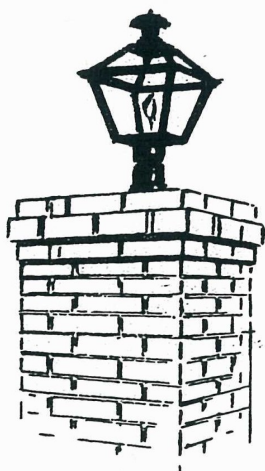


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DUES

Since 1965, Tara has been collecting dues to help pay for things like deed restrictions, boulevard beautification, general membership meeting, the website and newsletter.

You will notice a change on this dues notice compared to those in the past. We have created a multi-tiered dues structure:

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

The board has implemented this to continue "Revisioning Tara". We have already completed installing new stop/street signs on the boulevard and lighted flag poles. This year we are planning new entrance signs at Goodwood and Old Hammond. The board always has Tara in our best interest and with your help we will keep working to improve and promote Tara.

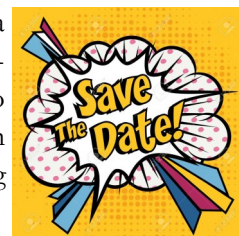
We are asking you to renew your standard dues payment and consider joining the Precious Metals Club by giving more. Make your payment by March 31st and you will be recognized in the Tara Talk May Newsletter.

You should have received your invoice in the mail. If you have not please email taracivicassn@gmail.com. Payments can be paid with check or venmo Richela Roy@Tara-Civic. Thanks to those that have already paid and given extra.

General Membership Meeting

The Tara General Membership Meeting and Ice Cream Social will be held at the Goodwood Library on the first floor to the right at **6:30pm on Monday, May 4th.**

We will continue the presentation of "Revisioning Tara". One of the topics will be the new entrance signs. These signs will continue our boulevard improvement and will enhance all of our property values. The new entrance signs will help define Tara for the next 50 years. They will become a symbol of the strength of our neighborhood. There will be drawings available to view of the new entrance signs. Our goal is to have the signs completed by summer. Remember, you must be in good standing



Progressive Garage Sale

The neighborhood wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 21st. The sale starts at 7am and runs until you decide you want it to end. You will need to put a sign in your yard announcing your sale and take it down when your sale is over. TCA will run an ad in the newspaper and create a map of houses participating. Email taracivicassn@gmail.com to get put on the map.

Welcome New Residents

Patrick & Sara Hunt	1343 Crescent
William and Sarah Wilson	1819 Roseneath
Aaron and Ashley Amedee	8416 Scarlett
Jamie Peek	1332 Ashland
Alex Landry	1196 Ashland
Jason and Brittany Attuo	1141 Aurora
Brook and Ashley North	1279 Aurora
Jennifer Jantz	8663 Wakefield
Ryan Neal	8769 Darby
Stepen and Lauren Durel	8720 Bayside
Scott and Brittany Tully	1436 Crescent



There was a time when we welcomed new neighbors with a small gift, baked goods or hand-picked flowers. This kind of welcome is rare these days, but can make newcomers feel even more welcomed because it is so unexpected. Plus, a little goodwill early on can go a long way toward better neighbor relations in the future...like when you need to have that awkward conversation about their dog barking all night long. Or to ask if they can spare cup of sugar. So, for better future neighbor relations, and just because you want to be a nice person, here are few ways to welcome new neighbors into your community...

Bring a homemade treat, treat them to a local specialty, wrap up a list of your favorite take out menus, put together a list of your favorite places and restaurants, bring flowers or show up empty handed with a warm welcome.

Yard of the Month

November - Wayne and Pam Martin on Longview
February - Betty Breaux on Wartelle

Since February is the shortest winter month it means that spring is that much closer and we need to get our yards in order.

Lawn Weed Control

Herbicides can be effective tools for reducing weeds in your yard, but the best way to manage weeds is to grow a thick, healthy lawn. Lawns that are managed properly are lush and healthy, with few weed problems.

Visit www.lsuagcenter.com and search for the keywords "lawn BMP" for more information on growing a beautiful lawn.

