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Introduction to History of Moonraker Island

Imagine a Nirvana, a Valhalla, a place that promotes tranquility, vision of all that provides anything any family could want, a place to feast, a place to celebrate, a place to meditate.

In 1969 Leisure Inc., a Monroe based company, purchased 5,300 acres of marsh south of Slidell and created what is known today as Eden Isles. The homeowners' association was created in 1974. The developer went bankrupt in 1977, defaulted on its loan, and was taken over by Eden Isles, Inc. In 1987 Landmark Land Co. purchased the area for \$14 million. It changed the name of the development to Oak Harbor. In 1988 Eden Isles Homeowners Association entered into a licensing agreement with LLC to use the EI logo. Today Oak Harbor replaces Eden Isles on everything from stationery to the water tower.

Moonraker Island was created by a developer from Delaware, D.M. Schweickert. What drew him to imagine Moonraker Island were the two ice-cold, spring-fed crystal lakes, one emerald, one turquoise, side by side except for the strip of land that held them barely separate. More than sixty feet deep, anyone could be captured by the sunlight dancing on the lips of the waves and the brilliance of the colors below, far below.

In 1980 he established the neighborhood, complete with its own covenants, and proposed amenities that included an exercise track that was to circle the lake,

Moonraker Island Report

During times of uncertainty, feelings of depression followed by indifference or detachment are sure to become imminent. There are those of us who reside in this area, our home, our “little piece of Heaven,” who find a way to keep moving forward, looking for positive things to turn around the feelings of despair. It is my hope that this newsletter will inform our residents that the anticipation of something positive is not lost.

The Moonraker Island Civic Organization has tried to hold meetings twice, but those meetings were canceled for reasons out of the board’s control. Therefore this newsletter will report what the board has been doing. The information intended for the meeting scheduled for July 30, 2020, will be presented below.

1. Our appreciation is extended to the Yacht Club for scheduling our meetings. Our October meeting is still scheduled, but we can’t predict availability at this point.
2. Covenants summary: Thanks to our covenants committee for their efforts to amend, add, or delete proposed covenants which teach us how to treat our neighbors respectfully and hold us to certain – agreed upon principles. No one knows just how difficult this job is unless you try to do this job. Trying to please everyone is still ultimately difficult. Before the board spends money to print and supply each home with proposed covenants, which is the law in Louisiana, getting resident’s approval or declination is prudent. You see, our attorney, Trey Lape, has informed us that the original 1980 covenants can still be effective when broken down into movable and immovable situations. Example: If a car is sitting on someone’s property, it can be moved and therefore enforceable. If someone built a shed that has been sitting for more than two years and has never been moved off the property, enforcing its removal is not possible. The cost of printing and attorney’s fees would be high. The distribution and collection would be difficult. Perhaps after dues collection next January, we can send ballots to get a more defined picture. My question to you, our residents, is, “Can we get some feedback about tabling this issue until next January?”
3. New signs about “No Soliciting in Moonraker Island” and “No Commercial Fishing, Crabbing, or Shrimping in Moonraker” have been installed. Should you see any of that taking place, please call Thomas Wood at 985-898-2340 or email wood@stpso.com to handle the situation which falls under Criminal Trespassing laws.
4. MICO has replaced the neighborhood camera with high resolution ones that focus on license plates and special recognition. Our world, as we know it in Moonraker Island, has changed. We are subjected to the same influx of crime as other communities. We’ve had shootouts, car chases, thieves with guns in hand walking our neighborhood in the early morning hours, car thefts, and more. Taking action to deter crime has become a responsibility left to us. MICO urges residents to arm themselves with cameras which may not prevent crime, etc., but it certainly will help to identify the perpetrators. When you call the sheriff’s office, give help with your camera, and our neighborhood cameras can give a more definitive description of the vehicle leaving Moonraker Dr. Some people say that it is time to go, but where will you find an area like this? It was a paradise, and it still can be if we work together.
5. CES garbage company invites our residents to use their services. CES donates \$1 per customer per month to our homeowner’s organization.
6. Magnolia Water Company has finally involved a local company to clean out the main line that has been causing our residents serious sewer problems. If you experience a problem, call Stacey Culleton, Director Customer Support, at 314-736-4672.

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I am told the use of telephone numbers on lift stations can once again be used to report problems. Presently I hope Magnolia can fix the problem of incorrect billing. There are many complaints about that as well.

7. President Mike Cooper:
8. Mary Dubuission:
9. Councilman Jake Airey:
10. Moonraker list of accomplishments
11. John Faust and Dan McGovern, St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation Board:



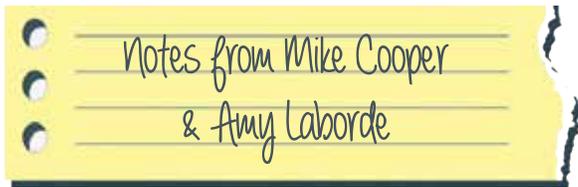
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private fishing in the stocked lakes, and all the things that made a premier subdivision. It was never connected to Eden Isles and was always independent. The area was slow to develop; the homeowners' organization dissolved just a few years after because there weren't enough homes and homeowners to support it. Moonraker went through buy outs similar to Eden Isles fate. The promised amenities never developed. The third and fourth phases of Moonraker were sold. Clipper was developed in 1994 and the bridge on the south end never was built. Moonraker Lake was opened to Clipper. In 1994 Moonraker tried to reactivate its homeowners' association. It failed due to nonsupport. Clipper Island established its own set of covenants that was supported by the residents of Clipper.

