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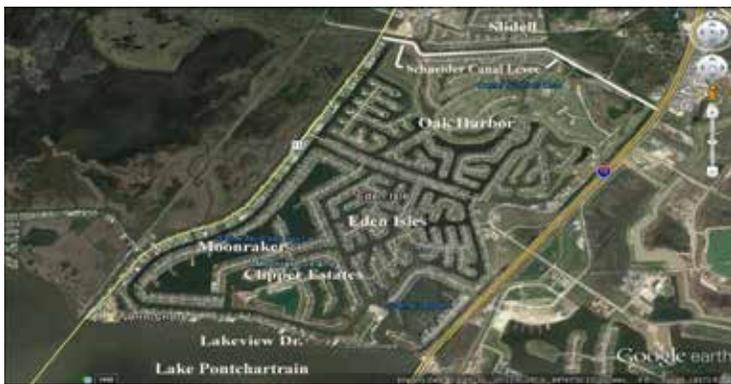
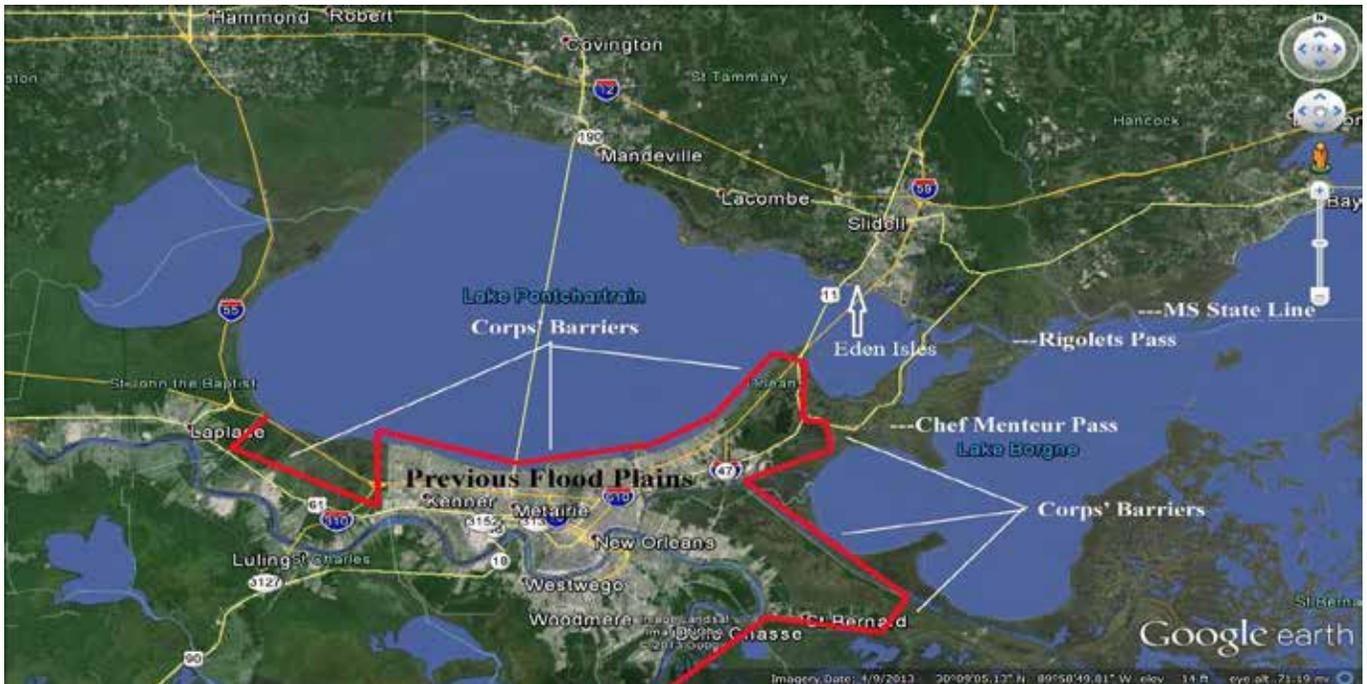
Eden Isles, as referenced in this article, is the original area from I10 West to Hwy. 11, from Oak Harbor Blvd. to the shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Thus Far: Fortitude, Patience & Persistence This Year's Journal....

This year's journal mainly features the arduous journey to flood protection, something we all deserve, demand, yet still can't believe in its being tangible. The work of many, flood protection's reality is just ahead of us. Ready for us to grasp, the funds are waiting, the plans are complete, the workers are ready to begin. Where is it? Reach out! Flood protection is waiting for us. A long, difficult labor, below is the birth of our protection, practically step by step.

Eden Isles' Pursuit for Storm Surge Protection

By Tom Thompson, Latest update: July 2020



Eden Isles Demographic Data:

- \$1.3 billion in total home value (3,696 homes with a mean value of \$341,859 as of 2017)
- \$607 million in Parish assessed property values
- \$6.3 million in yearly Parish property tax revenue
- \$3.5 million sewer & water facility servicing 3,700 connections & 13,500 people
- \$1.2 million firehouse with an operating budget of over \$20 million
- \$1.6 million hotel
- \$1.7 million marina complex
- 15 acres of park/common grounds and 905.8 acres of “pollution free” waterways
- Tens of millions in public infrastructure, businesses and amenities such as a gulf course and restaurants

Eden Isles' 16 Year Storm Surge Protection Timeline

2006,

- After Katrina the need for St. Tammany flood protection was exposed
- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee was established to obtain storm surge protection
- The committee made presentations and lobbied local, state, and federal agencies expressing the need for comprehensive Lake Pontchartrain Basin protection

June 2009,

- Corps held meeting at the Harbor Center to an overflow crowd of approximately 1,000 people. The corps wanted to focus on Southeast Louisiana urban flood control (SELA) projects that are in the planning stage, but the attendees shifted focus to a comprehensive Lake basin protection plan i.e. structures at the Chef Pass and Rigolets
- Corp's engineer, Tim Axtman said the Rigolets barrier plan has already been authorized and the barriers could be built within 7 to 10 years. Attendees were frustrated with the Corp's failure to commit to a Northshore protection plan and the Corps' poor responses to questions



July 2009,

- Corps met with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to discuss the Louisiana Coastal Restoration Plan (LACRP) that studied structures at the Chef Pass and Rigolets. Mississippi's U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor said he will fight against structures at the Chef Pass and Rigolets

January 2010,

- The Corps of engineers ruled out comprehensive Lake Basin protection (structures at the Chef Pass and Rigolets) Corps stated local projects would be more receptive to getting approval as opposed to regional projects
- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee changed focus to regional protection when Parish President, Kevin Davis, announced he would build a Slidell ring levee
- The Eden Isles Homeowners Association asked the Parish to model and study the impact the Slidell levee will have on the Eden Isles community
- Kevin Davis, refused to study, model or have any discussions to evaluate storm surge protection to Eden Isles
- New Orleans Times-Picayune News Article: "The \$100 million project entails building new levees and elevating some existing ones to create an interconnected levee system around eastern St. Tammany. The new levees would join existing structures from U.S. 11 in Slidell to U.S. 190 east of the city, providing 100-year flood protection for a large portion of the Slidell area, parish officials say"
- "Scalise said that one obstacle is that the corps says it is not authorized to extend the levee system beyond Interstate 10 to the east and the Schneider Canal to the south"



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August 2010,

- The St. Tammany Parish Council passed a resolution to use \$1.7 million in state capital outlay funds to raise the existing 7 foot levee, which stretches from U.S. 11 to the Oak Harbor ring levee and from the Oak Harbor ring levee to Interstate 10 to 13 feet (the levee was subsequently raised to 16 feet)
- The resolution states that levee would provide flood protection for 3,000 to 4,000 homes in south Slidell (Eden Isles has over 3,000 homes that will be placed in greater danger of flooding due to the new levee construction)
- The only governmental agency authorizing the levee construction was the St. Tammany Parish Counsel
- The levees were built:
 - Without Corps of Engineers approval
 - Without benefit of environmental impact studies
 - Without storm surge modeling
 - Without public meetings to assess the increased risk of flooding to Eden Isles
- Donna M. Urban, SELA Project Manager sent the following email:



The Schneider Canal project has not been approved for construction by the Corps of Engineers; in fact, it has not yet entered upon the detailed study phase.

We are presently working to develop an acceptable project management plan for a 533(d) study for the project. The study would have to demonstrate that the Schneider Canal project is technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economically viable in order for the project to be approved for construction. As part of the study effort, we would determine what effects the work would have on surrounding areas.

We anticipate that the 533(d) study would take at least three years to complete; however, funding for the study is not currently available. Initiation of the study is dependent on completion of the project management plan and on appropriation by Congress of the necessary funds. The only information we have for the Schneider Canal project is the twenty-year-old reconnaissance report.

