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NEW YEAR. NEW WEBSITE.



DIDN'T WE JUST GET A NEW WEBSITE RECENTLY?

You are correct! We did just unveil a new website in the beginning of 2019. That website, which was a platform specifically designed for Homeowners Associations seemed to be great fit for us on the front end. It made us a lot of promises, but in the end, didn't really deliver. A lot of the advanced features we were anticipating, turned out to be very difficult and time consuming to manage properly. In addition, as most of you who used it may agree, it wasn't always very "user friendly" either. We decided it was time to consider a new platform that would be easier on all of us! I think everyone will be much happier with the new platform, which is easier to use and generally looks a lot cleaner.

Our new platform, **WILD APRICOT** is an integrated set of web tools combining membership, event and website management used by over 16,636 associations, clubs, online communities, membership websites, non-profit organizations and other groups. We hope it will be a better fit for Lake Vista!

SO WHAT'S NEW AND IMPROVED?

For starters, meet **FRED**, our unofficial web mascot. While Fred doesn't provide any actual service, you will find him lurking at the bottom of almost every page in a multitude of costume changes. He's kind of a ham and just seeks to provide a little comic relief to the residents of Lake Vista. He thinks he's hilarious....just ask him!

LET'S START WITH MEMBERSHIP:

When you first visit the new www.GOLVPOA.com, forget any prior login or passwords you may have created with the old site. To make this more simple, let's just start from scratch.

First, click either the **JOIN US TAB** on the toolbar on top, or click on the big **"JOIN US NOW"** green box on the right side of the page under our "Featured Member." Next, choose a **MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**:



GOLD LEVEL: AUTOMATIC RENEWAL

Gold Membership is for online credit card payments only. It will automatically renew and charge your credit card on January 1st when the next year rolls over. This option is great for those who get busy and forget to pay their dues :)

SILVER LEVEL: MANUAL RENEWAL

Silver Membership will expire on December 31st and will require you to manually make a payment either by credit card on the website or by mailing in a check. You will receive automatic reminders by email when it is time to renew and periodically afterwards if you do not renew.

Once you have selected a membership level, continue and fill out the information fields, you can even upload a photo/avatar for your profile. Next, choose your payment method: **INVOICE:** You will instantly receive an invoice by email. This can be printed and mailed with your check. **CREDIT CARD:** Pay instantly online using your Visa or Mastercard. Once your payment has been received, your website access will be approved and you will be emailed a temporary password to log in. **LOGIN:** Log in with your email address and temporary password, or by using your Facebook or Gmail credentials, then change your password to one you can remember by clicking your name in the top right corner, then select "Change Password."

NOW YOU'RE IN! WHAT NEXT?

BUNDLE YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Both membership levels are bundle memberships, which means you can create up to 3 adult profiles under one paid household membership. Whoever entered their information and paid is the Primary/Bundle Administrator. Want to add your spouse or partner? Return to the **JOIN US** page and it will now allow you to register a second and third member. Once you have entered the new member's info, it will email you and your new member a confirmation and a temporary password. Follow the same instructions above for login and changing passwords. This allows you and your spouse or partner to have separate profiles and passwords, each with your own profile picture/avatar so you both show up separately in the member directory. Why a 3rd member? We know some of you have an extra adult living in your household (mother-in-law, parent or grandparent, etc.) We ask that you limit your available members to adults only.



NOW YOU'RE READY TO EXPLORE THE CONTENT!

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COMMON QUESTIONS

DO I HAVE TO JOIN AND CREATE A PROFILE ONLINE TO USE THE WEBSITE? NO. Most of the website content is visible and accessible without a login or password. There are sections that will only be available to members who sign-in. You may not be able to register for events and may not receive important emails from the LVPOA. We do recommend that you JOIN and create a profile. It's easy!

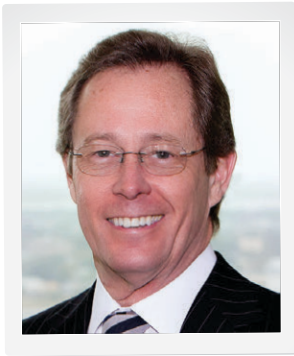
IF I MAIL IN MY CHECK WITH THE GREEN FORM/ENVELOPE OR OTHERWISE, CAN I STILL CREATE A PROFILE AND ACCESS THE WEBSITE? YES. It will take a bit longer to be approved. Just follow the instructions to "JOIN US" and choose SILVER LEVEL MEMBERSHIP and INVOICE as your method of payment. Once we receive and record your payment, we will manually approve your website access.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY PASSWORD AFTER I LOGIN USING THE ONE I WAS PROVIDED? Once you have successfully logged in, simply click on your name at the top right of the toolbar and select "change password."

HOW DO I CHANGE PERSONAL INFORMATION & PRIVACY SETTINGS?

Once you have successfully logged in, simply click on the MY PROFILE tab. You will see several categories: Profile, Privacy, Email Subscriptions, Member Photo Albums, My Event Registrations, etc. Click a category, such as PRIVACY, then click EDIT PROFILE and make your changes. Once you have made your changes, simply click SAVE.





THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY MARK FULLER



I hope that you and your families have remained safe and healthy. Although progress has been made on a COVID vaccine, we all need to stay vigilant and follow the guidelines specified by the City and State.

This newsletter contains a number of excellent articles on projects being undertaken by the LVPOA; so, I will keep my remarks short.

I would like to thank Rachel Forstall, her crew, and the volunteers that sponsored tables for the trick or treaters on Halloween night. I hear it was a success.