In June 2014 Moonraker established a new homeowners association, Moonraker Island Civic Organization, (MICO). It was determined that Moonraker Island Civic Organization is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Thank You To Tom...

One of our fellow assiduous, scrupulous comrades, Thomas Thompson, in the fight for flood protection has prepared a time line of events which he has forwarded. He writes about the diligence of those involved in ascertaining flood protection, 15 years of pursuit, meetings, government neglect, denial, and acceptance. He congratulates all who live in our communities of the Eden Isles area, five HOAs, and all concerned citizens who refused to give up. We now have a risk reduction plan endorsed by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, our local parish government, and blessings of the Corps of Engineers to continue evaluating cost and design. Tom thanks us, but without Tom, I don't think we would be this far along. Our thanks to him and all who have contributed. You can read his complete timeline contained on our website www.moonrakerisland.org



From: Bonnie Peyroux
Date: June 27, 2020 at 4:16:53 PM CDT
To: Mike Cooper
Cc:
Subject: information/ Moonraker Island

Good afternoon, Mike.

It's been about five months since we met at your office with requests important to Moonraker Island and Eden Isles. I know that you have hit the ground running and because of the virus situation, I'm certain that you have been busier than any president in St. Tammany Parish's history.

Moonraker Island Civic Organization is holding its first meeting July 30, 2020, since January. I would like to be able to give some news on those requests. As a matter of fact, I would like to meet with you, at your convenience, to discuss some ideas to help our community without covenants.

Here are some of the topics we discussed previously.

Moonraker Dr. needs the rest of our street lights installed. Jake Airey told me that this was approved.

Our speed machine has never been installed. Joey Lobrano informed me that the parish installers couldn't find a suitable location, but I suggested that it be placed on the lake side instead of the canal side. **The radar speed limit sign has been approved by Jake Airey for use on Marina Drive due to the fact that a suitable location on Moonraker could not be agreed upon with the residents.**

I haven't heard who owns the Moonraker Lake bottom. The law goes back quite some time, but I understand that once the lake had been opened to Lake Pontchartrain, the lake bottom goes back to the parish. ????

Who owns our triangle? We keep it very nicely, trimmed grass, beautiful garden.

Who owns the greenspace along Moonraker Lake? **I have reviewed the attached plat for Moonraker Island, Phase 1 and did not see any mention of greenspace on the plat.**

Are you considering putting gaming and gambling on the ballot? Our communities would like to see that return as a means of financial support to the parish.

Please consider prompting DOTD to do a better job at the exits and entrances of Interstate 10. It is very dangerous, no lights and the street doesn't match up with the exits. We have had several accidents.

The striping off the bridge at Eden Isles Blvd., Clipper Dr., and Moonraker Dr. needs to be placed. It should have a striped line for turning. It doesn't, which leads to confusion and fender benders. **I will schedule a site visit later this week to evaluate further.**

Any help you can give on these topics is certainly appreciated.

Thank you for your support in our effort to get flood protection.

It's been my pleasure to call you "my president." I do appreciate your effort to make my side of St. Tammany Parish count for all it can be.

Bonnie Peyroux for Moonraker Island Civic Organization.

From: Bonnie Peyroux

Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:56 PM

To: Amy Laborde

Cc:

Subject: Information @ progress regarding requests

Good afternoon, Amy.

I'm trying to collect information regarding the requests made by me on behalf of Moonraker Island. Of most importance is the fact that President Cooper is on board with plans for flood protection. The other things were:

1. street repairs at - 120, 151, 164, 179, 183-187 needs drains, 193, 199, 221, 374, 376 broken. Actually, the whole street is full of cracks and needs resurfacing, but if those addresses can be remedied, that would be a big improvement.

2. The striping of the Moonraker/ Clipper bridge needs restriping to create a right-hand turning lane.

3. Are there any decisions made by St. Tammany concerning the short-term rental situation?

4. Ordinances need to be reinforced, not left to interpretation. More ordinance officers need to be placed.

5. Communications between the Parish and the Homeowners' organization should be improved,

6. Moonraker has been given a speed indicator machine. After having not found a suitable place on residential property for its installation, I suggested somewhere on the lake side, no houses, straight away where people hit the gas.

7. Who owns the Moonraker Lake bottom today?

8. Who owns the triangle, coordinates: SQUARE 44914, TOWNSHIP 9, SECTION 32, RANGE 14 32-9-14

9. Revision of construction standards on raised homes should include a facade building code.

10. Crime influx

11. Moonraker Island should be added to one of the signs on Interstate 10.

12. We urge you to put gaming and gambling on the ballot.

These are the same questions we've been asking since January. I am hoping you have some answers for me now. We are putting together our first Moonraker Island magazine/newsletter which will have input from our elected officials because we can't hold our regular meetings. Please send me something ready for print. We are looking forward to your participation. You may insert a picture of President Cooper and/or yourself.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Peyroux for Moonraker Island Civic Organization

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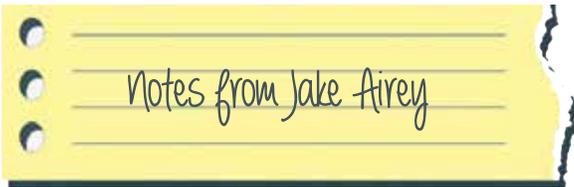
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From: Jake Airey
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:54:22 PM
To: Jake A. Airey
Subject: Fwd: MOONRAKER ISLAND meeting cancelled/ progress on MOONRAKER requests

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bonnie Peyroux
Date: July 19, 2020 at 3:21:22 PM CDT
To: Jake Airey
Cc:
Subject: MOONRAKER ISLAND meeting cancelled/ progress on MOONRAKER requests