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September 2010,

- The Eden Isles Homeowners Association sent a letter to Parish President, Kevin Davis requesting a copy of the environmental impact study and modeling showing Slidell levee impact on Eden Isles

September 2010,

- St. Tammany Parish Engineering admitted no environmental impact study or modeling was done to evaluate the Slidell levee impact to Eden Isles

January 2011,

- State Sen. A.G. Crowe, proposes an offshore breakwater built from the Interstate 10 Twinspan Bridge to the mouth of Bayou Liberty could protect the communities of Eden Isles, Carr Drive and Palm Lake from flooding during a hurricane



March 2011,

- Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee organized a community meeting with Mr. Steven Ward, Gulf Engineers & Consultants (GEC). GEC was the Engineering firm that the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) hired to prepare a Northshore hurricane flood protection “Master Plan”. Unfortunately, Mr. Ward canceled a few hours before the meeting was scheduled to begin and did not respond to request to reschedule the meeting with the Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee

July 2011,

- Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee organized a community meeting with Garret Graves, the Chair of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA), State Representative Nita Hutter District 104, Ms. Sherri LeBas, Greg Cromer, State Representative, District 90, A. G. Crowe, State Senator, District 1, Richard Artigue, St. Tammany Parish Councilman, District 13, Jerry Binder, St. Tammany Parish Councilman, District 12, and Ms. Sherri LeBas, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Transportation
- Mr. Graves said that comprehensive studies to assess Northshore storm risk factors and cost benefit studies associated with various protection projects are currently underway



November 2011,

- A request was made to the CPRA to model the before and after impacts associated with the construction of the Slidell levee and the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). Corps response was: the CPRA is currently analyzing risk reduction projects in the Northshore vicinity, but “would not” look at the surge impacts on projects that have been previously constructed

April 2012,

- Request for Corps to model HSDRRS impact to Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain.
- Corps response was: HSDRRS impact to Eden Isles from a 100-500 year storm probability surge is limited to 2 tenths of a foot (in 2020, corrected Corps' models increased surge impact to Eden Isles from 0.19 feet to 0.47 feet)

May 2012,

- After Pat Brister became Parish President, the Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee met with the Parish Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mr. Bill Oiler. Mr. Oiler said he was contracting with a consulting firm to conduct an environmental study to determine the impact the Slidell levee will have on Eden Isles and he would look into ways to provide storm surge protection for Eden Isles

June 2012,

- CPRA's Northshore Hurricane/Flood Protection/Restoration Plan, prepared by GEC made the following statements/recommendations:
 - The Lake Pontchartrain/Slidell region appears to be primarily impacted by storm surge and the Slidell area presents one of the greatest vulnerability risks for multi-flood hazards in the entire Northshore region. The level of potential for economic losses increases significantly as you move south towards the lake
 - The overall vulnerability of the Slidell area cannot be overstated, this central corridor of the Slidell area presents one of the greatest vulnerability risks for multi-flood hazards in the entire Northshore region
 - Marsh restoration will offer little flood protection
 - An offshore breakwater from the Interstate 10 Twinspan Bridge to the mouth of Bayou Liberty would protect the Northshore from flooding and slow down coastal erosion



June 15, 2012

Final Report

**NORTHSHORE HURRICANE/FLOOD
PROTECTION/RESTORATION PLAN**

June 2012,

- CPRA 2012 Master Plan approved the construction of a Slidell ring levee to an elevation of 16.0 feet (this was done without modeling the levee's impact on surrounding communities)

June 2012,

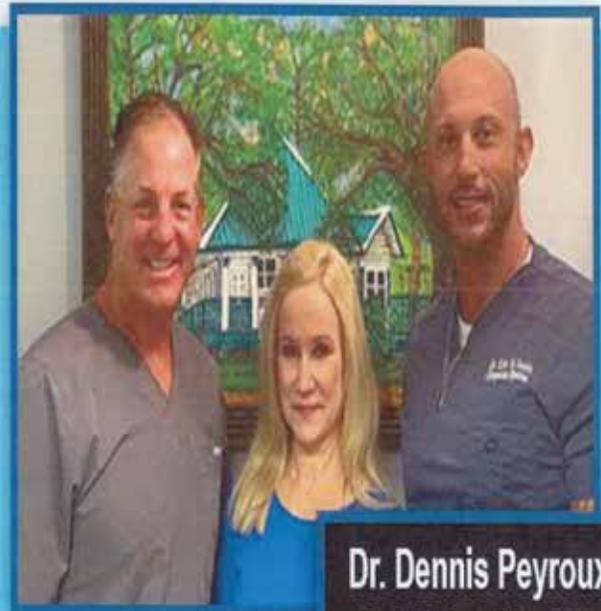
- Mr. Oiler, Parish, CAO, sent an email to the Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee, stating he had met with his engineering staff about elevating and using Highway 11 and Lakeview Dr. to extend storm surge protection to Eden Isles and said his staff was looking for funding for the feasibility study that will start the formal examination of the project



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September 2012,

- Mr. Oiler, Parish CAO, sent an email stating the Parish had identified funding to begin modeling the shoreline area to assess the Slidell levee impact and was negotiating a contract with a firm to do the modeling, he also said the Parish has had conversations with the RPC and DOTD on using Highway 11 to extend flood protection to the communities affected by the Slidell levee

November 2012,

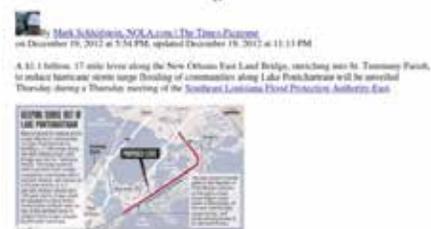
- Corps held a public meeting to present their finding on HSDRRS flood impact from hurricane Isaac. At the meeting, Colonel Fleming, Commander of the Corps' New Orleans District Office, admitted the Corps only modeled 40% of their HSDRRS for impact. In addition, Col. Fleming stated the Corps has a policy of accepting responsibility to mitigate problems their projects cause



December 2012,

- The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, unveiled their \$1.1 billion, 17-mile levee along the New Orleans East Land Bridge, stretching into St. Tammany Parish, to reduce hurricane storm surge flooding of communities along Lake. The project may increase Bay Saint Louis' flood risk by six inches under worse case conditions

New \$1.1 billion hurricane levee proposed for New Orleans East Land Bridge



January 2013,

- The Eden Isles Homeowners Association Flood Control Committee met with Mr. Oiler, the Parish CAO, and he stated he was still working on providing surge protection for Eden Isles, but the consultant's modeling contract was delayed and is now scheduled for completion in June 2013

February 2013,

- Eden Isles requested the Corps model Lake Pontchartrain surge differences with and without the comprehensive impact of the HSDRRS



April 2013,

- Corps agreed to model Lake Pontchartrain surge differences with and without the comprehensive impact of the HSDRRS (the models were scheduled for release by November 2013, but were not released until 2018, after a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was made

May 2013,

- Senator Thad Cochran, R-Miss., amended water-projects bill to require a project to block surge from entering Lake Pontchartrain must include the consultation and approval of the governors of Mississippi and Louisiana

June 2013,

- Mr. Oiler retired as St. Tammany Parish CAO and replaced by Ms. Campo
- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee scheduled a meeting with Ms. Campo concerning all the unresolved issues of extending surge protection to Eden Isles in order to mitigate the added risk the Slidell levee will cause

July 2013,

- State DOTD plans to raise Highway 11 to close the gap in the Slidell ring levee that separates Slidell from Eden Isles

August 2013,

- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee met with Ms. Campo, the new Parish CEO, and was informed that Mr. Oiler did not leave any record of our previous meetings or what he had been working on concerning mitigating the damage caused by the Slidell levee, and the Parish would have to start from scratch in the mitigation process
- Ms. Campo said storm surge modeling was “well on its way” and she would evaluate mitigation projects to extend flood protection to our community
- Ms. Campo agreed to meet with us in October, if not sooner, to provide a status report on the modeling and mitigation plans

November 2013,

- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee met with Ms. Campo, the new Parish CEO, Ms. Campo said the modeling would be delayed until July 2014, and extending surge protection to our community would cost too much and therefore the parish has no viable plan to mitigate the Slidell levee damage

November 2013,

- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee emailed Ms. Campo requesting the opportunity to work with the Parish Engineering office to develop a cost efficient surge protection plan for Eden Isles

December 2013,

- Ms. Campo responded to Eden Isles’ November request to work with the Parish to develop a cost efficient surge protection plan for Eden Isles with the following: I am looking for the proper vehicle for your participation. I am also continuing to work with my staff to prepare an action plan to address your concerns. I will set up a follow up meeting with you immediately after the holidays. (Ms. Campo never followed up or responded to additional request to work together in developing a cost efficient surge protection plan for Eden Isles)

January 2014,

- The Eden Isles Flood Protection Committee expanded its base with representation from all five subdivisions within Eden Isles and transitioned into the East St. Tammany Storm Protection Committee (ESTSPC)
- The ESTSPC worked with Senator Crowe and Parish President Brister to establish the St. Tammany Levee Board and added the requirement that at least four of the nine board members be residents of unincorporated areas of the district

2014,

- St. Tammany Parish submitted its CPRA 2017 Master Plan requesting \$362,694,957 for marsh protection projects and \$0 to study storm surge protection for Eden Isles or any other unincorporated community within St. Tammany Parish
- The Parish's submittal stated: Extending south Slidell levee protection was "not practical or feasible"; and the "only" way to protect structures south of the Slidell levee, is to elevate them

