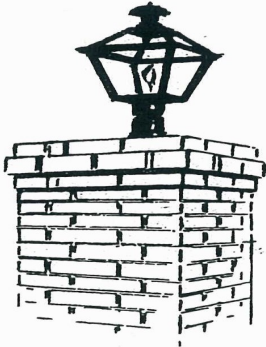


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TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# TARA TALK

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## SOMETHING NEW IS COMING

The Tara Civic Association is working on a new project that will help build community, inspire readers and expand book access for all.

Tara Subdivision is getting a Little Free Library! It will house both adult and kids books.



The plan is to have it in place before summer arrives. Location has not been decided yet. Updates to follow.

## SUBDIVISION DUES—VENMO CHANGE

It is that time of year. Time to pay subdivision dues. One change this year is TCA now has a business Venmo account. The new information is The Tara Civic Association Inc @taracivc. Check payments are still accepted. With all payments please make sure to include your current information. Invoices are being mailed and one is included in this newsletter. Once again we are implementing the tiered dues structure, as shown below.

Platinum	\$250.00
Gold	\$100.00
Silver	\$75.00
Bronze	\$50.00
Standard	\$35.00

If you make a precious metals dues donation by April 30th, you will be recognized in the Tara Talk May Newsletter. Thanks in advance for your dues payment and for your help in keeping Tara such a great neighborhood.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Tara General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6 pm at the Goodwood Library. Ice cream social to follow immediately after. Remember you must be a dues paid member to vote if a vote is necessary/required.




**INVOICE**

**Mail Payment Check Along With Bottom Portion of Invoice To:**

Tara Civic Association  
c/o Robert Say  
1554 Tara Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA. 70806