Jake, I'm sorry to inform you that our homeowners' meeting has been cancelled. Moonraker has no control over circumstances that have caused our cancellation. We are now recreating our meeting format with a news letter format to be printed and handed out to our residents. With that in mind, I'd like to get from you in writing what you have to report to our neighbors. Can you please give us some sort of summary on the requests made earlier, such as lighting, bridge striping, ordinance department additions, regulations, our street repairs, short-term rentals, and/or anything you feel important to pass along? I would need your reply by Monday, July 27, 2020, to place your contribution into our news letter.
Hope to hear from you soon.
Bonnie Peyroux for Moonraker Island Civic Organization

From: Bonnie Peyroux
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Jake Airey
Cc:
Subject: information for our Moonraker newsletter

Good evening, Jake.

Do you have anything prepared for our newsletter? Some of the topics we discussed were:

1. The man, [REDACTED] still continues to do nothing concerning the erosion caused by his refusal to repair the bulkhead behind what is left of his property. His lack of concern harms his neighbors' properties. Is there nothing the parish can do?
2. Magnolia Water Company is still giving the community fits. I have a meeting with Eric Skrmetta Thursday. I'll let you know how we make out.
3. What is the progress on our street repair?
4. What is the progress on the added street lights?
5. Is there any news on short-term rentals?
6. Please send me a picture to be included with your article.

Thanks for helping us out in this adventure.
Bonnie Peyroux
985-646-0690

From: Bonnie Peyroux
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 8:50:01 AM
To: Jake Airey
Cc:
Subject: Moonraker Island lighting

Good afternoon, Jake.

I looked through my files, and although I have actually 30 pages of documentation, I have a timeline for you. The journey began in 2015 because the concern was that drivers would end up in the Moonraker Lake due to how dark everything was and the fact that in December the fog added to the problem. I'd like to meet with you to show you the documentation along with approval of cost, etc. I don't know who is telling you that the lighting is sufficient, but the parish records I have show different.

Also I can't believe you gave our speed indicator machine away to another neighborhood. It took some time to get it, and thanks to Michele, she provided it. I told Joey to put it on the lake side on the straight-away section of the street. Now what do we do? If the machine hasn't been installed, I would like it returned and placed on the lake side of Moonraker Dr.

I can't understand why everything we try to do feels like a war. When we asked permission to place a camera for our residents' safety, we were the only neighborhood to be held hostage by the parish. Pat Brister wanted a two million dollar indemnity provided by our homeowners organization. No other neighborhood was forced to comply. The HOAs just installed cameras. I was told by a parish official to do what you think you need to do and plead ignorance. That is not how MICO does business. We try to be upfront and work with the parish. We pleaded our case to the sheriff's office. He installed one, but it has since been removed to another location where there is more crime. It doesn't seem to matter that we have had high-speed chases, gun battles, countless car thefts, vandalism, and robbery. Recently around 2 to 3 A.M. a driver with two teenagers with guns in hand were driving slowly down Moonraker Dr. This type of incident makes our residents feel very safe! I guess murder would be the only way the parish would approve a camera.

These hoodlums come from New Orleans, cross the bridge and come right down our street. How would you feel and what would you do?

Just because the striping of the Clipper/Moonraker bridge meets someone's standards, it doesn't meet ours. Moonraker wants the same striping we had previously. We want a turning lane just like the bridges on Eden Isles Dr.

I'm hoping you can understand.

Please let me know if you can accommodate me.

Bonnie Peyroux

----- Original message -----

From: [Jake Airey](#)

Date: 8/12/20 3:49 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: [Bonnie Peyroux](#)

Subject: Re: Moonraker Island lighting

Sure I can meet. Does Monday morning work? Please get me the documents. I was told that the lighting district only has so many lights to go around and that is what is the limiting factor. It is hard to get together with everyone that can make the decision because of COVID but we are working through it.

We are getting another speed sign and it should not be a problem but we are trying to work some major road and drainage improvements on Moonraker. Would like to hold off on installing that until I know the extent of what we can get done. I talked briefly with the Parish President about putting some of his road and drainage allocation towards the projects there and he was amenable. I am hoping for a 300K commitment for two years, and then I can allocate 150K and 250K over the same timeframe. That would be a million dollars and we could knock out a lot of items.

As far as personal crime cameras not sure why you would need Parish permission to put them up on private property. I don't know of anyone else that even thought they would have to ask the Parish. Most of the subdivisions off Military Road have them and no one needed to or asked permission. Of course, they have had to deal with divorce attorneys subpoenaing the film occasionally to use as proof of people being where they were not supposed to be...

When you talk about the Parish please know that the Sherriff is an independently elected official with his own budget. We can ask him to help but he does not answer to the Parish Council. I know he recognizes the crime issues with people coming from new Orleans- and it will only get worse once the Highway 11 bridge re-opens. Maybe the Sheriff can share some of the Firehouse property there as a substation so police cars are stationed there.

As far as the striping, I did ask them to take a third look at it and let me know. I will look at the regulations to make sure they are being interpreted correctly, but I am told the issue is with the width of the entrance and needing to provide a shoulder. I can see if the Parish has more land at the entrance and can maybe widen it to accommodate another turning lane.

