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BEAUTIFICATION: FUNDED BY LVPOA AND THE LAKEVISTA GARDEN CLUB

MULLIN LANDSCAPE began our beautification maintenance on January first. As you may have noticed, we have not had any seasonal plantings/flowers in our sign beds for several months. They are coming! There were some irrigation system repairs that needed to be done and the Beauregard Median bed needs sign and electrical repair before it can be planted. The LMA is repairing the sign. Look for some changes this year! We may be replacing the plants in several areas around the neighborhood!

CITY PARK DRAINAGE PROJECT

I want to thank **GLEN PILIÉ, NATHAN JUNIUS** and **REPRESENTATIVE STEPHANIE HILFERTY** for continuing to stay on top of this project and for meeting with Lakeview Civic, City Park and others stakeholders of this project. The city has not been interested in our concerns or commentary. We are still hopeful that they plan to host a public In-person meeting for the residents of Lake Vista.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE LMA SIDEWALK PROJECT

As most of you know, the deal made last year between the LMA and the LVPOA was intended to fix both lane and park sidewalks, with the LMA putting up \$100,000 and the LVPOA contributing \$50,000. As we worked on the agreement and details of this project, it became evident that there was confusion about whether this project was to fix LANE SIDEWALKS or PARK SIDEWALKS ONLY. The LVPOA board has been talking about this project for several years and the project was always intended to fix both LANE and PARK SIDEWALKS. In the contract stage, the LMA decided that they did not want to work on LANE SIDEWALKS and wanted to fix only PARK SIDEWALKS. How we got as far as we did with that information not coming up. I do not know. However, we have arrived at an even better deal than before!

THE NEW SIDEWALK PROJECT will focus on PARK SIDEWALKS. The LMA has budgeted up to **\$250,000** to fix PARK SIDEWALKS. This is a significantly higher investment and will have a dramatic impact on our PARK SIDEWALKS. This project has already been approved through the LMA REC & SUB COMMITTEE and is currently on the LMA's budget. We look for work to begin this year. The LMA also returned the \$50,000 contribution to the LVPOA. Our Infrastructure Committee is working up ideas for contracting work on LANE SIDEWALKS that are desperately in need of repair. Details are still being considered, but we hope to contract a company to perform the work and make that contractor available to any resident wanting to fix their own LANE SIDEWALKS. The LVPOA will likely identify the most dire sections of sidewalk and approach the owners of the properties fronting the damaged sidewalks to offer financial assistance if they are willing to make a contribution to fixing their lane sidewalk. I will update you as more information is available.

GARDEN CLUB BBQ AND EASTER EGG HUNT

For a second consecutive year, the recent LAKE VISTA GARDEN CLUB'S ANNUAL SPRING BBQ & EASTER EGG HUNT was a huge success for the club. This year it got bigger and better! Thanks to many donations and sponsorships this year, the Garden Club was able to raise their contribution to help pay for MULLIN LANDSCAPE this year! The LVPOA Sponsored \$425 to pay for the train rides at the event! We also set up a table and collected 5 or 6 new members as a result. Looking forward to next year!

The LAKE VISTA GARDEN CLUB'S

Spring BBQ and Easter Egg Hunt



The Lake Vista Garden Club's Spring BBQ and Easter Egg Hunt was a rousing success! Hundreds of families enjoyed the April 3rd gathering, which featured a delicious barbeque lunch, bounce houses, the Easter Express train, basket raffles, silent auction, and of course pictures with the Easter Bunny, played by Charlene Baudier. Thanks to Susan Coco and her team of volunteers, the Garden Club was able to raise a significant amount of money to be used for the beautification of Lake Vista. This year families and friends could order reserved tables, a new twist that proved to be very popular.





