B & G	
Brandon, R & J	Drewes, M & D	Gray, W & K	Koen, J	Pecot, J & L	Schultz, R & L	

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**Sun: 10:00am - 3:00pm**

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*Thank you MFHA for your continued support.*

### MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2024 Family Membership \$50    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for Beautification    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donation for Social Events    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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