Thanks,

Jake

----- Original message -----

From: Jake Airey

Date: 8/24/20 11:59 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: Bonnie Peyroux

Subject: Update for moonraker

Ms. Bonnie- here is an update-

It has been an interesting first seven months on the job with a global pandemic, economic and social upheaval, and multiple tropical events in the Gulf. I have been working on several projects with your Home Owners Association, including getting additional street lights, modifying the new striping at Clipper and Eden Isle Blvd., regular street repairs, and estimating several capital projects for Moonraker. At the district level I have been assisting individuals and businesses with the multiple programs that have been put in place to deal with the Covid19 outbreak, reviewing the Parish's finances as a member of the Finance Committee, and evaluating proposed Short Term Rental regulations, among other issues.

As of June, the Parish sales tax number as a whole are up about 1.5% from last year after being down most of the year. June was a good month for the Parish -it was up over 16%. Hopefully those number keep up as those funds are dedicated for streets and drainage. As far as property taxes, 2020 is a reassessment year. St. Tammany Parish Government property taxes were not rolled forward, however, many other agencies that show up on your tax bill have independent taxing authority, and may have changed their millages. I encourage you to check your assessment at the Assessor's website. <https://stpao.org/check-your-assessment/>. The last day to challenge your assessment is 9/15/2020.

If you need me I can be reached at email jaairey@stpgov.org and I also have a council member facebook page that gets regularly updated. Please stay safe.

Thanks,

Jake Airey

Councilman District 13, St. Tammany Parish

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In his 12 years in the House of Representatives, Kevin led with more than just a voting record.

Kevin authored constitutional amendments that saved taxpayers many millions of dollars. Kevin was appointed early in his tenure to serve as retirement chair and was trusted to the position for ten years, guiding legislation that protects teacher pensions and insulates taxpayers from bankrupt retirement systems.

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Kevin knows firsthand that success doesn't come easy. During the oil bust of the '80s, Kevin made the decision to leave college to work with his father to help build his business. Just like now, times were challenging and uncertain.

Kevin wants better for you and your children. He wants to keep working so that you are able to keep more of your earnings, with safe and affordable utilities.

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2020 Legislative Update

Dear Neighbors,

What a year this has been!

The past several months have been historic and unprecedented and have impacted us all personally and professionally. Our Regular Legislative Session suspended from mid-March through the beginning of May and then we jumped right into a Special Session during June.

Protocols forced lobbyists out of the Chamber and into the balcony. The Capitol staff had panels installed to separate us from our seatmates. Seats had to remain vacant between those attending committee meetings, as well as those on the committees. We had to sit in overflow rooms and walk back and forth to take roll and vote. As is often the case, some good came out of the bad. These measures, in an unusual way, brought us all closer to one another—of course while social distancing!

This year, being on the Appropriations and Joint Legislative Budget Committees enabled me to have first-hand experience of the many challenges facing our State. With a total state budget of over \$39 billion, this reflects an increase of over \$4 billion of FY20 budget.

The State's revenue is largely based on Oil & Gas, Tourism, and Sales Taxes, so obviously the impact has been huge. However, the influx of Federal Cares Act dollars has been our salvation by helping to plug a hole in the budget. We were able to pass legislation to extend and expand business tax credits, exemptions, and incentive programs. These measures will help save jobs and protect the tax base for state AND local governments.

We will continue to monitor the effects of our efforts and likely have another Special Session to make necessary adjustments. As the pandemic unfolds, we as legislators will continue to be responsive.

As many of you know, St. Tammany Parish has greatly been impacted by Covid-19. With more than 35% of the workforce unemployed at some point since the stay-at-home order began to the number of positive cases and deaths, we have a long recovery ahead.

Updates on three main issues in close proximity to our area are as follows: (1) Reopening of the Highway 11 bridge; (2) the construction project at the Eden Isles/Oak Harbor exit from I-10; and (3) traffic control at the intersections exiting I-10.

With regard to the reopening of the Highway 11 bridge, the current projection is to have it open to traffic by Thanksgiving in November. There were delays due to several workers contracting Covid-19 causing the project to be shut down. In addition, a key component, or trunnion (the shaft the bridge rotates on), was constructed out of town and could not be installed due to limited travel of the company—again due to the pandemic.

According to the latest report from DOTD, the installation of median cable barriers on I-10, lighting, and ramp modifications are also expected to be completed in November 2020.

Finally, many of your concerns regarding potentially unsafe traffic conditions—particularly when making a left turn after exiting the interstate (east and westbound)—were brought to the attention of DOTD. Based on their most recent evaluation, all-way stop controls or signals were not justified at the time. They did indicate having regular communication with St. Tammany Parish regarding the Lakeshore development and will schedule another study when made aware of changes in crash patterns/delays or when they reach the next evaluation period.

Please contact our office at hse090@legis.la.gov for any requests related to state matters, comments, suggestions, or commendations. Another great resource is www.legis.la.gov to learn more information about your legislators, House committees, bills, and laws. Also, check your mailbox in the coming weeks for my Post Session Newsletter highlighting various bills, Covid-19 information, and upcoming constitutional amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Du Buisson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".



Early Voting This October
VOTE Nov. 3RD
wynneforthepeople.org

I'M VINCENT WYNNE,

As a former Assistant District Attorney and Lawyer for 23 years, I know how the justice system should work - the current District Attorney is putting us all at risk.

CHANGE IS A GOOD THING, CONSIDERING THESE FACTS...

