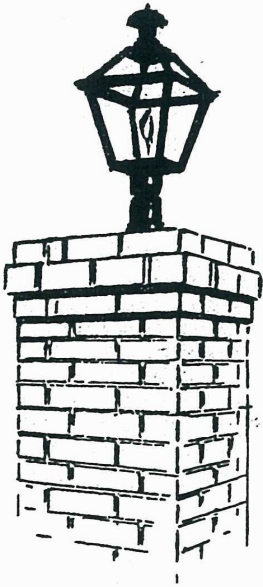


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TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TARA TALK

Recap of the General Membership Meeting

The meeting was held May 8th at the Goodwood Library. This was the first time it was held at the library and it was a great success. There were around 75 residents in attendance. Thanks to everyone that came out. Board members were elected. They include James Davis, Carmen Dugas, Robert Say, Cathy St. Romain, Suzanne Fiske, , Wayne Martin, Brenda Giacone, Richela Roy, Trey Monsour and Carolyn Landry. The board had new projects for the upcoming year that include new larger lighted flag poles and No Solicitation Signs at all entrances.

Robert Say, Tara Civic Treasurer, reported that 424 out of 615 residents have paid their annual dues.

The first speaker was Bill Kipf of the Crime Prevention District Commission Board. He spoke about the cameras at each entrance and adding additional cameras in the future. He also discussed how to contact the CPD. To do so go to www.taracivicassociation.org and click on the Crime Prevention District link. In the near future it will also include meeting minutes. The next CPD meeting will be June 18th at 7pm in meeting room B at the Goodwood Library.

Matt Watson, our city councilman addressed residents concerns of picking up woody waste debris. Reminding residents to call 311 if you have debris that needs picking up. He also discussed that sections of Goodwood and Lobdell would be repaved in the future.

Linda Dowden, a resident and real estate agent spoke about Tara property values on the increase as the reputation of the neighborhood is growing as a great place to live. She suggested to help the neighborhood stay on this upward trend for everyone to walk to their front yard and look at their house; maybe consider doing a small update like paint the front door or make small updates to the landscaping. She also noted that Tara is getting "younger" with new families moving in.

A Great Place to Live

Speaking of new families moving in and a great place to live. Let's welcome our new neighbors to the subdivision.

Joseph & Jordan Barbay 1333 Bon Durant
Michael & Kathryn Bertrand 8731 Bayside Ave.
Brandon & Megan Brandon
Luke & Caroline Breard 9020 Cottage Ave.
Peter & Helen Connelly 1424 Ashland Dr.
Taylor & Allison Crousillac 8857 Darby Ave.
Daniel Frey 1469 Crescent Dr.
Brandon & Megan Garretson 1287 Crescent Dr.
Tucker & Tiffany Giles 1825 Longview Dr.
Josiah & Kristin Howell 8881 Darby Ave.
Vernell & Cheryl, McKenzie 8854 Trinity Ave.
Gerard & Rochelle Reech 1147 Tara Blvd.
Larry Reeves 1425 Crescent Dr.
Ethan & Gina Smith 1369 Crescent Dr.
Rahim & Angelica Smith 1411 Tara Blvd.
Deaton & Michelle Trahan 1427 Ringrose Dr.



Be Prepared

Hurricane Season begins June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Tropical storm and hurricane formation increases significantly by August, with the peak of the season usually reached on September 10th. Activity begins to decline significantly towards the end of October. The peak threat for the Louisiana coast exists from August to the middle of October

Be prepared. Click this link for an emergency guide: http://www.lsp.org/pdf/Emergency_Guide_v46b_7-1_4p.pdf

Hurricanes, no matter how weak, are dangerous. The combination of storm surge, wind and other contributing factors determines a hurricane's destructive power. To compare the disaster potential of sustained wind, emergency forces utilize the Saffir-Simpson scale of wind speeds to help them predict potential hazards. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) forecasters use the Saffir-Simpson Scale.



CATEGORY 1

CATEGORY 2

CATEGORY 3

CATEGORY 4

CATEGORY 5

74 – 95 mph







96 – 110 mph

111 – 130 mph

131 – 155 mph

155+ mph

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

THUNDERSTORMS (no label)	1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)	2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)	3 - ENHANCED (ENH)	4 - MODERATE (MDT)	5 - HIGH (HIGH)
No severe* thunderstorms expected	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible	Widespread severe storms likely	Widespread severe storms expected
Lightning/flooding threats exist with <u>all</u> thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense
					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winds to 40 mph • Small hail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winds 40-60 mph • Hail up to 1" • Low tornado risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or two tornadoes • Reports of strong winds/wind damage • Hail ~1", isolated 2" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few tornadoes • Several reports of wind damage • Damaging hail, 1 - 2" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong tornadoes • Widespread wind damage • Destructive hail, 2" + 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tornado outbreak • Derecho

* NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.