The LVPOA and the Lakefront Management Authority have partnered on a multi-phase project to clean-up our parks and establish a long term path forward to Honor the Oaks in the parks. Please read Garden Club's Beautification Committee's article for the details.

Street repairs have been completed on the street that I live on. As Rubion, the contractor, starts working on other streets, I urge you to keep an eye on them. I have written the City on more than one occasion about the amount of sand and debris that is making its way into the storm drains. One day we had to stop them from allowing concrete to flow into a storm drain. If you have concerns, please email Matthew Day, who is the city liaison for the street project: matthew.day@nola.gov

If you have not checked out our new website, please go to www.golvpoa.com and register. Many thanks to Chad Caldwell and Paul Caboche for all the time they spent on this project.

As you may know, the City Council has announced plans to change the names of certain streets in New Orleans. Robert E. Lee and Beauregard are on the list. Paul Caboche recently distributed to all Lake Vista residents information on the process for submitting names to the commission in charge of this project.

Thanks to those who recently attended the members' semi-annual meeting at the Lake Vista Community Center. I hope to see more of you at the April meeting, assuming COVID guidelines allow for an in person meeting. Our membership increased this year to 345 residents. A significant portion of your dues is being spent on the project to Honor the Oaks in our parks. The dues from our increased membership this year also provided us with the money to upgrade our website.

We will be distributing, both in paper and electronically, information on how to pay the 2021 dues of \$75. If you are a member, please renew your membership. If you are not a member, please consider joining in 2021 to provide us with the funding necessary to continue the project to Honor the Oaks, maintain the website and invest money in the long term future of Lake Vista, which is truly a hidden jewel in New Orleans.

Hats off to Paul Caboche and Kimberly O'Brien who without a doubt are publishing the best newsletter of any property owner's association in the city. We are truly fortunate to have them.

All the best for the holidays.

MARK

LVPOA DUES FUND MAJOR PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Honoring The Oaks, Now and Beyond

At the request of the Board of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association, the Lake Vista Beautification Team has undertaken an important neighborhood project to clean-up, beautify and create a strong cohesive landscape in our five beloved Lake Vista parks. The prominent theme of this project, **“Honoring the Oaks, Now and Beyond”** is indeed fitting to the original landscape design of our five unique parks which features rows of majestic live oak trees. Working closely with both the Lakefront Management Authority and the Board of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association, the Beautification Team has exciting news and concrete progress to report to you!

Relevant History:

- Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the Levee Board (now LMA, Lakefront Management Authority) regularly made sweeps of the Lake Vista parks to remove trash trees, shrubs, and other volunteer “junk” growth – particularly around the electrical houses.
- Since Katrina, the five parks have had no routine professional care for 15 years, other than basic grass-cutting. Hence, there are numerous problems with the current condition of the landscaping and maintenance in each of our Lake Vista parks.
- The Lake Vista Beautification Team has undertaken a project to professionally assess the clean-up and maintenance needs, using the surveying skills of licensed, insured arborists and a parks landscape consultant. Two professional estimates for the work were obtained.
- During the last few months, the Beautification Team members accompanied two arborist companies through all areas of our 5 parks, targeting each line item of work and receiving written estimates. These estimates and detailed work plans were then presented to both the Lake Vista Property Owners Association and LMA staff.

We are happy to report that the first phase of this multi-phase project is now moving forward, with the Lake Vista Property Owners Association and LMA **each** committing **\$14,000** to the project. In addition, we have obtained a financial commitment from LMA to share funding going forward.

The Beautification Team is very pleased with this successful collaboration with LMA to put this project into action on a multi-phase basis as additional funding is available.

Rationale for Lake Vista Parks Beautification Project:

- **“Best practices: Honor the Oaks.”** The mature, majestic live oak trees are the valuable gems in our New Orleans landscapes – literally adding significant property value, beauty, shade and quality of life. “Best Practices” in horticulture dictate removing the understory crape and other competing trees and shrubs, allowing the oaks space to grow and be majestic.
- The project benefits ALL areas of LV, where neighbors have discovered or rediscovered the beauty and benefits of LV’s unique parks... especially during the pandemic.
- The project creates an opportunity to enhance the aesthetics of Lake Vista’s parks.
- The project creates future landscape opportunities.

Scope of Work Using Horticultural Best Practices:

- Trimming selected trees
- Clean-out of overgrown underbrush, removal of specific small trees and shrubs which obstruct park sidewalks or signage or clutter the parks, triangles and electrical houses
- Removal of randomly planted bushes or trees that conflict with the cohesive live oak landscape
- Removal of volunteer bushes or trees
- Removal of crape myrtle trees and other competing trees and shrubs growing under the live oaks creating conflict in the oak tree canopy, conflict at the drip line and suppression of the natural growth habits of the oaks.

Neighborhood Education and Information:

You have previously received an email notification bulletin regarding the project prior to the clean-up work beginning. We also plan to distribute this information by printed bulletins, delivered to all Lake Vista residents. We understand that some of the clearing out, trimming and removal of trees and foliage may concern some of our neighbors. If you would like additional information or questions answered, please contact us.

Patricia Fullmer | patriciafullmer7@gmail.com | 504-388-0072
Betty Tedesco | bettybtedesco@gmail.com | 504-914-4240

With explanation, information, and understanding of the overall beautification goals of the work, we believe **Honoring the Oaks, Now and Beyond** will be successful and will further enhance the quality of life in our Lake Vista neighborhood!