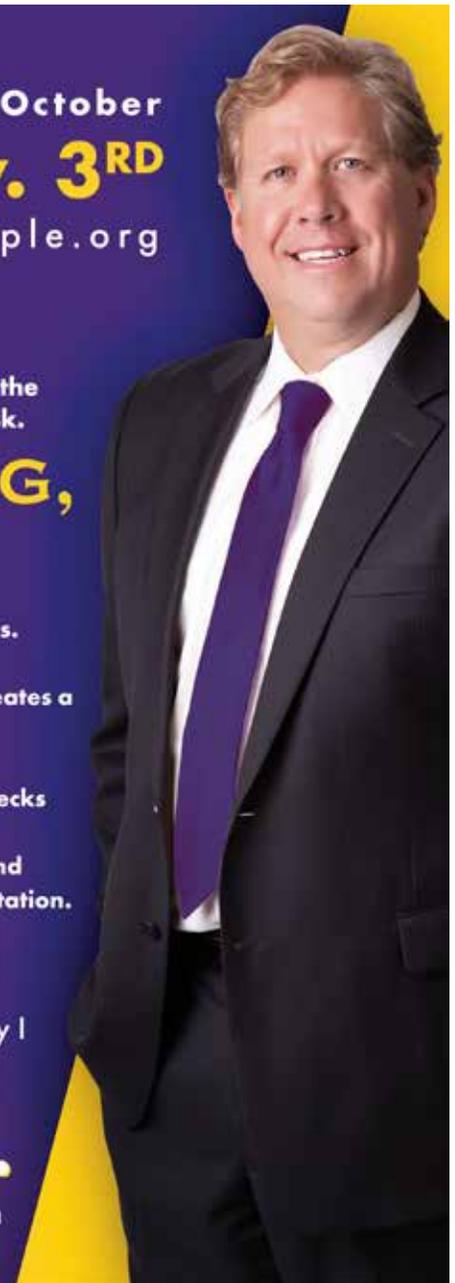
- The DA historically sent more than 120 felony cases a year to a jury trial. This DA averages less than 50, plea bargaining most cases which is favorable to criminals.
- This DA has recused himself from more than 200 cases in his first term.
- This DA refuses to allow his Assistant District Attorneys to review cases which creates a backlog of open cases.
- This DA has lost 32 Assistant District Attorneys in his first term.
- This DA has thousands of warrants for felonies, misdemeanors and worthless checks sitting in his office with no attempt to have those people brought to justice.
- This DA has abandoned the Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS) and refuses to represent the agency, leaving abused children with no legal representation.

TODAY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DA'S OFFICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS BROKEN.

I am concerned for the safety of our families and community, and that is why I am running for District Attorney.

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SIMPLE PLEASURE

Recently during a visit to the eye doctor's office, I picked up a magazine, BIRDS & BLOOMS, which attracted me because of the beautiful creature on the cover. Do you know that we have very vivid, indigo buntings, small colorful birds in our neck of the woods? Can you imagine other buntings, a mixture of indigo, lime green, and bright red? Should you get a chance, look up buntings, a spectacular variety of avifauna on your phone or computer.

This magazine explains in easy-to-understand language just what to plant; flowers, trees, and bushes to attract the select birds and butterflies we don't often see or even know that are indigenous to our region.

Now is the time of year that we see hummingbirds, other tiny and mighty winged creatures. Quite animated in royal colors, they visit every spring and fall as they migrate from Central America to southern and western states in the United States. Watching them defend the bottle of nectar that each hummingbird has claimed is quite entertaining. Having made a long journey, the birds are just arriving, and I'm sure they could use a good meal.

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From: John Faust
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Bonnie Peyroux
Subject: Re: Cancellation of Homeowners' meeting July 30

Bonnie I noticed that for some reason my reply was returned. I am pasting it to your email and try it as a reply.

Bonnie

We have had two meeting recently with the Corps in regards to projects being considered for federal approval. The one big take away from the meetings is that all the projects Levee Board has been working on with Neel Shaffer have been accepted as possible federal projects. The project that includes Eden Isles is linked to the south side of the Slidell project. There are three projects contained in the south side projects. I believe that we have presented to the Corps a good reason this area needs flood protection. With that I feel cautiously optimistic that the project for this area will be considered for development by the Corps of Engineers. There are several factors that the Corps considers when developing a project. Some are Cost benefit, feasibility of the project, and other possible solutions to remedy the the problem.

From previous estimates of cost I believe the Eden Isles area will fall with in cost benefit range. Also the same goes for the feasibility when considering the need for flood protection.

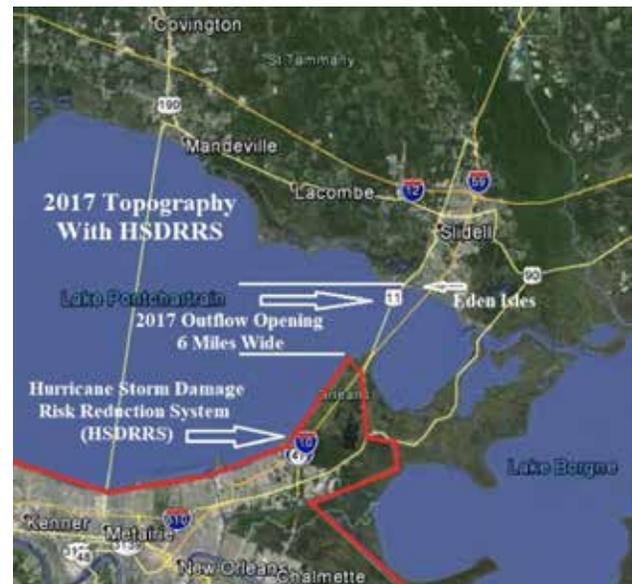
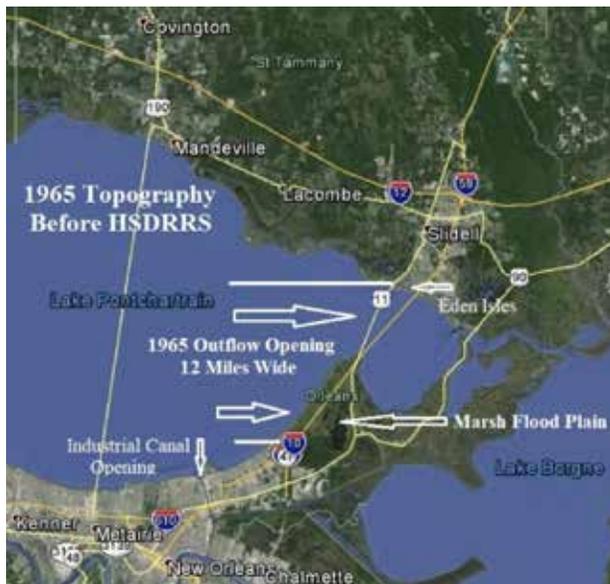
I do want you to understand that all these decisions are made by the Corps for federal projects. The Levee Board has input however, the Corps has the final say.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Daniel McGovern
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:28 AM
To: Bonnie Peyroux
Subject: Re: cancellation of our homeowners' meeting July 30, 2020

