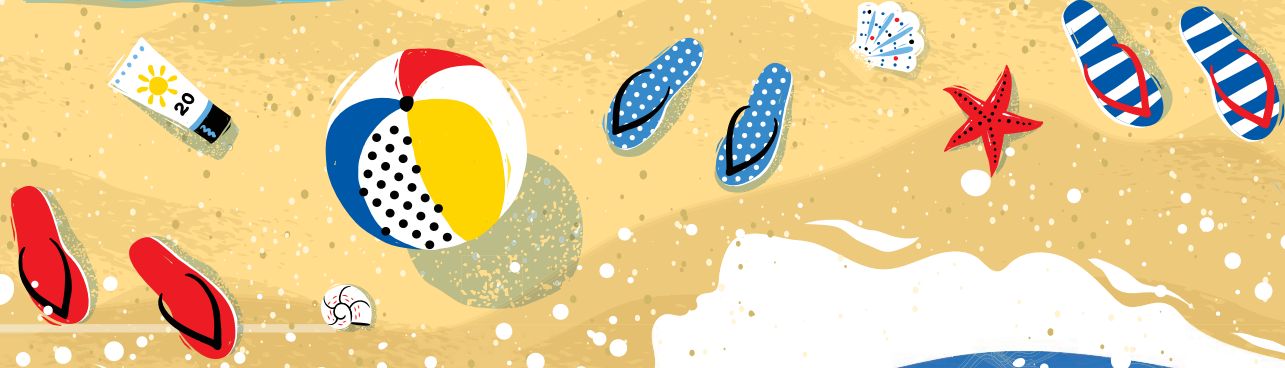
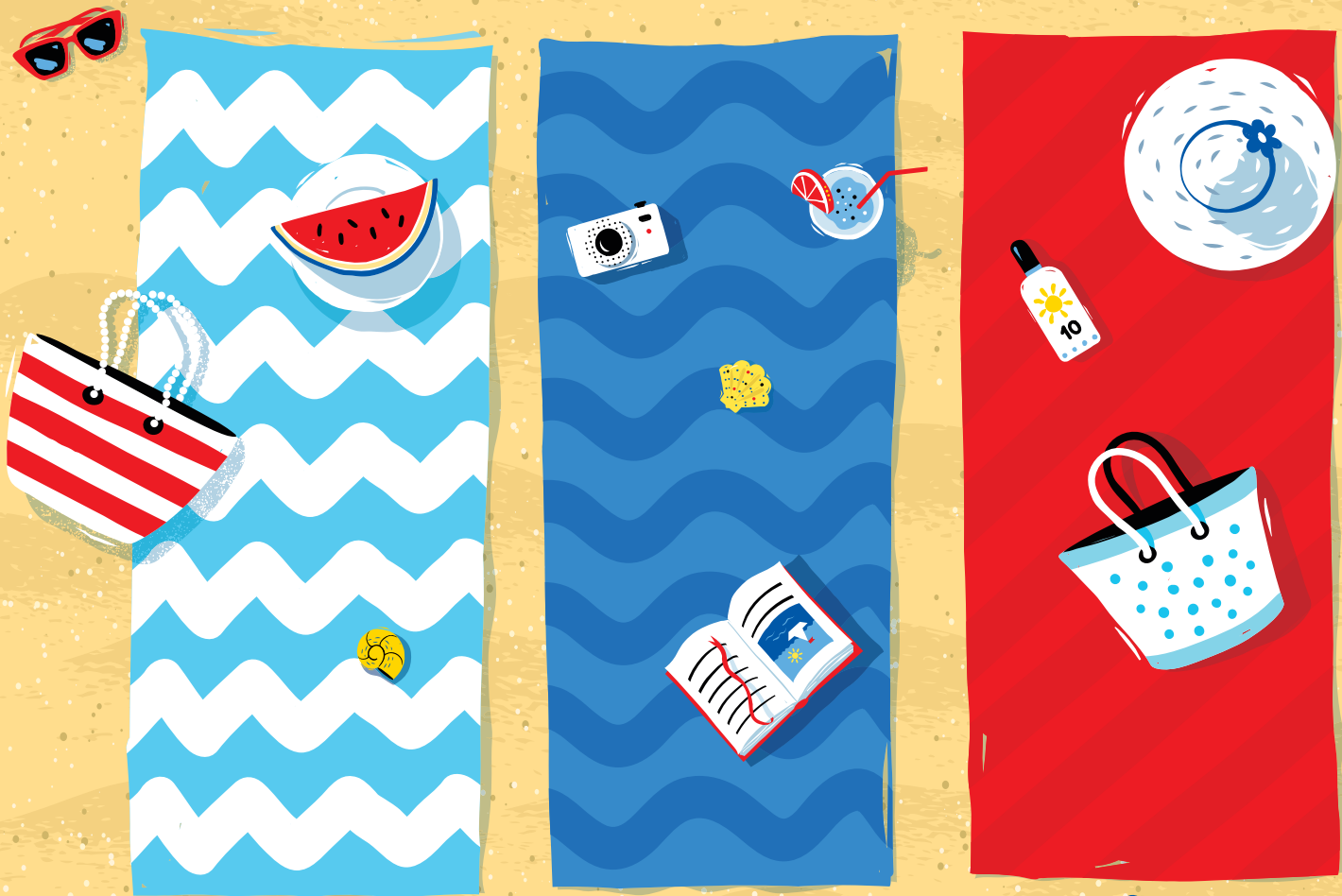


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## LAKE VISTA RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:

### THANKYOU

It is my honor and privilege to have been elected to serve as your LVPOA president in back in May. For those of you who do not know me, I have served on the LVPOA Board since 2018. I also have been the volunteer designer of this magazine since 2014 and co-editor since 2018. I look forward to working toward the betterment of Lake Vista as a neighborhood and a community.