Pre-emergence herbicides — Weed preventer or pre-emergence herbicides can be helpful in preventing the emergence of several summer annual grasses and broadleaf weeds. Pre-emergence herbicides may be applied safely in late winter to early spring to all established southern lawns.

Most pre-emergence products for home lawns are granular and should be applied with drop or broadcast spreaders and "watered in" soon after application. These types of herbicides kill weeds as they germinate, so application timing is extremely important. You have to apply before the weeds, such as crabgrass, germinate. They will not kill any existing winter weeds.

Residents in Baton Rouge should apply around Feb. 10, with a follow-up application in late April. Some pre-emergence herbicide trade names to look for are Scotts Halts, Barricade and Hi-Yield Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension. Consult product labels concerning rates and application techniques.

Post-emergence herbicides — Post-emergence herbicides are used to kill weeds that already have emerged in the lawn. Winter broadleaf weeds usually are prevalent in the late winter to early spring. MSM Turf (metsulfuron) and Celsius (theincarbazone-methyl + dicamba + iodosulfuron) are two highly effective broadleaf-killing herbicides that have consistently performed well in LSU AgCenter evaluations on winter broadleaves. Follow the product labels very carefully so that lawns and trees are not injured. Do not use Celsius on carpetgrass.

More widely available broadleaf weed herbicides include Trimec Southern, Ortho Weed B Gon for Southern Lawns, and Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone. Product manufacturers will often recommend a follow-up spray two or three weeks after the first application. Broadleaf weed killers such as these are widely available and can be used on most southern grasses. Injury can occur, however, when using them on St. Augustine grass and centipede grass as the weather gets warmer in late spring.

Walking Your Dog

As the weather warms up more residents will begin walking in the neighborhood. Please keep branches from bushes and trees from obstructing the sidewalks. Also, please repair any broken sidewalks. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner not the city.

When walking with your dog please remember there is a leash law in Baton Rouge. Specifically for dogs, the [Louisiana law](#) states, “No person shall suffer or permit any dog in his possession, or kept by him about his premises, to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another.” This means that an owner of a dog cannot at any time, legally allow his or her dog to run freely across your property.

Individual cities require further standards and define what is needed for owners to maintain dogs in their possession. [Baton Rouge’s Code of Ordinances](#) defines an “at-large” animal to be any dog that is not on the owner’s property or on a leash less than six feet

If your dog becomes a nuisance, you may be fined. Examples of a nuisance would be running at large, attacking other people or animals, chasing cars, making excessive noise, turning over garbage cans or damaging, soiling or defecating on property other than the owner's.

If your dog is a threat to public health and safety, it may be classified as potentially dangerous, dangerous or vicious. Strict requirements for continued ownership are then required. Failure to comply may result in misdemeanor summons and court action.

Tara Needs More Block Captains

Tara launched its Block Watch Program last year. The goal of the program is to have at least one block captain for every ten houses. We would like to have a minimum of 65 captains covering all streets. In essence, we can not have too many captains.

After Halloween last year, we had several car burglaries in one night. The block captains responded with Operation Safe Neighborhood and since then we have had almost no crime. Operation Safe Neighborhood reminded us all to turn our outdoor lights on at night and lock every vehicle door.

Several of you have asked what the duties of a block captain are. Block captains are the eyes and ears of the security program. They are the liaisons between their neighbors and the Crime District. They communicate with their immediate neighbors and forward information to our Block Watch Coordinator. Block watch is about strengthening your personal observation skills – becoming better at recognizing potential security threats or reporting if a crime where to happen. Block captains have a communication network so that word can be spread on a real time basis.

Our next training is scheduled for April 28 at 7:30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 2021 Tara Boulevard. If you are interested in becoming a block captain, call Gary at 205-0470.

Keep All Vehicle Doors Locked

It can’t be stated enough – always keep your vehicle doors locked – **at all times**. Almost 100% of vehicle burglaries are committed because the owner left their vehicle unlocked. Don’t leave valuable items, purses, computers, medicine, guns, etc. visible in your car. This only increases your chance to become a victim.