Summer SAFETY

Look Before You Lock! Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can rise as much as 20 degrees in 10 minutes. An average of 37 children die each year from being left inside a hot vehicle. Suggestions: leave your purse or cell phone in the back seat with the child; keep a toy in the front seat with you; take off one of your shoes and leave it in the back seat with the child.

Pool Safety. Drowning is a leading cause of injury death among children ages 1-4. There are three layers recommended: 1) Supervision – someone is always **ACTIVELY** watching when a child is in the pool. 2) Barriers – a child should **NEVER** be able to enter a pool without an adult. 3) Emergency Preparedness – learn CPR and have a phone nearby to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. □

Fireworks Safety. The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home – attend public displays. Fireworks are illegal in East Baton Rouge Parish. Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which heat up to 1,200 degrees! Consider using glow sticks instead. □

Tara Swim and Racquet Club (taracub.org)

The word is this is the coolest, most fun pool in town. The club has a swim team, Tara Tarpons and offers swim lessons. You do **NOT** have to be a member for your child to be on the swim team or take swim lessons. You must be a member to use the pool. Join now if you are not already a member. The pool opens May 25th. **Tuesday – Saturday:** 10 to 9 and **Sunday:** 1 to 9, **CLOSED Mondays.** The club also offers tennis lessons, adult and children and tennis summer camp. These are run through Breakpoint Tennis

Watermelon Granita

Something to cool you off

Ingredients:

6 Limes

1/2 C Water

1/4 C Sugar

4 C Watermelon, seeded

Cut the limes in half and juice them. Turn the lime halves inside out and remove the pulp. Discard the pulp and turn the limes to its natural shape.

Place the lime halves in the refrigerator until needed. Combine the sugar

and water in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Cook for 5 minutes then

remove from heat. Set aside to cool. Puree the watermelon in a food processor. Add the lime juice and puree again. Pour into a bowl and whisk in the simple syrup. Pour into ice trays and

freeze overnight. When ready to serve place the ice cubes into a blender and pulse until the consistency of crushed ice. Scoop into the lime halves and freeze until ready to serve.

Recipe by Peter Sclafani



Around Town



Looking for things to do this summer. Check out

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Whether you are a new homeowner, a novice gardener or just interested in improving your yard, it can be overwhelming to choose the best plants for your landscaping. Fortunately, there are tried-and-true plants that can look great in nearly any yard and are easy to nurture no matter how green or brown your thumb may be.

Plan before you plant! Map it out, draw a diagram of your yard. Get the dirt on your dirt-have your soil tested. Let the sun shine in-note how much sunlight your yard gets. Choose your plants based on climate zone, mature size, colors and shapes, nutritional needs and care requirements.

No matter where you are or what type of landscape you hope to design, there are some top-performing plants that can look great and should be welcome in your yard.

- **Trees:** Trees provide a visual anchor to your landscape as well as help shade the yard and act as a windbreak for more delicate plants. Choose both deciduous and evergreen trees for your yard if possible, and use them to help cover large areas. Spruce, maple and redbud trees are hardy favorites, and you can also look for both flowering and non-flowering trees.
- **Hedges:** Bushes, shrubs and hedges make excellent borders and help disguise fences and walls. Options that generally take less work and deliver a powerful impact include euonymus, hydrangea, lilacs, arborvitae, roses, junipers and boxwoods.
- **Grasses:** Ornamental grasses can be a powerful statement in your yard and are great for filling in bare areas with bold vertical interest. Look for fountain grasses, fescues and oat grasses in single color or variegated varieties.
- **Flowers:** Many annual and perennial flowers are ideal for all types of landscapes, and bulbs such as daffodils, tulips and daylilies are especially great for beginners. Other popular choices include coneflowers, sedums, black-eyes susans, cosmos and chrysanthemums.

Article from Louisiana Nursery Blog

Reminders

TARA SUBDIVISION IS A DEED RESTRICTED SUBDIVISION.

There is a form available for use by residents who are planning to make revisions, modifications or additions to their property. If you are planning such a project, you **MUST** submit a completed copy of the property owner's application for building or remodeling available at <http://www.taracivicassociation.org/before-you-build>

Fill out and mail to the Architectural Control Committee (address on form). The committee will review the plans and will notify you of their approval or disapproval within thirty (30) days.

SECURITY ISSUES

Emergencies call 911

Non-Emergencies call

City Police 389-2000

See Something Say Something

If you see suspicious activity, report it. Use your cell phone to snap a picture.

If you are going out of town, fill out the form on the website so our officers can keep an eye out.

Keep us updated! Send us a quick email or call us to make sure your mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses are up to date!

TARA PRIVATE PATROL UNITS

Chevy Tahoe #430 Chevy Impala #1230

Chevy Impala #1315 Chevy Impala #1404