### THANKS TO OUR EXITING BOARD MEMBERS

I would first like to start by thanking our previous president, **Mark Fullmer**, for two years of service to this organization and the neighborhood. I would like to acknowledge **Babs Mollere** and **Betty Tedesco** who completed their two year terms in April, and **Katie Harrington** for her one year term as LVPOA treasurer. Katie and her family have moved to pursue better job opportunities.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

As of April's semi-annual member meeting and annual election, we now have 4 new board members. I welcome **Amy Barrios** as our communications committee chair, **Jessica Davidson** as our secretary, **Gretchen Kenning** as our treasurer, and **Keith Raymond** as our new chair of infrastructure. I look forward to working with these new members who, with eagerness and energy, have already shown their desire to help make Lake Vista a better place to live.

### OUR VISION IS TRANSPARENT

On behalf of myself and the board, we would like to strive for a more transparent relationship with our members and residents. We will start by making our monthly board meeting agenda and minutes available under the members only section of our website, **www.goLVPOA.com**. You must be a registered member of the LVPOA to access these documents. If you paid dues this year by check, you can still register to access the website by visiting **goLVPOA.com**. Click **JOIN US NOW**, select **SILVER LEVEL MEMBERSHIP**, then select **INVOICE** as your method of payment. You will be emailed an invoice, do not pay anything. I will get an alert that you have initiated a new profile and can manually verify that you paid by check and approve your access. If you do not receive access/approval within 24 hours of your request, send an email to **info@goLVPOA.com** and let me know that you are a current member and have applied for website access.

### MY GOALS AS PRESIDENT

As your LVPOA president, I would like to tackle our low membership numbers. With less than half of the residents of Lake Vista paying dues annually, it is a challenge to make significant improvements to Lake Vista. The majority of your dues are spent on beautification, which includes maintaining landscaping at all four entrances to the neighborhood, flower beds in the parks, and special projects like "Honoring the Oaks" which has a price tag of nearly \$50K over the course of several years. The LVPOA spent **\$13,860** toward this project in 2020 and another **\$7000** so far in 2021. Our recent survey, taken by nearly 240 residents, let us know that the majority of you want to see lane sidewalks repaired. We share your opinions as well. Repairing lane sidewalks is a massive undertaking and while we have some funds available to begin, we need far more income to put a dent in this problem. It is the goal of our board to figure this out. If you are not a member and would like to see lane sidewalks repaired, please visit **www.goLVPOA.com** and **JOIN US NOW!** It's time we all made an investment in the future of Lake Vista. I want to hear from you! I want our neighbors to feel included and heard. Contact me anytime at **info@golvpoa.com**

# WELCOME OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS



**AMY  
BARRIOS**

**Amy Sneed Barrios** is a New Orleans native. She graduated from Archbishop Blenk High School and then Louisiana State University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications with a concentration on broadcast journalism. Amy worked for 17 years as a television news producer. In 2014 she walked away from her role as the Executive Producer at WDSU-TV to start her own public relations and media consulting firm. Multimedia Solutions offers its clients Amy's insider knowledge of how to get news coverage. She is a past board member of the New Orleans Press Club and has won nine Press Club Awards for her public relations work. Amy is married to her childhood sweetheart, Antonio. They have lived in Lake Vista since 2019 with their two sons, Maximo and Leonardo, who both attend St. Pius X.



**JESSICA  
DAVIDSON**

**Jessica Hardie Davidson** is a New Orleans native, who was raised in Lake Vista and could not imagine a better place to live when it came time to decide where to raise a family. Jessica graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and later attended the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Logistics. Jessica received her Juris Doctorate and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Law in 2003 from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center and currently serves as one of the managing attorneys at Preservation Title. She is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Alabama, and is also a Louisiana Licensed Title Agent. Jessica is a sustaining member of the Junior League of New Orleans and served as co-chair of the Junior League's 95 th Anniversary Party in 2019. Jessica has served on various local non-profit committees, including the Children's Hospital Sugarplum Ball, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman of the Year Nominating Committee, and she recently served as the Revenue Chair for the American Cancer Society's Belles & Beaus Virtual Ball in 2020. She resides with her husband, Stephen, and their two daughters, Parker and Reese, who attend Metairie Park Country Day School.



**KEITH  
RAYMOND**

**Keith Raymond** was born and raised in the New Orleans area, leaving only to attend LSU in Baton Rouge where he earned both a Bachelors and Masters degree in accounting. After graduating in 2005 he completed the CPA exam and worked for Ernst & Young providing tax services for numerous clients ranging across various industries including hospitality, insurance, and oil & gas. After over nine years in public accounting, Keith transitioned in 2013 to LLOG Exploration Co., an oil & gas company on the Northshore, where he currently works as a tax manager. Keith has lived on Warbler St. for just over a year with his wife, Michelle, and his three daughters who have all been attending St. Pius since PK3 with his oldest graduating this past May.



**GRETCHEN  
KENNING**

**Gretchen Kenning** was born and raised in Chalmette, LA and attended Mount Carmel Academy. After earning her BS in Accounting from LSU, she came home to attend graduate school at UNO where she earned her MBA and later became a CPA. Gretchen currently works for Hancock Whitney as a Project Manager in the audit department where she is responsible for quality assurance and other professional practice areas. In 2019, Gretchen and her husband, Brendan, renovated a home on Wren Street where they live with their two daughters, Sidney and Elida. Gretchen and her family love Lake Vista and are excited to get more involved in the neighborhood.





# *The* LAKE VISTA LOCAL LEADERSHIP MEETING

## LAKE VISTA RESIDENTS,

Those of you who attend our two Semi-Annual Membership Meetings, in April and October each year, know very well that they can run extremely long. We typically invite guest speakers to start off the meeting and then move on to LVPOA topics. We would like to try to separate the meeting into 2 separate events in order make each meeting more pleasant for people to attend. The first being **THE LAKE VISTA LOCAL LEADERSHIP MEETING**, a non-LVPOA meeting, open to all residents of Lake Vista. This meeting will give our local leaders and representatives the opportunity make brief speeches and take questions from attendees on topics that affect our neighborhood.