5G Update

The 5G Task Force gave its recommendations to the Parish Attorney’s Office in October 2019. Those recommendations as drafted, would greatly enhance the rights of residential property owners as allowed by the FCC Third Ruling governing 5G rollout in the United States. The recommendations were based on a review of 5G ordinances from across the nation.

The City recently provided those recommendations and its own, to the telecommunications industry. The goal is to have a consensus-based ordinance drafted in March. The Metro Council expects to vote on the new ordinance within the next two months.

Spring Events

Click the links for events happening around town for the family or just adults

Engineer Day at LASM, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Holi Fest, Touch A Truck, Zapp's Beer Fest, Magnolia Mound Wine Walk <https://www.225batonrouge.com/things-to-do/march-2020-calendar-events-baton-rouge>

Kite Fest Louisiane <https://www.louisianatravel.com/articles/kite-fest-louisiane>

Zippity Zoo Fest <http://www.brzoo.org/events/view/zippity-zoo-fest/2020/03/28/>

Running and sport camps.....<https://www.active.com/>



Financial Spring Cleaning

Spring is almost here – and for many of us, that means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying up your home, why not try brightening your financial environment? Some of the same moves you make to clean your surroundings may apply to your finances. Consider these suggestions:

-Get rid of clutter. When you go through your closets, attic, basement or other areas, you may find many items you no longer need. You might be able to sell some of these things or find other ways of disposing of them. And as you review your portfolio, you might also encounter "clutter" in the form of investments that may be redundant to others you own. If so, you might consider selling these investments and using the proceeds to purchase new ones, which may help you broaden your portfolio.

-Protect yourself from hazards. As you go about your spring cleaning, you may well encounter hazardous substances, such as cleaning agents, paints, batteries, pesticides and so on, which you don't need any more and which may pose potential health risks. You can reduce the possible danger from these materials by recycling or disposing of them in an environmentally safe way. Your overall financial situation has hazards, too, in the form of illness or injury preventing you from working, or, in your later years, the need for some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home. To protect yourself, you may need appropriate insurance, including disability and long-term care.

-Find new uses for existing possessions. When you are sprucing up your home, you may rediscover uses for things you already have. Who knows – perhaps that treadmill that's been gathering dust in your garage could actually be employed again as part of your rededicated exercise regimen. And you might be able to get more mileage out of some of your existing investments, too. Suppose, for instance, that some of your stocks are paying you dividends, which you take as cash. If you don't really need this income to support your lifestyle, you might consider reinvesting the dividends so that you can own more shares of the dividend-paying stocks. Over the long run, increased share ownership is a key to helping build your portfolio.

-Establish new habits. Spring cleaning doesn't have to be just about physical activities – it can also involve a new set of habits on your part. For example, instead of placing your unread magazines in an ever-expanding pile, try to read and recycle them quickly. You can also develop some positive habits as an investor, such as "paying yourself first" by regularly putting some money in an investment account each month, even before paying all your bills. You can also avoid some bad habits, such as overreacting to market downturns by selling investments to "cut your losses," even though those same investments may still have strong growth potential and may still be suitable for your needs.

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Sausage Hashbrown Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients

1 pound pkg. ground pork sausage with sage (such as Jimmy Dean)
1 pound pkg. hot ground pork sausage
1 (30-oz.) pkg. frozen shredded hash browns
2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
1 teaspoon black pepper, divided
6 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups), divided
6 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup whole milk

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 13- x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cook sage ground sausage and hot ground sausage in a large skillet over medium-high, stirring often, until they are crumbled and browned, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat; drain well on paper towels.

Step 2

Working in batches, cook hash browns in a large nonstick skillet according to package directions; omit salt if called for on package. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of the salt and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper.

Step 3

Stir together sausage, hash browns, and 1 cup of the cheese in a bowl. Spoon into prepared baking dish. Whisk together eggs, milk, and remaining 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl. Pour over sausage mixture. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake in preheated oven until set, about 30 minutes. .

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

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