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### **Crime Prevention**

The most asked question from residents is wanting information about the cameras. The best way to find out information about the cameras and the Crime Prevention District is to go to the meetings. Meetings will be held at the Goodwood Library on March, 12th, June 18th, September 24th and December 10th, 2018. Meetings are open to the public and begin at 7pm. Check with the library information desk for room number.

# **Annual Progressive Garage Sale**

Our annual spring garage sale will be held Saturday March 10, 2018. The sale will start at 7am and run until you decide you want it to end. You will need to put a sign in your yard announcing your sale. Take down your sign when your sale ends. The Tara Civic Assoc. will run an ad in the paper with the date and time for the sale. The TCA will also create a map with all the



homes which participate. If you want to be on the map, email taracivicassn@gmail.com with your information by Thursday, March 1st. You do not have to be on the map to participate. Residents usually have good results when participating as a group.

# **General Membership Meeting**

The General Membership Meeting and Ice Cream Social will be held May 8th at 6:30pm. As a rule the meeting is usually held at the Tara Club House. This year the annual meeting will be held at the Goodwood Library. We will be using the large meeting room on the right hand side of the building when you enter. This change is needed because of the increase in swimming and tennis use at the Tara Club. There is just not enough parking for everyone. The library

will be able to accommodate us better. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Remember you must be up to date on your dues to receive a voting card..



#### Dues

It is time to pay the home owner's association dues. These dues help maintain the quality of life for the community and protect property values for all owners. All residents must be equally responsible for the betterment of the subdivision. Let's continue to make Tara a great place to live.

There was not an increase in dues this year. Dues will continue to be \$35.00. All invoices have been mailed out and should have been received by now. If you have misplaced or did not receive your invoice, you can find a form online at taracivicassociation.org. All dues must be paid by February 28th, 2018.

**TARA TALK** 

# Update

Sometimes when sending out emails, the email message will bounce back to the Tara Civic Accociation. When this happens, we follow up by trying to contact the person by phone only to find out that the phone number does not work. If your email address or phone number changes please send an email to taracivicassn@gmail.com or you can write your changes and send in with your dues. Since we send out security messages and our newsletters in this manner, we want to be sure that all residents are receiving them. Thanks.

### Louisiana Marathon

This was Tara's seventh year to work with the Louisiana Marathon and oh what a difference a year can make. Last year we were handing out ice chips. This year we were handing out hand warmers. Dozens of residents braved the chilly temperatures to join Team Tara to support thousands of runners participating in the 2018 Louisiana Marathon on



January 14th. Tara is a designated double water station, we serve runners twice as we get runners from both directions along the running course.

The Louisiana Marathon is a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon. Thus, runners from all over the country and around the world run Louisiana to qualify. There were plenty of inspiring runners to see; firemen in full gear, veterans running with a flag, husband and wife handcuffed together and Ainsley's Angels, an organization that aims to build awareness about America's special needs community through inclusion in all aspects of life.



Volunteering to help out during the marathon has become a social event for Tara residents and allows them to play catch up with each other on a yearly basis. Thanks to neighbors whose yards were used, those who brought food and to all the Team Tara residents who volunteered. See you next year!

### CASA~Court Appointed Special Advocate

Capital Area CASA Association recruits, trains and supervises volunteers to serve as advocates for youth living in foster care. CASA volunteers do not provide legal representation, nor do they replace a social worker. A CASA volunteer is an independent voice speaking solely for the child's best interest with the ultimate goal being a safe, permanent home for the child. CASA serves youth ranging in age from birth to 18.

Children with CASA volunteers are more likely to be adopted more likely to receive services and less likely to spend time in long-term foster care The CASA volunteer is often the most consistent, stable presence in the child's life. Since Capital Area CASA's inception in 1992, CASA volunteers have provided a voice for more than 2,700 children in East Baton Rouge.

Volunteers are needed for CASA to continue serving every child in our community who needs a voice. No special background is required. The first step to getting involved is to attend a 45 minute informational session at the CASA office located at 848 Louisiana Ave. Sessions are held weekly. For more information, call 225-379-8598, visit casabr.org or email volunteer@casabr.org

### **Cheddar Bacon Deviled Eggs**

Need something to do with the leftover Easter eggs. Here you go! Ingredients:

12 eggs 1 C mayonnaise

1T mustard

2 T finely shredded cheddar cheese

4 slices bacon

### Mark Your Calendar

- 03/03~Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- 03/11~Daylight Savings Spring Forward
- 03/17~St. Patricks Day Parade
- 04/01~Easter Sunday
- 04/06-08~Kite Fest Louisiane
- 04/14-Zapp's International Beer Festival
- 04/14~The Color Run
- 04/14-15~Baton Rouge Blues Festival

# Be a good neighbor

Place eggs in a saucepan, and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, and cool. To cool more quickly, rinse eggs under cold running water.

Meanwhile, place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Alternatively, wrap bacon in paper towels and cook in the microwave for about 1 minute per slice. Crumble and set aside.

Peel the hard-cooked eggs, and cut in half lengthwise. Remove yolks to a small bowl. Mash egg yolks with mayonnaise, crumbled bacon and cheese. Stir in mustard. Fill egg white halves with the yolk mixture and refrigerate until serving.

# AT&T Fiber Optic

Just wanted to give everyone a heads up.

The Association has received information from AT&T that they will begin installing fiber optic cable towards the end of the year. It will be placed in the backyards of all residences. We will update you with more information about this when we receive it.

Tara Civic Association has gotten complaints about barking dogs, however we are not the ones to address this matter.

It is understood that our pets are like members of our family and in most cases just like our children. Living in a neighborhood with homes close together, it is important to make an effort at being considerate of others. Hopefully residents do not let their children annoy or disturb their neighbors, likewise they should not let their animals do so either. If you are guilty of letting your dog bark continually, please make an effort to correct the situation.



### Tara Boulevard Entrances

Have you noticed the planting of the new crepe myrtle on the Goodwood entrance? This is the beginning of the new look for that entrance. The weather had not cooperated with us this winter, so we have not moved as fast as we would have liked with this project. The water system had to be relocated and it took time obtaining the new crepe myrtle from Cleggs Nursery. The entrance is still a work in progress and we will continue to improve the look.

The crepe myrtle planted at the Old Hammond entrance will now be able to spread out and fill in more with the removal of the pine tree.

Big THANKS to those who are helping with dead heading the pansies at both entrances of the neighborhood. Without their held the beds would not be doing as well. The weather has really slowed down the production of the flowers, however the plants are still surviving.

#### With the weather warming up and the sun shining there is plenty to do around town. I think we are all tired of the cold and rain. So lets get out



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### 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.

#### TARA PRIVATE PATROL UNITS

Chevy Tahoe #430 Chevy Impala #1230 Chevy Impala #1315 Chevy Impala #1404

