

Tara Talk News

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2015 Tara Directory

The 2015 Tara Directory will be published later this year. Since our Tara residents keep their directory booklets for years, we want everyone's information to be correct. Our main sources for this information are the Dues Invoice sheets you filled out when you paid your 2015 dues to the Tara Civic Association.

Plans are to prepare the 2015 Directory similarly to the 2010 Directory with two exceptions:

- If we have a land line phone number, we will use it. If we have no land line phone number but do have a cell phone number, then we will use the cell number.
- For widows, we will show your name as you wrote it on the 2015 Dues Invoice. If you wish to have your deceased husband's name included but have not already told us, please let us know.

If you want to make sure that your listing appears a certain way, then send us the information as soon as

possible via e-mail to: tara-civicasn@gmail.com. If you have a specific question regarding your listing, you can call TCA President **Suzanne Fiske** at 924-3454.

If we do not hear from you or if your 2015 dues are not received by the time the new directory goes to press, we will include your name and phone number as it appears in previous directories or in other sources available to us.

Welcome, Sponsors!

Work on the 2015 Tara Residents' Directory is underway. We are very grateful to the many sponsors supporting us on this project and on our website. They have been most generous in aiding with the cost of these endeavors.

For those of you who receive the newsletter by e-mail, you will find our sponsors listed on the last page. If you receive the newsletter by mail, you can also find a list of sponsors on our website. Periodically, we will highlight a particular sponsor in an article. When visiting these businesses, please let them

know that you are from Tara, and you appreciate their support!

2015 General Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Nearly 50 people attended the TCA General Membership Meeting at the Tara Club on May 5th.

The slate of Board of Directors for 2015-2016 was elected.

This year's program was presented by one of our own residents, **Chip Kline**, Executive Assistant and Chairman of the State Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

His PowerPoint, *Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Update*, gave the TCA residents insight into the fact that: (1) Louisiana is important to the USA, (2) our state's coastline is in a crisis, and (3) what is the state's and federal government's Master Plan to combat this issue. Chip answered several questions from the audience at the end of the presentation.

May 2015

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www.taracivicasn.org

SECURITY ISSUES

Emergency: 911
City Police: 389-2000
Tara Security: 235-6445

Vacation Surveillance

(form listed on web site)

Email us at

tara-civicasn@gmail.com



Welcome, New Tara Residents!

We are happy to see our community growing!

Ron & Paige Higgins
8702 Wartelle

Scott Gianelloni
8848 Tallyho Ave.

William & Liz Smith
1463 Tara Blvd.

John & Kristin Davis
1808 Chopin Dr.

William & Theresa LeBlanc
1230 Oakley Dr.

Sam Khawatmi
8843 Bayside Ave.

Neil & Aracely Favre
1228 Tara Blvd.



2015-2016 Tara Board of Directors

- Suzanne Fiske
- Carmen Trull
- Robert Say
- Cathy St. Romain
- Angela Denova
- Brian Kistler
- Jim Bob Ourso
- Frank Fertitta
- Memrie McDonald
- Wayne Martin
- Dave Kelly
- Trey Monsour



Security Bulletin

Vacation

January: 1 residence
 February: 1 residence
 March: 3 residences
 No incidents reported.

Watch

March—

- * No burglaries — home or vehicle
- * Checked suspicious incident on Bayside
- * Vehicle accident on Whitehall
- * Speed enforcement (3/19, 3/20)

Thefts / Vandals

January—

- * Speed enforcement (1/15, 1/18)
- * Burglary on Bayside — suspect arrested (1/26)
- * Hit and run on Tara Blvd (1/29)

February—

- * No burglaries — home or vehicle
- * Newspaper solicitors on Trinity
- * Speed enforcement (2/4, 2/14 citations issued)
- * Tara bus drivers warned about stop signs (2/26)

Have you found a note left at your door by our security patrol? Don't be surprised if you do. Our security patrol randomly leaves notes for our residents advising of police presence.

Remember that the first number to call for any suspicious activity is BRPD at **389-2000**. This can be an anonymous call. After this call, let your TCA know, too!



