



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

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MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 7 pm
Generations Church
62340 Hwy 1090 (N. Military Road)

Current board members Terry Becnel, Carl Smith, Denny McDowell, Betty Rose and Peter Giuffria are eligible to remain, and have agreed to remain, on the HOA board in 2025 . Carroll Knowles and L.J. Deris will be rotating off the board. We have nominations for Lisa Adams and Bob Meltz as new board members for 2025.

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 (any current board member) 30 days prior to the 4th quarter general membership meeting, on December 12th, when the election will be held. Nominations from the floor are not allowed.

Parish councilman David Cogle, a representative from the St. Tammany Sherriff's Department and Waste Management's Donald Hains will be invited as guest speakers. Plus, each attendee will receive a free ticket for the "entertainment" basket raffle!

IMPORTANT : Waste Management Recycling Vote

All Magnolia Forest residents in attendance who are patrons of Waste Management, HOA members and non-members, will be asked to vote on whether or not Magnolia Forest will continue to have recycling. Refer to the October newsletter for more information.

- A vote for recycling means all Waste Management patrons will be charged \$5.50/month for once-every-2-weeks recycling pickup. You will be provided, at no charge, a 96 gallon recycling cart.
A vote against recycling means no-one will be charged this additional monthly fee, and Magnolia Forest will no longer have recycling.

So, if we vote to have recycling, your monthly fee will be \$27.00. If we vote to not have recycling, your monthly fee will be \$21.49. Again, this assumes you have both paperless billing and autopay.

This will be decided by a popular vote— one vote per household.

MAGNOLIA FOREST CELEBRATES OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is just around the corner! Thank you to our many veterans and their families that reside in Magnolia Forest. Attached is a list of those who have served to keep America the Home of the Free!

I hope you have the opportunity to fly your flag for Veterans Day on November 11.

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	1978-1988
Carl Smith	1975-1979
Ronald Uhler	1970-1974



U.S. Army	
Chad Chagnard	1988-1999
Gerald B. Dupuy	1963-1969
George Frichter (Deceased)	1958-1964
James E. Gerace	1968-2006
Charles Harper	22 years
Thomas Holley	1966-1968
Darren Landreneau	1986-1995
Joseph Laundry	1961-1985
J.R. McInerney	1960-1962
Thomas A. Ryan	1960-1963
William F. Wallace	1968-1988
Joseph Weadd	1968-1970
Peter Vogt (deceased)	1958-1961

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

Mike Ferris	1995-2022	U.S. Coast Guard
James Gille	1979-1986	U.S. Army/Navy
Larry Key	1986-2018	U.S. Air Force/National Guard
Charles Maehler (deceased)	1943-1976	U.S. Army/Navy/Coast Guard
Kevin Maehler	1979-2003	U.S. Coast Guard
Rhiannon McCloud	2009-Pres.	U.S. Coast Guard
Joshua Meltz	2006-Pres.	U.S. Marines/Army
Nathanael Meltz	2008-2015	U.S. Coast Guard
Robert Shultz	1998-2018	U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Navy	
Bob Barelle	1966-1969
Gary Bonnett (deceased)	1961-1967
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
Dan Olave	1962-1968
W. Jay Rose (deceased)	1965-1990

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, December 14 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 15 10:30 AM

First Baptist Church

4141 Pontchartrain Drive

Free and open to the public

MAGNOLIA FOREST YARD SALE A SUCCESS!

Saturday, October 5th was a gorgeous day for our annual neighborhood-wide yard sale. Over 40 families signed up to participate and hundreds of visitors streamed through Magnolia Forest to take advantage of the great deals.

Thank you to our residents for helping to maximize space in the roll-off container provided by Waste Management during the neighborhood wide yard sale weekend. Thank you very much for observing when the dumpster was full and not leaving trash outside of the receptacle. And a huge thank you to **Magnolia Forest Stables** for generously allowing us to utilize their property for this bulk waste collection.

President’s corner

- This is a reminder that the Parish barn can assist with debris hanging over streets, and ditch cleanouts to help with drainage. Their contact information is on page 1 of the newsletter.
- The HOA is considering moving to a more digital format for our monthly newsletter. We currently print over 350 copies and hand deliver them to all homeowners in Magnolia Forest. We also post the newsletter online, and email the newsletter to many. One option under consideration includes replacing the hand delivery throughout the entire neighborhood with 2 newsletter mailboxes, one at the Oak Alley entrance and one at the Fischer entrance and putting 25 or so newsletters in each mailbox. The digital options will still be available. This will save on printing expenses, and also eliminate the need for newsletter delivery people. This will be discussed further at the December General Membership meeting.

Student volunteers needed

If your students need service hours, we have the jobs. L.J. Deris is coordinating an effort to clean the signs in Magnolia Forest. If your students are interested, let L.J. know. His contact information is on page 1.

Elves needed to join Santa in December

The North Pole is running short of elves. Santa can make it for his annual visit on Friday, December 13th, but is in need of a few elves. If you know of any elves that would be available on that date, let any HOA board member know.

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE 2024

On Oct. 26th, MFHOA presented its 7th Annual Halloween Hayride. We had 200 Riders on 15 spooktacularly decorated vehicles, ferrying a motley crew of imaginative costumers. Frights were a bound in Magnolia Forest as the Witches and Zombies trains meandered to the 12 Treat Stops. Hershey Bars, Rice Krispie Treats, and Starburst Sleeves...OY!! MY!! Even a Hot Dog Stand to keep our revelers going! Amazing treats and fantastic decorations all around! The crowd voted, it was tight, the creativity was breathtaking! We want to congratulate our winners, who received a yard plaque painted by CSJH Talented Art Student, Jocelynn Brunette. We hope you are ready to BRAG and REIGN for your year!

Best Treat Stop

White Family, Hermitage

Bechtel Family, Oak Alley

Best Trailer

Rao Family, Witches

Pizzolato Family, Zombies

Best Costume

Natalie “Dipping Dots” Edwards

Maggie “Old Lady” Stroyewski

A huge shoutout to everyone involved—our volunteers and participants who made this a successful event! Our unification made this year the best yet! A SHOUT OUT to Marcos Pizza on Gause Blvd and Jubilee Grocery Store for donating gift cards. A special thanks to Train Captains, Pete Giuffria and Bob Meltz and our “Press”- National Junior Honor Society Volunteers, Jocelynn Brunette, Kenady Harper, and Mia Waldrop.

Our hayride was extra special due to Member donations. If it felt “extra”, it was, THANK YOU!

Pictures included with writeup on HOA website : [2024-Hayride-writeup-with-pics.pdf](#)

FALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

(FROM ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT WEBSITE)

Parish President Mike Cooper has announced **Keep St. Tammany Beautiful** will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day this Fall in Slidell.

The drop-off event will be held at the Northshore Square Mall parking lot in Slidell on November 16, from 8 a.m. to Noon.



“These hazardous waste collection days give our citizens a chance to properly dispose of the harmful items around their home, which protects their health and our environment,” said President Cooper. “I am proud of our team who worked hard to plan an additional event, totaling three recycling and waste drop-off events this year. I encourage all of our citizens to gather all of your recyclable and hazardous waste from your homes and let us properly dispose of it.”

Citizens must pre-register online for a drop-off time by clicking [here](#), as the event is limited to the first 500 cars.

For details on what waste is eligible for drop off, please visit Keep St. Tammany Beautiful’s event page [here](#).

Note—digital access needed to register!!

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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