October 2014,

- The ESTSPC developed its own Storm Surge Protection Plan for Eden Isles to demonstrate both feasibility and cost benefit and submitted the plan to the CPRA, and requested a Feasibility Study as part of their 2017 Master Plan
- The CPRA refused to consider the ESTSPC's request for a Feasibility Study, because the ESTSPC was not a governmental agency and the St. Tammany Parish Government had already concluded that protecting Eden Isles was not practical or feasible



December 2014,

- The St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District Board was established and held its first meeting
- The ESTSPC presented their Eden Isles storm Surge Protection Plan to the new St. Tammany Levee Board and asked the Levee Board to resubmit the Feasibility Study request to the CPRA



February 2015,

- The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) began a program to study Lake Basin protection, which bringing much needed exposure to the issue

July 2015,

- Requested the DOTD verify St. Tammany Parish complied with all Federal and State environmental and permitting requirements before raising Highway 11 to extend the Slidell Levee across Highway 11

September 2015,

- DOTD Response to elevating Highway 11: The levee will be treated as an existing condition, and the roadway will be raised to match the adjacent levee height
- The inclusion of this work in our construction project is not an endorsement of the levee, but rather an accommodation to a local entity (The issue is: the levee was not already in place across highway 11)



November 2015,

- The St. Tammany Parish Levee Board made a formal request for the CPRA to add into their 2017 Master Plan, a “Feasibility Study” to extend Slidell levee protection to Eden Isles

January 2016,

- Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF), request Corps to updated analysis of surge and wave conditions for the HSDRRS to provide a broader understanding of storm surge dynamics in the lakes, and impact to communities around the lakes



February 2016,

- In response to St. Tammany Levee Board’s request for a Project Feasibility Study for Eden Isles, the CPRA instructed the parish and levee district to work together to prepare a scope of work for a reconnaissance study to identify optimum Northshore flood protection measures needed
- The study was funded with the \$2 million initially approved for the Slidell ring levee
- The Parish and levee district will determine the scope of the implementation and next steps based on analysis, recommendations and benefit cost analysis set forth in the reconnaissance study (the study was a direct result of Eden Isles’ request for the study and it was understood that the study would specifically address levee protection to Eden Isles)

May 2016,

- During the May Levee Board meeting, the Parish Government said it would conduct a parish wide “Master Plan” assessment, but it would not specifically address extending Slidell levee protection to Eden Isles

May 2016,

- The LPBF releases its report on Lake Pontchartrain storm surge dynamics
- The report focused on surge rotation within the lake basin and its impact on outflow impact and explains why highest surge in the Slidell area can occur after the storm has moved inland
- The LPBF recommends a surge rotation model for the lake basin, which shows areas that are most at risk based on the location of the eye of the storm and the surge rotation model



June 2016,

- President of the Moonraker Civic Association, held a meeting with Mr. Bradberry, the Governor’s Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities to notify Mr. Bradberry that the Parish was not complying with the CPRA direction to address Eden Isles surge protection
- Mr. Bradberry, re-affirmed that the CPRA’s direction was to study how to extend south Slidell levee protection to Eden Isles



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June 15, 2016,

- At the June Levee Board meeting, Parish Government once again stated the CPRA direction was to conduct a parish wide Master Plan that will not specifically address extending south Slidell protection to Eden Isles (this was a contradiction of Mr. Bradberry's direction to evaluate extending south Slidell levee protection to Eden Isles)

June 2016,

- At the US Highway 11 Widening (Spartan Drive to Lake Pontchartrain) Public Hearing the St. Tammany Parish CAO, Ms. Campo, said she would meet with Eden Isles to discuss storm surge issues and would set up a meeting the following week (Ms. Campo never followed up on her commitment to meet and discuss storm surge issues with Eden Isles)

August 2016,

- Senator Hewitt convened a meeting between the Parish, levee Board representatives and the ESTSPC to resolved issues associated with the CPRA's "St. Tammany Parish Coastal Master Plan and Reconnaissance Study" scope of work. It was agreed that a protection plan for Eden Isles would be specifically addressed in the Parish Coastal Master Plan and Reconnaissance Study

August 2017

- Congressman Scalise's office held a meeting with the Corps of Engineers, the CPRA, Parish representatives, St. Tammany Levee Board, the East St. Tammany Storm Protection Committee, and the Presidents of the HOAs impacted by the Slidell ring levee. This was the first time all the players have come together to discuss Eden Isles' surge protection needs
- The meeting highlighted the critical need for storm surge protection and demonstrated the community's involvement in working towards a solution to mitigate the damage caused by the South Slidell levee (the Corps still had not released their HSDRRS impact study)



March 2018,

- A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was made to release the Corps' Evaluation of Storm Surge with and without the HSDRRS
- This document was originally scheduled for release in November 2013

June 2018,

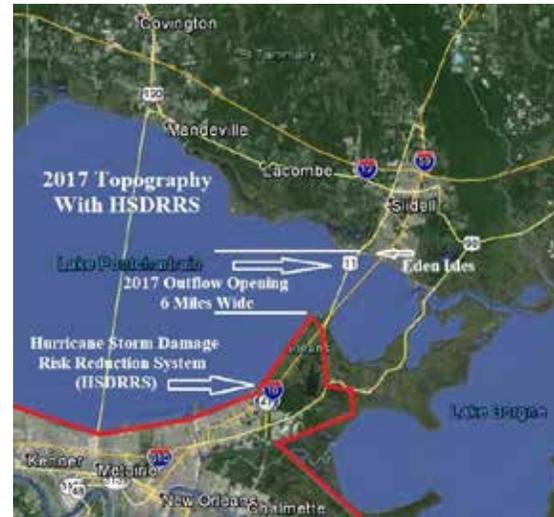
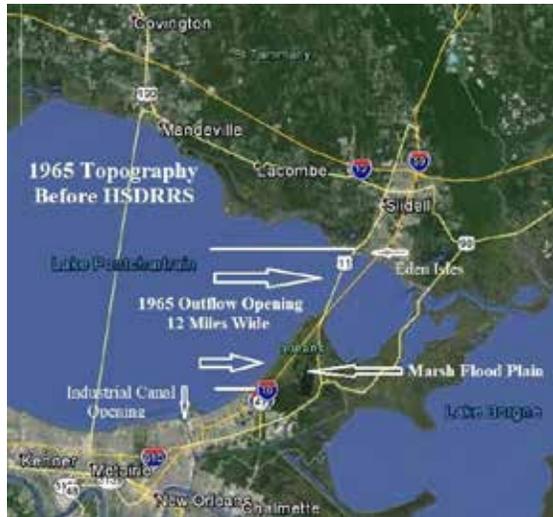
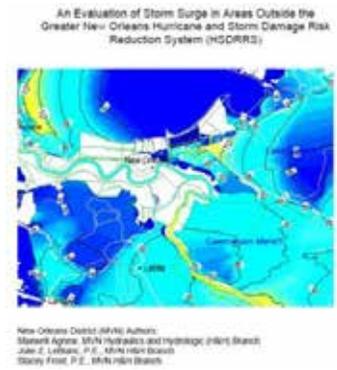
- The Corps of Engineers denied the FOIA request to release their HSDRRS impact report, claiming deliberative process privilege

July 2018,

- A Freedom of Information Act FOIA appeal request was made to release the Corps' Evaluation of Storm Surge with and without the HSDRRS

August 2018,

- In response to the FOIA appeal, the Corps of Engineers released their evaluation of storm surge outside of the HSDRRS. The report containing the topographic data and models used in reaching their conclusion that the HSDRRS increased Eden Isles storm surge by 0.19 feet in a hurricane Katrina type storm
- Topographic errors in the Corps' 1965 baseline model were found and documents supporting the errors were submitted to the Corps for evaluation
- The Corps' 1965 model (pre-HSDRRS), showed an incorrect, nonexistent, 14 foot high levee that restricted Lake Pontchartrain's outflow opening from a 12 miles to 6 miles



January 2020,

- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers held a public "kick-off" meeting for their new St. Tammany Flood Protection Feasibility Study
- The corps explained their "3 by 3 by 3" study format, and the process of selecting a project for development
- A project will be tentatively selected by January 2021
- The Final Feasibility Report by June 2022
- The Corps' Chief's Project Milestone Report by 2023