**Billing Date 03/2022**  
**Due Date 04/30/2022**

Description	Amount
<b>TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL DUES</b>	<b>TIER LEVELS:</b>
Dues support:	Platinum \$250
* Enforcement of Deed Restrictions and A-1 zoning	Gold \$100
* Tara Civic Association Web Site	Silver \$75
* Boulevard Beautification and Decorations	Bronze \$50
* Quarterly Newsletter	Standard \$35
* General Membership Meeting	
Your <b>generous support</b> is necessary to keep the high standards of our subdivision moving forward. Your association dues are the only source of funding for the protection of our property values and projects undertaken.	
<b>THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION</b>	
The Tara Civic Association Inc @taracivic	<p><b>CHECK PAYMENT</b> make payable to Tara Civic Association and mail to address above or <b>VENMO PAYMENT</b> to The Tara Civic Association Inc @taracivic (please include name, email and address).</p>
	
~~~~~ <b>RETURN PORTION BELOW WITH CHECK</b> ~~~~~	
To keep our records updated, please include this invoice with your payment. THANK YOU!	
Resident Name: _____ Spouse or other Resident _____	
Address: _____	
Email:(one checked often) _____	
Telephone # (best one to be reached on) _____	
Circle One:    Standard \$35    Bronze \$50    Silver \$75    Gold \$100    Platinum \$250	

# Past Neighborhood Events

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Thanks to everyone who lit up the neighborhood for Christmas. It seemed like there were so many more residents that were full of the holiday spirit and it was great to see.

Almost 30 people attended The [First Annual Tara 5K Run/Walk](#). Hoping next year the weather will be a little better (no rain) and we will have even more people.



The [Louisiana Marathon](#) was COLD this year! A big shout out to all of our volunteers. Also, thanks to the homeowners on the corners of Roseneath and Lasalle for the use of your yards, water, bathrooms and a place to warm up.



## Yard of the Month

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Pictured to the left is November yard of the month Lisa White. She and her husband Bryan live on Cottage. A gift certificate to Louisiana Nursery was awarded by the Tara Garden Club.

There were no yard of the months in December, January and February.

## New Residents

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Jeffrey & Danielle Gahn	1456 Crescent
Evan Gelobter & Lee Williams	1459 Oakley
James & Julie Rumfola	1801 Longview
Grant Langley	1127 Aurora
Mary Collins	1177 Ashland
Chris & Molly Paul	8945 Tallyho



## Helping Thy Neighbor

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Hurricane Ida seems so long ago, but did you know there are residents in the neighborhood that still have damages that need repairing.



On January 29 and January 30, 2022, a group of neighbors cleared and removed debris from the yard of a home on Wartelle and repaired the fence that backs up to Old Hammond Highway. These philanthropic neighbors took time from their busy schedules to gather together and help a neighbor in need. A big thank you to the following neighbors for pitching in: The Hubbs Family, The Myers Family, The Steady Family, The Barrilleaux Family, The Martin Family, The David Family, The Morgan Family, and the Kling Family.

Do you have a neighbor that maybe has a fence down or some other type of damage that needs repair? Reach out to them and neighbors and see if there is something that can be done together as a group. You know the saying...many hands make little work. Also, reach out to the civic association and let us see how we may be able to help.

It isn't always easy to be charitable. Sometimes, you'd rather keep your money, your time, or your energy to yourself. Remember to remain openhearted even when it can be difficult; the mere act of being charitable is its own reward.

# Organization

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**ORGANIZING IS THE NEW CRAZE; FROM MARIE KONDO TO THE HOME EDIT, FROM RAINBOWS TO CLEAR BINS.**

**ORGANIZATION IS AN EQUATION THAT FACTORS IN TIME, SPACE, MONEY AND EFFORT.**

**DECLUTTERING IS THE ACT OF PICKING WHAT YOU LIKE, WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE AND CHOOSING WHAT YOU WANT TO KEEP.**

Pick one space in your home (It doesn't have to be a whole room; it can be something as small as one drawer!) and use the following steps to declutter and organize it. Then they can move on to the next area and the next. It won't happen overnight, but if you chip away at the clutter little by little, before you know it you'll start feeling organized!

## **PURGE LIKE CRAZY!**

Be ruthless. Seriously. If you haven't used it recently, throw it away or donate it. If it's broken, you don't need it anymore. If it's stained or worn out, get rid of it. The more you can get rid of, the less cluttered your space will feel. You have this beautiful blank slate in front of you; you only want to put back what is necessary!

## **PUT LIKE ITEMS TOGETHER.**

After your big purge, separate like items into groups. For example, put all of my spices together, all of the canned goods together, all of the baking items together, etc. When everything is divided out, it makes it easier for me to see what kind of organization systems needed.

## **CORRAL LIKE ITEMS.**

Take your categorized items and find a way to store each category neatly and in a way that is easily accessible. This doesn't mean you have to go out and buy a bunch of fancy bins. Always start with what you have in the house. Get creative. Use shoe boxes and diaper boxes wrapped in pretty paper to store things in some spaces. Add pretty tape to otherwise boring bins. Getting organized (in a pretty way!) does not have to be expensive!

## **LABEL!**

Labeling helps quickly determine what is where. There are several ways to label. Print a simple tag from the computer, cut adhesive vinyl labels, use a label maker or handwrite a label. So many possibilities!

## **REFILL YOUR SPACE.**

Your space has been sitting blank up to this point, but once everything is separated, corralled in bins (when appropriate), and labeled, it's finally time to start putting things back. Always start with the items that are used the most often and put them in the most accessible spot. Then from there, fill in the gaps until everything has a place.

