

Tara Talk News

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Louisiana Marathon Runs Again Through Tara



Though Sunday, January 19th started out chilly, it warmed to a beautiful day for over 9,000 runners who participated in the 5th Annual Louisiana Marathon. Tara is involved yearly in this ever-growing event as we maintain two water stations on the corner of Roseneath and LaSalle. Tara Team members, young and old, showed up bright and early to hand out water, Power Aid, energy boosters, and most of all, encouragement to the participants running the full 26.2 marathon. In between handing out nourishment to the runners, Tara Team residents mingled with their neighbors sipping on coffee, hot chocolate and enjoying cookies, and muffins.

Many thanks to our neighbors whose yards were used and the many volunteers. A good time was had by all. See you next year!

Annual Progressive Garage Sale

Start saving your stuff now for our annual spring garage sale on **Saturday, March 19th**. The sale **starts at 7 am** and runs until you decide you want it to end. You will need to put a sign in your yard announcing your sale. When you decide you are through, just take down your sign. TCA will run an ad in *The Advocate* with the date and time for the sale.

We also create a map with all the houses which participate. If you want to be on the map, register by visiting taracivicassociation.org and signing up **by Wednesday, March 16th**. If you do not want to be on the map and would like to participate, you may still do so. Residents usually have good results when participating as a group. Make a note of the dates mentioned, and best of luck with your SALE!

Runners this year came from 11 countries and 48 states. Only Wyoming and Rhode Island did not have participants. This is considered a very desirable race as the weather is cool, the land is flat, and the race is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Ainsley's Angels, a national organization which promotes ride-along programs for individuals unable to experience endurance events on their own increased from 35 to 50 entrants riding in brightly decorated jogging strollers.

SECURITY ISSUES

Emergency: 911

City Police: 389-2000

Tara Security: 235-6445

Vacation Surveillance

(form listed on web site)

Email us at

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Welcome, New Tara Residents!

We are happy to see our community growing!

Brad & Robin Gaspard
1903 Beechgrove Dr.

Tommy & Lisa Lavergne
1338 Oakley Dr.

Tom & Christina Horsman
1728 Longview

Tara Civic Association Annual Meeting &



When: Tuesday, May 3

Where: Tara Club House

Time: 6:30 pm

Come meet your neighbors,
and enjoy the evening!

New Tara Phone Directory



Our new directory was delivered in December,

and everyone should have gotten a copy. If you did not receive one, please email us and we will see that you get yours. We have had only two responses concerning corrections, which is pretty good considering that we have about 615 homes in Tara. If there needs to be a correction to your information, let us know. Corrections will be sent at a later date. We are very grateful to those who placed ads in the directory. Some of these businesses are owned by our residents. Be sure to thank the establishments when you visit them for their support!

TCA Web Site

Just a reminder about our association's web site. If you need any information about our organization, Deed Restrictions or dates for upcoming events, it is posted here. Do you know which filing you are in? There is a great map of the subdivision which shows the streets and filings. This can be found under "Before You Build". You may increase the size of the map to read it more easily.

Couldn't make it to one of the Crime Prevention District meetings? Meeting agendas, presentations, and minutes are posted on the TCA website.

Security for Tara

With the beginning of 2016, security for Tara has been transferred from the Tara Civic Association to the Crime Prevention and Improvement District. The District is now in operation, and funds have begun to be collected.

Your District fee now supports the security patrol in Tara. It is projected that new patrol total hours will rise from 500+ hours annually to over 900 hours for the current year. Patrol hours and schedules will be flexible. There are certain times of the year, like the summer months or for special occasions, when monthly hours will be increased. The security committee will adjust the hours as needed. This will be a more efficient

way to operate the patrols.

The committee is anxious to advance security measures in Tara, including the installation of cameras, and this will be a top priority as we continue to save towards this project.



Tara Civic Association Membership Drive

The invoices for membership dues for 2016 have been mailed and are **due by March 28th**. The dues for this year will be **\$35 rather than \$55** as in the past. The largest part of our budget was for security, which is now being funded by the Crime Prevention District fee.