Your Annual Membership Dues at Work:

THIS PROJECT IS 100% THE RESULT OF INCREASED LVPOA MEMBERSHIP, STILL, WITH LESS THAN 50% OF HOMES IN LAKE VISTA PAYING ANNUAL DUES OF ONLY \$75. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PROJECTS LIKE THIS, PLEASE JOIN THE LVPOA AND PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES IN JANUARY.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Along with the start of winter, we have numerous streets under construction, street and park cleanup and infrastructure projects going on. The inconvenience and mess can be troublesome but hopefully will yield progress and needed improvements for our neighborhood.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS STREET REPAIRS

The city's website link, roadwork.nola.gov, has announced their current Lake Vista projects as follows: "The \$2.8M Lake Vista Group I Project, which began construction in June 2020, continues to progress on schedule. Designed by C&S Consultants, Inc., the project is being constructed by Roubion Roads and Streets, LLC. In the coming month, construction is expected to continue its improvement of the Lake Vista neighborhood with a focus on Dove, Gull, Heron, Killdeer and Oriole Streets."

INTERSECTION ISSUES AT ROBERT E LEE AND BEAUREGARD BLVD.

Dangerous traffic issues exist at that corner. Numerous requests over the last 13 months to improve traffic safety have been ignored by the City of N. O., Department of Public Works, Traffic Division. We continue to request a traffic study to update traffic signals and to install a median. We have been aided in our effort by Stephanie Hilferty and Pierce Huff, Constituent Services Aide for Councilman Brossett's office.

Additionally, a water leak in the neutral ground likely contributed to potholes developing. The SWB repaired the leak but the two large potholes have not been filled for months. Vehicles continue to be damaged and accidents are a frequent occurrence. The new LPR camera counted 8,000 vehicles a 24 hour period using the intersection. Share your concerns about the need for improved traffic safety at the intersection by contacting Allen Yrle, Chief Traffic Engineer, 658-8000 or fax 758-8007.

BREEZE PARK FRESH WATER LEAK We worked closely with the Sewerage and Water Board to repair a leak which caused a "pond" near a young live oak tree. Because the leak wasn't an emergency, the repair took longer than we had hoped. During Thanksgiving week, it was finally repaired!!! We hope the young oak will survive and thrive.

5G FIBER OPTIC NETWORK INSTALL

In addition to the street construction, Lake Vista's perimeter streets, beginning with Robert E. Lee Blvd., are undergoing installation of fiber optic cables. You may have seen the huge orange spools at the curbsides, which are being installed under the city sidewalks and cross streets. We understand that Verizon is the 5G network provider. The construction crews are from MCI Metro, whose informational door-hanger lists the Project Support team members to contact as needed: **Matt Ives | 636-584-5318**
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THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020

	JANUARY - OCTOBER, 2020	JANUARY - OCTOBER, 2019	2020 FY BUDGET
Income			
Advertising Income	\$ 13,531	\$ 10,215	\$ 13,380
Association Dues 2019		\$ 22,650	
Association Dues 2020	\$ 25,628		\$ 22,725
Total Association Dues	\$ 25,628	\$ 22,650	\$ 22,725
Donations	\$ 948	\$ 225	\$ 475
Fund Raising Income	\$ 207	\$ -	\$ -
Guest Fee	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 640	\$ 227	\$ 875
Total Income	\$ 40,954	\$ 33,342	\$ 37,455
Expenses			
Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ 71	
Beautification Expense	\$ 848	\$ 53	\$ 2,900
LVGC	\$ 3,390	\$ 6,601	\$ 3,030
Total Beautification Expense	\$ 4,238	\$ 6,654	\$ 5,930
Fees	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ 250
Insurance--D&O Liability	\$ 2,831	\$ 2,831	\$ 3,000
Lake Vista Newsletter	\$ 9,740	\$ 9,639	\$ 13,380
Lake Vista Website	\$ 1,728	\$ 935	\$ 1,000
Meeting Expense	\$ 172	\$ 1,104	\$ 3,500
Neighborhood Events			
Music in the Park			
King Cake Party	\$ 792	\$ 200	\$ 800
Community Clean-Up	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
Back to School	\$ -	\$ 520	\$ 600
Archi Talk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Halloween Party	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
Neighborhood Events - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Wine and Cheese Party	\$ -	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200
Yoga Event	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ -
Total Neighborhood Events	\$ 792	\$ 1,928	\$ 7,200
Office Expense	\$ 86	\$ 19	\$ 95
Postage Expense			
Postage Expense	\$ -	\$ -	
Box rental	\$ 254	\$ 234	\$ 250
Total Postage Expense	\$ 254	\$ 234	\$ 250
Printing Expense	\$ 365	\$ 173	\$ 800
Professional Fees			
Accounting	\$ 685	\$ 600	\$ 800
Legal	\$ 267	\$ -	\$ 200
Total Professional Fees	\$ 952	\$ 600	\$ 1,000
Taxes			
IncomeTax	\$ 1,238	\$ 36	\$ 100
Total Taxes	\$ 1,238	\$ 36	\$ 100
Transaction Fees	\$ 228	\$ 460	\$ 725
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	\$ -	\$ -	
Utilities-Electric Expense	\$ 164	\$ 134	\$ 225
Total Expenses	\$ 22,788	\$ 25,051	\$ 37,455
Net Income			
Net Operating Income	\$ 18,166	\$ 8,291	\$ -
Net Income	\$ 18,166	\$ 8,291	\$ -

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*ALL REMAINING NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR IS TO BE SPENT FUNDING THE "HONORING THE OAKS" PROJECT APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE.



