



MAGNOLIA FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

MAGNOLIA FOREST IS A RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS COMMUNITY

MFHA

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MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION SOCIAL

On Saturday, April 26th, the Magnolia Forest Homeowners Association will host an adult wine tasting and cheese social to show appreciation for our HOA members. Help us get to know our neighbors better and show appreciation for all who support MFHA's efforts to maintain and improve our subdivision.

There is no charge for HOA members. Anyone who has not joined prior to the wine tasting may pay their annual \$50 dues at the door. Fortunately, all wine and cheese has been donated and Jim and Linda Griswold have graciously offered to host the tasting at their home at 202 Beauvoir Court from 5 to 7 PM.

Please RSVP by April 19th to Bob Meltz by either phone or text to 985-285-8567.

We are planning a large turnout to enjoy a fun afternoon with our neighbors!!!



Newsletter Distribution

We have recently added newsletter distribution mailboxes at the Tranquility and Morgan Bluff entrances. We now have mailboxes at all 4 Magnolia Forest entrances. In addition, the newsletter is emailed to all those for whom we have email addresses, and is available on our new website:

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HOA Board changes

Pete Giuffria has stepped down as HOA board president. In the interim, Vice-President Bob Meltz will be the President. At the next HOA Board meeting, the board members will vote on a new President.

The board wants to thank Pete for his recent service as HOA President. Pete came back on the board as President in 2024, after serving as both President and Vice-President from 2018-2022. Among his many accomplishments, Pete negotiated the new service contract with Waste Management.

March Garden of the Month

The home of A.J. and Marion Finnin at 204 Evergreen was awarded Garden of the Month for March by the Magnolia Forest Garden Club. The lawn was neatly raked and there were two willow oak trees and a cypress tree in the front yard. The side and front garden beds were filled with pink, white and purple petunias and pansies. Yellow snap dragons were also intermingled with the other flowers to create a delightful show of colors.

Judges for this month were Judy Cogle and Mary Jean Herman

New website

The new Magnolia Forest HOA website address is: <https://sites.google.com/view/magnoliaforesthwa/home>

REAL ESTATE

Houses Currently on the Market

442 Parlange Drive List Price \$525,000 (3234 Sq Ft Living)

704 Ashland Drive List Price \$649,900 (7724 Sq Ft Living)

201 Milbank Lane List Price \$339,500 (3465 Sq Ft Living)

205 Evergreen Ct. List Price \$424,000 (2722 Sq Ft Living)

542 Oak Alley Drive List Price \$199,900 (2505 Sq Ft Living)

****FORECLOSURE****

405 Parlange Drive List Price \$310,000 (2762 Sq Ft Living)

Houses under contract

439 Parlange Drive List Price \$299,900

Houses closed in the last 6 months

None

Vacant Land for Sale

419 Parlange Dr. \$37,500

719 Ashland Dr. \$90,000

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Near term events

April 20th : Easter

April 26th : HOA social

May 3rd : Vote

Covenants Corner:

Tree cutting

As per the covenants :

“Each lot owner must protect the wooded appearance of his lot, cutting only those trees necessary for construction of improvements and those trees which die and create a hazard. Unnecessary cutting of trees 6” in diameter and larger shall result in a fine of \$100 per tree.”

One reason people move to Magnolia Forest is because of the large lots with many trees. Still, there are good reasons to cut down big trees such as disease or damage. If you have any questions, contact Bob Meltz. Thank you for your attention to this.

Waste Management Update

The new contract with Waste Management went into effect on April 1st. The new contract is reflected in the new pricing, and also in the new 96 gallon recycling bins. Recycling pickup is now every other Wednesday with the first date being April 2nd.

Please refer to the January-February newsletter for recycling guidance from WM. Place all recycling material in the 96 gallon bin. Nothing outside of the bin will be picked up. Also, please break down any cardboard boxes.

Glass Recycling Coming to Slidell

The city of Slidell has announced the April launch of a glass recycling program for residents.

This service will start on Saturday, April 12th and continue every 2nd Saturday of the month. Residents can drop off their recyclable glass at the designated recycling site in the Heritage Park parking lot at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Bayou Lane. Drop off must be made between 9 am and noon.

This service is not restricted to city of Slidell residents but is available to anyone.

This service is a joint effort between the city of Slidell, Keep Slidell Beautiful, Coastal Environmental Services, Glass Half Full and Lemon Tree Recycling.

For more information contact Keep Slidell Beautiful at (985)646-4371 or info@keepslidellbeautiful.org.

Police patrols

We had 2 police patrols in February. These resulted in 9 stops for speeding. 8 warnings and 1 citation were issued. All but one of those stopped were Magnolia Forest residents.



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.

Joining is as easy as filling out the form on page 4 and sending it in with your payment, or paying through Venmo.

The Association has 78 members

Adams, L & L	Brooks, C	Finnin, A & M	Hasperue, P & C	Nash, A & G	Solar, R & S
Barbero, J	Cahil, J	Fisher, J & N	Hinton-Burnett, D	Olave, S & K	Stanton, B & M
Barrelle, B & J	Cain, J & M	Fosdick, J & K	Katz, B	Piazza, C & K	Sullivan, D & D
Becnel, P & T	Campo, L & M	Gallacher, P & D	Key, L & L, Barakat L	Pousson, D & J	Trascher, D & Foy, M
Benedic, P & K	Chagnard, C & M	Giuffria, P & C	Kostmayer, J	Ramirez, G & L	Wagner, E & R
Bennett, P & A	Cooney, M & T	Gray, K	Laundry, J & M	Rao, P & C	Wallace, W
Benson, A & L	Courseault, P & J	Griswold, W	Lewis, P	Robinson, S	Wilcox, R & B
Benson, B	Deris, L & B	Guillory, R & T	Martin, B & K	Rose, B	Willbourn, J & C
Berdine, B	Drewes M & D, Frisch M	Gunderson, S	Martin, E & A	Round, C & J	William, J & W
Bernard, L & J	Dupuy, G & A	Gust, L	McDowell, D & K	Ryan, P & D	Wingrave, D & D
Black, N & M	Edwards, T	Hamilton, L	Meltz, R	Ryan, T & M	Winkler, D & A
Boos, M & B	Farley, M	Hanley, D	Mouret, C	Sims, M	Wilbourn, J & C
Boudoin, C & N	Finger, A	Harper, C & C	Mullet, J	Smith, C & L	Wood, N & L

Graduation announcements

If you have a family member who will be graduating from high school or college this spring, let us know. We'd like to recognize our graduates in an upcoming newsletter.

For high school graduates, please include both the name of the graduate, and the institution.

For college graduates, please also include the major and the degree (e.g. bachelor's, Masters, PhD)

Send that information to **Bob Meltz** at rmeltz@bellsouth.net

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Thank you MFHA for your continued support.

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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 _____

Make check payable to MFHA

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Would you like a hardcopy of the Magnolia Forest neighborhood directory? _____