At our last meeting on July 15 2020 the USACE gave a scoping meeting and presented an agenda via you Tube.

Not only was our plan to protect Eden Isle included in this presentation but Mr. Thompson noticed that the UCACE adopted all the projects that had been considered by our engineers Neel Schaffer for all of St Tammany parish. Therefore we feel that the UCACE will be giving our project their consideration. Daniel A. mc Govern IV
Commissioner STLDCCD



Congress should require the Corps to mitigate the damage the HSDRRS has caused before additional funding is approved.

Sincerely,

Tom Thompson

FLOOD PROTECTION MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2020, I was invited to attend the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District (STLDCD) board meeting held before the open-to-the-public meeting scheduled later that evening. Glen Ledet gave an update on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative which includes the **funding** for our project and the East Segments Task Order, CPRA (Coastal Protective and Restoration Authority), and Phase III, a contract amendment. Tom Thompson provided news on the Tidal Gauge requested previously. Amy Dixon, project coordinator for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) gave a presentation of their findings up to date. The consensus of opinion is that everything is moving along in a positive way. The floor then opened for questions and comments. I suggested that if the USACE has the power to amend, change, add, or eliminate plans for projects, the levee that surrounds New Orleans East, that cuts off over 20 miles of swamp drainage, should be pushed back or eliminated to disperse lake runoff presently sent to us.

STLDCD meetings are usually held every 3rd. Wednesday of each month alternating between Koop Dr. in Mandeville and here in Slidell at the Towers Building, 6:00P.M.

Earlier at another meeting, the proposal of turning the Rigolets into a hydro-electric power system was discussed. How can MISSISSIPPI argue with that? Not a bad idea!!!

Recipe

Crawfish Egg Rolls

INGREDIENTS:

2 pounds crawfish tails
1 pound andouille sausage – chopped fine
2 cups red bell pepper – diced small
8 ounces leeks – white part sliced into thin ½ moons
1 Tbsp garlic – minced
2 Tbsp creole seasoning (without salt suggested)
¼ cup oil blend (2 Tbsp Olive and 2 Tbsp Canola)
1 bunch green onions – chopped (white and green)
1 pound fontina cheese – grated
1 Tbsp kosher salt
1 pk egg roll wrappers (found in produce dept)
Cornstarch

DIRECTIONS:

In the oil sautee the sausage, peppers, leeks and garlic until soft. Add the crawfish and green onions. Take off heat and mix in the cheese and seasonings. Chill

Using egg roll wrappers, fill each with 2 ounces of the stuffing. Wet edges of the wrappers with water and roll tightly. Dust each with cornstarch so that they do not stick together. When ready to eat, fry in oil heated to 350 and cook until golden. Serve with a dipping sauce of your choice. These freeze well and are easily separated because of the cornstarch.

Warning: 2 rolls = 1979 calories, 143g fat, 124g protein, 57g carbohydrates, 11g dietary fiber, 527 mg cholesterol, 10592 mg sodium. This is definitely NOT a healthy choice – But it is worth every calorie!!!!



Recipe

Stuffed Chicken Breast

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breast pounded to ¼ inch thickness
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp poultry seasoning
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder
- 2 slices Canadian bacon (or lean ham slices)
- 2 wedges Laughing Cow Lite Swiss Cheese (room temp)
- 1 10oz box frozen spinach
- 1 can 98% fat free cream of celery soup
- ½ cup frozen peas
- 1 cup cooked rice (may be white, brown or cauliflower)

DIRECTIONS:

Mix the salt, black pepper, poultry seasoning, garlic powder and onion powder. Sprinkle over both sides of chicken. Spread each breast with a cheese wedge and layer the Canadian bacon and spinach over the cheese. Roll up the breast and secure with kitchen twine or toothpicks. Get a saute pan hot and spray with non-stick spray. Saute the breasts until lightly brown. Place rice in a casserole pan and top with the chicken breasts. Pour soup over the chicken and sprinkle the peas around. Cover with foil and baked in a 350 oven for 30-35 minutes.



Recipe

Lemon Bundt Cake

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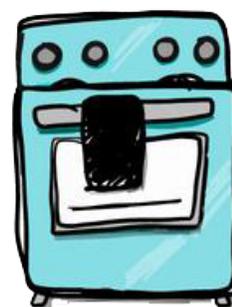
- 1 box of sugar free yellow cake mix
- 1 small (4 serving size) Jello sugar free Lemon Pudding mix
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup water
- 3 eggs
- 1 Tbsp – Lemon Zest
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 cup of confectioner's sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Mix cake mix and pudding in a bowl. Add applesauce, water, lemon zest and eggs. Mix well and beat 2 minutes with an electric mixer.