STORM DEBRIS CLEAN-UP UPDATE

According to our City Councilmember's office, the City's Sanitation Department's deadline or clearing the street debris is December 15th.

According to Daniel Hill, Lakefront Management Authority, their crew has cleared most of the debris out of 3 of the 5 parks.

Two arborist companies were contracted to removed downed trees and dangerous branches and that work is in-progress.

Trucks are not allowed in the parks with wet conditions; so, subject to park conditions they hope to have the debris removal work completed by December 18th.

LAKE VISTA GARDEN CLUB

Beautification Committee

The Who's Who

by Patricia Fullmer

The Lake Vista Beautification Committee celebrated its 20th anniversary this year without any fanfare due to Covid19. The Committee was originally created by the Lake Vista Property Owners Association Board in 2000, with Cindy Edwards and I sharing one vote on the Board. Cindy rather quickly decided that she liked community gardening but didn't like attending meetings; so, that left just me to serve on the Board, which I was honored to do for the next ten years.

Today the Lake Vista Beautification Committee is part of the Lake Vista Garden Club and consists of an energetic team of community gardening enthusiasts... and some spouses who help out occasionally when called on.

The happy community team gardeners are listed in alphabetical order.

Babs Mollere

Ben Misko and Megan Cole

Betty Tedesco

Charlene Baudier & Jay Baudier

Dominique Laan

Jackie Shreves

Jane Roussel

Jolanta Tipler

Karen Swift

Lisa Fullmer & Roger Fullmer

Lynn Long & Tom Long

Patricia Fullmer & Mark Fullmer

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Vonni Contreary

The public areas in and around Lake Vista that the team currently oversees:

Breeze Park Bus Shelter | Marconi Bus Shelter | Spanish Fort Blvd. Entrance

Spanish Fort Blvd. Mediterranean Palms Pruning and Live Oak Tree Mulching

Beauregard Bus Shelter and Neutral Ground Garden Bed

Lark Street Bus Shelter | Zephyr Park Gardens | Ozone Park Gardens

The Beautification Committee organizes **tree reforestation** efforts most years. It is once again time to plant trees and the contractor that we used during the last planting season is available. If anyone would like to have a tree planted on their property or perhaps on public property, please contact me, 504-388-9972. We have a limited variety of species that we offer for approximated \$350 each. The price includes planting, staking and providing a watering device. I will be happy to assist with the permitting process if a tree is desired on public property.

For the past few months team members have been developing a plan **"Honoring the Oaks – Now and Beyond"**. Our goal involves the clean-up of Lake Vista's five parks by honoring the Live Oaks and developing a cohesive park landscape plan. Every decision and every line item in the report was made using horticultural best practices suggested by three independent professionals. Look for a more detailed description of the project elsewhere in this newsletter.

If all that was not enough, we have undertaken a **public tree inventory** of Lake Vista's mature park and lane trees. More on that project in the next newsletter.

If you see a water leak in a park or on a Lake Vista street, report it to **SWB** by calling **52 WATER**. You will need to know the nearest house address when reporting the leak. Also, report if it involves an oak or other mature tree. Secondly, if the water leak involves repairs that could possibly damage a live oak or other important mature tree, call me at 504-388-9972 or another member of the team to report the problem and location. We will reach out to SWB executives and try to get their cooperation to minimize damage to the tree.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of our Lake Vista Beautification efforts!

THE LAKE VISTA WOMAN'S CLUB

IN TUNE WITH THE COMMUNITY



**JAZZ & HERITAGE
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A STATEWIDE RELIEF FUND TO SUPPORT LOUISIANA'S MUSIC COMMUNITY

Love the unique musical sounds of New Orleans? The Lake Vista Woman's Club is doing its part to keep the music alive. The club recently chose the Jazz & Heritage Music Relief Fund as one of its charitable beneficiaries, and during our November meeting two representatives of the fund explained how the donation is being put to work. Launched by the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation to help sustain a music industry largely idled by the Covid pandemic, the fund has so far funneled grants to some 2,500 musicians and behind-the-scenes professionals, with plans to begin a second round of grants soon. The assistance is helping members of the city's musical talent pool stay on their feet until they can resume live performances inside nightclubs and other venues around the city. Please visit www.jazzandheritage.org for more details.

Meanwhile, some local musicians have turned to online streaming as a means of sharing their work with an audience, and in October the New Orleans Chamber Orchestra invited Woman's Club members to "listen in" as the orchestra recorded a performance for later streaming. As one of last year's beneficiaries of a Woman's Club donation, the orchestra allowed a limited number of masked, socially distanced guests to attend the outdoor recording session. Kudos to club member Babs Mollere for arranging the opportunity.

The Woman's Club board is continuing to consider how best to resume in-person meetings of the full membership, but as public health officials warn that the coming months could bring spikes in Covid cases across the country, President Diana Mann said the club will avoid bringing members together in close proximity for the time being.

In the meantime, the December meeting, via Zoom, will focus on holidays and food, with a prominent local food writer offering his take on local restaurants. Ian McNulty, of The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate, will discuss how some popular New Orleans restaurants are surviving and even thriving during tough times for the industry, and how they are managing to celebrate the holidays in the process.

The Woman's Club welcomes any Lake Vista resident to join and support the club's charitable mission. Download the brief application form that is available on the Facebook page of the Lake Vista Woman's Club or request one from **Diana Mann** (mann.dh@gmail.com or 225-937-2304). The LVWC Facebook page is also a good place to check for details of upcoming Woman's Club events. We hope to see you soon!