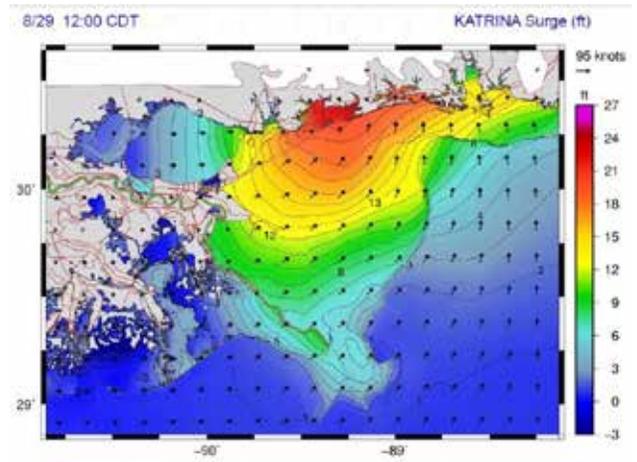


January 2020,

- The Corps of Engineers concurred that their HSDRRS impact baseline 1965 model, submitted in 2018, contained errors and Appendix D to the HSDRRS impact study was issued to correct the 1965 baseline model
- The revised 1965 model, without the nonexistent 14 foot high levee, showed the HSDRRS increased surge impact to Eden Isles from 0.19 feet to 0.47 feet
- However, a new error incorrectly replaced the nonexistent 14 foot high levee, with a 9 foot high railroad embankment that Corps' documents said could not function as a levee. The railroad embankment also incorrectly restricted Lake Pontchartrain's outflow opening from 12 miles to 6 miles

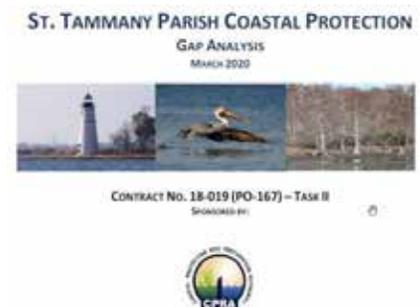
February 2020,

- The Corps of Engineers once again concurred that their 1965 baseline model was incorrect and they removed the railroad embankment structure, which increased Lake Pontchartrain's 1965 outflow opening from 6 miles to 12 miles and Appendix D was re-issued
- Appendix D's revised models comparing the 12 mile wide 1965 lake opening with the smaller 6 mile wide 2017 opening actually reduced the HSDRRS' impact to Eden Isles from 0.47 feet to 0.40 feet
- The Corps' models did not evaluate the increased outflow surge velocity resulting from reducing the outflow opening from 12 miles to 6 miles
- The Corps was asked to explain how a narrower Lake Pontchartrain outflow opening would have less outflow storm surge impact to Eden Isles than a wider Lake Pontchartrain outflow opening
- The 1965 baseline model still incorrectly showed the industrial canal outflow opening close with a non-existing gate



March 2020,

- The St. Tammany Parish Coastal Protection Gap Analysis is officially released. The Gap Analysis Report identifies and describes gaps in St. Tammany Parish's flood protection along with recommendations for further study/actions to address gap areas
- An Eden Isles storm surge protection project was included in the study's structural protection projects alternatives



April 2020,

- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers releases 11 alternative St. Tammany Parish flood protection projects that will undergo screening for final selection and development. The Eden Isles protection plan recommended by the St. Tammany Parish Coastal Protection Gap Analysis was selected as alternative 6



June 2021,

- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers released their St. Tammany Parish Feasibility Study recommendations for public comment.
- The Corps proposes building a levee 19 feet high from Lacombe to Hwy. 190 leaving out communities below and east of Slidell. This levee, along with the existing Slidell levee and the south shore barriers, will increase Eden Isles storm surge impact
- Structures below and to the east of the proposed levee will have to qualify for elevation protection. Only structures at or below the estimated 50-year storm surge floodplain predicted for the year 2032 will qualify for elevation, all other structures will receive no flood protection
- It is estimated that 45% of the homes in Eden Isles are below the new 50-year floodplain predictions and may qualify for elevation; the remaining 55% of homes above the 50-year floodplain predictions will receive No protection
- The Corps' cost benefit conclusions were based on comparing 100-year levee protection cost against 50-year elevation cost. Therefore, if only 55% of the homes in Eden Isles flood during a 100-year event it is more cost effective than providing 100% structural protection for all the homes in Eden Isles
- Eden Isles HOAs, residents and the St. Tammany Parish Levee Board submitted comments to the Corps voicing their concerns associated with the study's recommendations. Our local, state and federal representatives requested the Corps revised their study recommendations to incorporate the St. Tammany Levee Board's levee protection plan

July 2021,

- The St. Tammany Levee Board announced that The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) approved a surge protection plan for the Eden Isles Community (Eden Isles, Oak Harbor, Moonraker & Clipper Estates). The plan will provide comprehensive 50-year surge protection for everyone within the Eden Isles Community, The plan includes a breakwater in Lake Pontchartrain, along with a gate and pump station at the marina entrance
- The state levee protection plan will go forward with or without the Corps of Engineer's support and should be completed within three to five years

In Closing...

Constitutional Amendment No. 3 would allow levee districts created after 2006, whose voters approve the amendment, to levy an annual property tax of up to five (5) mills. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3 IS ON THE BALLOT NOVEMBER 13, 2021. EARLY VOTING IS OCTOBER 30 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6 (EXCLUDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31) FROM 8:30AM - 6:00PM.**

Our flood protection will not cost us anything to build, but the federal government, the parish government, and the state government will not pay for upkeep which is left to our residents to do through a self-imposed millage. This millage will cut back insurance costs which are guaranteed to continue to climb. Because those involved emphatically refused to take "NO" for an answer, our chance is here, now, in the present. When the opportunity to vote on the millage for flood protection is on the ballot, please vote, "YES."



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Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT CHECKING	xxxxxx1197	\$11,904.17

NON-PROFIT CHECKING-xxxxxx1197

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
09/01/2021	Beginning Balance	\$11,801.74
	3 Credit(s) This Period	\$102.43
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
09/30/2021	Ending Balance	\$11,904.17

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.25%
Interest Days	30
Interest Earned	\$2.43
Interest Paid This Period	\$2.43
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$28.40
Minimum Balance	\$11,801.74
Average Ledger Balance	\$11,820.07

MICOI Minutes of Meeting

April 28, 2021

President Bonnie Peyroux called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Monica Tyler who recited the invocation

Naomie Hess, Sec./Treas. placed her reports on the tables before the meeting for members to read. Motion was made by John Cervini to dispense with reading of the minutes and treasurer's report; second by Larry Lehans. Motion carried.

Bonnie then introduced Kim Ledet who is spearheading membership. Kim said how impressed she was with the email information that she was getting. So she volunteered her help. Little did she know how very much help is needed. She stated that she had lived all over the United States and had never before seen a homeowners' association so involved and transparent. What she really could not believe was that the dues is only \$50. per year. That's when she said to Bonnie, "Why doesn't everyone belong to this association?" That's when she became the membership chair!

Sgt. Casnave then addressed the meeting. He gave stats on the recent complaints in our area handled by the Sheriff's Dept.: there were 14 extra patrols made, 8 911 calls, 4 complaints of trash, 3 domestic disturbances; 1 fire, 8 medical emergencies, 1 suspicious person, 1 phone harassment, 2 thefts and 2 auto accidents. Stated that golf carts were becoming an issue. Golf carts can be made street worthy but must be certified and licensed by the State Police. The operator must have a valid driver's license. The State Statute to have golf carts certified is LRS - 32299.4 . Sgt Casnave reenforced the value of having "Ring" at our doors; the police can immediately notify the neighborhood of suspicious activity or of persons of interest being sought by the police. This gives the police hundreds of eyes and keeps the community safer. He suggested that a light was needed at the on-off ramps to the I 10 at the Eden Isles exits. He stated that the most recent date to complete Hwy 11 bridge is August, 2021.

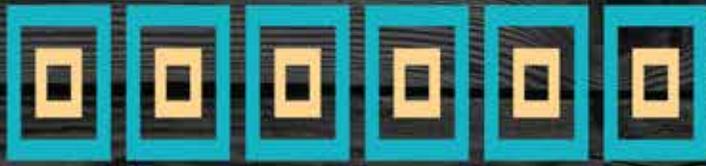
John Faust our neighbor and member of the Levee Board than gave us an update on flood protection. It was now in Phase 3 for our area and Lacombe - gap analysts is complete as is the modeling for proposal. The next phase is getting the funding. This will be funded fully by federal, state and local governments. The people will most likely have to add a tax on themselves for the maintenance of the levees. The time line is uncertain. The cost will likely be around \$400,000,000. But N.O.LA was just given 2.2 - 2.4 billion for renovations of levees. There is now a movement in Washington DC to do away with the "grandfather" clause and to require a building elevation of 12 - 14 feet above sea level. Most all homes built prior to 2021 are below that level and will suffer great increases in flood insurance. John further stated that the new administration's restrictions on the oil companies will cause funds for building levees to dry up as most of the monies came from oil and gas companies.

Bonnie spoke on how hard it is to get the Parish and our councilman to help us in our needs. We STILL do not have things promised 5 years ago. She has been trying for over 1 1/2 years to get the turning lanes put back by the Moonraker/Clipper Bridge. She is constantly being told that the street is in need of repair and that it is on the agenda - but no sound activity has been taken there.

Lee Longstreet was then called upon to speak about the proposed Casino. As a resident of Kenner and a businessman when the Kenner casino was proposed, he was against it. His experience has a completely changed his mind. He stated that Casino's are great neighbors. They improved the area in which he lived; police presence was tripled, and his "strip mall" was never unoccupied, He said the traffic situation was unaffected. He pointed out that persons going to Casinos go at all different times.