**OUR FIRST LOCAL LEADERSHIP MEETING WILL BE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 • 6:30 PM**

**Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd Floor  
6500 Spanish Fort Blvd.**

## CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

**Representative Stephanie Hilferty • Councilmember Jared Brossett**

**A Representative from the LAKE VISTA CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT**

**We also plan to include a representative from the LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
and a representative to UPDATE and ANSWER QUESTIONS about the ROADWORK PROJECT**

**THIS MEETING IS NOT THE LVPOA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN  
OCTOBER. THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION FROM THE LVPOA. FOR THIS REASON,  
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF LAKE VISTA, NOT JUST LVPOA MEMBERS.**

**GIVEN THE RECENT GROWTH OF COVID CASES IN NEW ORLEANS, THIS MEETING MAY NEED TO BE CANCELLED OR REQUIRE MASKS TO BE WORN  
FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. AS THE EVENT GETS CLOSER WE WILL UPDATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON ANY CHANGES IN DATE, CONFIRMED SPEAKERS  
AND COVID PRECAUTIONS. THIS MAY ALSO AFFECT OUT DECISION TO PROVIDE FOOD AND WINE FOLLOWING THE MEETING.**

# HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

## RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS,

While our membership numbers are slightly up this year, we have a rather large number of residents who were LVPOA members last year, but did not renew this year.

We know often people forget or think they have paid when they have not.

We did not host our January King Cake Party this year, so if you usually attend and pay dues there, you may not have paid this year.

**PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO REVIEW THE CURRENT MEMBERS ADDRESSES LISTED TO VERIFY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021. IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR ADDRESS AND THINK YOU HAVE PAID, EMAIL US AT [info@golvpoa.com](mailto:info@golvpoa.com) TO CHECK. TO JOIN, VISIT [www.goLVPOA.com](http://www.goLVPOA.com) and click JOIN US NOW!**

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# 2021 CURRENT LVPOA MEMBERS AS OF 8/4/2021

4 Ani St	9 Egret St	4 Gull St	103 Lark St	53 S Wren St	28 Stilt St	76 Tern St
8 Ani St	10 Egret St	7 Gull St	107 Lark St	57 S Wren St	32 Stilt St	78 Tern St
6702 Beauregard	13 Egret St	10 Gull St	109 Lark St	65 S Wren St	41 Stilt St	80 Tern St
6302 Beauregard	18 Egret St	19 Gull St	7400 Marconi Dr	69 S Wren St	45 Stilt St	90 Tern St
6304 Beauregard	21 Egret St	22 Gull St	1 N Lark St	73 S Wren St	47 Stilt St	96 Tern St
6306 Beauregard	22 Egret St	25 Gull St	3 N Lark St	85 S Wren St	49 Stilt St	9 Thrasher St
6400 Beauregard	31 Egret St	28 Gull St	7 N Lark St	89 S Wren St	11 Swallow St	14 Thrasher St
6402 Beauregard	33 Egret St	34 Gull St	9 N Lark St	97 S Wren St	12 Swallow St	17 Thrasher St
6404 Beauregard	34 Egret St	42 Gull St	11 N Lark St	102 S. Wren St	15 Swallow St	20 Thrasher St
6500 Beauregard	41 Egret St	44 Gull St	54 N Lark St	1 Snipe St	16 Swallow St	22 Thrasher St
6506 Beauregard	45 Egret St	45 Gull St	58 N Lark St	15 Snipe St	19 Swallow St	34 Thrasher St
6600 Beauregard	48 Egret St	46 Gull St	60 N Lark St	20 Snipe St	22 Swallow St	44 Thrasher St
6700 Beauregard	53 Egret St	53 Gull St	62 N Lark St	21 Snipe St	24 Swallow St	46 Thrasher St
8 Bluebird St	57 Egret St	55 Gull St	84 N Wren St	41 Snipe St	25 Swallow St	49 Thrasher St
15 Bluebird St	62 Egret St	59 Gull St	115 N Wren St	47 Snipe St	28 Swallow St	56 Thrasher St
1 Crane St	67 Egret St	2 Hawk St	25 Oriole St	49 Snipe St	29 Swallow St	58 Thrasher St
6 Crane St	75 Egret St	12 Hawk St	41 Oriole St	2 Spanish Fort	34 Swallow St	77 Thrasher St
21 Crane St	80 Egret St	21 Hawk St	55 Oriole St	3 Spanish Fort	35 Swallow St	79 Thrasher St
22 Crane St	81 Egret St	25 Hawk St	59 Oriole St	7 Spanish Fort	38 Swallow St	81 Thrasher St
25 Crane St	94 Egret St	30 Hawk St	63 Oriole St	12 Spanish Fort	40 Swallow St	4 Thrush St
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45 Crane St	1 Finch St	1 Heron St	31 Plover St	36 Spanish Fort	11 Swan St	15 Warbler St
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78 Crane St	38 Finch St	1 Ibis St	25 Rail St	59 Spanish Fort	18 Swan St	31 Warbler St
1 Dove St	34 Finch St	8 Ibis St	38 Rail St	62 Spanish Fort	19 Swan St	39 Warbler St
2 Dove St	48 Finch St	9 Ibis St	1001 Robert E Lee	63 Spanish Fort	24 Swan St	43 Warbler St
7 Dove St	50 Finch St	1 Jay St	1017 Robert E Lee	73 Spanish Fort	25 Swan St	45 Warbler St
17 Dove St	3 Flamingo St	2 Jay St	1037 Robert E Lee	74 Spanish Fort	26 Swan St	47 Warbler St
35 Dove St	4 Flamingo St	6 Jay St	1065 Robert E Lee	75 Spanish Fort	27 Swan St	1 Wren St
40 Dove St	9 Flamingo St	9 Jay St	1073 Robert E Lee	77 Spanish Fort	31 Swan St	2 Wren St
41 Dove St	12 Flamingo St	10 Jay St	1077 Robert E Lee	80 Spanish Fort	33 Swan St	9 Wren St
42 Dove St	15 Flamingo St	2 Killdeer St	1111 Robert E Lee	98 Spanish Fort	4 Tern St	10 Wren St
46 Dove St	26 Flamingo St	26 Killdeer St	1129 Robert E Lee	101 Spanish Fort	10 Tern St	16 Wren St
51 Dove St	31 Flamingo St	31 Killdeer St	1141 Robert E Lee	6666 Spanish Fort	15 Tern St	20 Wren St
62 Dove St	32 Flamingo St	38 Killdeer St	1167 Robert E Lee	1 Stilt St	16 Tern St	34 Wren St
66 Dove St	38 Flamingo St	40 Killdeer St	1177 Robert E Lee	2 Stilt St	18 Tern St	39 Wren St
70 Dove St	51 Flamingo St	6 Lark St	1185 Robert E Lee	4 Stilt St	28 Tern St	45 Wren St
77 Dove St	55 Flamingo St	14 Lark St	1 S Lark St	6 Stilt St	31 Tern St	48 Wren St
84 Dove St	56 Flamingo St	20 Lark St	3 S Lark St	12 Stilt St	46 Tern St	50 Wren St
98 Dove St	58 Flamingo St	37 Lark St	5 S Lark St	17 Stilt St	54 Tern St	98 Wren St
3 Egret St	66 Flamingo St	38 Lark St	9 S Lark St	18 Stilt St	62 Tern St	111 Wren St
5 Egret St	81 Flamingo St	41 Lark St	45 S Lark St	19 Stilt St	72 Tern St	
6 Egret St	83 Flamingo St	44 Lark St	49 S Lark St	24 Stilt St		
		46 Lark St		27 Stilt St		