		
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3/6/20	6 WARBLER ST	RESIDENTIAL	AVERAGE	450,000	354,484	1901	3/2
3/19/20	37 LARK ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	1,100,000	950,000	4763	4/3.5
3/23/20	41 EGRET ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	550,000	515,000	2225	3/2
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5/7/20	61 THRASHER	VACANT LAND		365,000	358,000		
6/1/20	11 RAIL ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	599,000	510,000	2555	3/2.5
6/24/20	25 RAIL ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	699,000	972,000	2600	3/3
7/1/20	20 WARBLER ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	475,000	468,000	1770	3/2
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10/2/20	56 SPANISH FORT	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	1,195,000	991,000	4471	4/4.5
10/25/20	13 EGRET ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	1,125,000	1,048,750	4002	4/4.5
11/9/20	27 FLAMINGO ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	499,900	454,000	2032	3/2



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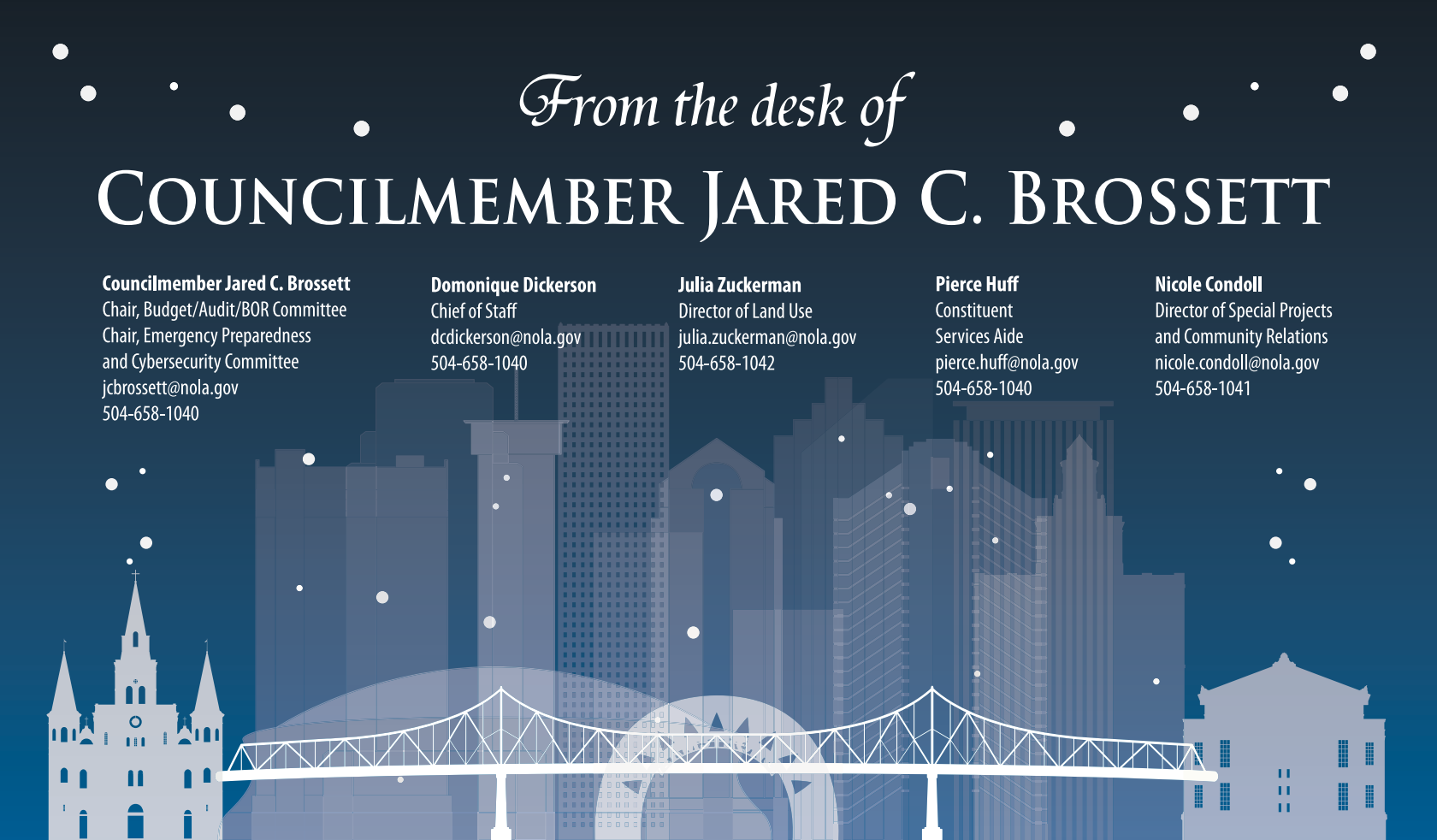
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This has been a rough year as we have dealt with the trials and tribulations with the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are making it through.

My District "D" office and I have worked tirelessly to improve the standard of living for our constituents and our community.

Thankfully, we have had our share of achievements and accomplishments, which have made a positive impact now and will continue to have a positive impact for the foreseeable future.

The Lake Terrace and Oaks Group D road project, which broke ground in October, is a tremendous undertaking by the City of New Orleans and will provide a big boost to the infrastructure.

There are two major components of the project. The streets, which have needed work for years, finally will be repaved with new sidewalks. The water, sewage and drainage lines also will be replaced.

The pace of the Lake Terrace and Oaks Group D road project was slightly delayed due to Hurricane Zeta, but crews have been working feverishly to get back on schedule. When this project is complete next year it will well be worth the wait.