To end the meeting, a ticket was pulled for the 50/50 winner. The winner was Bonnie Peyroux; she won \$51.00.

Monica Tyler gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned for 8:30 PM.



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Magnolia Water Company - Naomie Hess

Since Magnolia Water Company took over Coastal Water, we have had complaints on top of complaints. MICOI Board met with the top officials in November 2020. This meeting was to clear up the many billing problems that were being reported.

One of the biggest problems is that the address to which you send your payments is not that of Magnolia Water Company. It is the address of their bank. Therefore, when you, as an individual, send an inquiry into your bill, it does not reach anyone at the company. We do not know just what the bank does with inquiries or letters. But we DO know that the company does not see or hear of your questions. The Board members have had our fair share of this billing debacle. Quite often the bill is received and due in too short of a time. Some have received their bill on the due date! This is unacceptable.

Then there is the problem of leaks and sewer backups. Those people with these problems have had to call a drain service and have the sewer from their home to the main line cleaned. The problem seems to be with the main line. While the Board does realize that Magnolia Water Company has inherited most of these problems from Coastal Water, Magnolia Water LLC had to know that they were purchasing an archaic system with many problems. Magnolia assumes all of these problems and is duty bound to correct them. Leaks traced to Magnolia's equipment found in the front lawns of residents are taking too long to be addressed. As much as 6 weeks will transpire from the discovery of the leak to the correction of same. In the mean time the lawn is soaked and cannot be mowed - not to mention the unsightliness left behind when the repair is complete.

Magnolia has installed new "lift stations" throughout our area. While these are necessary, they are monstrosities and need to be camouflaged. At least 4 households on Moonraker Drive are affected by this unsightliness. Your Board interviewed one resident and videoed that interview. It has been forwarded to the Public Service Commissioner's Office as well as Magnolia Water LLC. This homeowner asked if there were plans to cover the lift and was told no. He offered to landscape the area at his own expense. Again the answer was no. This stand by Magnolia is unacceptable; perhaps, this should be addressed with the Governor's Office.

Your Board will be sending updates on this and other water company matters via email. If you are not on our email list, please consider joining our Organization (\$50 per annum) and giving us your email address so that you will be informed of this and other matters being taken on by your HARD WORKING BOARD.



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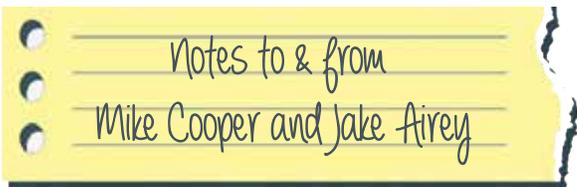
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MIKE COOPER, PRESIDENT OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH

President Cooper has been unavailable to our board this year because of covid, scheduling conflicts, and Hurricane Ida. He has scheduled his heads of departments to meet with MICOI. His secretary, Amy Laborde, takes his calls and directs those to his subordinates. Amy can be reached at alaborde@stpgov.org.

JAKE AIREY

St. Tammany Parish Councilman, District 13

<jaairey@stpgov.org>

Far too many to show, the emails go back years concerning drainage and street repair, now street replacement. In January a request, a meeting with the parish president, Mike Cooper, was granted, but President Cooper was called away. MICOI board members met with the various department heads to bring attention the same issues: the poor condition of Moonraker Dr. (street and drainage), the lighting that should have been installed, our speed sign, the turning arrows to and from our bridge, how much money does the parish receive from the residents on Moonraker Island and what is the return from those taxes?

Since that time emails were sent to Jake Airey, (same questions) and below are some of his answers.

March 30, '21 "The street was not built with adequate drainage. We have appropriated \$75,000 for identified drainage repairs to Moonraker that we need to get done before we can do any repaving. Moonraker has the distinction of being the most expensive road in the parish to work on because at some point someone paved over the concrete street with asphalt. So to make it match we have to use both concrete and asphalt in the repairs. It will be well over a million dollars to repave the street."

August 8, '21 "At my district capital project meeting last month with public works we discussed another drainage project for Moonraker. As you know, we are trying to get several drainage issues fixed before repaving the road. I have asked the Parish President's office for funding for Moonraker to help speed up the repairs as Moonraker is very long and the costs to redo outstrip District 13's ability to pay for repairs without help."

September 22, '21 "I met with the public works department at the beginning of July regarding the budget and projects for next year. They gave a rough estimate on the cost to completely repave Moonraker Drive and were awaiting for final estimate. They were also waiting for the Parish President's office to determine whether he would fund the repaving project out of the Parish President's budget. I am cautiously optimistic that President Cooper, who is a great supporter of Moonraker drive, will authorize that funding. As far as the speed sign, because of the cost that sign was specifically dedicated in the budget to Moonraker drive as a capital asset and cannot be used anywhere else. Hopefully we will know something by our special meeting on the 29th."

Moonraker Island Civic Organization has requested information regularly on this subject. Telephone calls have been made with the same requests. All projects take what we, the people who live on Moonraker Dr., a really long time, years, in fact. We will continue to ask, to write, to beg. We will get a new street. Our friends and neighbors can help by supporting our homeowners' group and writing or calling the parish government to let it know we need the things we request.

— Forwarded Message —

From: "bonniepeyroux" <bonniepeyroux@bellsouth.net>

To: "Airey Jake" <jaairey@stpgov.org>

Cc: "Peyroux Bonnie" <bonniepeyroux@bellsouth.net>

Sent: Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 8:58 AM

Subject: questions

Jake,

If the casino issue is approved, will that vote also allow video poker (gaming in businesses outside of the casino) to operate? Is there any progress pertaining to the replacement of Moonraker Dr.? How much longer will it take to get the speed machine?

Thanks for any information you can give .

Bonnie Peyroux

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Jake A. Airey <jaairey@stpgov.org>

To: bonniepeyroux

Fri, Oct 8 at 11:28 AM

No video poker will not be allowed- except I guess at the casino itself, it would have to be a separate vote to allow it in other places like bars and restaurants. However based on the approval of Sports gaming and subsequent state legislation two off track betting parlors have been allowed to open in Saint Tammany Parish and they have 50 -for lack of a better term-electronic slot machines in them. One is at the old Ruby Tuesday's on Gause. Also bars and restaurants will be allowed to put in sports game kiosks for people to place bets. Of course you will also be able to do sports wagers on your cell phone. I hope everybody understood this when they voted in favor of sports gambling.

As far as the road there's just under \$240,000 more that I budgeted for Moonraker Drive, I understand that's enough to do a mill and overlay of the entire road, although I'm not sure how that works for the concrete portion of the road. I talked with the parish president and have my doubts that is enough money. The money is directly from my capital account and Cooper said he didn't know about giving any extra money for Moonraker from the parish wide fund, although he said he didn't say he would not give any extra money for it. So it's on the list of roads to be repaved next year, which would probably be about a year from now. There are a few drainage projects that have been funded and awarded from already through procurement so you may be seeing work on the street related to that.

Let me find out about the speed sign I'm not sure what the holdup is on that. Maybe they were waiting to do it as part of the paving project.

bonniepeyroux <bonniepeyroux@bellsouth.net>

To:Airey Jake,

Cooper Mike

Cc:Bonniepeyroux

Sat, Oct 9 at 11:19 AM

Councilman Airey and President Cooper,

I have lived on Moonraker Island since 1984 (37) years. I remember the beauty of this island, the promises it offered (inner peace, tranquility all around, the scent of clean air, the water that was clear enough to see the fish swimming around the pilings supporting my dock). It was a heavenly place. Time has changed all that. When changes grew worse and worse, I did my civic duty. "We need flood protection," I told myself. "We need lighting, street signs, some rules and regs on the water. What about the bridge? It's in terrible condition!" I dug in my personal pocket, created MICOI, and the list of needs just grew and grew. The residents here do what a municipality should do. The residents support the area businesses, do what they can to be independent, contributing, tax-paying citizens. In the 37 years here, Moonraker Dr. has never been repaved,

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and the first section, where I live, happens to be the least damaged part of the entire road, but it has eroded, traps water, has holes and cracks that run 20 ft.in some places or less in some places. When neighbors have to leave their premises by driving over their lawns, SOMETHING IS WRONG. Yes, that is the case. Check with public works. I have been requesting the repaving of Moonraker Dr. for years now. I am told constantly about its being "the most expensive street in St. Tammany," but I wonder how that could be possible. Filling in holes periodically is just about all that has been done. At one time a few sections were overlaid with blacktop. Just recently, a section was done because of Magnolia Water Company.

I saw the money coming in from the state and the federal government. Out of the millions and billions, I can't fathom that you can use the same excuse over and over. "WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE MONEY." I expected a more positive result because," Pres.Cooper is a great supporter of Moonraker Dr." Don't offer, "Maybe next year," because next year only offers the next year.

Moonraker Island was a great supporter of Pres. Cooper who seems to have forgotten about us. Although requested many times, there has been no meeting with Pres.Cooper, himself, since the January he was inaugurated.

