



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

MAGNOLIA FOREST IS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS COMMUNITY

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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 have been 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.

- 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.

Some of you have already voted via email.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Once again, the Magnolia Forest Garden Club will sponsor the subdivision Christmas decorating contest. This is a yearly tradition and is open to all residents of Magnolia Forest.

The judging will be Tuesday December 17th, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM by three judges appointed by the Garden Club. (In case of bad weather, judging will be done on the 18th.) Decorations will be judged from the inside of a car parked on the street with an adult point of view.

One winner in each category will be selected and awarded a gift, compliments of the Garden Club. There are no materials or color scheme restrictions. It is preferred that a homeowner not receive an award two consecutive years for the same category.

Category 1 - Doors and/or Entrances

Cut glass, stained glass and carved doors need not have decoration, but the entire entrance effect is considered in judging.

Category 2 - Artistic Home and Yard

Decorations may consist of wreaths, garlands, swags, candles, organized string lighting and/or spot lighting. Decorations must be well placed, in good taste and carry out an overall theme. If string lighting is used, it must support the overall design.

Category 3 - Novelty Home and Yard

Decorations may consist of a novelty scene, angels, reindeer, sleigh, etc., spot lighting and/or string lighting. All items should be well placed in an organized manner with effective lighting where needed.

Garden of the Month - October 2024

The home of Carroll and Lenny Knowles at 401 Ormond Drive was selected as Garden of the Month for October 2024 by judges Darlene Fuller and Betty Rose of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club. The branching pyracantha at the entrance is popping with orange berries, perfect for fall. A delight to view, as the berries will turn red for the coming holiday season. The garden bed under this bush has variegated Aztec grass and Encore azaleas. The neatly trimmed Japanese Yews, lorapetalums and azaleas in the bed to left of the entrance offers variations of color and texture. Also providing seasonal splashes of color are Camelias, Shi-Shi Sasanquas, and crepe myrtles. These plants surround the 3-tier fountain. The fountain gives an inviting sound of splashing water as if saying "Welcome to My Home".

Garden of the Month - November 2024

The home of John and Charlotte Campbell located at 513 Hermitage Drive was selected as the November 2024 Garden of the Month for Magnolia Forest Subdivision. This home has a beautifully manicured lawn with native Oak and Pine trees. The garden was a stand out with seasonal Yellow Chrysanthemums. Other notable plants were Shishi Sasanquas, Indian Hawthorn, Sweet Olive, Sunshine Ligustrum, Juniper and Foxtail Fern. The homeowner had a four-tier fountain to welcome visitors with the serene sound of trickling water. This month's judges were Lynda Donaldson and Colleen Fickle of the Magnolia Forest Garden Club.

Pictures for both October and November Garden of the Month are on the Garden Club page on the HOA website.

President's corner:

The HOA will be 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.

HOA member recognized!

HOA board members Pete Giuffria and L.J. Deris recognized resident Jim Gerace with a certificate and a tee-shirt for the support Jim provides to reduce speeding in our neighborhood.



L.J. Deris, Jim Gerace, Pete Giuffria

Real Estate

Houses Currently on the Market

201 Milbank Lane List Price \$359,750 reduced to \$349,500
442 Parlange Drive List Price \$540,000 reduced to \$525,000

Houses under contract

437 Parlange Dr. Asking Price \$345,000

Houses closed in the last 6 months

1007 Oakland Dr. List Price \$650,000 Closed Price \$640,000 No Seller Concessions
108 Fischer Drive List Price \$200,000 Closed Price \$181,000 No Seller Concessions Home sold in AS IS condition-due to termite damage Deeply discounted due to damage
411 Parlange Dr. List Price \$285,000 Closed Price \$257,500 No Seller Concessions
544 Oak Alley Dr. List Price \$315,000, Closed Price \$330,000
123 Fischer Dr. List Price \$345,000 Closed Price \$354,000 Seller Concessions \$14,000
437 Parlange Dr. List Price \$345,000, Closed Price \$335,000 No Seller Concessions

Vacant Land for Sale

419 Parlange Dr. \$37,500
719 Ashland Dr. \$95,000
1090 N. Military Road 3.9 acres \$89,500 (Near Fischer Dr)

Colleen C. Fickle
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1846 Front Street
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SANTA RETURNS TO MAGNOLIA FOREST !

We are pleased to announce that Santa is returning to Magnolia Forest on Friday, December 13th, from 5 till 8 pm. If you are interested in Santa stopping outside your home, passing treats out to your children/ grandchildren, and having a photo op, please send an email to Bob Meltz (rmeltz@bellsouth.net) to register for a spot. Please provide the following information:

- Home address
- First name and ages of the child(ren)
- An interesting "fact" about each child, so Santa can have a more personable interaction
- Time limitations (e.g. after 6 pm due to work or before 7:30 because of bedtime)

Please let us know by Monday, December 9th. And a huge thank you to **Walter Williams** and **Melissa Keicher** for providing Santa with a "Classic Ride"!