# Hilferty

STEPHANIE  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 94

## END OF SESSION UPDATE

This year, the Louisiana Legislature passed several pieces of legislation relating to streamlining our tax code and investing in infrastructure. Simplifying our tax code will make us more competitive with our neighboring states. Without increasing taxes, the infrastructure investment allows for a \$375 million investment in state roads and bridges including the Mississippi River bridge in Baton Rouge and I-10 widening in Metairie and Kenner.

Here is a brief synopsis of several of the legislative instruments we passed. For more information on the legislation, you can go to [www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov) and select "Bills" from the top navigation bar. I have noted any measures that require a change to the Louisiana Constitution and will be seen as a constitutional amendment on the ballot.

### PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

#### **SB 159—Constitutional amendment on the October 9, 2021 ballot**

If approved by the voters, this will reduce the maximum allowable tax rate from 6% to 4.75% and remove the federal income tax deduction. The statutory companion (HB 278) lowers the rates.

#### **HB 278—Adjusts the individual income and estate tax rates:**

- 1.85% on the first \$12,500 of net income (currently 2%)
- 3.5% on the next \$37,500 of net income (currently 4%)
- 4.25% on net income in excess of \$50,000 (currently 6%)

Includes a trigger to automatically lower the tax rate as the economy and tax revenue grow.

### CORPORATE INCOME TAXES

#### **HB 292—Constitutional amendment on the October 9, 2021 ballot**

If approved by the voters, it would remove the deduction for federal income taxes paid while lowering rates:

- 3.5% on the first \$50,000 of taxable income
- 5.5% on income between \$50,000-\$100,000
- 7.5% on income in excess of \$100,000.
- Reduces rates of S corporations that elect to be taxed at the corporate level:
  - 1.85% on the first \$25,000 of taxable income (currently 2%)
  - 3.5% on income between \$25,000-\$100,000 (currently 4%)
  - 4.25% on income in excess of \$100,000 (currently 6%).

### CENTRALIZED SALES TAX

HB 199—Constitutional amendment on the October 9, 2021 ballot, which would authorize the creation of a single sales and use tax collection board. Currently each parish taxing body collects sales taxes individually creating regulatory burdens for business. A single statewide tax collecting body is standard nationwide.

Transportation



**HB 514**—Dedicates a portion of the currently assessed vehicle sales tax towards the Transportation Trust Fund. 25% of this money will go to highway and bridge preservation. 75% will go towards mega projects including widening of I-10 to eight lanes from Williams Blvd. to Veterans Blvd. in Metairie and Kenner and a new Mississippi River Bridge in Baton Rouge.

Capital Outlay—State funding for projects in New Orleans  
City Park—\$1.1 million for repairs to historic structures  
Sewerage & Water Board Power Plant— \$71.7 million

## **SPORTS BETTING**

**HB 697 and SB 247**—Enacts the regulations, fees and taxes for sports betting.

**HB 143**—Limits the increased in assessed values of homestead exempted properties in Orleans Parish to no greater than 10% of the properties assessed value in the previous year. Constitutional Amendment on the November 8, 2022 ballot. In response to the meteoric increases some residents saw on their home assessments, this bill would create a cap on the maximum allowed assessment increase in year. I coauthored this bill and supported its passage understanding the burden put on homeowners who saw massive increases in their assessed value. New home sales and properties that have undergone renovations are not eligible for the cap on assessment.

**HB 638**—I sponsored this legislation allowing for residents to change the address on their driver's license or ID card online or via mail. Currently residents must go in person to the DMV to change their address. The fee is waived in the case of a municipality or parish renaming a street. The resident must still go in person to the DMV and pay the fee if they want a Real ID compliant ID.

**HB 146**—I sponsored this legislation, which allows for a tax credit for families experiencing a stillbirth. The \$2,000 one-time tax credit is refundable, thereby allowing the families to cover medical and other expenses incurred as a result of the stillbirth.

Serving as your representative is an immense honor. Please keep in touch with my office; we look forward to hearing from you.

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# Beautification Report

By Patricia Fullmer  
and  
Betty Tedesco

Lake Vista was uniquely designed as a Garden Neighborhood. About 75 years ago, Live Oaks were predominately planted in the parks and lanes and Slash pine trees lined the streets. Lake Vista is a desirable neighborhood in which real estate transfers are happening quickly and the prices for homes and lots have never been greater.

Trees, parks and lanes are some of the most desirable features for living here -- but our tree canopy is being lost faster than we can reforest. There are various reasons our trees are dying and are being cut down.

