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# GRANDE HILLS ESTATES

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## **2012 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the membership for electing a five member Board of Managers and approval of the 2012 Annual Budget will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012 at 12:00 NOON**. The meeting location will be at the Bush Fire Station on Hwy. 21.

The voting will be in writing by those members authorized to cast votes. To assist you, a ballot is enclosed with this Newsletter that has been personalized with your name(s), the lot(s) you own and your total voting acres.

According to the By-Laws, Article II,5, before any meeting can be held a quorum of 40% of the voting rights present or represented by a notarized proxy must be present. The Association has had in place for years a method of determining a quorum beforehand in order for the annual meeting to commence promptly at 12:00 noon. Enclosed with your ballot is a numbered envelope which when used in mailing your ballot will help determine the acreage votes submitted to reach a quorum of 502.04 acres. This will also alert the Association that it is a ballot to be submitted to the Election Committee.

ANY ENVELOPE RECEIVED WITHOUT A NUMBER WILL BE ASSUMED TO BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A BALLOT AND WILL BE OPENED.

Ballots will be considered by the Election Committee as invalid if:

- 1) The ballot is not signed.
- 2) The ballot has more than 5 candidates selected. You must vote for up to 5 candidates.

For your convenience in voting for the Annual Budget, another copy is enclosed.

In accordance with the By-Laws, Article V, 6, enclosed is a copy of the 2011 yearly itemization of expenses and amounts received.

## **ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS**

The Association's books will be available for inspection at 10:00 a.m. until meeting time and after the membership meeting, if necessary.

## **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The counting of the ballots shall begin at 10:00 a.m. You may vote by mail-in ballot or in-person by delivery of the ballot on the date of the Annual Meeting. Mail-in ballots must be **postmarked by midnight, Wednesday, January 25, 2012**, to insure arrival by Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and mailed to Grande Hills Estates Homeowners Assoc. (GHEHA), P. O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431. **In-person deliveries of ballots are to be submitted between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

The guest speakers for the Annual Meeting will be:

Mr. Richard Tanner, our newly elected St. Tammany Parish Councilman.

Mr. Mark Salvetti or Mr. Steve Sperier, Crawfishman Triathlon

## **SIGN AT FRONT ENTRANCE TO GRANDE HILLS ESTATES**

There was an accident at the front entrance where someone drove into the Grande Hills entrance sign. An accident report was filed at the Courthouse Records Dept by St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office and the person responsible has insurance. The Association is in the process of filing an insurance claim and will give an update at our annual meeting.

## **CERTIFICATES TO PROCEED**

As stated in the Grande Hills Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, all plans for building structures, additions, fences, pools, etc. are to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for review in order for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. Please contact Travis or Jessica St. Pierre at 985-892-6383.

## **OWNERSHIP/ADDRESS CHANGES**

Any address or telephone change should be directed to Board Member Ron Trupp, (985) 809-1180.

**Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:**

Steve Roberts, 985-809-6279  
Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137  
Judy Coker, 985-893-0858  
Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180  
James Smith, 985-809-5209

**GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ITEMIZATION OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 2011**

BALANCE FORWARDED FROM DECEMBER 31, 2010		\$ 13,265.58
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Donation 2011 Crawfishman Triathlon	\$ 700.00	
Bank charges refunded	2.00	
Assessments (includes delinquent assessments & penalties)	18,006.05	
<b>TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED FOR 2011:</b>		\$ 18,708.05
<b>TOTAL INCOME BALANCE:</b>		\$ 31,973.63
<b>2011 BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>		
Washington/St. Tammany Coop. (one year service)	230.00	
Publication of Newsletters (Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.)	957.47	
Post Office Box Rental	100.00	
Secretary of State	5.00	
Liability Insurance	3,694.50	
Grass Maintenance and Landscaping	1,704.00	
Maintenance and Repairs	37.56	
Legal Fees/Consultations	10,006.45	
St. Tammany Farmer	20.00	
Bank Charges	2.00	
Website XL Technologies, Inc.	429.00	
Miscellaneous	155.00	
<b>2011 NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>		
Legal Fees/Consultations (From Legal Defense Fund)	3,042.73	
Legal Fees/Consultations (From Operational Reserves Fund)	2,478.22	
<b>2011 TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>		\$ 22,861.93
<b>ENDING BALANCE (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011)</b>		\$ 9,111.70 *&**
*Outstanding Balance of \$6,990.34 as of Nov. 30 due in Legal Expenses		
**Two checks not cashed as of Dec. 31, thus bank balance reflects \$9,179.26		

BUDGET FOR 2011 and PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012			
Description of Expenses	Budget 2011	Expenses Incurred 2011	Proposed Annual Budget 2012
Printing, Stamps, Envelopes, Labels, etc.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 957.47	\$ 1,000.00
Post Office Box Rental	106.00	100.00	106.00
Washington St. Tammany Electric/Front Entrance Lights	250.00	230.00	250.00
Secretary of State	5.00	5.00	5.00
Grass Maintenance and Landscaping	1,704.00	1,704.00	1,704.00
Liability Insurance	3,900.00	3,694.50	4,000.00
Maintenance and Repairs	100.00	37.56	100.00
Legal Fees/Consultations	10,000.00	10,006.45	15,000.00
Landscape/Beautification	150.00	0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	35.00	0.00
St. Tammany Farmer Newspaper	20.00	20.00	20.00
Bank Charges	50.00	2.00	50.00
Website XL Technologies, Inc.	294.00	429.00	429.00
Security for General Meetings	275.00	120.00	275.00
<b>BUDGET FOR 2011:</b>	<b>\$17,854.00</b>		
<b>2011 EXPENSES INCURRED:</b>		<b>\$17,340.98</b>	
<b>PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012:</b>			<b>\$23,089.00</b>
There are 1255.11 acres in Grande Hills Estates. Your assessment for the year 2012 is determined by dividing the proposed budget of \$23,089.00 by the number of total acres in Grande Hills, which will equal the annual assessment per acre of land that you own.			
\$23,089.00 divided by 1255.11 acres = \$18.40 per acre for 2012			
\$3,042.73 paid to Magee & Assoc. from Legal Defense Fund 7/23/11		3,042.73	
\$2,478.22 paid to Magee & Assoc. from Operational Reserves Fund 7/23/11		2,478.22	
<b>TOTAL 2011 EXPENSES (includes non-budgeted expenses) :</b>		<b>\$22,861.93</b>	

**BALLOT**

For the ANNUAL ELECTION of the Board of Managers of the  
GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(January 28, 2012 AT 12:00 NOON)  
BUSH FIRE STATION, HIGHWAY 21

PROPERTY OWNER:

Ballot Number:

SQUARE:      LOT(S):

TOTAL VOTING ACRES:

There are five Board of Manager positions. **You may vote for no more than five candidates.** You may chose from the nominees below or write in your choice(s). Each candidate named below has agreed to serve if elected. The blank spaces are for write-ins you may prefer.

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**PLEASE VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE CANDIDATES:**

**Judy Coker**\_\_\_\_\_

**A.J Ostarly**\_\_\_\_\_

**Steve Roberts**\_\_\_\_\_

**Ron Trupp**\_\_\_\_\_

**Bonnie Hebert**\_\_\_\_\_

**Write in Candidates below:**

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**PLEASE VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

1. ANNUAL BUDGET--I accept the recommendation of the Board of Managers for the adoption of the annual budget.

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank You for Voting

THE SIGNATURE OF THE DESIGNATED PARTY OR ONE LEGALLY RECORDED OWNER  
MUST VALIDATE THIS BALLOT.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner and or Designated Party)

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