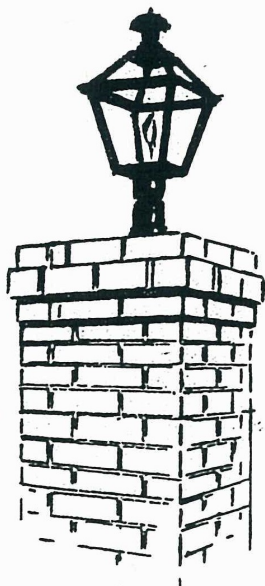


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TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TARA TALK

Enjoy Music with Neighbors

March 23

Tara Residents, Caroline and Luke Breard, will be hosting Cottage House Concerts at their home at 9020 Cottage Drive. These concerts will be a space where local musicians can perform, and neighbors can get to know one another. All ages are welcome! The first concert will feature Luke and Emily Ash, who will perform at **6:30 on March 23**. Come around 6:00 if you would like to mingle and get to know your neighbors. There will not be a ticket fee for the concerts, but we encourage you to give as a token of your appreciation. All donations will go to the artists. Check out Cottage House Concerts Facebook page to see upcoming concert dates and events. Bring a lawn chair and your drink of choice



Progressive Garage Sale

March 23

**"TO TRULY CHERISH
THE THINGS THAT ARE
IMPORTANT TO YOU,
YOU MUST FIRST
DISCARD THOSE THAT
HAVE OUTLIVED
THEIR PURPOSE"**

MARIE KONDO, THE LIFE-CHANGING
MAGIC OF TIDYING UP

Spark joy at our annual spring progressive garage sale which is being held Saturday March 23, 2019. 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 Association will run an ad in the paper with the date and time for the sale. Residents usually have good results when participating as a group.

Wine Walk

March 30

Visit with friends or make new ones while enjoying wine and food by local merchants.

Tickets are \$30 before March 15th and \$35 after and on the night of the event.

Tickets are available to purchase by:

- Mail a check to TCA at 1554 Tara Blvd.
- Venmo- @lisa-catalanatto
- Paypal- lcatalanatto@yahoo.com.

1st stop: The Smiths 8467 Lasalle Ave.

2nd stop: The Martins 1629 Beechgrove

3rd stop: The Horsmans 1728 Longview

Join Us for the Fun Event!!

Open to adult Tara residents and their guests only, TCA and hosting residents assume no liability to participants or volunteers.



Dues

It is time to pay the homeowner’s association dues. Everyone should have received their dues invoice by now. If you have misplaced or did not receive your invoice, you can find a form online at taracivicassociation.org. Dues will continue to be \$35.00 and are due by March 28th, 2019. Your continued support is necessary to maintain the high standards of our subdivision. Dues are the only source of funding for the protection of our property values and projects undertaken.

These dues help support the Enforcement of Deed Restrictions and A-1 zoning, TCA website, Boulevard Beautification and Decorations, Quarterly Newsletter, General Membership Meeting.

Lets continue to make Tara a great place to live.

General Membership Meeting

The general Membership Meeting and Ice Cream Social with be held **Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm**. Once again 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. Gary Patureau will be speaking about changes happening with the Tara Crime Prevention District. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Remember you must be up to date on your dues to vote at the meeting.



Crime Prevention

HELP PREVENT PROPERTY CRIME BY FOLLOWING THESE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.

LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.

HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.

REMOVE IT

Don’t keep valuables, including spare keys and garage openers in your car.

CLOSE IT

Keep your garage door closed and double check it is closed at night.

REPORT IT

Report all crime and suspicious activity immediately.

We will launch our new neighborhood block watch program soon and will be looking for volunteers. The Tara Neighborhood Block Watch program will be the third component of our crime prevention program. We hope that you will become involved.

Want to be a block captain? Find out more information at the Membership Meeting.

Spinach and Bacon Quiche

Ingredients:

6 eggs beaten 1 1/2 C milk
Salt and pepper 1 C fresh baby spinach
1 pound cooked bacon, crumbled
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
One 9 inch refrigerated piecrust, fitted into a 9 inch glass pie

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Combine the eggs, milk and salt and pepper to taste in a food processor or blender. Layer the spinach, bacon and cheese in the bottom of the piecrust, then pour the egg mixture on top.
3. Bake for 35-45 minutes, until the egg mixture is set. Cut into 8 wedges.