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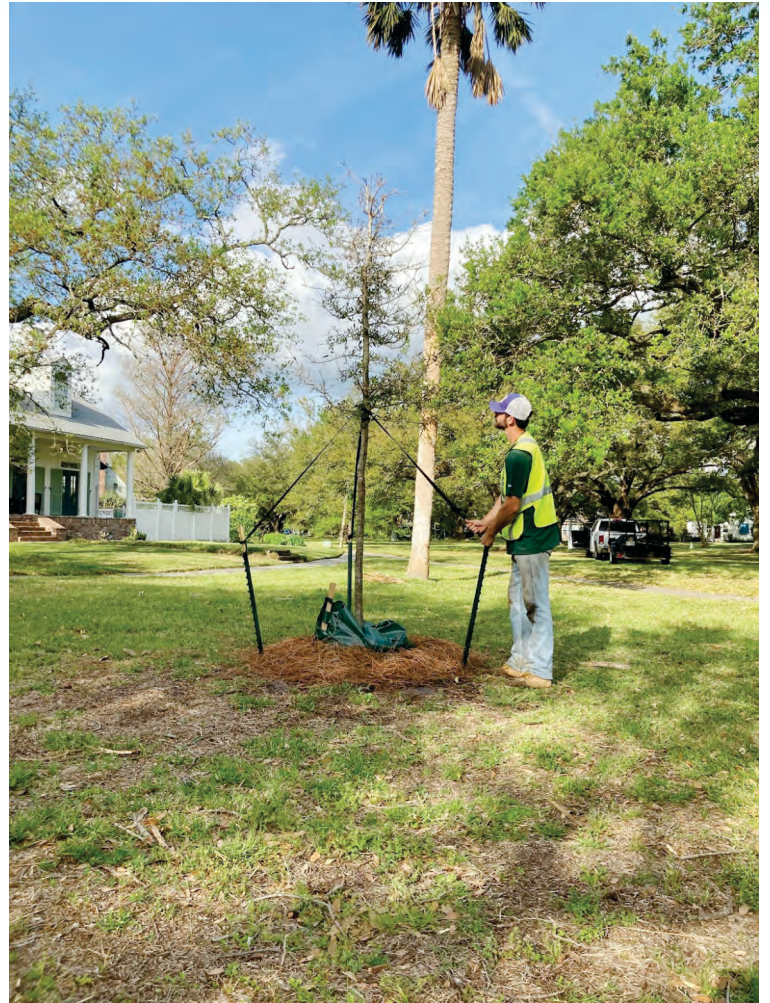
TREE REFORESTATION

By Patricia Fullmer

With the generous funding provided by a neighbor, we planted two Live Oaks in the Poppy Lane Triangle. Taylor Williams, Will Garden, LLC, was the contractor. The reforestation effort would not have been possible without the willingness of Lake Vista residents to assist with the care of these young trees for the critical early year of their growth. Nearby neighbors will graciously donate a water source, and volunteers agreed to water the trees each week for the first year. Peter Perez and Lisa Taylor have been delightful to work with on this project.



Peter Perez, "I have my people on tree watering."



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The 2022 Legislative Session began Monday March 14, 2022. As of the January Revenue Estimating Conference meeting, the state projects a surplus of \$1.6 billion for the current budget year ending June 30, 2022 and an additional \$770 million for the upcoming budget year commencing in July. \$400 million of the \$1.6 billion will be used to repay the federal government loan for the levee system post Hurricane Katrina. In addition, there is \$1.4 billion in federal pandemic relief. In the legislature, there is a strong desire to prioritize infrastructure improvements including roads, bridges, water and sewer systems statewide. Constitutionally, a portion of next year's projected surplus will go towards the Rainy Day fund (25%) and the state's unaccrued liability (UAL)/state debt (10%). Paying down the UAL will pay dividends for the future as it will save the state these debt payments for years to come with effects seen across the spectrum. Additionally, the unemployment trust fund was depleted during the pandemic and a portion of the surplus will go towards this fund.

A comprehensive list of all legislation including committee hearings, amendments and legislative actions can be found at legis.la.gov. Click "**Bills**" on the top navigation bar and select the **2022 Regular Session**. Bills can be searched by instrument number, author, or searched by bill text.

I am authoring several pieces of legislation this session. I've worked with State Chief Fire Marshall Butch Browning on **HB 293**. This bill requires installation of a carbon monoxide detector upon the sale or lease of a single family dwelling or the installation of a home generator. The language mimics the current language requiring a smoke detector. Following Hurricane Ida and the long term use of generators, we saw several instance of carbon monoxide poisoning, some of which were tragically fatal. **HB 652** will classify the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board as a public utility and consequently give the New Orleans City Council greater oversight over S&WB as it relates to accountability and regulation. Too many times, I have heard constituents frustrated by outrageous bills or water leaks that never seems to get fixed. **HB 701** amends the parish executive emergency declarations statute. Currently, this revised statute requires no termination date on declarations, unlike the statewide executive powers statute which requires 30 day renewals. **HB 701** would require for an initial 90 day declaration with 30 day renewals thereafter with council approval.

My office stands ready to serve you. I can be reached at hilfertys@legis.la.gov or 504-885-4154.

Stephanie Hilferty

State Representative, District 94

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Lake Vista Trees



By Patricia Fullmer and Betty Tedesco

Honoring the Oaks and Park Improvement Projects

Since late 2020, we have reported on “Honoring the Oaks” – the multi-phase project to beautify and restore the strong cohesive landscape design of the five Lake Vista parks. Thanks to initial funding approved by the LVPOA board in 2020, Phase One of this project was completed during 2021. Following Hurricane Ida, which caused additional tree damage in many areas of the Lake Vista parks, we were able to resume the planned arborist work, while addressing storm damage to several important Live Oak trees.

