

Magnolia Gardens / Bogue Glen

Bogue Rivers Nature Preserve - ~~St. Tammany Parish~~ First Scenic Neighborhood

HURRICANE GUSTAV STRIKES AREA!

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Sept. 2008

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On September 1, 2008, our area was once again hit by a hurricane - this time it was called Gustav. Ironically, just about three years earlier to the day, Hurricane Katrina devastated the entire New Orleans metropolitan area and the Mississippi Gulf coast. Fortunately, Gustav passed far enough to our west that we were spared the full force of the storm. Yet, some of our residents were affected by falling trees and debris.

Additionally, many of us were without power, cable and/or phone service for several days. Even as late as the end of September, many of our residents were still cleaning up. Hopefully we will get through this season without any more problems. Keep your fingers crossed!

At the last board meeting, it was noted that our Holly Dr. wooden bridge had been inspected by parish engineers who determined that the bridge was sound. No repairs were deemed necessary at this time.

In the picture of the bridge below, note the water level was still fairly high two days after the storm. For those of you who may be interested, the NOAA has a web site that shows the Bogue Falaya River flood stage at Boston St. in real time. The URL link is:

<http://www.weather.gov/ahps/>

Then click on the map of our area and then on the Boston St. designator. It should show you a graph on the river stage for the last 24 hours. - Ed



REMINDER

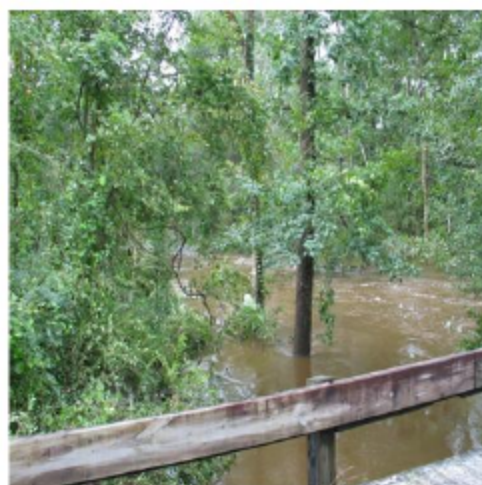
NEXT BOARD MEETING

CONTACT

**WAYNE JACOB
FOR INFORMATION**

**DATE AND LOCATION TO
BE DETERMINED**

**PLEASE PLAN
TO ATTEND**



Little Bogue Falaya River at Holly Drive on
September 3, 2008



Out-of-state utility workers repairing power lines
on Magnolia Gardens Dr. on September 5, 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

To each of you who weathered the storm without complications, congratulations on your good fortune. To our neighbors that were not so lucky, I sincerely hope that all of your efforts to make yourself whole again go well.

Both myself and the other board members are looking forward to a successful term. We are eager to hear of any of your concerns and gladly welcome any ideas you may have to make our subdivision better. We thank everyone who has helped to bring about any improvements, some of which are now currently being worked, e.g.:

1. Traffic details
2. Street lighting at entrances and over speed humps
3. Neighbor survey
4. Planting and maintenance of Holly Dr. & Johnsen Rd. entrances
5. Contracted services for maintenance of grass cutting and weeding around bridges and planters
6. Enforcement of covenant violations
7. Welcoming new residents
8. Reviewing architectural plans
9. Newsletters
10. Website
11. Directories

Sincerely,

Wayne Jacob

P.S. - Don't forget to return your questionnaires - Ed.

2008-2009 MG/BG NEW OFFICERS

President

Wayne Jacob

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Harold Scherer

Secretary

Harvey Marsolan

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Charlie Stahr

Past President

Harvey Marsolan

Board Members

David Broadbridge

A. J. Cigali

Muldrow Etheredge

Wayne Jacob

Bill La Garde

Jonathan Lagarde

Harvey Marsolan

Ted Saba

Harold Scherer

Charles Stahr

Peter Thomson (non

voting)

Architectural

Harvey Marsolan

Charlie Stahr

Clean-Up

Bill La Garde

Landscape, Entrances &

Preservation

Beth Grob

Restrictive Covenants

Charlie Stahr

Streets & Drainage

A. J. Cigali

Charlie Stahr

Traffic

Wayne Jacob

Membership & Welcoming

Leslie Mathes

Rosalie Quigley

Lorraine Saba

Annette Williamson

Newsletter

Lorraine Saba

Ted Saba

Website

David Broadbridge

TREASURY UPDATE

How Our Dues and Contributions are Used

By Charlie Stahr

This is an update to the summary of receipts and expenditures which the treasurer presents at each annual meeting. To get a longer view of our expenditures, the period from April 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 is presented. The Association's fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31 so the data presented below cover one and a half fiscal years.

Purpose	Expenditure
Communications	\$2,206
Electricity	\$806
Maintenance and Landscaping	\$2,326
Patrols	\$560

The major components of Communications expenditures are the cost of producing the periodic newsletters and the directory. Smaller components of this category include the annual meeting, website registration and annual state registration for the organization. Electricity is a regular expenditure of about \$50 per month for the four street lights in the neighborhood. Recent examples of expenditures for Maintenance and Landscaping include: removal of the fallen tree from the wooden bridge, purchase of shrubbery for the entrances and at the intersection of Holly Drive and Magnolia Gardens Drive, mowing of ditches, and mowing at the entrances and the Holly / MGD intersection. Incidentally, planting the shrubbery was largely contributed by neighborhood residents. We have contracted with a landscape service which will provide consistent attention and improved plantings in the entrance areas. The Patrols category is the expenditure for periodic off-duty sheriff patrols to enforce speed limits and stop signs.