Another project with big implications is the Lake Vista Group A project. These renovations, which remain on schedule for completion in the winter of 2021, have been much needed for years. Not only will the water, sewage and drainage lines be replaced on completion, but the streets, sidewalks and curbs will be rebuilt entirely.

One project that is almost finished is the Lakeview Previous Alleyway Restoration Pilot Project. This project covers two blocks of Lakeview alleyways and will ensure that large vehicles from places like city sanitation will be able to use the alleyways to get where they need to go and at the same time not cause damage to the nearby streets or make any disruptions.

The work has been broken down into the Alley Marshal Foch and the Alley General Diaz. The Alley Marshal Foch – Argonne (Harrison to Bragg) is complete. At the Alley General Diaz – Marshal Foch (Harrison to French) all pre-cast permeable concrete has been placed, but there remains a need to finish the driveway and infiltration test is pending.

More work of importance to the area are the sewer and water mains being installed southbound on Canal Boulevard. This has been one of the biggest renovations in the area, but when complete it will enhance the recreation and everyday life for everyone. The roads also will have a dedicated bike lane.

Some other projects of interest to Lake Vista residents are the Gentilly Resilience District improvements and the stormwater lot construction in Pontchartrain Park.

As part of the Gentilly Resilience District improvements, the City of New Orleans installed pillars and solar-powered lanterns in September to provide people with a unique experience as they deal with the restrictions that come with COVID-19. The lanterns gave people a way to view the expanding green infrastructure in the area without violating city pandemic guidelines for social gathering.

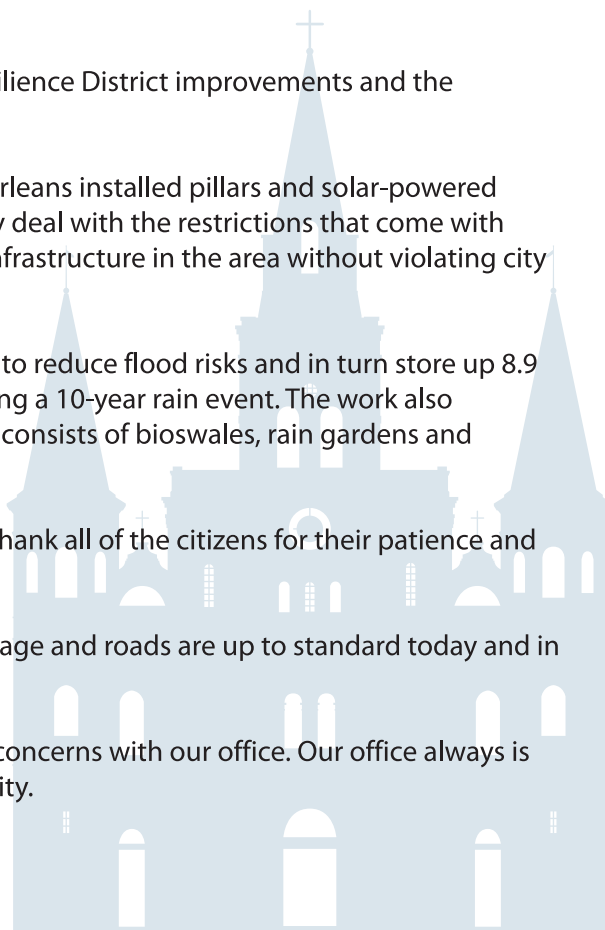
The purpose of the stormwater lot construction in Pontchartrain Park was to reduce flood risks and in turn store up 8.9 million gallons of water and reduce flooding by as much as 14 inches during a 10-year rain event. The work also benefitted from the construction of green infrastructure strategies, which consists of bioswales, rain gardens and pervious surfacing.

We all know these projects can be time consuming and stressful, and we thank all of the citizens for their patience and understanding.

Of course, the bottom line in all of this work is making sure the city's drainage and roads are up to standard today and in the future.

If you have any questions or issues with these projects, please share your concerns with our office. Our office always is willing to help and do whatever work is needed on behalf of the community.

As always, it has been a pleasure to represent the citizens in District "D".



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RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE in the AGE OF CORONAVIRUS

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What an unusual year this has been! A global pandemic, economic instability, a heated political climate and way too many hurricanes are just some of the nuances of 2020. The age of COVID-19 has definitely altered our lifestyles, and the real estate business has not been immune. Traditionally, the Spring market in New Orleans takes off right after Mardi Gras, continues strong until June, and then experiences a steep decline in the hot summer months. Then it picks up a little in the cooler fall months and slides back into decline over the holidays until the next Mardi Gras. That is the way it usually works, however the pandemic has changed things a bit. While showings initially dropped off in March, the boom continued through the summer and we are still above where we would normally be with sales this time of year.

Several factors have been at play to make 2020 a boom time in the New Orleans residential real estate market. First of all, the interest rates have dropped to historically low numbers (at this writing, 2.96%). This has been a huge motivator for anyone contemplating a move and has tempted tepid prospective buyers to shop anyway. Experts in the field expect the low interest rates to continue for a while.

With everyone spending more time at home, thanks to the coronavirus, the needs and desires of buyers has changed. Many have been looking for more outdoor space to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine with their families. Pools, vegetable gardens & decks are just a few of the items hot on today's list. So many of us have adapted to working (and schooling) from home. We need quiet space for our Zoom calls and online classroom learning. This trend is likely here to stay. Dedicated office space is now a "must have" on most buyers' wish lists. Landscaping has increased. Local pool contractors are booked way into 2021. Construction contractors are also extremely busy with new builds and renovations.