## **TRAIN YOURSELF TO PUT THINGS BACK IN THEIR SPOT.**

Get in the habit of putting things back where they go as soon as you are finished with them. This is challenging. Commit to returning items to their place when done.

## **DON'T BE AFRAID TO TWEAK IT.**

Finally, don't be afraid to change systems that aren't working, even if it looks pretty. When it comes to day-to-day use, it is just not practical or workable, change it...

When you feel like everything is unorganized, it can be overwhelming to try and bring it all back to order. But if you attack one small area at a time and follow these simple steps, you really will start to see progress more quickly than you think! (Plus there is no better feeling than the satisfaction of having a freshly organized space!) [justagirlandherblog.com](http://justagirlandherblog.com)

Below are a few of Amazon must haves:

<https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Home-Storage-Organization/zgbs/hi/13400631>

<https://makinglemonadeblog.com/17-best-organizing-must-haves-to-organize-like-professional-organizer/>

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# Spring Cleaning Checklist

## Living and Dining Areas

- Open windows
- Dust light fixtures and ceiling fans
- Remove and launder curtains, throw pillows, and blankets
- Dust and clean blinds
- Vacuum sofas and chairs including under cushions
- Spot-clean furniture
- Dust shelves, furniture, décor (including wall décor)
- Clean lamps and lampshades
- Dust electronics, clean remotes
- Wipe down doors, knobs, switches, trim, and baseboards
- Wash windows and screens including window sills
- Vacuum all flooring
- Shampoo/steam clean carpets and rugs
- Mop hard floors
- Wash vent covers, vacuum out vents if necessary
- Dust ceiling corners, vents, curtain rods
- Sort and donate unneeded magazine, books, board games, DVDs, kids toys, etc.



## Kitchen Areas

- Empty drawers and cabinets, wipe down exterior and interior
- Organize and declutter as you refill
- Wash cabinet doors and knobs
- Clean and organize pantry
- Clean oven and stovetop
- Wipe down microwave inside and out
- Clean and organize fridge and freezer
  - Wipe down exterior
  - Dust off top of fridge
  - Remove everything inside and wipe down
  - Throw out expired foods
  - Reorganize the interior
  - Change water filter in fridge if necessary
- Vacuum under fridge and coils on back of fridge
- Remove everything from countertops; sanitize counters
- Wipe down backsplash
- Clean out dishwasher
- Deep clean sink, clean drain
- Dust décor and light fixtures
- Wipe down switches, trim, and baseboards
- Sweep and mop flooring
- Wash windows including sills
- Remove cookbooks and other items from shelves, clean and reorganize
- Discard old spices
- Soak coffeepot, clean tea kettle
- Wipe down all appliances



## Bathrooms

- Empty and wipe down all cabinets and drawers
- Organize cabinet and drawers when refilling
- Dust light fixtures
- Clean mirrors and frame
- Clean down and sanitize counters and sinks
- Clean tub and drain
- Change shower curtain liner
- Clean showerhead
- Clean toilet inside and outside
- Wipe down doors, knobs, switches, trim and baseboards
- Clean and shine all hardware
- Sweep and mop floors



- Reseal grout lines if needed
- Wash bath mats
- Wash toothbrush holder
- Wash bath toys



## Laundry Room

- Wipe down washer and dryer exterior
- Clean and vacuum lint trap
- Wash inside of washing machine
- Clean behind washer and dryer
- Sweep and mop floors
- Clean cabinet interiors and exteriors
- Clear out cabinets, reorganize and restock



## Bedrooms

- Clean out dresser drawers; sort, donate unneeded items, and put back kept items neatly and organized
- Clean closet floors and organize clothes
- Store off-season clothing
- Tidy and organize shoes
- Flip mattresses if needed
- Wash pillow and duvets, and mattress pad cover
- Air-out mattress pads
- Dust light fixtures and ceiling fans
- Wipe down doors, knobs, switches, trim, and baseboards
- Wash window and window sills
- Launder curtains
- Dust and polish furniture, décor and wall art
- Wash vent covers, vacuum out vent if necessary
- Vacuum and mop flooring
- Shampoo carpets

## Pets

- Wash or replace bedding
- Soak and wash plush toys in hot water
- Sanitize hard plastic bones/toys
- Empty and clean cages, crates, kennels, aquariums, etc.
- Wash water and food bowls
- Clean eating area thoroughly
- Wash litter boxes thoroughly as well as pee pads, etc.

## Home Office/Command Center

- Dust and clean computers
- Dust bookshelves; Dust and polish furniture
- Clean out and organize drawers and files
- Shred unneeded paperwork
- Update home inventory
- Review and update insurance policies



## Entry and Outdoor Areas

- Wash baseboards
- Clean walls, light fixtures, light switches
- Clean furniture and décor
- Wash windows
- Wipe down doors
- Clean rugs
- Replace light bulbs if needed
- Clean out and organize entry closet
- Vacuum entry closet
- Clean hard floors and carpets
- Wash thresholds
- Sweep porches, patios, and walkways
- Clean doormats
- Clean sliding/French door tracks
- Power wash siding and driveway

# spring yard

## CLEAN UP CHECKLIST



- Clean Up Leaves and Trash in Grass
- Pressure Wash Driveway, Porches, Sidewalks
- Pull Weeds in Garden Beds
- Add/Replace Soil/Mulch  
Re-Seed Grass
- Fertilize Grass
- Prune Dead Branches from Trees and Bushes
- Clean Garden Tools and Tune Up as Needed
- Wash Off Outdoor Furniture



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## Mississippi Pot Roast

This is so easy and so delicious!

### Ingredients

1 3lb chuck roast  
1 pack of ranch dressing mix  
1 pack of au jus gravy mix  
4-6 pepperoncini peppers  
4 tbsp of peppers juice  
1/2 stick of butter, sliced

Place the chuck roast in bottom of crockpot. Sprinkle on the ranch and au jus mixes. Add the butter and peppers. Cook on low until roast is tender, about 8 hours.



## 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.

Please observe all city parish ordinances. They are enforced by the Tara Crime Prevention District officers. Ordinances are available to view at

[https://library.municode.com/la/baton\\_rouge\\_east\\_baton\\_rouge\\_parish/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/la/baton_rouge_east_baton_rouge_parish/codes/code_of_ordinances)



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