Months ago, I sent pictures of myself after I had fallen down in the street because of its poor condition. I had bloody knees, hands, one elbow, and countless bruising. I thought my condition might prompt some real investigation of the condition of the street. I haven't heard a word from the parish.

You may think that I am venting, but you know better. Moonraker deserves a decent street to drive, to walk, to ride a bike. Moonraker Dr. needs to be replaced, not patched, or covered with blacktop. This street is not safe.

Respectfully,

Bonnie L. Peyroux for Moonraker Island Civic Organization

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CLECO - BILLING - Naomie Hess

CLECO has recently been granted rate increases to cover its recovery of its losses from Hurricane Laura in August 2020 and the Ice Storm of March 9, 2021. This increase is on top of the charges that its customers are still paying for the company's losses from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

I have been in touch with Eric Skrmetta Public Service Commissioner District 1. To this date, I have not heard from the Commissioner nor his office staff. His Executive Assistant is Adrie Dewaal the Technical Assistant is Donna Dardar. She has passed my complaints on to Christian Gray of the Mandeville Office. It seems that Mr. Gray nor Ms. Dardar have an interest in explaining why this utility company is allowed these surcharges and how long these charges will be on our bills. Many people have received bills in excess of \$100 over their previous bills. Quite a few people have seen their bills doubled and even tripled. Since we have now had Hurricane Ida that destroyed a very large area that is serviced by CLECO, what will the future charges be for this catastrophe? It seems to me that Mr. Skrmetta is not doing his public duty - which is to oversee these charges and determine the need and amount of increase to be allowed. Too many households will be having to make difficult choices - pay electric bill in order to breath or pay for their medicines or being able to afford food for their tables.

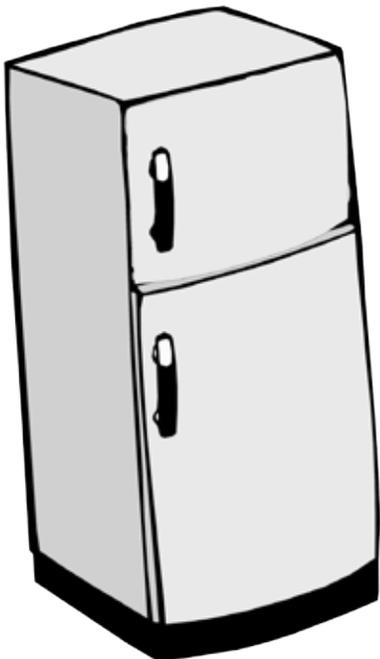
We as a community that is serviced by CLECO have got to demand answers to these questions. I urge everyone of you to email, phone and snail mail Eric Skrmetta's office. His position is an elected position and he will hear the loss of votes when we all complain. The main problem it seems is that District 1 includes Orleans and Jefferson Parishes who are mostly serviced by ENTERGY. Therefore, Skrmetta can and probably will put his efforts into seeing that those heavily populated parishes' needs are met before ours.

In The Kitchen

STRAWBERRIES: Ever bring home a nice carton of strawberries only to have them go bad in a day or two? Here is a tip to help keep those berries fresh for 4-5 days. Dissolve 1 Tablespoon of White Distilled Vinegar in 1 quart of water. Wash the berries with this - do not soak them. Then put the berries in a paper towel lined, uncovered container in the refrigerator.

CELERY: To keep celery crispy and fresh for about a month. Wash the celery and let air dry. Wrap the celery in paper towels and then wrap in aluminum foil. Keep in the crisper of the refrigerator.

BACON: Place two long sheets of aluminum foil criss cross on the counter. Place a piece of parchment paper in the middle where the foil crosses - do not use wax paper or plastic wrap, only parchment will work. Place the bacon in individual strips on the parchment paper next to each other but not touching. Place a piece of parchment paper on top of the bacon and continue until all the bacon is between parchment paper. Cover the last row with parchment paper and close the aluminum foil over the bacon. Fold the ends to secure the foil and lay flat in your freezer. When you want bacon, you can remove as many strips as you need. No more spoiled bacon.



Recipe

Apple Dump Cake

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups peeled, diced, green apples

2 cups sugar

½ cup oil

2 eggs

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon nutmeg

½ cup chopped nuts

1 tablespoon vanilla

A variety of canned fruit pie filling can be substituted after batter is poured into pan.

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare pan (13x9) with cooking spray.

Combine ingredients, mix well, spread batter into pan.

Bake one hour or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

To make things extra easy, use a standard box of cake mix to replace flour, sugar, and baking soda.



Recipe

Manuel's Hot Tamales

INGREDIENTS:

MEAT MIXTURE:

- 2 lbs. ground meat
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 8oz can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp cayenne
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 yellow onions pureed
- 1/4 cup Masa
- 1 oz chili powder
- 2 - 3 cups Masa
- Tamale papers or corn shucks soaked in water.

DIRECTIONS:

Mix meat, garlic powder, tomato sauce, cayenne, water, onion 1/4 cup masa and chili powder in a bowl. Take a portion of about 1Tbsp of this meat and roll it to a finger size. Roll in the Masa. Wrap in the tamale paper and leave one end open. Place in a large pot. Continue to roll and place in pot criss crossing the rows as you go.

INGREDIENTS:

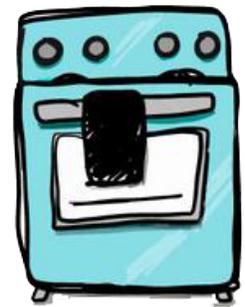
SAUCE:

- 1 Large can of tomato sauce
- 2 oz chili powder
- 1/2 Tbsp salt

DIRECTIONS:

Pour the tomato sauce over the tamales and sprinkle the chili powder on top. Fill the pot with enough water to cover the tamales. Bring to a boil and lower to simmer. Cover and cook for 2 hours adding water as needed.

* You may have to place a plate on top of the tamales to keep them submerged during cooking.



Recipe

Easy Barbecue Shrimp

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb fresh shrimp - head on
1 cup shrimp stock *
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp Creole seasoning
1 tsp dried Italian seasoning
2 Tbsp lemon juice
1-2 Tbsp Lee & Perrin's sauce
1/2 stick of butter

DIRECTIONS:

In a sauce pan on the stove, place shrimp, stock, garlic and other spices. If you want more heat, add cayenne to your liking. Cook on medium heat turning shrimp for about 5 minutes or until the liquid is cooked down by half. Lower the heat and stir in the butter until it melts. If you want to add salt, do so after removing from the heat. This will keep the shells from sticking when peeled. Serve with French bread for dunking.

* Shrimp Stock

Purchase another pound or two of shrimp. Peel them and set aside for another dish (freeze). In a heavy pot set on medium high heat, place the peelings - heads & all. Saute the peelings until they turn pink and white spots appear. Add water to cover the peelings by 3 inches. Add 2 ribs of celery, 1 medium onion quartered, 6 cloves of garlic and 1 tsp of liquid crab boil. DO NOT ADD SALT. Bring to a boil then lower heat to simmer. Cook 45 minutes. Strain into a large bowl. Freeze whatever you do not need for this recipe. I use this stock in most of my seafood dishes.





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We are very proud and honored to serve the residents of Moonraker Island. Since we launched Coastal Environmental Services (CES) back in 2018, we have remained committed to supporting the neighborhoods in our community. We have pledged to give back to Moonraker Island Civic Organization (MICOI) \$1.00 per resident, per month for each customer who uses our services. To date, we are excited to announce that our company has given back over \$5,000.00 to MICOI. Thanks to all of you as part of our family at Coastal Environmental Services. Please encourage your fellow residents to join our CES family as well so we can increase the monthly contribution given back to Moonraker Island Civic Organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

**Jack Francioni, General Manager
Coastal Environmental Services**

An interview with
Sgt. Casnave



Wednesday Aug. 4, 2021 INTERVIEW / Sgt. Casnave

QUESTIONS:

1. When and where were you born, raised, and educated? Are you a religious person?

RESPONSES:

I am a religious person. I was born in Slidell at Slidell Memorial Hospital, Nov.28,1982. I went to all the public schools here: Abney, St. Tammany, and graduated from Salmen High School. I attended Southern University. My mom graduated from Southern and has her master's degree; she was an English teacher for 34 years. My father was very strict. I didn't like that at the time, but as I became an adult, I was very grateful.

2. Tell me something about your family. What are your hobbies? Tell me one of your fondest memories concerning your hobbies. What is one of the most important pieces of advice that you try to enforce to your children?

My family is divided between law enforcement and education, but we remain very close. I have one sister who graduated from ULM, and she is presently a principal in the Rapides Parish Education system. Her husband, my brother-in-law, is a captain in the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Department and has worked there for 30 years. My wife is a nurse who feels like I do. We work to earn people's trust and respect, and we are proud to serve, to help those we can. My father was in law enforcement for 43 years as was his father before him. That is pretty much our history because other relatives have served as well. We care for a lot of people. My family has built a level of trust within the community.

I used to work on a lot of cars, especially building hot rods and restoring cars. I attended automotive school for two years before joining St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, but being married and having three children put restoring cars on the back burner. Now I make the gym, exercise, and running a priority. My wife and I and our three boys frequently take vacations at Gulf Shores. I raise my children just as I was raised.