With the rates at historical lows, many renters are realizing their dreams of home ownership. Rent is high - why not build equity? Homeowners are also taking advantage of the low rates to refinance and the number of Home Equity Loans has also risen. Time to buy, refi & upgrade!

We Real Estate Agents have been very busy indeed, showing property safely in person when we can, keeping socially distant, and requiring masks to be worn. A station is often set up as you enter a property, to include hand sanitizer, paper masks and in some cases paper booties and latex gloves. Real Estate professionals have also embraced the digital revolution in a big way! Virtual Open Houses, Video Walkthroughs, Virtual Tours, & Zoom Showings have all become part of our vocabulary, and will likely remain long after the threat from the pandemic is lifted. Title companies have even offered drive-through closings and other creative possibilities to reduce the exposure to COVID-19 for all parties as well.

Our market here in Lake Vista is a healthy one. I've included some statistics (as of 10/31/2020) comparing Lake Vista with 70124, Orleans Parish and the entire metro area as a whole over the last 18 months. Sales prices are holding steady with numbers from last year this time and we are still selling at a higher price per square foot in Lake Vista than in 70124 in general. As is also seen from the graphs, inventory in the Greater New Orleans area is WAY down, however our inventory in Lake Vista is slightly up from

last year this time. At the time of this writing (11/15/2020), we currently have 18 active properties on the market in Lake Vista, with 1 pending sale and 3 under Open Predication. We have come to expect between 1 & 4 sales per month in our little neighborhood. Activity seems to have slowed just a bit since the end of October, possibly because of the Presidential election and the coming holiday season, as is usually expected this time of year. We are still busy listing and buyers are still out there looking to buy! We know that we live in the best part of the city and Lake Vista continues to be a market in high demand. Homes are selling & value is holding for a WIN WIN! Let's hope the trend continues well into 2021!

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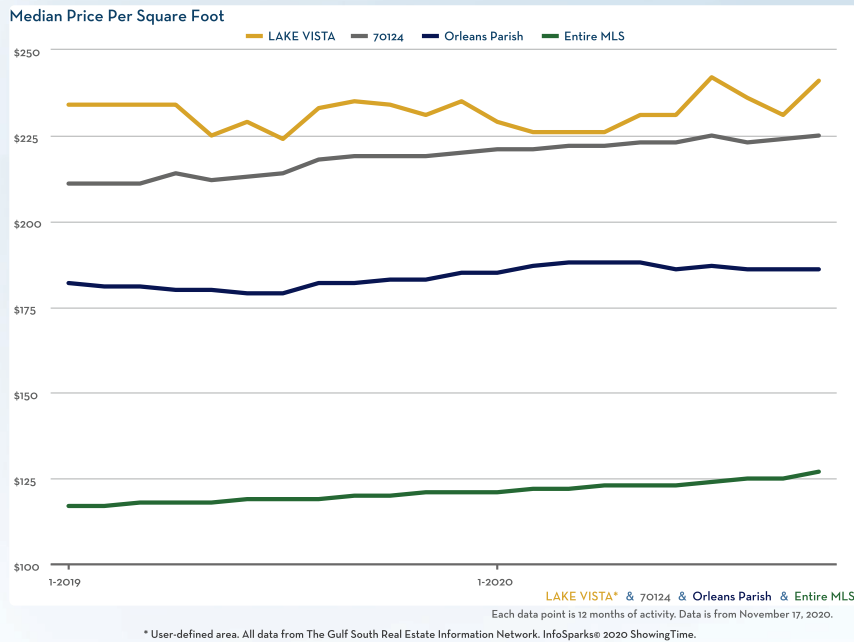
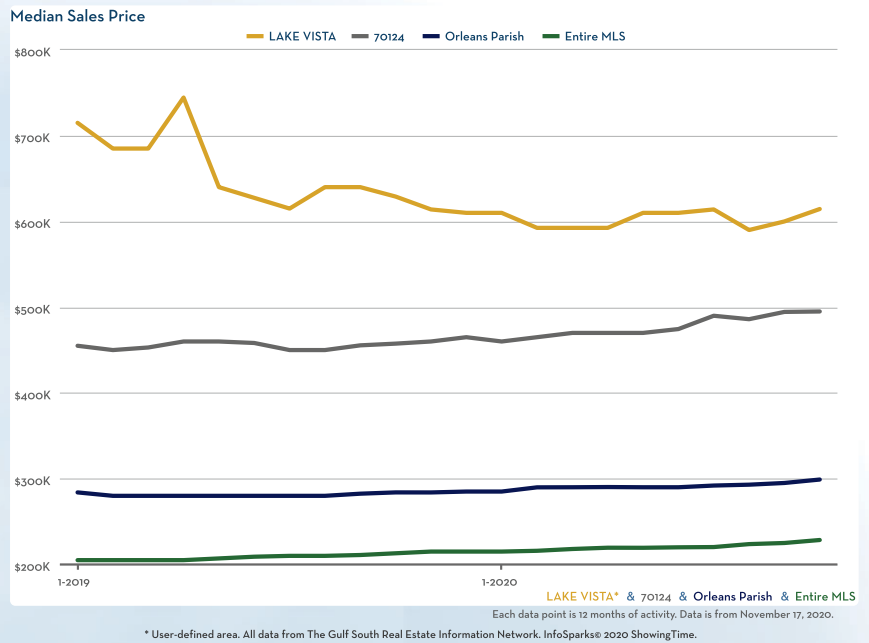
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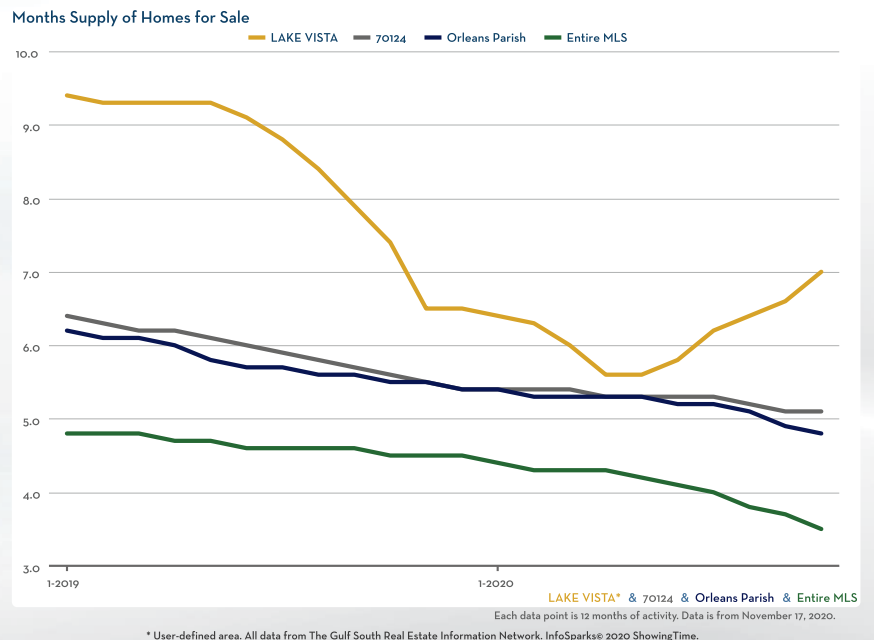
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On October 23, 2020, the Louisiana Legislature adjourned the second extraordinary session of 2020. A variety of subject matters were discussed during the course of the special session including COVID-19 pandemic response, the unemployment trust fund, and Hurricane Laura recovery.