One part of that problem is the numerous construction projects that do not honor the neighborhood's unique Garden Neighborhood design. It takes a commitment from City officials, community leaders, consultants, architects, builders and Realtors and for each to have enthusiasm for tree protection, honoring the public lanes, parks and ROW's, in a unified effort to protect the Lake Vista's uniqueness. This *enthusiasm* should be passed along to the new people moving into Lake Vista.

Where is the creativity to design-build without compromising the very things that are most desirable for Lake Vista? Perhaps the answer is that it is harder to design-build something that fits into our unique neighborhood, rather than reusing a previous house plan that works in a less unique neighborhood. It would be refreshing and a blessing to see new homes that blend into our Garden Neighborhood design philosophy and building restrictions. It is always thrilling to see a renovation rather than a tear down.

One recent example is the Wren Street condo developer's vision and attitude toward our valuable tree canopy. He and his team had ample opportunity to design-build the new Wren Street Condos around oak trees and perhaps name the project... Lake Vista's Condos in the Oaks. Instead he removed two young street Live Oaks (14" and 18" diameters) and has been required by the City to replant two saplings.

This story continues involving a very large, old Live Oak tree (48" diameter), which was just slightly off the public ROW and in the total control of the developer. The developer and his architects, whose office is in the Community Center, were unwilling or didn't possess the talent to be creative enough to find a workaround to save the old Oak tree, worth about \$300,000+. Instead of designing a concrete driveway to accommodate the historic, valuable oak, the development team cut it down and opted for poured concrete instead. Over a six month period community leaders communicated the community's desire to save the Live Oak. However, the developer only responded to them on the afternoon before the tree removal trucks arrived – stating that the tree interfered with his plans and would be removed.



**BEFORE**

Live Oak at Wren St. Condos: Removed March 18th

**AFTER**





# Inventory of Recently Lost Trees

The following is an inventory of trees which have been lost in recent months for various reasons, but all result in a total loss of tree canopy for our Garden Design neighborhood. We apologize in advance for errors and omissions to the following:

## RECENTLY LOST TREES

106 Wren Street – Condo - 3 healthy oaks  
3 Jay Street – Floral Park – 1 dead tree  
3 Heron – Begonia Lane tree – 1 dead oak  
17 Spanish Fort – 3 private trees and Hydrangea Lane - 1 dead tree  
1125 Robert E Lee – Chrysanthemum Lane - 1 oak struck by lightning  
61 Thrasher Street – new house construction – 1 City pine tree (no permit on record)  
9 Flamingo – 1 private tree that conflicted with future pool  
56 N. Lark – 2 or 3 private trees  
1 N. Lark – Fuchsia Lane - 1 large Magnolia  
Wren Street - Althea Lane – 1 large dead tree  
Near St Pius and Warbler – LMA 3 large oaks – natural causes – 1 fell, 2 scheduled to be removed  
41 Oriole – Zinnia Lane – 1 Dead tree  
105 Lark will remove a private large water oak for a small pool.  
That is a total of 22 trees.



## Tree Permits

Most of our large trees are planted on public property and require a permit before work can be performed. It is a liability issue. It is also an insurance issue. It is for your protection, when hiring a tree company, to require a permit be obtained from the appropriate entity. Neither the Department of Parks and Parkways or the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) charge fees to licensed tree companies for permits. **NO WORK IS PERMITTED ON WEEKENDS.**

## Reforestation Is Critical

Reforestation to replace our valuable trees is both critical and difficult!!! Finding a reputable contractor, funding, coordinating tree-planting with neighbors willing to supply water and volunteers to fill watering tubes for the first year is a very hard set of tasks to accomplish. After planting 400 trees for Lake Vista, Bruce Olson retired. It has been time consuming and the results often disappointing, since his retirement, to continue the tree planting program. We are hopeful that horticulturist, Taylor Williams, of Will Garden, will be up to the task of planting trees for us this fall. Taylor has recently done impressive work in our neighborhood.

It will take a concerted effort by the Lake Vista Garden Club and Lake Vista residents to embrace the idea of reforesting our neighborhood, participating in this year's reforestation efforts and accomplishing meaningful results.

We need trees replaced in many areas: front yard trees, street trees, parks and lane trees. They do not need to be large trees. We will offer a variety of tree sizes to choose from. \*\* If you would like to have a tree planted near your home, and are willing to be responsible for supplying a watering source for one year, please let us know!

# *Honoring the Oaks Park Project: Year Two*

Several neighbors saw the previous clean-up work in the parks and asked us to consider improvements at the entrances of the neighborhood. We received requests for the removal of Crape Myrtles at Rail Street. We were also asked to look at problem areas along Lakeshore Park, especially the raised beds with railroad ties and rusty steel pipe sticking up and the overgrowth around a small building. We believe that adding Lakeshore Park to the scope of the plan is worthwhile. So, we are including Lakeshore Park along with the five interior parks in the ongoing project.

The LVPOA has recently provided \$7000 for this year's project. With this installment of funding, we will resume the carefully planned parks clean-up work this summer, as weather permits. Like last year, the plan will divide the funds among all designated parks and prioritize the work. We are anxiously waiting for LMA's promised financial participation in this large project.

Nature is ever-changing. On a recent walk to inventory targeted areas for cleanup and help, we walked with the arborist through Zephyr Park, and talked about the Live Oaks that could benefit from health care. One rather young oak is suffering from root problems that could benefit from air spading and fertilization. Another enormous oak has a detrimental amount of volunteer undergrowth growing wild within the tree's critical root zone. We plan to include this preventive tree health work in Zephyr Park, subject to LMA approval.

## *Infrastructure Projects and Tree Protection*

Lake Vista has aging, crumbling infrastructure. Smaller homes are being replaced by larger homes with pools and generators, which require more electricity, more water and sewage capacity, more natural gas, etc. Construction projects including Infrastructure repairs and upgrades always conflict with trees.