I remember when my dad and I worked on a car together. That was really special. He helped me build the transmission, the motor, everything in it. What a special car and a special time! I was about 14 years old. I still have the pictures. I'll never forget that time.

I also love to hunt and fish. I remember my first hunt for deer. At ten years old, that was special also because I was with my dad.

I teach my children to be respectful, to be honest because we are all judged. There are consequences to our actions.

3. What did you do prior to joining St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department?

I worked at a dealership as an automotive tech in the automotive department after having attended automotive school.

4. What made you decide to join and how long have you been a deputy for the parish?

I knew I was going to join the sheriff's department when I was in high school because of my family's presence in law enforcement. I have been working for the department for 17 years.

5. What different positions have you held since you joined the department?

I was the job coordinator for a half-way house. I was in criminal patrol, street crimes, traffic and motorcycle division, swat team, and hit- and -run investigation. I am on the Peer Support Team for the sheriff's department. I served as an honor guard, and then became Honor Guard Commander; I became a Corporal and Supervisor for the Marine Division, Regional Coordinator for Child Passenger Safety, and now Sergeant Community Liaison.

6. How did you learn to speak confidently, come across in a caring and gentle way, but handle problems without offending the person to whom you are speaking?

I give that credit to my mom. My dad was very tough, very hard on me, but my mom always told me that people deserved to be treated with respect. Speak slowly, carefully, face the person to whom you are speaking. It was the teacher in her that softened the situation in a way I could understand. It's not about what you say, it's how you say it.

7. How do you feel about the nation's problems concerning lack of support for police? Cutting back funds? Mass departure from the forces around the country?

Working in St. Tammany, I feel blessed because we don't see a lot of disrespect, but we do see a lot of respect. So that doesn't affect us. Trust is very important and we feel that we want to provide and protect. We haven't experienced a lack of support, a cut back of funds, or lack of respect, but I understand in other cities, there is an exodus of police which will have negative effects.

8. What exactly do you do here in Moonraker and the other communities you are assigned to cover? How can our residents help?

I mitigate problems and issues, provide information, look to keep our residents safe, attend meetings, answer questions, draw the trust of our residents, and promote their safety. The residents should keep their homes, possessions, and cars locked. Don't leave expensive items in your cars. I don't want anyone to misunderstand because I am not promoting "ring" doorbells, but I suggest "ring" doorbells because of the app which allows me to quickly get in touch with each resident if needed. Communication is most important.

9. To what do you aspire within the department?

I'm open for whatever comes my way. God only puts in place whatever comes my way, and if the department feels I'm good for that, I'm ready. Where that goes, I have no clue. I'll just sit back and wait.

10. You are a young man, but up to this point in your life what do you consider as the most important accomplishment thus far?

My kids. Being a father is a proud moment for me. Watching them grow up and guiding them is something those people without children will never understand. Raising my children to be the men I expect them to be, the men I want them to be is something I hold very dear to my heart.



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SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN OUR AREA

Short-term rentals were started by visitors who used Air B&B's throughout Europe and brought the idea back to the USA. Now vacation rentals are the fastest growing STR business on the internet, website.

Declared illegal by the St. Tammany Parish government in neighborhoods zoned "single-family" dwellings, they can be legal in "multi or mixed" zoned areas. Wracked by complaints from residents in the area, our homeowners' organization has taken the stance of fighting STR's which label themselves as Vacation Rentals by Owners (VRBO) and use elaborate, deceptive and/or covert "commercials" on the internet. No matter the label, short-term rentals here are illegal as stated by the St. Tammany Parish Attorney.

Any commercial business conducted without government oversight is ripe for possible tax fraud, tax evasion and inaccurate reporting of commercial usage. Some of these illegal, commercial short-term rentals provide a discount to renters for paying cash or give a discount incentive for providing good online reviews.

Proponents feel that as the home owner, a person has the right to rent to anyone he or she sees fit. Some say that because selling their homes could not bring the price the owner feels the home is worth, the insurance costs, both homeowners and flood, and taxes, turning to STR is the only way out of a bad situation.

Other homeowners say that the "visitor" and "resident" are and will always remain different words legally and otherwise. Short-term rental occupants have no vested interest in the community they visit. Are they eligible to vote? Do they contribute to the community? Do they pay taxes? What about the extra vehicles on the street with no place to park?

Some residents ask how this situation can be controlled? Our members say the answer is simple. In a property zoned "single family" residential community, a complaint should be issued. Parish Code Enforcement should place a "Cease and Desist" notice after verification. If ignored, a summons to appear in court should be issued whereby a \$500 per occurred cumulative fine should be issued. If repeated or ignored a "Certificate of Occupancy" should be withdrawn.

St Tammany Parish has a fiduciary duty to stop STR's in "single-family" zones. It should follow the zoning law it created.

Of course, the issue will be tested in court and those who are against STR's in "single-family" dwelling zones will be there to be heard.



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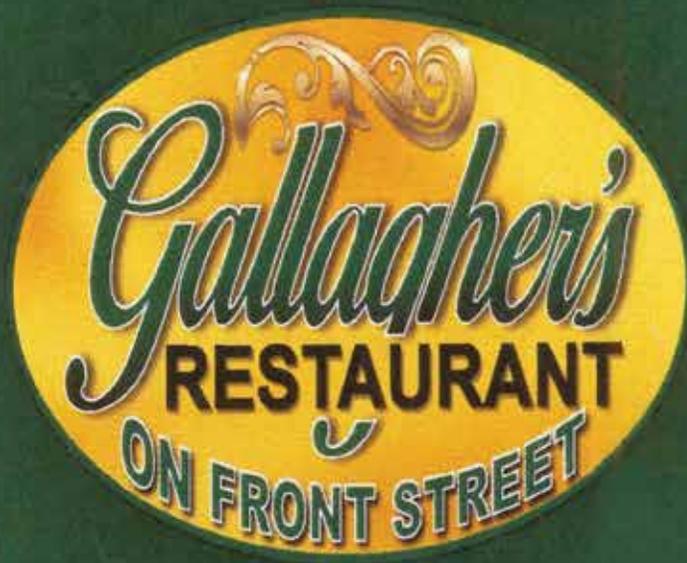
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IN THE GARDEN

The pictures shown are those of two varieties of Night Blooming Cereus, one white and one crimson. The plant itself blooms at night rather than during the day as its name implies. As the plant matures it produces two types of growth: flattened, leaf-like stems and long, round, rod-like stems. Both types of stems are normal for these plants. After the long, rod-like stems grow for a while, they stop. The rod-like stems then send out the flattened leaf-like stems which then produce the flowers. You may trim or prune the plant to fit a hanging basket or a pot. The plant likes to be crowded in its container. It responds to liquid plant food by producing abundant flowers frequently. The pieces you cut may be planted for propagation. In nature these plants live in trees. The long, round stems are how they grow and climb. It's very easy to hang them in trees to make an absolutely beautiful display, but these plants are not cold hardy. It's best to take cuttings to guarantee you will have them when spring arrives if you plan to leave them outdoors during winter. Covering them during very cold weather helps them survive near-freezing temperatures.



**Night
Blooming
Cereus**



**Day
Blooming
Cereus**

Thoughts...

The St. Tammany Parish Vision Statement, Principles, and Goals for the next 20 years seems like an appropriate thing to put together, like setting goals to be accomplished. This version, in my opinion, will cause decline in education, business, and safety compared to other municipalities similar to ours in size, population, and ability to create business. In order to prosper, programs that produce income work. This publication promotes removing money from the tax base.

What's Happened to My Country

Maybe I was just naive, or maybe I saw too many western movies, but inevitably I feel the country in which I spent my childhood was so much better than the one I live in today. It was a time when honesty, integrity, character, and fortitude were encouraged. Good vs. evil was taught in schools, books, radio, and movies. Good always overpowered evil. "Not real," you say.

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We don't have gas lines because our area was hoodwinked by something called "Power Miser". The builders of the Parade of Homes got consideration from CLECO to build all electric homes under the "Power Miser program. The homeowner was told that they would get electricity at discounted rates. That was VERY misleading. Yes, rates were discounted; but only for 1 year. Then CLECO came out and stepped up the meter - negating the discount. So, we were left with very expensive all electric homes. How do I know this? I have lived here for 36 years and I was one of the homeowners who was duped by CLECO.

**ITS TIME TO CHANGE THIS! WHO IS READY TO DO THIS? IF YOU ARE, PLEASE ANSWER THIS BY TEXT OR REGULAR MAIL TO:
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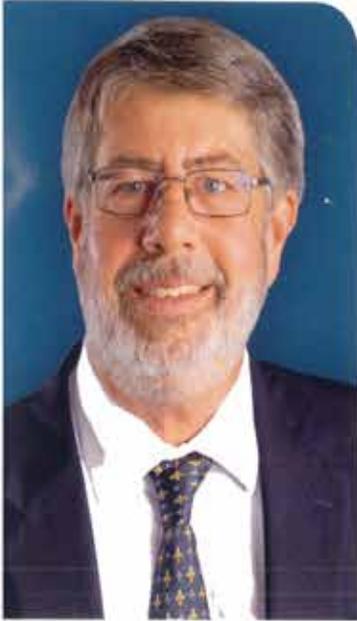
When asked if there was ever a time when I felt lucky to be alive, my reply is about an experience in the Canadian Alaska range for two days in the middle of a blizzard, freezing, sheep hunting when the terrain is so physical, so difficult that you hate what you are doing. Then it becomes mind over matter. Stay, endure, or leave defeated.