Pour into greased bundt pan. Bake at 325 for 35-45 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a cake rack and let cool completely. Mix juice and confectioner's sugar to form a pourable glaze. Drizzle the glaze over the cake.

Blueberries may be added to cake mix after beating and before backing.



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Southside had slowly grown into a favorite meeting spot for many of Slidell's movers and shakers. It was here that the local business community gathered to eat. The community grew out of the local neighborhood brought about by the local food and Don & Stevie's former Marine Corps Philosophy. As many of Slidell's New young men and women left to go to school or military service, an awareness of the local history was being passed on to the next generation. These pictures quickly grew to encompass and pictures of local business and the way our community had fought.

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina devastated South Slidell. It destroyed a lot of local businesses and the local community. The night of good friends & staff Southside was renovated and was set to reopen in early November 2005. In the early morning hours of October 2, 2005, the restaurant was destroyed by the massive force of the hurricane and pictures. The fire had destroyed the roof, walls and floors that had been the way the community and the local business community had fought.

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And there you see it... Never, Never, Ever Give Up!

Thank You! Don & Stevie DeBore



Moonraker Island Civic Organization, MICO, informs its residents of current challenges related to Moonraker Island and plans to address these challenges with a focus toward protecting and increasing property values, committing to the safety of its residents, and promoting their well-being.

1. July 2014 – created registered with parish, state, and federal government as 501C4 n.p./IRS
2. Helped secure two positions on St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District
3. Developed website and email route for residents to keep informed
4. Created a logo, also registered
5. Created a proposed set of up-to-date covenants
6. Initiated parish inspections and final demolition and reconstruction of the bridge at our entrance.
7. Properties have been cleaned up, lots cleared, cars and trailers removed
8. Parish allowed MICO to create a garden entrance, added water, lighting, flags
Initiated a plan for Coastal Environmental
9. Services to allocate donations to help beautification program
10. MICO is actively engaged in securing flood protection
11. MICO checks on residents to see if it can offer assistance
12. MICO is actively involved in alligator awareness and retrieval
13. MICO has installed high-recognition cameras to aid in the ability to protect our community.
14. MICO worked with the parish to provide 13 new and much needed streetlights and is working to secure the rest of what was promised.
15. MICO had canes cut along second curve to provide better vision of oncoming traffic
16. MICO attempts to settled difficulties within the neighborhood and works with Barry Matte, head of St. Tammany Parish Enforcement.
17. MICO works with Clipper Estates and Eden Isles to provide information and assistance to get the things our neighborhoods need
18. MICO participates in Santa at the Fire Station each year
19. MICO holds 4 meetings a year, reconciliation report, flood protection updates
20. MICO holds meetings with parish authorities, state authorities, and federal authorities as needed. MICO attends levee board meetings and passes info to residents
21. MICO had the parish install signs within Moonraker subdivision and road signs outside the subdivision
22. MICO honors its current graduates with signs posted annually

This areas is a gift from God, inspired by a man with visual perception, insight, and fortitude to bring forth a dream to reality. Those of us who share Moonraker Island are truly chosen to keep this gift alive. We have a responsibility to this extent.

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Citrus Guide

According to Dan Gill harvesting citrus fruit is easy if you pick it when the color is correct. Satsumas are ready to pick in October through November. Kumquats and lemons are ripe then as well. Oranges and grapefruit are usually ripe by mid-December, but some varieties like the Valencia ripen later. Look at the color. Blood oranges ripen in January when they blush red. Limes should be harvested in early September before they are fully ripened. If not, the color will change and so will the taste. All fruit should be removed before hard freezes come, but until then all fruit can remain on tree.

Flowers

The Louisiana Iris is one of area's most popular plants, easy to grow, multiples quickly, and is truly beautiful and hardy. They bloom from March to May and provide color; blue, white, purple, lavender, yellow, burgundy, red and pink. Plant them in August and September, feed occasionally and voila! Carpets of color!

Roses are making a comeback in American gardens. They are tough, when planted in areas where the bed is raised, has good drainage, a little gravel or coarse sand, mulch, and good-quality soil. Spray occasionally with insecticide/fungicide to ward off disease and pests. Feed roses with products that have the highest number in the middle.

Simple way to kill weeds:

- A. Vinegar/Epsom Salts/Dawn Blue liquid detergent
 - 1 gallon vinegar (white or commercial which is stronger)
 - 2 heaping cups of Epsom salts
 - Generous squirt of detergent
- B. Boiling water (be careful)
- C. Torch



Residents have inquired about our new flag that replaced the one that ripped. This flag thanks everyone:

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Visit to
Erik Skrmetta's Office

Last month we visited Erik Skrmetta, our public service commissioner, to get some help with the issues concerning Magnolia Water Operating Company, LLC. When we explained the sewer issues that permeate Moonraker Island and other communities, he told us that this was the first time he had heard complaints about the company, but he would get in touch with company officers. He asked that we make a list of those residents who had sewer back-up problems, send that list to Donna Dardar, his technical assistant, 985-624-4471, cell: 985-320-0729. He asked for copies of plumbing bills. We put an email out to collect that information. Since then Magnolia has hired a local company to help with the problem which remains in the main line. Should you have a problem, don't hesitate to call Stacey Culleton, Director, Customer Experience at main: 314-736-4672, cell: 314-486-3996. I don't think calling Zola Osteicoechea, ESA, 504-736-7740, from EPA hurt the cause.