We were asked by neighbors to include Rail Street and Lakeshore Park in the Honoring the Oaks and Park Improvement projects and we did. The work included by Butler Brothers the removal of five leaning Crape Myrtles, pruning of two Crape Myrtles, removal of original growing stakes. Butler Brothers, LLC continued the work by removing three old raised beds with dangerous steel rods, railroad ties and plant material. See photo right.

The contractor next worked on taming the growth around a small Entergy building and pruned an Elm. Nine struggling Live Oak trees near Lakeshore Drive received a deep root fertilization treatment with an organic based brew and Superthrive.

Zephyr Park, Breeze Park, Foliage Park, and Floral Park all received targeted clean up. Hurricane Ida created additional eyesores and problems, some of which were addressed. A struggling young oak in Zephyr Park was aerated. See both photos below.



Street Tree Improvements

Butler Brothers, LLC pruned and removed the suckers from the more than 40 Crape Myrtles along Robert E. Lee Blvd./Allen Toussaint Blvd.

One of Spanish Fort Blvd. treasured Mediterranean Palms required pruning due to storm damage.

Parks and Parkways plan on replacing two pine trees on Robert E. Lee Blvd./Allen Toussaint Blvd. but at this writing bids have not been published.



Reforestation

As always, the ongoing effort to replace missing trees in our parks requires careful coordination and timing with several key people. Planting a tree is subject to approval from LMA, a funding source(s), a reliable contractor with access to tree stock, adjacent neighbor(s) who commit to providing a watering source, as well as neighborhood volunteers who commit to watering the tree(s) for the first year.

Hopefully, our 2022 reforestation efforts will come together and two Live Oaks will be planted in the Poppy Lane triangle.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS VERSUS TREES

Spanish Fort Street Road Work Project

The major road project on Spanish Fort Boulevard – a needed infrastructure project in our neighborhood – has taken a toll on the health of the valuable trees on the neutral ground. One of the seventeen Live Oaks was lost during Hurricane Ida, and the others have been in danger due to construction-related issues.

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Parking near the trees causes root compaction and a slow death to the tree. Additionally, vehicles could be ticketed because it is a City parking violation.

Jay Street Road Work Project

For more than five years, a leaking valve has caused a water leak under a historic Live Oak at the corner of Beauregard and Jay Streets. It would cause too much damage to the tree to replace the existing valve. The plan was to wait and take advantage of the anticipated road work project now underway, to reroute the line and abandon the leaking valve. This long-anticipated opportunity was not coordinated among the decision makers within SWB and Boh Bros., until we urged those leaders to meet and work out the details to accomplish the goal. We are guardedly optimistic for a positive outcome.

Beauregard Avenue – Near Bus Shelter

A new water line from the center of Floral Park will be installed and connected to an existing water line in the middle of Beauregard Ave. The engineer designed the project using a 4' wide x 5' deep trench to lay new pipe rather than pulling the pipe, which causes less impact to the trees and the environment. An old established Crape Myrtle, which is part of a grouping, and one large Live Oak tree are in jeopardy. We are working with Boh Bros. and their arborist for workable solutions to save the trees.

Utility Companies

The past few months have been extremely busy working with a wide variety of leaders in an effort to help protect our public trees. The list includes a consultant, arborists, Entergy Gas project managers, Entergy's subcontractor's NuLine Utility Services and Cimarron Underground Services project managers, Boh Bros. project manager, Sewerage and Water Board's Chief of Networks, Parks and Parkways, City of N. O. Neighborhood Liaison, State Representative-Stephanie Hilferty and the LMA staff.

Lake Vista's infrastructure is in decline and improvements often conflict with our beloved trees. A huge pine tree on Lark Street required removal after SWB made repairs and cut important structural roots. The tree became a

removal priority to stakeholders. Had we not observed the repair and root damage and subsequently reported the potentially dangerous tree to multiple sources, the tree could have fallen causing extensive damage.
(Insert photo of the pine tree being cut down)

Entergy Gas has sub-contractors installing high pressure gas lines throughout the West side of Lake Vista. The project managers say one thing about tree protection but in reality, there are exceptions. The staff in the field appear to not have sufficient training on the best practices of working around trees to avoid critical root zone damage. Lake Vista's current utility work projects have been going on for a year and I was told by two contractors that they will be working in LV for at least another year.

We have witnessed oak tree damage caused by the utility companies working in Lake Vista. The damage caused to the trees, at this time, might result in future safety issues and future financial hardships related to the recent damage. The financial burden of future tree care, removal and replacement will be left for LMA to handle after the utility companies have moved elsewhere, assuming the LMA has sufficient funding to respond to those issues.

