

Fall Season Greetings Deloaks Neighbors!

"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October." Nathaniel Hawthorne

We welcome the cool breezes, less humid days, slow growing grass and renewal of our ways!

As fall approaches we begin thoughts of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. We in Deloaks have so much to be grateful and thankful for. We are blessed with beautiful surroundings, wonderful neighbors, loving families and abundant caring and sharing. Go out and enjoy it all!

UPDATES:

NOTE ABOUT YOUR 4TH QUARTER STATEMENT (Please check your computer email and the U.S. mailbox for your October statement).....

> To increase effectiveness and efficiency with our statements and save time, money, paper, and utilize current technology; we are beginning a trial of our paperless statements this month. We apologize for any inconvenience as we get this up and running smoothly. We have sent 68 email statements to confirmed emails and 47 statements through the U.S. mail. *When you receive your statement, either through email or U.S. mail, we're asking that you email George Syll at deloaks@bellsouth.net to confirm receipt of your statement. And, thanks for your assistance.*

> As seen above, the board has added another local member to its team. We welcome back George Syll as our bookkeeper of record. George brings many years of Deloaks history, heritage and experience to the board. George is responsible for our bookkeeping and collections. *If you have any questions about your bill, please phone George at 985-845-2094 or email him at deloaks@bellsouth.net.*

> We have sent our heartfelt regrets to the Brooks family on the loss of their home to fire on June 13. The board acted swiftly to demonstrate "neighbors helping neighbors" by sending food to the Brooks family almost immediately through an account set up at CNO's. Also, a thank you to CNO's for discounting the food ordered by the Brooks family due to the tragedy. Thanks CNO!

> See the Brooks family thank you note on the last page to everyone in the subdivision for the food. And, we all look forward to getting the Brooks family back into Deloaks soon!

> The board is acting upon issues and suggestions that were discussed at the general subdivision meeting that was held in May. Issues discussed were budget (collections, trends and outlook), street maintenance, safety, website development, subdivision maintenance and beautification, boat launch maintenance, access and utility.

- > I have spoken to Reid Falconer about our street maintenance and he would like a list of streets that are in disrepair from me to present to the parish. I would ask that if there is a street in disrepair, please email the address of the street to me and I will forward the list to Reid at once. Please send to me as soon as possible. Thanks for your assistance.
- > The negative budget trends have been stabilized as of October through austerity, generous contributions from neighbors, goodwill and an increase in collected dues as a result of the amnesty program. We have lowered some costs, written off uncollected dues that have gone to bankruptcy and taken steps to collect, uncollected dues. Because of these steps, the board has been able to take action on several projects and maintain a positive balance in the account.
- > The major project undertaken by the board this summer was the boat launch.
- > After discussions with many of our neighbors and all the board members, it became clear the boat launch was a priority for immediate maintenance and upkeep work for reasons of safety, beautification and accessibility. Needs gathered and observed included but were not limited to, repair or replace the play set, expand the parking area to hold 5 cars, make parking more easily accessible, improve the hedges that have become an eyesore, clean up the park, clean the gazebo, check all docks/piers for loose nails/boards, add limestone rocks to the parking lot and regrade, consider major upgrades to include basketball/tennis courts, and club swimming pool. The amount of work performed would be heavily dependent upon limited funds available in the budget. For that reason, board members actively solicited and secured monetary contributions, in-kind donations, hard labor, materials, machinery and other resources to pursue this project. In fact, it has only been through the generosity of the donations from residents of Deloaks that this project was able to progress. Everything was accomplished above to the boat launch except: power washing the gazebo (still taking volunteers), and major upgrades that include basketball/tennis courts, and a club swimming pool.
- > The best news to report in this update is the amount of capital outlay spent for the boat launch project and recent neighbor feedback about the improvements.
- > Total project costs are conservatively estimated at \$6,000.00 for all labor, supplies, machines, the play set and all other resources needed to complete the project. The actual cost incurred for the project from association funds is \$2,000.00. Great return on investment.
- > *This project could only be completed because of generous contributions from Tony & Margaret Zelenka, Todd & Donna Hornbeck and John & Claire Bagley. Additional significant contributions to this project were made by Trey Campeaux, Matthew Crain, Tom Ervin, Earl Dugas, Greg Chiasson, Scott Durman, Gordon Hanna, Nancy Howard and George Syll. Thanks again to all of*

DELOAKS NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

you for neighbors helping neighbors. Great job! Be sure to thank these folks when you see them in the neighborhood.

> Recent feedback from many neighbors, including both neighbors that live directly adjacent to the boat launch, has been very positive and extremely satisfied with the work done at the boat launch.

CONDOLENCES

WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL THOSE IN THE SUBDIVISION WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

WE ESPECIALLY REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS, ROBERT LAPORTE AND VIANNE JONES.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL DEPARTED FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Your 2010 Deloaks Board looks forward to working with all our neighbors this year. If you have any comments, concerns, ideas or feedback for us, please feel free to call, email or 'talk on the street' to any of us when you see us. This is a time for neighbors helping neighbors!

HAVE A BLESSED FALL SEASON!

DELOAKS BOARD

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The CNO's food
has been a
blessing!

Your kindness and sympathy at this time are appreciated more than any words can ever express. It's during a difficult time like this that we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Thank you for being there for us.

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Stephen, Shelli, Connor, & Gaven Brooks

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