Currently, Entergy is installing high pressure gas lines along Althea Lane and Calla Lane. The scope of the project includes the entire west side of Lake Vista, from Spanish Fort Blvd to Marconi and Robert E. Lee to Lakeshore Drive. At each yard facing the lanes, small "pot-holes" will be dug, and along the lanes at various locations larger four x four foot wide and four feet deep "bell holes" are being dug.

\*\* Entergy has marked the electrical lines with red paint and red flags, now visible on each of the lanes. We understand that these markers are for the gas line contractor, alerting them to work around electrical lines when installing the new gas lines.

We believe that we will be allowed to have some limited input regarding the placement of "bell holes" that conflict with the critical root zone of oak trees. We have begun collaborating with the project manager, and understand they are currently in the design phase. Fortunately, they seem receptive to considering tree protection issues. We hope to participate in the walk-through with the engineers and others before future "bell holes" are dug.





## Bus Shelter Renovation Project

In early 2020, we worked closely with LMA's Director of Operations on the assessment and plans for a full renovation neighborhood's bus shelters, which have deteriorated over many years. These four structures are historic, dating to the 1940's, and have added both aesthetic style to our neighborhood -- and a shaded place of respite for many of our neighbors.

Focused attention on this project has finally yielded a promising plan. LMA has funded the bus shelter renovation project in their 2021-22 budget, and concrete plans will be underway after July 1. We look forward to working with the new LMA Director of Operations and Engineering, David Martin, P.E., on this project.

## Rights of Way (ROW's)


The incidents of blocked or difficult access to the parks and lanes through the Rights of Way (ROW's) by utility companies, arborists, and emergency crews continue to be reported each week. Many of the established servitudes, or ROW's, which appear on the Lake Vista map have not remained open and accessible. A land survey will be conducted, before LMA begins clearing the blocked ROW's.

*The Beautification Team continues to maintain the community gardens and to address neighborhood issues, concerns regarding the parks, community areas, and of course, our special canopy of trees.  
Please let us know if you have observations or concerns.*

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## **LAKE VISTA GROUP A**

Roubion Roads and Streets, LLC began the \$3.2 million Lake Vista Group A roadwork project in June 2020 and finished earlier this year. The project scope brought varying levels of road repairs to Heron, Gull, Dove, Thrush, Snipe, Warbler, Plover, Lark and Oriole streets in Lake Vista.

## **LAKE VISTA GROUP B**

The Lake Vista Group B is a \$4.5 million project to completely overhaul Spanish Fort Boulevard, Jay Street, and Hawk Street. Boh Brothers will be repairing all sewerage, water, and drainage lines before rebuilding the entire street and repairing damaged sidewalks and curbs.

The project includes replacement of water mains, which will require temporary water shutoffs. The Department of Public Works pledges 48 hours' notice to all impacted residents before any planned water shutoff.

The regular work hours for construction is Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If there are weather delays, occasional weekend work may be permitted. Construction is expected to run from June until summer of next year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any construction issues you may experience. You can also contact the project's Outreach Manager, David Jackson at (504) 941-0588.

## **LAKE VISTA GROUPS C, D, AND E**

Lake Vista Group C is in preliminary design phase and tentatively scheduled to start in the second quarter of 2022.

**LAKE VISTA GROUP D** is in final design stage and scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2022.

Finally, **LAKE VISTA GROUP E** is in the bid and award phase. Work on Group E may begin as soon as this fall.

## **LAKE TERRACE AND OAKS GROUP D**

Paving work is underway in the \$5.8 million Lake Terrace and Oaks Group D roadwork project. Oriole, Kildeer, and a portion of Jay Street in Lake Oaks is receiving a full depth reconstruction. The scope of work includes replacing all damaged water, sewer, and drainage lines; repaving of the roadwork; replacement of damaged sidewalks and driveway aprons; and installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections. Boh Bros. is expected to finish work this fall.

### **LAKE TERRACE AND OAKS GROUP C**

The Lake Terrace and Oaks Group C roadwork project is expected to start later this year. All of New York Street, and portions of Killdeer, Jay, Frankfort, Lisbon, and Cartier in Lake Terrace will receive full depth reconstruction. In addition, Lakeshore Drive between Carlson Drive and Pratt Drive will receive incidental road repairs.

### **CANAL BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION**

The \$4.5 million reconstruction of Canal Boulevard from Robert E. Lee to Amethyst Street in Lakeshore is now complete. Palmisano Construction wrapped up the final clean-up and punch list items in May. Improvements include replacing damaged water, sewer, and drainage lines; complete rebuilding of the street; repairing damaged sidewalks and curbs; creation of a dedicated bike lane; and installation of ADA-complaint curb ramps.

### **SANITATION DELAYS**

Sanitation pickup has been an issue citywide. My office regularly receives calls and emails regarding missed collections.

I introduced an ordinance at the July 1 Council meeting to suspend the monthly sanitation fee for the month of August. The ordinance provides residents with a measure of financial relief from the serious burden of inconsistent sanitation pickups.

I am also urging the Mayor's Administration and Law Department to evaluate all contracts for compliance and take appropriate measures to address vendors failing to meet their contractual obligations to the citizens of New Orleans.

If your trash and/or recycling is not picked up on its regularly scheduled day, please leave the can at the curb for at least another 24 hours. If, after two days, the can remains uncollected, please report the issue to 311 and forward the 311-case number to my office. We report each and every 311 missed collection case directly to the Director of Sanitation and to the owner of Metro Disposal.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **SHORT TERM RENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

I recently introduced new legislation on short term rental (STR) enforcement. The ordinance, co-sponsored by Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer, creates a Short Term Rental Enforcement fund. All STR fines and fees, with one exception, are directed into the fund for the exclusive use of enforcing the City's STR laws. The nightly STR fee—set at \$5 per night for residential STRs and \$12 a night for commercial STRs—will be placed into the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) for neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing efforts.

Since my first term as your District "D" representative, I have expressed concerns about how STRs are negatively impacting the character of our neighborhoods. This is why I voted against the Council's first attempt at regulating Short Term Rentals in 2016. I believed, and was ultimately proven correct, that the legislation was insufficient to control unpermitted and unregulated conversion of valuable neighborhood housing stock into miniature hotels.