This past year we had great participation from residents, and we were very appreciative. The Civic Association still has a budget to meet and will continue to work on keeping Tara's property values healthy and stay active in keeping everyone informed. When submitting your check, be sure to let us know

your current phone number and email address. This is our only way to keep up with our residents! THANKS SO MUCH!



Just a Reminder

Always check the deed restriction when considering any additions to your home and submit your plans to the Architectural Committee. If you're going to add a carport, you will need to submit plans. When choosing an outside color for trim or shutters, do so considering the aesthetics of the entire subdivision. If remodeling the inside of your home, the décor is your choice.

The Naming of Tara's Streets

In our last newsletter dedicated to our 50th Anniversary, it was mentioned that subsequent articles would be published on the history of the plantations after which our streets are named. In this issue, Whitehall Plantation was chosen. Enjoy reading the history of our Southern plantations. Visiting some of these would be an enjoyable outing!

Whitehall Plantation

There were two Whitehall Plantations. One is located in Jefferson Parish very close to New Orleans, and the other is located in Point Coupee Parish close to St. Francisville. The Whitehall Plantation in Jefferson Parish was spelled both ways: Whitehall and White Hall. The White Hall Plantation in Point Coupee Parish was spelled using two words. The street here in Tara is spelled as only one word. This article will be on the Jefferson Parish Whitehall Plantation. Another article on White Hall Plantation in Point Coupee will be done later.

Jefferson Parish Whitehall Plantation: If you travel from New Orleans on River Road, on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, you will come to a magnificent building at River Road and Central Avenue, a short distance from the Huey P. Long Bridge. Set behind beautiful Magnolia trees is the old White Hall Plantation Manor. This stately structure is the ancestral home of the de la Barre family. The name, which

this jewel of the past still bears, was given to the home when it was built in 1857.

Francois Pascal de La Barre built and operated White Hall as a sugar plantation until 1891. At that time, the plantation covered 8,000 acres extending from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain. Before the arrival of the Union troops, the de La Barre family moved to their home to New Orleans where they would be safe. In 1862, New Orleans fell and many beautiful plantations and their manors were destroyed. General Morgan, from New York City, chose White Hall for his headquarters. Before leaving, Mr. de La Barre instructed his servants to be courteous to General Morgan and his staff living at White Hall. So efficient were they, that General Morgan showed his appreciation by giving orders that the penalty was death to anyone who pillaged the manor or the grounds.

In 1865, General Lee surrendered and the de La Barre family returned to the plantation. White Hall had been saved, enabling the de La Barres to continue planting sugar cane. The sugar house operated until 1886. The land continued to be cultivated as a sugar plantation until 1891 when the last of the de La Barres sold the land to the Wiendahl family, and it became known as the Wiendahl Plantation. The Wiendahls

split up the plantation and leased sections to truck farmers keeping 12 acres for themselves; including the old manor.

In 1917, I.B. Renyson, purchased the 12 acres, including the manor, from the Wiendahls and sold it in 1919 to Morse Boasberg, who converted it to a gambling casino, and a fabulous restaurant.

In 1935, Dr. Charles Bloom and an investment group established Magnolia School, a school for special needs children, on the plantation property. The school grew and currently there are five residential homes, sixteen vocational centers, an art studio and gift shop, greenhouse, and multipurpose center. There are also fourteen group homes dispersed throughout the local community. The school continues to grow for the benefit of the community.

In summary, this property has been a sugar plantation, a casino/restaurant, and now a school. The house is still called Whitehall or White Hall. It was spelled both ways in the course of the article.



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Gardening Notes for Fall

This is the time of the year when our flowerbeds and yards are at rest! The Garden Club will again begin choosing the Yard of the Month in Spring.

Have you noticed how pretty the Azaleas on the boulevard looked for their fall bloom? This is because they have been given some extra T.L.C with fertilizer and an insecticide to help them along. We must have made them happy because

they sure have responded to the feeding. When working on the boulevard, we have received many compliments from those passing by!

We will again be fertilizing the Boulevard Crepe Myrtles on March 5th. An email will be sent out asking for volunteers to help with this project. When it comes out, please consider giving us a few hours of your time. It is not hard to do and the project goes fast. We always

appreciate all the help we can get!



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