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****Please see next page for form**



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Mike Cooper, President St. Tammany Parish

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Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Example of Common Complaints:

- Junk, Trash, and Debris
- Harborage for Vermin
- Unsafe Structure
- High Grass
- Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicle (s)
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RESIDENT SHOUTOUTS!



Dear Friends,

Unfortunately inflation, zero percent interest and an unstable stock market have made it almost impossible to save enough during one's working life to plan for a comfortable retirement.

One of the tried and true methods of subsidizing one's social security during retirement is the accumulation of some rental property income. Especially self employed people like me who have worked all their lives and put aside for security during retirement would be destroyed if proposals like that from Senator Kamala Harris are adopted.

It would also cause the collapse of the commercial real estate system. Property would fall into ruins and properties everywhere throughout the nation would become slums the like of which our country has ever seen. Investors will lose their life savings and their income. Without income there is no spending thereby interrupting the economic cycle sending us all into a server economic depression.

When times are tough it's man's nature to find ways of survival like getting a job, starting a business, or leaning on family. Without "cause and effect" there is simply no incentive to pay for things nor to take the steps necessary to be able to pay. Simply stealing from those who have taken steps to be financially sound is unacceptable and removes the incentive to work towards solving one's problems.

No matter how well intentioned, when people attempt to fight nature it never works. One needs to think hard about what happened in "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. The movies are based on the 2" thick 1950's novel almost unbelievably predicting modern times today. It's about the destruction of man's economic spirit by government. The moral of the story is that without incentive, man does nothing. I think part 2 is the best. Part 1 is on Netflix. A little hard to follow; best to google parts of it while watching – watching twice helps.

Please let your elected officials know how you feel.

Neighborhood Watch
By. Naomie Hess

Well, I wish I could report that Neighborhood Watch is a great success. Unfortunately, I cannot. We sent every household an informative letter and included a form for Neighborhood Watch. This form asked for emergency phone numbers of persons who would be contacted in case of an emergency. What kind of emergency? Whatever comes up. Someone – especially those who live alone – may be taken by an ambulance for a medical emergency. If that person is unable to communicate with the EMT's how could family members be notified? We should have on file work phone numbers for everyone who works away from home. We should have everyone's house and or cellular phone numbers in case there is a community alert – crime, fire, electrical outage, etc. We do not seek these numbers to be an intrusion into your lives, we need these numbers for your protection.

I have asked for "block captains" to volunteer – no one volunteered. All that a "block captain" has to do is phone, text or email about 20 people on their list with important information. I don't know why our residents seem to be uninterested in taking part in this worthy cause. If you have read this and want to reconsider your participation, please contact me. You may contact me by text, phone 985-290-3086 or email nhess120@bellsouth.net.

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Stephen Deep

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RESIDENT SHOUTOUTS!



How Come

I often sit and wonder, "How Come." How come so few people do so much work to benefit the whole? How come we don't have more solidarity in keeping our neighborhood the wonderful community it was when we first fell in love with it? How come so many are willing to sit by and complain but make no effort to change that of which they complain? How come those who do work so hard to improve our community are met with all sorts of opposition? How come those who are so opposed to this organization are the first ones to ask for help in getting others to conform? How come everyone in this community is not willing to conform? How come everyone in this community is not willing to at least join those who are working for the community simply by paying dues? How come the opposition does not know that the leaders of this organization are always in contact with the elected officials and other commissioned bodies seeking improvements to benefit us all – ie: flood protection, lighting, new bridge, street improvements, concern for those having "back up" problems with the new water & sewer company, parking violations that could result in emergency vehicles being unable to get those in need or school busses being unable to reach the residences of our children, getting crime cameras installed?

How come our residents don't realize that this organization seeks to keep our neighborhood safe while improving the quality of our living and keeping our property values from slipping? Our homes are usually the largest investment that we make. How come we resist protecting that investment?

My family moved here a long time ago when there were few houses, few people, one A&P grocer, and a TG&Y. I had a hard time getting accustomed to how slow everything was. Businesses were closed half day on Wednesdays, including government offices. The blue laws were still in effect. I saw trout swimming around the pilings that supported my dock. The water in the canal was almost clear, and the spring-fed water in Moonraker Lake was emerald green and turquoise blue on opposite sides. Everyone used please and thank you. There was no theft, no drug sales, no reason to call the sheriff's office. Then PROGRESS came. How I long for simpler times.

I moved to Moonraker Island because it's so peaceful.

I'd love to help my neighbors with their real estate needs.



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GOD BLESS!



Neighbors and Friends,

Moonraker Island needs your support, your interest, your involvement. For over six years the same people have been doing the work of the organization. It is time for new blood, fresh ideas, some youth to take over the responsibilities. I encourage residents, whether you own, rent, or lease, please help. Our present officers are weary, some in our mid seventies, we can't walk the neighborhood as we did previously. Others have surgeries or illnesses which prevent full participation. This community deserves dedication from its residents. Please consider.

Moonraker Island Civic Organization Officers and Sites

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Closing Prayer

Whenever Moonraker holds a meeting, it opens with the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to our United States, and thankfulness. There is appreciation to our hosts and thankfulness for the residents who attend meetings which always end in prayer. This journal will be no different. Today lives are complicated, stressful, and even scary. We thank our Higher Power for our blessings, our Moonraker neighbors, our beautiful island, and the peace it brings. May we be safe, thoughtful of others, and strong enough to make good decisions.



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