Get outside and Have Fun

Feb 17: Mystic Krewe of Mutts Parade
Feb. 22: Krewe of Artemis Parade
Feb. 23: Krewe of Mystique Parade
Feb. 23: Krewe of Orion Parade
Feb. 24: Mid City Gras Parade
March 1: Krewe of Southdowns Parade
March 2: Spanish Town Parade



March 5: Mardi Gras
March 9: Mid City Makers Market
March 10: Daylight Savings Time
March 16: Wearin' of the Green Parade
March 30: Zapp's International Beer Festival
April 6-7: Kite Fest Louisiane
April 13-14: Baton Rouge Blues Festival
April 21: Easter Sunday

*enjoy
every
moment.*

With the weather warming up more people are out walking. Walking is a great way to get some exercise and great way to meet neighbors. Take a walk in front of your own home. Do you have trees/bushes that are blocking the sidewalk? Is the sidewalk in front of your house broken or unsafe? If so please trim the trees/bushes and repair the sidewalk. If a resident is walking and injures himself due to your broken sidewalk you are liable. Please look out for your neighbors and yourself.



Welcome to the Neighborhood

Ryan & Monica Cooney 8420 Kenilworth Ct.
Ronnie & Nicole Graham 8442 Kenilworth Ct.
Carolyn Vosburg 8870 Darby

Kevin & Jennifer Finley 8954 Bayside Ave.
Paul & Danielle Johnson 1398 Oakley Dr.

Tara Updates

The Boulevard: The new street signs were installed on the boulevard. The boulevard entrances will be redone in early spring.

Tara Directory: Real soon the new Tara Phone Directory will be delivered. An email will be sent out noting the date of delivery. You will find your new directory hanging on your front door in a bag. Be on the lookout for it.

Keeping up with 615 homes is a challenge. Sometimes your information has changed and the association has not been notified. The information used for the directory reflects what is in our data base. If you need to update this information, please email taraassn@gmail.com so it can get changed for the future.

Deed Restrictions: Not all additions or modifications meet the deed restriction guidelines. Before beginning any work, get approved. Violations of deed restrictions are enforceable by law.

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Bird Feeding Tips

Feeding birds can be a fun and rewarding backyard hobby. Whether you're just getting started feeding birds or have been offering birdseed for years, these ten tips can help you attract more birds and keep every bird that visits happy, healthy and well-fed.

Sunflower Seeds: If you offer just one food, make it sunflower seeds. These seeds offer high-calorie nutrition birds need and they appeal to the greatest number of species, from sparrows and finches to grosbeaks, buntings and doves.

Diversify: If you can offer more foods at your feeders, present a wide range of choices to appeal to different birds. Different seeds – sunflower, millet, cracked corn, safflower – are a good start, but also add nuts, suet, fruit, nectar and jelly for birds to enjoy.

More Feeders: As more birds discover your backyard buffet, their territorial nature can lead to aggressive confrontations as individual birds protect the food they see as theirs. To minimize competition and attract even more birds, use several feeders throughout the yard.

Different Feeder Styles: Different birds feed in different ways, and using several types of feeders can accommodate many more birds in the backyard. Open platforms, hoppers, tubes, mesh feeders, cage feeders and other styles will all suit a variety of hungry birds.

Keep It Clean: Just as dishes need to be washed, bird feeders need to be cleaned regularly to minimize residue, odors and bacteria that can be harmful to birds. Ideally, brush feeders clean every time they are refilled, and give them a thorough cleaning at least once a month.

Refill Regularly: While backyard birds do not get the majority of their food from a single feeder and they will not starve if a feeder goes empty, a reliable feeder will attract more species more consistently. When feeders are empty, refill them promptly to keep birds visiting.

Feed Year-Round: It is a myth that feeding birds in fall will keep them from migrating – in fact, migrating birds need the pit stop so they can refuel along their journeys. By feeding birds year-round, you'll enjoy more species and learn more about your local birds.

Offer Natural Foods: In addition to feeders, provide natural foods with berry bushes, fruit trees, grass seeds and both seed-bearing and nectar-rich flowers. Birds love these natural foods, and you'll save money on birdseed besides.

Keep Squirrels Away: Squirrels, chipmunks and other backyard wildlife love an easy meal and can severely damage bird feeders as they try to get the delicious seed. Use baffles, mesh cages and other techniques to discourage squirrels so birds don't go hungry.

Protect Feeders: Birds are vulnerable when feeding, and all backyard birders should take steps to protect feeders from poor weather and predators. Using wide baffles can shelter feeders and keep predators away, and providing nearby shelter such as a brush pile can give birds a safe retreat.

L.A. Nursery

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