When the Council drafted new STR legislation in 2019, I made sure that we incorporated homestead exemptions into residential permitting requirements. But strengthening the law is only one part to the equation. There must also be adequate enforcement efforts that hold STR owners and operators responsible.

It is vital that we have mechanisms in place to protect quality of life. We cannot continue to allow STRs to disrupt neighborhoods and create chaos. This is especially true when STRs are used to host large, unpermitted house parties. These out-of-control parties are far too often breeding deadly instances of gun violence.

It is my sincere hope that the STR Enforcement fund will spur more robust STR enforcement. In addition, it will bring transparency to the enforcement process, making it easier for both the Council and the public to track spending on enforcement measures.





# The Lake Vista Woman's Club

Happy Summer! As we begin our days of preparation for our upcoming year (in person), I want to thank each of you for your support and dedication to the Lake Vista Woman's Club as we went through the strange and uncertain days of past.

Your executive committee rallied by my side as we ventured into the world of Zoom to honor our philanthropic recipients. **Kathy Finn, Laura Carman, Jane Eiden, Thania Elliott, Betty Tedesco** and **Connie Quave** were the most dedicated and supportive group of friends to have in my corner. You ladies surely did an outstanding job keeping me on the path.

With the extremely unusual year we had, we had several committee chairs who said **YES** and did not have a chance to serve. Thank you to **Andre Deckert, Babs Mollere, May Ann Troxell, Molly Burk, Gloria Moore,** and **Jean Hall. Brenda Moffitt** and **Dawn Davis** certainly upheld their position with the production of our yearly directory. **Joan Farabaugh** continued to serve as membership chairman and recruited new members.

I was extremely honored to recognize **Connie Quave** as our Glorain Curry Woman of the Year Recipient. Connie's support and guidance were always present, whether we were in-person or "Zooming." I could feel her gentle hand upon my shoulder-always. Connie has served this organization for years and is certainly a worthy recipient with her unending contributions and dedication. Thank you, Connie, for honoring our organization with your skills and love.

Your new board was installed in May at our luncheon at the Southern Yacht Club. Here are your 2021-22 officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>Diana Mann</b>
<b>First VP</b>	<b>Elinor Gregory</b>
<b>Second VP</b>	<b>Kathy Finn</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Judi Russell</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Barbara Fredricksen</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Laura Carman</b>

What a blessing it was to honor five worthy organizations this past year. Congratulations to **Gladewaves, The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and Foundation's Music Relief Fund, Youth Empowerment Project, Greater New Orleans Foundation Service and Hospitality Family Assistance Program** and **Son of a Saint**. Your membership allowed us to support the many people through the work of these organizations.

Planning is underway for our year. We have instituted a Philanthropic Committee to help in selecting our recipients. Thank you to **Kathy Finn, Cathy Larimer, Jane Eiden, Laura Carman** and **Thania Elliott for serving**. Your email will keep you updated on the upcoming gatherings and philanthropic organizations to be recognized.

If you have any questions regarding our organization and its mission, please feel free to contact me at mann.dh@gmail.com or 504-286-1955.





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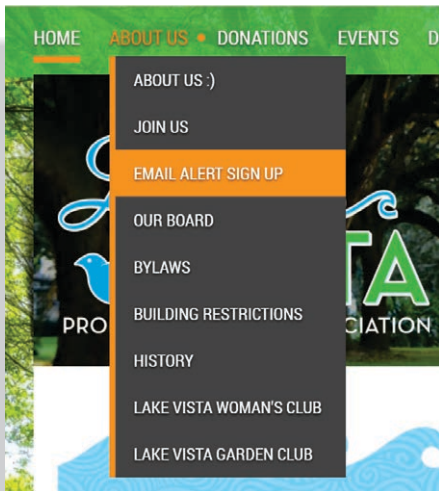
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1/27/21	20 LARK ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	949,000	872,375	4715	4 3/2
1/15/21	85 S WREN ST	RESIDENTIAL	NA	NA	1,025,000	2971	NA
2/3/21	7 SWAN ST	RESIDENTIAL	AVERAGE	905,000	900,000	3628	4 4/1
2/15/21	10 STILT ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	749,000	812,000	2857	4/3
3/1/21	9 SNIPE ST	RESIDENTIAL	AVERAGE	550,000	480,000	2362	3/2
3/5/21	25 THRASHER ST	VACANT LAND		475,000	466,900		
3/15	30 TERN ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	2,100,000	2,100,000	5670	4 3/2
3/16/21	77 SPANISH FORT	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	775,000	770,000	2846	4 3/1
3/17/21	65 SPANISH FORT	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	669,000	609,000	3041	5/5
3/29/21	84 ORIOLE ST	RESIDENTIAL	AVERAGE	1,100,000	1,100,000	4079	3 3/1
4/21/21	1161 ROBERT E LEE	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	749,000	725,500	4119	4 4/1
5/7/21	2 SNIPE ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	625,000	650,000	2196	3 2
5/14/21	28 SWALLOW ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	899,000	913,750	3528	4 3/1
5/17/21	2 WREN ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	1,350,000	1,365,000	3777	4 3/1
5/27/21	9 EGRET ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	519,000	531,000	2354	5 3
5/28/21	102 LARK ST	RESIDENTIAL	POOR	499,000	480,000	2731	3 2/1
6/24/21	2 WREN ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	NA	1,713,180	3777	4 3/1
6/30/21	24 SWAN ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	1,475,000	1,400,000	6874	5 5/2

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# WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LAKE VISTA INCLUDED ON THE National Register of Historic Places?

The subject of nominating Lake Vista Neighborhood for a place on the National Register of Historic Places has recently come up. The LVPOA Board reached out to the Preservation Resource Center (PRC) and Historic Preservation Consultant, James Rolf, MPS, who gave a presentation at our last board meeting so that we have a better understand of what the National Register of Historic Places is, and what it is not.