We will continue to notify the LMA staff regarding tree related problems. Currently, there is no direct permitting process for utility work in our State owned parks, managed by the LMA. The utilities do not coordinate, notify or communicate with the LMA about work orders. Our tree volunteer team discovers projects and notifies the LMA staff after the area is staged for work to begin. Common sense change orders are very difficult to accomplish because of the lack of early communication among stakeholders.

If you observe heavy equipment, like a backhoe, near the trunk of an oak tree, please photograph or video the work and report the tree root damage to us. patriciafullmer7@gmail.com or bettybtedesco@gmail.com

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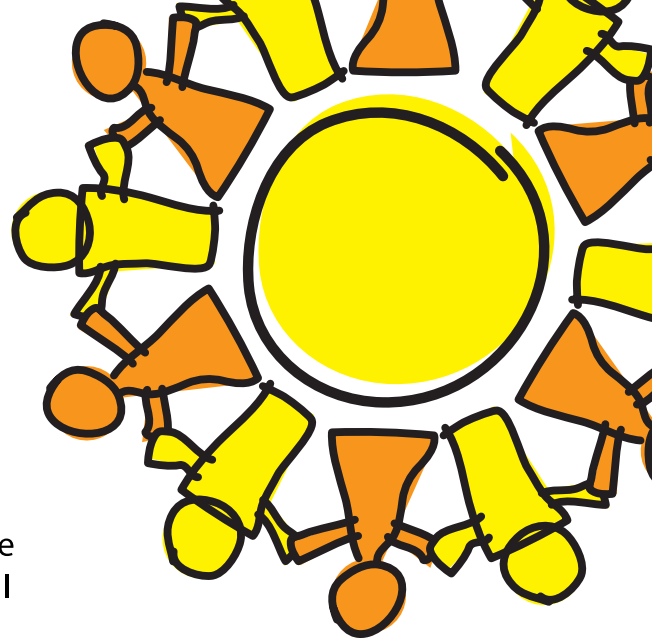
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In the Fall of 2021, I was optimistic that we could gather together, and we did manage to have some in-person meetings. Then the variant arrived, and we had to pull back as even those of us who had been vaccinated and boosted were being affected by the virus. I certainly did not want to facilitate the spread by any means.

Our March meeting is bringing us back together followed by our April auction and our closing/installation in May. What a joy it will be to be together again.

Five local organizations have been recognized this year by LVWC with monetary support. Congratulations to **Friends of City Park, Liberty's Kitchen, Friends of Lafitte Greenway, Uncommon Construction** and **Pontchartrain Conservancy** for being outstanding supporters of our community. We are honored to support you in your endeavors.

Our annual auction, our primary means of fundraising for our philanthropic donations, was held on Friday, April 8th.

I cannot thank my board for their unending support through this very trying time. I know that my term has not been what I wanted it to be, but I hope you know that my heart and intentions were in the best interest of all of you and our Lake Vista community.

I wish for you a wonderful Spring and look forward to seeing all of you again.

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- Annual activities include an evening **Wine & Cheese Party** and **Christmas Party**.
- Our annual **FIELD TRIP** and **INSTALLATION LUNCHEON** can be attended for extra fees (Guests welcome).
- Our largest fund raising event is our **Spring BBQ & Easter Egg Hunt**, open to all neighbors and guests.
- Our **Holiday Greenery** fund raiser, offers fresh greenery wreaths, swags, garlands, table top trees, and more!

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- You are invited to attend the **WINE & CHEESE PARTY** for a fee.
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Income		
Advertising Income	13,900.00	12,287.41
Association Dues	0.00	0.00
Association Dues 2020	0.00	0.00
Association Dues 2021	0.00	24,222.60
Association Dues 2022	25,925.00	0.00
Total Association Dues	25,925.00	24,222.60
Donations	239.36	1,520.00
Interest Income	0.00	4.49
Total Income	\$40,064.36	\$38,034.50
GROSS PROFIT	\$40,064.36	\$38,034.50
Expenses		
Bank Charges	30.00	0.00
Beautification Expense	2,880.90	43.74
Computer Expense	175.12	0.00
Insurance--D&O Liability	0.00	2,966.00
Lake Vista Newsletter	4,012.79	3,228.78
Lake Vista Website	20.00	30.00
Office Expense	100.00	100.00
Postage Expense	0.00	0.00
Box rental	0.00	322.00
Total Postage Expense	0.00	322.00
Printing Expense	0.00	188.25
Transaction Fees	767.09	763.06
Utilities-Electric Expense	93.15	98.58
Total Expenses	\$8,079.05	\$7,740.41
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$31,985.31	\$30,294.09
Other Income		
Beautification donation	-425.00	0.00
Sidewalk repair reimbursement	50,000.00	0.00
Total Other Income	\$49,575.00	\$0.00
NET OTHER INCOME	\$49,575.00	\$0.00
NET INCOME	\$81,560.31	\$30,294.09

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