Our income has been running about \$5,000 per year from membership receipts. This has enabled us to build a modest reserve to cover unanticipated expenses. The Civic Association Board continuously looks for opportunities to improve property values and quality of life in the neighborhood. Recently, you should have received a survey seeking input on projects the Association can undertake to address these goals. The survey form also seeks suggestions of additional initiatives the Board may have overlooked. Please complete and return the survey. If you did not receive a survey form, please contact one of the Board members.'

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Membership statistics as of the end of September, 2008:

56 Households (paid)	42%
76 Households (not paid)	58%
132 Total	100%

Thomas and Lisa Anzalone
- 20260 Johnsen Rd.



MG/BG RECYCLING OPTIONS

MG/BG Recycling Background and New Affordable Option

By Lisa Rustemeyer

Many of you may be aware that this spring and early summer, Beth Stahr and I conducted a phone survey in MG/BG to see how many residents would be interested in using Phoenix Recycling to handle our recycling needs. Currently, Winget's, whom I think the majority of households use for garbage, recycles aluminum and newsprint only (having lost their recycling facility on Hwy 59 which took plastic, glass, cardboard, etc.) In the spring Phoenix (a south shore contractor) had "guesstimated" a price of \$15/mo for 2X a month recycling pick-up. Between Beth and me, we compiled a list of about 25 households who wished to start the service. The list was sent to Phoenix, who did not respond right away. But recently they did send an E-mail saying North Shore service was about to begin and the price was now \$20/month.

About the same time, on the information of Ann Cigali, we contacted Jim Loup of Premier Waste Services in Mandeville to see if he would be interested in providing recycling service in MG/BG. He uses the same facility to process recyclables in Baton Rouge as does Phoenix Recycling. Items accepted are listed below. Premier was interested in doing both garbage **and** recycling for a monthly price of \$72/qtr. (Jim said in September, that this package price would remain the same for a year, unless gas prices go up to \$4.50.) Many people would have to sign up for this to be a "go", however, several on the list felt an allegiance to their garbage contractor that helped them through the storm and had done a good job for many years. So, I called Jim back and asked if he would consider recycling only in MG/BG. He said he would do 2X/month pick-up for \$10/month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

I have talked to two people familiar with Premier's service and they are pleased with it. We still have the list of those who responded "yes" to recycling at \$15/mo. when the initial phone calls were made. Since the new price given by Jim at Premier (\$10/mo) is more competitive than the original price estimate for this service, I am assuming those of you on the recycling-interest list are still interested, even though it would be Premier and not Phoenix. So, I propose to give this list to Jim of Premier in mid-October to let him begin this service for us. If you don't wish your name on the list, or have any questions, please call or E-mail me. Anyone else who is interested in adding their name to the list is also welcome to call.

Thanks!

Lisa Rustemeyer
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List includes: Plastic containers #1-7, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, and mixed paper (newspaper, office paper, magazines, catalogues, phone books, etc.) At times glass has been either on or off the list at the Baton Rouge Facility. The August 26th memo said corrugated cardboard was off the list temporarily. The service will take whatever the facility is accepting.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH WEBSITE

Some Of The Things To Do On The St. Tammany Parish Website

1. View the current Parish news
2. Read this month's Parish President's newsletter
3. Fill out a Public Works Order Request
4. Check the list of known blighted properties
5. Check on the progress of major and/or neighborhood road and drainage projects
6. View Parish Council agendas
7. View information on available arts grants
8. View current St. Tammany employment opportunities
9. Read entire Parish Code of Ordinances
10. View FAQ and requirements for residential and commercial building permits
11. Obtain a Special Needs Survey for the special needs shelter
12. View the regulatory requirements for subdivisions
13. Watch Access St. Tammany Channel 10 and view schedule
14. Register to receive E-mail updates from the Parish
15. View the calendar of Parish Events
16. Read the history of St. Tammany Parish
17. View flood maps of St. Tammany Parish
18. Link to important Parish officials or groups:
 - DA
 - Sheriff
 - Clerk of Courts
 - Assessor
 - School Board
19. View adoptable animals at St. Tammany Parish Department of Animal Services
20. View the 2008 St. Tammany Parish Hurricane evacuation map and brochure

<http://www.stpgov.org>

PETS - LOST AND FOUND

Contact Barbara LaGarde if you find a lost cat or dog. She can be reached by E-mail: bcoleman00@earthlink.net

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2008 - 2009 MG/BG CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

LOT # _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____

\$100 DUES — RESIDENT

\$ 30 DUES — NON-RESIDENT

\$ _____ CONTRIBUTION TO MGIBG RESTORATION FUND

*Please make your check payable to the Magnolia Gardens/Bogue Glen Civic Association
Return to P. O. Box 28 Covington, Louisiana 70434*

..... CUT HERE AND RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT

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