First, it is important to understand that there are several different types of **HISTORIC DISTRICTS**:

1) **National Register Listing**, 2) **Cultural District**, 3) **Historic District Landmarks Commission**, 4) **Vieux Carre Commission**

## What the National Register of Historic Places **IS**

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. **THE PLACEMENT OF LAKE VISTA ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES WOULD BE STRICTLY HONORARY...A FEATHER IN OUR PROVERBIAL HAT!**

## What it is **NOT**!

The National Register of Historic Places **DOES NOT** impose any restrictions on your home or the neighborhood whatsoever. Most of us are familiar with more restrictive Historic Districts that exist in New Orleans, such as the French Quarter, where demolition, design and even paint color are affected by their historic designation/Vieux Carre Commission. The chart below shows how various HISTORIC DISTRICTS differ and how some are very restrictive. Line 1, below, **NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING**, is the distinction we would seek to apply for if the majority of the neighborhood sees this as a positive. **THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DISTINCTION. YOU MAY DEMOLISH or REMODEL YOUR HOME AT ANY TIME, WITH NO INTERFERENCE.**

	Landmarks	Tax Credits*	Demolition Review**	Design Review	Paint Color Review
National Register Listing	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Cultural District	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Historic District Landmarks Commission	YES	NO	YES	SOME	NO
Vieux Carré Commission	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

# The LAKE VITSA COMMUNITY CENTER

It is worth noting that the **Lakefront Management Authority (LMA)**, is currently seeking a nomination to add the Lake Vista Community Center to the National Registry of Historic Places. The LMA has plans and a budget for renovating the LVCC. If the LVCC is granted a place on the National Register of Historic Places, the LMA would have access to some federal tax credits to assist in the renovation. We initially met with the LMA to discuss pursuing this as a whole: the neighborhood and LVCC together. However, this is a lengthy process, and the LMA wants to get the LVCC listed as quickly as possible so they can begin the renovation process.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES, PLEASE VISIT**  
**<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/what-is-the-national-register.htm>**

## Is this something LAKE VISTA RESIDENTS want?

The board of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association does not share a single voice on this topic. Some of us think "Why Not?" while others say "Why Bother?" We have no intention of pursuing this on our own. We are merely presenting the facts to the residents of LV in order to get a sense of how the neighborhood feels about this. Note: there is no cost to pursue this using the PRC as a resource. We can simply host a PRC event in our neighborhood, like the MID MOD walking tour of Mid-century Modern Homes that was done several years ago. Your response will determine what happens next.

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	Jan - Jun, 2021	Jan - Jun, 2020 (PY)	2021 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising Income	13,015.36	13,531.00	\$ 13,531
Association Dues	0.00	0.00	
Association Dues 2020	0.00	24,803.40	
Association Dues 2021	26,397.60	0.00	\$ 26,250
Total Association Dues	\$ 26,397.60	\$ 24,803.40	\$ 39,781
Donations	1,620.00	922.60	\$ -
Fund Raising Income	0.00	207.00	\$ -
Interest Income	16.42	1.28	\$ 10
Total Income	\$ 41,049.38	\$ 39,465.28	\$ 39,791
Gross Profit	\$ 41,049.38	\$ 39,465.28	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	
Beautification Expense	52.52	616.36	\$ 720
LVGC	10,500.00	2,880.00	\$ 11,185
Total Beautification Expense	\$ 10,552.52	\$ 3,496.36	\$ 11,905
Fees	30.00	0.00	
Insurance--D&O Liability	2,966.00	2,831.00	\$ 3,981
Lake Vista Newsletter	6,457.56	6,194.85	\$ 13,166
Lake Vista Website	50.00	0.00	\$ 1,837
Meeting Expense	0.00	172.44	\$ 300
Miscellaneous Expense	224.68	0.00	
Neighborhood Events	0.00	0.00	
Music in the Park	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,000
King Cake Party/Mardi Gras Kids Parade	0.00	791.83	\$ 800
Community Clean-up	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Back to School	0.00	0.00	\$ 500
Archi Talk	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,000
Halloween Party	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Neighborhood Events - Other	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Wine and Cheese Party	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,200
Yoga Event	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Total Neighborhood Events	\$ 0.00	\$ 791.83	\$ 5,500
Office Expense	150.00	0.00	\$ 300
Postage Expense	0.00	0.00	\$ -
Box rental	322.00	254.00	\$ 259
Total Postage Expense	\$ 322.00	\$ 254.00	\$ 259
Printing Expense	188.25	227.66	\$ 365
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	
Accounting	0.00	685.00	\$ 800
Legal	0.00	45.00	\$ 200
Total Professional Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000
Taxes	0.00	0.00	
IncomeTax	376.00	1,238.00	\$ 500
Total Taxes	\$ 376.00	\$ 1,238.00	\$ 500
Transaction Fees	892.67	216.41	\$ 438
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00	0.00	
Utilities-Electric Expense	135.37	84.18	\$ 240
Total Expenses	\$ 22,345.05	\$ 16,236.73	\$ 39,791
Net Operating Income	\$ 18,704.33	\$ 23,228.55	\$ 0
Net Income	\$ 18,704.33	\$ 23,228.55	\$ 0

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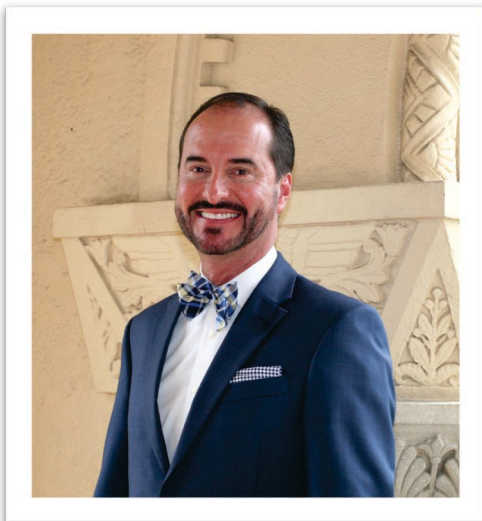
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