

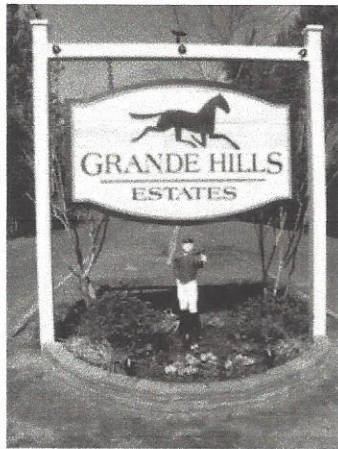
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2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to all the members who participated in this year's election by sending in your ballots and attending the annual meeting. A quorum of 502.04 acres is required to hold the annual membership meeting and election. Total acreage ballots submitted this year were 595.46 acres.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The election for the 2019 Board of Managers for the GHEHA was held on January 26, 2019. 45% of the landowners voted, thus being well above the 40% quorum required by our documents to certify the election.

The results are:

Judy Coker – 423.44 acres
Susan Chartier – 455.91 acres
Jimmy Guillet – 200.95 acres
Bonnie Hebert – 447.38 acres
Steve Roberts – 460.82 acres
Ron Trupp – 498.43 acres

Write-in votes:

Paul Twitchell – 5.69 acres
Chris Dantin – 5.69 acres
Eric Villani – 5.69 acres
Dwayne Wilbert – 5.69 acres

Eric Lowe – 84.58 acres
Craig Duplantis – 5.23 acres
Robbie Roundtree – 5.23 acres

Your new Board of Managers met on February 1, 2019, and their positions on the Board are as follows:

President: Steve Roberts
Vice President: Bonnie Hebert
Secretary: Judy Coker
Treasurer: Ron Trupp
Special Assistant: Susan Chartier

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2019 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$ 11,985.00 was **APPROVED** by 86% or 510.92 acres. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2019 is **\$ 9.55 per acre owned**. This is the same annual assessment as 2018.

ASSESSMENT INVOICES

Your invoice for the 2019 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2019**, and will become delinquent on **MAY 1, 2019**. The Association has expenses that are currently due so your prompt remittance is appreciated.

In accordance with our documents, a Demand Letter(s) for delinquent assessments will be sent out on May 1st, of each year, via certified mail. As per our documents, the delinquent member is responsible for the cost of the certified mailing of the Demand Letter. The Demand Letter itself calls for payment within seven (7) days, and if not received, the next action would be to take it to the Justice of Peace for Small Claims Court. We regret having to do this and apologize to anyone that may take offense to it, but please take note that this does not apply to you if you regularly pay your assessment on time.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks go out to the Election Committee, which consisted of Jessica St. Pierre, Jessica Oglesby, and Kirk Aymond. Johnny Buisson was the alternate.

SUMMARY OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual election/membership meeting was very informative with many guest speakers. Thank you for attending and showing your support for your community.

The constable for our area, Mr. Todd Kraft, discussed the enforcement of litter in and around the Parish. He gave statistics of the amount of litter that is collected throughout the Parish.

The councilman for our district, Mr. Richard Tanner, discussed the resurfacing of Churchill Downs from Fairgrounds Blvd. to Hialeah. He also announced that he will be running for re-election this year.

Mr. Ken Cooper, a landowner and member of our Lake Committee gave a very nice presentation of the report prepared by the committee on the lake project. Stage 1 will begin in the spring. The Board approved monies needed to start the lake project.

Mr. David Holloway, Realtor with Smith & Core, passed out a pamphlet reflecting the values and down swing and up swing of land/property in and around the area.

SPEEDING IN OUR SUBDIVISION

It has been brought to the Association's attention that drivers are not obeying the speed limit signs in our subdivision, in particular, Pimlico and Fairgrounds. Residents walk, jog, and bike throughout this community and cannot be threatened by jumping into the ditch to avoid being hit. The

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traffic department of St. Tammany Sheriff's Office has been notified. You may also report these violations to the St. Tammany Sheriff's Department Traffic Division by calling (985) 809-8200. Please advise any persons hired by you to perform work on your property to please adhere to the speed limit signs in our community.

FACELIFT TO ENTRANCE SIGNS

Our beautiful entrance signs will be receiving a facelift. It has been over ten years since these signs were refurbished. The signs will soon be removed and taken in for: repair, cleaning and repainting. The support posts will receive any needed repairs, cleaning and repainting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering a little time and meeting new friends in your community, please send an email from the Association's website so we may add you to the list of volunteers. We need your help in our community.

KEYS FOR BOAT LANDING

If you are interested in obtaining a key for the lock on the gate at the boat landing, please call A.J. Ostarly at 504-258-7626.

A deposit in the amount of \$10.00 will be required to obtain a key. Should you move out of Grande Hills you will be required to turn in your key to receive your deposit. A sign-in list will be kept for members holding keys. Take note that the keys are numbered and can be traced to the individual that signed for the key.

GHEHA ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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 Travis and Jessica St. Pierre, Chairpersons, (985) 886-6038 or (504) 390-2177 or Mike Wolford, (504) 915-7703, for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. **NO CONSTRUCTION SHALL BEGIN WITHOUT AN APPROVED CERTIFICATE TO PROCEED.**

A Certificate to Proceed will not be issued until a St. Tammany Parish Building Permit has been issued. A copy of the permit must be submitted to the GHACC along with the other required documents per the Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, Section 2.1.

The Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations states under Section 1.1.2.

The GHACC shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt of all required documents to approve or disapprove any application for construction for any structure. . . .

Please allow enough time for this process to be completed before commencement of any type of construction.

DISTRICT 9 FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department requested we include an article in our newsletter announcing that on Saturday, February 16th, 11am-1pm the volunteers of the Fire Department are hosting an open house at their main station at 80581 Hwy 21, Bush. There will be some great food and drinks for you, (and your family), to enjoy as you tour the station.

On March 30th, 2019, the District 9 Fire Department will be asking for a parcel fee of \$40 annually for every parcel in our area.

They request that you please take this opportunity to come on February 16th, to educate yourself as to the true costs and needs of the fire service, to become an informed voter, and then make up your mind based upon the facts.

BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS

If any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please contact the Board through the website for the date of the next board meeting so you may attend.

With family commitments, school activities and full-time jobs, it is very difficult to schedule ahead of time monthly board meetings for the year.

REMINDERS

Change of Address?

Please help the Association keep track of new ownership, changes of address, and telephone number changes by notifying the Association through our website.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

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Steve Roberts, President
Bonnie Hebert, Vice President
Judy Coker, Secretary
Ron Trupp, Treasurer
Susan Chartier, Board Member

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