

The new cameras

The new license plate reading cameras have been installed. There is a crime prevention district meeting on December 11th. After this meeting more information will be available about how the cameras work and what upgrades will be made to the landscaping in the area. Look in the next newsletter for more information.

Be Aware

Like most of us, criminals like the holiday season, but for different reasons than us. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, thefts, burglaries, and property crimes greatly increase.

- Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- It is best to shop during the day, if you must shop at night have someone with you.
- Hide packages in your car and when carrying them make sure you have freedom to move quickly in and out of your vehicle..
- Keep doors locked and security systems on.

A Continuing Series Aurora Plantation

Aurora

Aurora is a community of Algiers in New Orleans and is presently divided into three areas. One of the areas is named Old Aurora and was developed on acreage which formerly belonged to the Aurora Plantation. It is located on the west bank of the Mississippi. Algiers was established in 1719, making it the second oldest New Orleans neighborhood. Originally owned by Bienville as part of the "King's Plantation," that stretched from Plaquemines to Donaldsonville and then to Natchez.

Early Land Owners: The land was cleared and plantation homes built along the riverfront. When the Spanish arrived in 1769, they sold off the lands in Algiers belonging to the Crown and aided homesteaders to establish farms and develop the West Bank. Algiers was governed by a Police Jury but was annexed to the City in 1870, a move that still has its opponents to this day!

The First Settlers were the French, and later the Spanish, who cleared the land with the help of the slaves. Later after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, came the Germans, the Irish, the Italians and Sicilians, and other smaller European groups of immigrants. Before 1803, Catholicism was the only acceptable religion in Louisiana but after that date, Algiers, and the rest of Louisiana, was infiltrated by Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians and Baptists.

Aurora, more than a century old, has round columns supporting a gallery across the front. The roof is supported by slender colonnades that rise from the second-floor gallery. It is privately owned and is located in the Aurora Gardens section of Algiers, west bank of the Mississippi River.



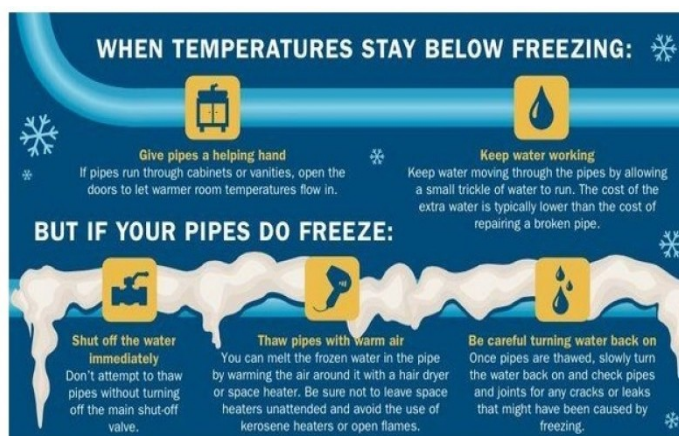
Daylight Savings Ends

Daylight savings ends on November 5th. Set your clocks back one hour. It gets dark a lot earlier in the day. Check your inside and outside light fixtures, replacing burned-out bulbs with more energy-efficient LEDs. Clean lampshades. Test solar lighting as well as any motion-sensitive lighting for effectiveness, and clean solar panels.

Winter Home Checklist

- **Windows and Doors**-walk around the exterior of your property and make sure gaps and cracks are properly caulked and sealed. Don't forget to check the weather-stripping on exterior doors too.
- **Heater**-be sure to tune-up your heater. If your heater is serviced often, it runs efficiently and lasts longer.
- **Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors**-change out the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.
- **Chimney**-prepare your chimney for winter use. Check for soot or creosote build-up. Regular cleaning ensures safe use.
- **Lawn Equipment**-prepare your lawn equipment for storage. This includes draining fuel from the gas-powered mowers and trimmers.
- **Attic Pest Control**- bugs and pests enjoy the heat in the winter. Do a walk around to look for opportunities for entering.

Be Prepared



Warm up with Corn and Crawfish Chowder

This soup is easy to prepare, will warm you up and is very filling.

Ingredients:

1 onion

1 stick of butter

8 oz cream cheese

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can of cream of potato soup

1 pint of half and half

1 lb crawfish tails

1 tsp minced garlic

2 cans of corn

Seasonings to taste.

Saute one medium sized chopped onion with one stick of butter, 1 tsp. minced garlic and seasonings to taste. Add 8oz block of cream cheese, stirring and breaking up until softened. Add one can cream of mushroom soup, one can of cream of potato soup, and one pint of half and half. Stir until blended. Drain the liquid from 1 lb of peeled, cooked, crawfish tails (shrimp can be substituted) and add. Stir in two cans of drained whole kernel corn. Simmer for 25 minutes.

Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Decoration and Lighting Contest

Tuesday December 12th from 6-10pm

Prizes awarded for following categories:

Best Door, Best Children's, Best Religious, Best Lighting, Most Original, and Judges Choice

(Judges are from Tara and neighboring subdivisions)



Louisiana Marathon

Sunday January 14, 2018

It is touted as "A Running Festival with Lagniappe". Leave it to Louisiana to throw a little something else in with running. Make running fun and everyone wants to join in.

There will be a full, half, quarter, 5K and kids marathon. If interested in running check out: www.thelouisianamarathon.com/marathon/

Once again Tara is part of the full marathon course and volunteers are needed to pass out water, powerade and energy gel packs.



Annual Progressive Yard Sale

Saturday March 10, 2018

Save the date and start saving your stuff. More info on the sale in the February newsletter

City Ordinances to Remember

- All cats and dogs must be registered (licensed) with the Animal Control & Rescue Center and vaccinated annually against rabies by a veterinarian. There is a \$50 fine for not doing so. All dogs must wear a collar and license tag. Dogs must be confined at all times either in the owner's home or fenced yard or on a leash no longer than 6-feet. Cats are not required to be on a leash, but they must be confined to the owner's yard or home or be under the physical control of the owner
- Signs in yards: Placement of signs (political, for sale, etc) need to be in the yard of the resident and not on the neutral ground (between sidewalk and street)
- It is a violation to park in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic movement, and more than 18 inches away from the curb or edge of the roadway.

Around the neighborhood

We are so glad you moved in. :

Barkley Booker 8420 Kenilworth Ct.
Barry & Debby Boyd, 8842 Bayside Ave.
Barry & Elizabeth Weinstein, 1801 Beechrove Dr.
Allison Dammeyer, 8643 Wakefield Dr.
Jeff & Mary Claire Taaffe, 1283 Ashland Dr.
Marshall Lamoyne, 8776 Darby Ave.

Make them feel welcomed

Yard of the Month

August: Greg and Rachel Beyer, Tara Blvd.
September: Kathy and Louis Tonore, Roseneath
October: Travis and Frieda Nichols, Ashland

Winners received a \$25.00 gift certificate complements of Louisiana Nursery on Coursey Boulevard. We thank them for their continued support

Neighborhood Dues

115 dues are missing this year.

It is never to late to pay your dues of \$55.

Mail dues to Tara Civic Association c/o
1554 Tara Blvd. Baton Rouge LA 70806



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For all ages, but who will win?

Roll a Turkey

	draw the face	
	draw the body	
	draw the head	
	draw one wing	
	draw one leg	
	draw one feather	



Draw Your Turkey Here

idea from littlegiraffes.com

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