2015 General Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social (Continued)

Robert Say presented the Financial Report. Total receipts for this year were \$31,938. Out of the 618 residents, 506 have paid dues. Total disbursements were \$25,869 for a net gain of \$6,069.

Jim Bob Ourso spoke about a possible new up-scale development on Old Hammond Hwy near The Cove by developer Michael Hogstrom. A total of 17

homes, each close to \$500,000, will be built on lots with zero property lines. The developer is currently building a similar development, Etage Gardens, on Government at Croydon Ave.

Door Prize winners were **Kathy Smilie, John McKay, Anee Towles,** and **Sal & Angela Denova.** They received either a "The Works" car treatment

from Hammond Aire Car Wash or a lovely houseplant.

The meeting was adjointed so residents could enjoy ice cream and socialize. Treats were provided by **Nothing Bundt Cakes.**

Tara Membership

Great news! More than 2/3 of the residents in Tara

have already paid their dues. Thank you for helping us help you keep Tara a wonderful place to live and protect the property value of your home.

If you have forgotten and have not paid your dues, please send your check for \$55 made out to Tara Civic Association to:

Robert Say
1554 Tara Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Tara Crime Prevention and Improvement District

The Commission Board, which oversees the Tara Crime Prevention and Improvement District, had its first meeting on March 30, 2015.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, please make a note of the following dates. All meetings are open to the public and can be attended by anyone. Please note that the rest of the meetings for this year

will be held at the Goodwood Library from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Meeting dates are as follows:

- June 29, 2015
- September 28, 2015
- December 7, 2015

E-mail reminders will be sent before each meeting. These dates are also posted on our website. You can also check the web-

site for agendas and minutes of the meetings. Look under the tab **Crime District**.

Yard of the Month

April — Scott Saucier
1717 Beechgrove Dr.

May — Angie Oufnac
1223 Ashland Dr.



CASA Volunteers Needed!

Children need to do more than survive. They deserve to thrive in safe, permanent homes where they will be cared for and loved. However, some children have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect at the hands of their caregivers.

Capital Area CASA (Court Appointed Special



Advocate) Association recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers who advocate for youth living in foster care to help them reach safe, permanent homes. 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 interests.

CASA serves youth ranging in age from birth to 18. 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 one of CASA's weekly 45-minute informational sessions at the CASA office, located at 848 Louisiana Ave. For dates and more details, call **379-8598**, visit casabr.org, or e-mail volunteer@casabr.org.

Things to Remember...

Parking on the street — Parking on the street on a constant basis is not only a safety issue, but it does not lend to the attractiveness of our subdivision. When cars are parked on the street, it narrows the roadway to a single lane where only

one car can proceed. Most of the homes in Tara have long driveways with carports. This allows for parking several cars. It is understood that many families have several drivers; however, adjustments need to be made to try to keep from permanently parking in

front of one's home.

When residents have guests over, it is understandable to have cars parked in front of a residence. If you are guilty of parking constantly on the street, please be courteous and park in your driveway.

Bits & Pieces — Be considerate and pick up after your pets! Many residents walking dogs carry "doggie poop bags". You are appreciated! For those that don't have special bags, you can use the plastic sleeves from the newspaper.

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Spring into Spring and Spruce Up!

With the change of the seasons and the awakening of plants and yards, it awakens a new burst of energy in us to tackle those projects which are overdue! Before the summer temperatures start creeping in, now is a good time to check around the house to see what needs extra maintenance attention.

This is a good time of the year to do painting, pressure washing, or landscap-

ing. If you have jobs which need a professional or just need help with any job, there is a list of craftsmen posted on our website. Another good source for suggestions is to post a notice on Nextdoor. You will definitely get results. Many are very willing to share their experience about a good craft person.

Improving our property increases its value and keeps not only our home looking good but our whole subdivi-

sion as well. So take a look around and pick at least one project to begin working on. There are always many areas that could use improving.

Visit taracivicasociation.org and click on **Craftsmen List** (the button with the hammer).