Notably for our area, the Legislature allocated \$2,500,000.00 to New Orleans City Park. City Park is facing a severe budget shortfall due to lack of self-generated funds or income from off track betting at the Fairgrounds. I advocated to secure this funding. Maintenance and upkeep of the park is essential as more people use the park for recreation.

Below you will find summaries of some of the legislation passed during the session. If you would like additional information on any of these laws, you may access the full text at <https://legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=current> or you can contact my office.

Act 43: Expands matters that may be considered by public bodies meeting via electronic means during a gubernatorially declared emergency or disaster to include critical or time-sensitive matters that are approved by two-thirds of the members present.

Act 46 and Act 3: Revise the Business Corporation Act to allow virtual shareholder meetings and mergers.

SCR 9: Suspends the unemployment insurance solvency tax law until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session.

Act 45: The supplemental appropriations bill redistributes \$127 million of state general fund from savings in Medicaid. \$85 million was deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Fund to help offset unemployment funds borrowed from the federal government.

Act 13: Establishes an income tax deduction for educational coaching service expenses paid for an eligible child between March 13, 2020, and December 31, 2020, due to COVID-19.

Act 60: Creates a one-time refundable tax credit for a portion of license or permit fees imposed by ATC on bars and restaurants required to temporarily close as a result of COVID-19.

Act 42: Requires cable and video service providers to annually prepare and submit an emergency service plan to the PSC.

On the November 3 ballot, Amendment 6 passed. This was legislation I offered to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and qualify for the assessment freeze for homestead exempted residential properties. The maximum income level for those age 65 and older and disabled veterans is now \$100,000/year as calculated. Income is defined as adjusted gross income in federal tax return.

As I prepare for the 2021 regular session, which commences April 12, 2021, please let me know if you have any ideas for legislation. I know these are unprecedented times. Please know my office stands ready to assist. You can reach us at **504-885-4154** or **hilfertys@legis.la.gov**



Halloween Night TABLES IN THE PARK



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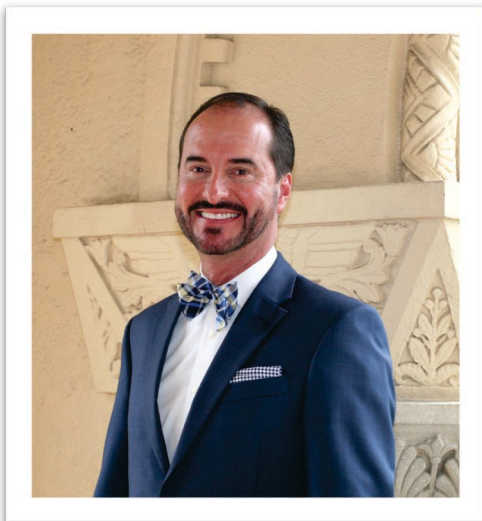
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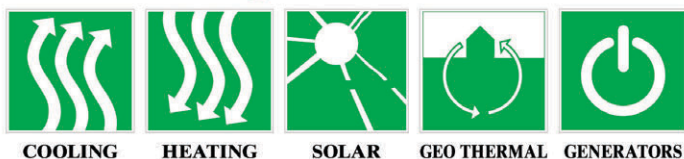
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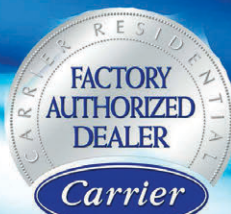


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