Fall 2014 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Fall season is a time of change. Leaves begin to turn colors, football season begins, children head back to school, and we begin to make plans for the upcoming new year.

Change is happening here in your neighborhood, too. Due to family commitments, Mary Leigh Wolfe is stepping down as President of the Board and I am assuming that role. She will remain on the Board as Vice President and I am thankful for her continued contribution to our efforts.

My overriding goal for the Board and certainly as its President, is to continue in every way possible to create a culture of pride in and care of our properties. I'd like to find ways to empower our neighbors to challenge each other to do all within their means to present a well maintained and diverse image to the larger community.

I invite you to attend one of our monthly Board meetings or a social gathering. We are always looking for people to share their talents and ideas. Get to know your neighbors. Together we can preserve the way of life we all appreciate here on the Northshore and in our neighborhood. ~ David Talmage

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Mark your calendars!! The 3rd annual Block Party – "Night out Against Crime" is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 6-8PM. By popular request we will again have a Blue Grass band, Jambalaya, and kids' activities. This year the event will be held at the home of John and Susanne Burden, 190 Tchefuncte Drive. Come for the evening or at least a short time to meet and have fun with your neighbors!

Other upcoming events:

Date	Event	Time & Location
October 31	Halloween Party	To Be Announced
November 8	CCCEOA Neighborhood Yard Sale	Pre-order your red balloons!
December 14	S'mores & More & Hayride	150 Bertel (Seese's)
December	Holiday Decorating Contest	All month
December	Cookie Swap	To Be Announced
January	ANNUAL MEETING	2:00 PM
March 8	Annual Fun Run & BBQ	179 Tchefuncte (Liccardi's)
March 29	Easter Egg Hunt & Party	156 Tchefuncte (Morgan's)

If you can help at any of these events, please come to a *SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING - September 21 - 5:00 PM* Pat Talmage's, 149 Tchefuncte. Please let her know you are coming so she has plenty of "goodies!"

SHOP LOCAL...AND SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS

We are excited to share a new idea we've created to benefit our neighbors and their businesses. Beginning in January 2015 we are going to have a link on our website, www.CCCEOA.org, that will direct you to a list of businesses owned and operated by people living in Covington Country Club Estates. If you own a business and would like to be included on the list on our website please contact Claire Morgan. There is an annual fee of $25 to be listed. This is a great opportunity to develop more business at a very reasonable cost while getting to know some of your neighbors. Email Claire at claireneedscoffee@gmail.com or call 985-246-0806 for more information.

REMINDERS

- If the drainage ditch in front of your house needs to be dug out, you can submit a work order on the St. Tammany Parish Public Works site: http://www.stpgov.org/work-order-request-form
- Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet when you are walking in the neighborhood.
- If you see a sign in the neighborhood in need or repair or grafitti that needs covering, email us and we will look into it.
- Do we have a way to reach you in the event of an emergency? Please share your email and a textable phone number with us. We use this information for alerts and reminders about upcoming events.

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ARCHITECTURAL NEWS

Are you planning a fall project at your house? Fall is a great time to get back outside and make improvements to your property. To make sure it all goes smoothly, please remember that all new construction, additions, and accessory buildings (i.e. sheds and carports) require approval from the Architectural committee before construction begins. Our neighborhood has restrictive covenants in place to protect our property values and our way of life. Please contact Chris Licciardi (chris@mckitchens.com) if you have any questions or need approval for a project in the subdivision.

Fun neighborhood fact:

Our neighborhood was incorporated on November 7, 1958

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO VOTE!

The Fall Ballot will include: Congressional and Senatorial Candidates, Public Service Commission, District Attorney, School Board, Judicial candidates and 14 Constitutional Amendments which are summarized on the Louisiana Secretary of State's website www.sos.la.gov/ElectionAndVoting

Remember, there are two early voting sites: Registrar's office at the courthouse and Council Building at Koop Drive.

Date of Election	November 4	December 5
Type of Election	Open Primary/Congressional	Open/General Congressional
Qualifying Dates	8/20-22/14	N/A
Last Date to Register	10/6/14	11/5/14
Deadline to request mail ballot	10/30/14	12/2/14
Early Voting Begins	10/21/14	11/22/14
Early Voting Ends	10/28/14	11/29/14

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fees...no one likes talking about them and you might be wondering why we spend so much effort trying to collect them. Our neighborhood is home to approximately 400 families. If every family paid their $75.00 annually, our homeowner's association would have $30,000 to use for the improvement of our neighborhood. Right now, only about 48% of our community pays their fees every year. That translates to about $18,000 in funds we have to use. The Board receives numerous emails wondering why we aren't doing more mowing or why we don't have more fun events. The answer is simple: we don't have the funds. Here's a breakdown of what your $75.00 is used for:

- Mowing and maintaining the main entrance to our neighborhood
- Protection of the neighborhood covenants
- Maintaining neighborhood signs, including Neighborhood Watch and entrance signs
- Neighborhood social events such as the Fun Run, Night Out Against Crime, Holiday Party, and Easter Egg Hunt
- Maintaining lights on the service road
- Neighborhood insurance and taxes
- Quarterly printing and postage for our neighborhood newsletter
- Annual printing of the neighborhood directory
- Maintenance of our neighborhood website

Right now we are wrapping up collection of 2014 fees. We will soon begin requesting fees for 2015. If you aren't sure if you've paid your fees, email us and we can let you know. You can also use this return slip to forward your fees to the Treasurer. Please contribute to your community and help us continue to make Covington Country Club Estates a neighborhood we can all be proud of.

Last Name: First Name: Spouse:

Address: Phone:

Email:

☐ **2014** ☐ **2015** ☐ Please check here if you **DON'T** want to be included in the directory.

Please make checks payable to CCCEOA and mail to: Miles Mark - 110 South Drive - Covington, LA 70433

Want to get involved? Come to a monthly Board meeting, held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at 149 Tchefuncte Drive. Share your ideas, voice a concern, meet your neighbors!