I knew when I was five years old because my dad took me with him, when I was in seventh grade with my new four ten, and made my first kill, that this life was for me, but with it came a responsibility: If a person takes from this resource, that person must give back to this resource.

I do believe parents should take iPhones, iPads, and computers away from their children and force them (if parents have to) to explore the beauty of God's creations. The abundance of nature is all around us. Spend some time with their children in a boat, walking trails, sniffing scents, enjoying scenery, just sitting, watching, and absorbing.



A message from Assessor Louis Fitzmorris



St. Tammany has been a constant among the top 10 fastest growing parishes in the state for many years.

This growth of new residents fuels new business and creates more revenue for the services your parish agencies provide. I want to share with you, the taxpayer, this report to help you understand where property tax revenue is derived and how it's divided among the various taxing agencies, and also share a few updates on the latest progress within the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's Office.

2020, among other things, was a reassessment year. The assessor's office is mandated by law to identify, list and value all property subject to taxation every four years. And I am very proud of my hard-working staff in this accomplishment. We were prepared. My team did an outstanding job despite the many challenges of the pandemic. Because reassessment is such a mammoth job, we have already begun preparations for the next reassessment year in 2024. We are busy verifying data, updating photographs and adding parcels daily.

We are also in the process of converting to an all new technologically advanced assessment software. This upgrade is greatly needed. The new software will allow our team to work more effectively and efficiently for our parish.

I want to inform you of a change in state law that may be beneficial to many of you. The maximum allowable income to freeze assessments has increased. If you are 65 or older, totally disabled or a partially disabled veteran, and your annual income is \$100,000 or less, you may qualify to freeze the current assessed value of your home. Please check our website, STPAO.org, to inquire more if you think you may be eligible.

Our website is a valuable tool, and I urge everyone to utilize it. Particularly every August, as that is the time to check your assessment and verify your mailing address and any exemptions you may have. STPAO.org is user-friendly and updated regularly. In addition to our parcel viewer and assessment data, we have an informative video library with tutorials and the latest assessment and exemption requirements. Many forms are also available on our website and submittable online. They may also be conveniently downloaded, printed and completed at home to expedite your business with our office.

Although we are open to the public, we strongly urge citizens to make advanced appointments before arriving to either of our office locations. This allows us to quickly and safely serve you without a needless, lengthy wait. We now also have Zoom appointment availability for Homestead Exemption applications. What once had to be done in-person only, can now all be done online at your convenience.

I hope you find this report helpful. **Our mission statement is: "To serve the citizens of St. Tammany with fairness, efficiency and responsiveness."** We are here to serve you to our best ability. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any way.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH ASSESSOR **Louis Fitzmorris, CLA**

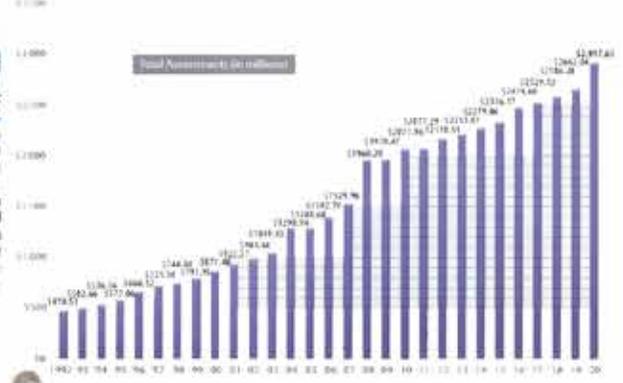
PARISH GROWTH IN GROSS REVENUE

With an increase in assessed value comes a corresponding growth in tax revenue. As you can see, the parish's total revenue was \$40 million in 1992 compared to almost \$334 million in 2020. Why is it important to note this growth in both assessed value and revenue? Facts taking district is receiving more money year after year due to this growth. Every taxing district is required by law to set their millages annually. The goal of reassessment is to be revenue neutral. This is accomplished by taxing bodies voting to roll back millages, which many do. Voting to roll millages up, or forward, results in an increase in taxes.



PARISH GROWTH IN TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE

We all know the enormous amount of growth and increased market values we have seen here in St. Tammany. As this graph shows, total parish assessed value was \$470.53 million in 1992 compared to almost \$2.92 billion in 2020, the last reassessment year.





2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARY DUBUISSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Friends,

We had an active session with 959 bills, 37 constitutional amendments, and 706 resolutions and study requests filed. We concluded with many changes in Louisiana and a balanced budget, thanks in part to federal COVID-19 funding, leaving the state with \$43.4 billion for fiscal year 2021-22. Funds were put into transportation, early childhood education, and other areas of interest. There was much debate regarding tax reform, law enforcement training, and continued criminal justice reform.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) directs a portion of the \$3 billion in federal funding to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund allowing the state to direct funding in the areas including Infrastructure Projects, Unemployment Compensation, Water Sector Program, Capital Outlay Relief, Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance, Healthcare and Education, with teacher pay raises a high priority.

A large personal and corporate tax reform package dominated much of this year's session debate. However, whether the pieces come together depends on the outcome of the constitutional amendments on the October 9th ballot.

I thank you for allowing me to represent you in the House of Representatives for District 90. With almost 30,000 registered voters in the district, I invite you all to contact my office to discuss legislation or for assistance with state matters.

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Sincerely,

Mary DuBuisson, State Representative

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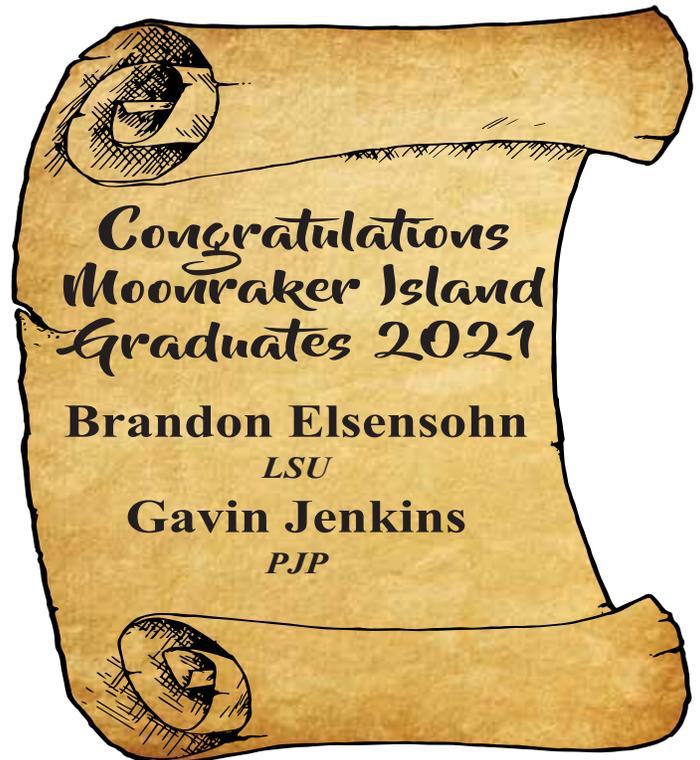
Moonraker Island Civic Organization, MICO, informs its residents of current challenges related to Moonraker Island and plans to address these challenges with a focus toward protecting and increasing property values, committing to the safety of its residents, and promoting their overall wellbeing.

Closing Prayer

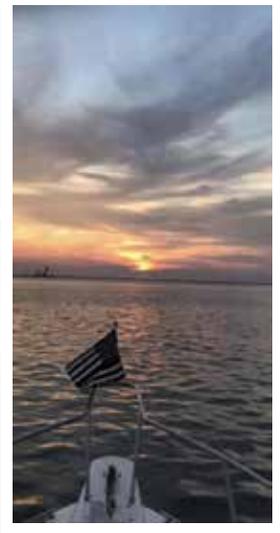
We thank those residents who faithfully support MICOI, attend our meetings, keep in touch with our neighbors and friends, who take the time to greet each other with a smile and a willingness to help, but most of all we thank our HIGHER POWER for our blessings. To live on our beautiful island is a privilege, a place of peace, tranquility, during stressful times, and the best neighbors anywhere. We pray for the ability to make wise decisions, especially those that affect others.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

1. Residents' Meeting - October 27
@ 7:00pm, Yacht Club
2. Push to repave Moonraker Dr. (Please Help)
3. Meetings with Parish Officials (drainage, street placement, lights, stripes).
4. Short-term Rentals results - February 1, 2022
5. Santa at the Fire Station, December 11
(weather and Covid permitting)
6. Residents' Meeting - Wednesday, January 26, 2022



Thanks to all who participated with articles and advertisements, without which the journal could not have been created.



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