The Association has 190 members

Adams, L & L	Brandon, R & J	Donaldson, J	Griffith, S	Konda, D & T	Ostericher, C & T	Sierra, M & K
Anderson, J & P	Brandt, B & L	Donaldson, L	Griggs, J & A	Kostmayer, J	Overby, M & A	Sims, M
Arthur, N	Braun, J & L	Drake, R & L	Griswold, W	Krumm, J & J	Pecot, J & L	Smith, C & L
Babington, S & N	Bravo, D	Drewes, M & D	Guillory, R & T	Lacourrege, J & D	Petrucci, M & E	Solar, R & S
Baird, J	Brooks, C	Dupuy, G & A	Gunderson, S	Lambert, L & K	Piazza, C & K	Stanton, B & M
Banner, L & V	Brooks, J	Edwards, T	Gust, L	Landry, P & L	Piekarski, S	Stubbs, M & J
Barbaro, J	Burgueno, E & B	Evans, J & G	Habbab, T	Lewis, P	Pitman, A & J	Sullivan, D & D
Barrelle, B & J	Cahill, G & J	Farley, M & S	Hamilton, M & L	Lightfoot-Freeman, E & S	Pousson, D & J	Trainor, T & K
Bechtel, K	Cain, J & M	Ferris, M & S	Harper, C & C	Loggin, K	Pousson, M & M	Trascher, D & Foy, M
Becnel, P & T	Cameron, B	Fickle, C & K	Harrison, J	Lorusso, F & C	Prattini, C & C	Trippe, M & M
Benedic, P & K	Campbell, J & C	Finger, J & A	Hasperue, P & C	Martin, B & K	Prendergast, B & B	Venables, L
Bennett, P & A	Carrigan, G & C	Finnin, A & M	Hebert, K & A	Martin, E & A	Ramirez, G & L	Vernon, W & K
Benson, A & L	Chagnard, C & M	Fisher, B & K	Heisser, A & G	Martino, D & S	Rao, P & C	Wagner, E & R
Benson, B & L	Champagne, R & L	Fisher, N	Henley, D	McDowell, D & K	Rao, T & C	Wallace, W & L
Bentson, M & L	Charles R & Ronnie J	Fosdick, J & K	Herbert, D & A	McGee, L & S	Reed, J & M	White, R & K
Berdine, B	Clatterbuck, N & K	Fouert, J	Herman, J & M	McInerney, J & O	Riedie, L & D	Wilbourn, J & C
Bermingham, M & A	Clavier, P & S	Frischhertz, G & R	Herman, L & A	Melancon, F	Robinson, S	Wilcox, R & B
Bernard, L & J	Compass, E & A	Frueh, D	Hinton-Burnett, D	Meltz, R	Romero, D	Williams, W & S
Billings, S & M	Cooney, M & T	Gallacher, D & P	Hodge, C	Mesman, R & A	Rose, B	Wingrave, D & D
Black, Nick & Megan	Courseault, P & J	Garner, J & N	Holbrook, J & D	Milliet, B & Ford, J	Round, C & J	Winkler, D & A
Bonnett, G & L	Cross, A & S	Gerace, J & J	Holley, T & A	Mills, J & P	Rullman, D & E	Wood, N & L
Boos, M & B	Dean, D	Gernon, E	Houser, J & M	Mouret, C	Ruscoe, B & V	Wyatt, C & D
Bordes, P	Dehm, S	Gille, J & J	Johnston, W & F	Moyle, J	Rushon, W & D	
Boudoin, C & N	Deris, L & B	Girod, J & H	Karl, C & K	Mullet, J	Ryan, P & D	
Bowman, W	DeRouen, E	Giuffria, P & K	Karl, T & H	Olave, K & S	Ryan, T & M	
Boyd, J & S	Devezin, T	Goodson, F & M	Katz, B	Olsen, K & K	Sanders, B & G	
Bradburn, B & P	Dier, J & J	Gray, W & K	Knowles, L & C	Onstad, F	Schultz, R & L	
Bradburn, M	Donaldson, E	Green, C & K	Koen, J	Ory, B & C	Schutte, R	

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

Fun Chess in Magnolia Forest

I'm looking to see if there are any chess players, in or around Magnolia Forest, that would like to be in a chess group. No money is involved, just for fun.

Thanks,
Joel Evans
985-710-0328



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2025 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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