

GeoJe' s

December, 2020 Newsletter

Hello neighbors,

What a year this has been – Covid, Storms, Elections – Oh MY!! This is our only newsletter in 2020 and we have a lot of stuff to cover, **so please read this newsletter carefully.**

Our Mission: The mission and purpose of our Geo-je's Civic Association is to ensure that all homeowners and their families have a quiet, safe place to call home and that the values of our properties are maintained going forward. The Civic Association Board is composed of a few homeowners, elected by the Association, who volunteer their time and are committed to help make this happen.

While many subdivisions have mandatory homeowner's associations memberships with annual dues of many hundreds of dollars, membership in Geo-Je's Civic Association is not mandatory and dues are only \$50 per year. Your participation is important to fulfilling our mission. Here are some ways your membership dues help to do that:

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| 1. Spotlight on entrance/sign – Entergy bill | \$268 per year |
| 2. Contract grass cutting two acres at entrance | \$1620 per year |
| 3. Beautification (Planting in Cul-de-sacs, sign decorations) | \$170 per year |
| 4. Annual Meeting and Block Party expenses | \$400 per year |
| 5. Newsletters, Supplies, Welcome packets to New Neighbors | \$290 per year |
| 6. Auditing the Association Financials Bi-annually | \$250 every 2 years |
| 7. Membership to Greater BR Civic Association | \$75 per year |

Our Average Annual Regular Expenses = \$2948 per year

Other Misc. (Tree removal in 2019 near entrance sign)	\$1500
Sign replacement (after new Frenchtown Bridge Project)	\$3000 (estimated)

We average **only about 45 of 140** homeowners joining each year. At \$50 dues, this provides **annual income of about \$2250**, which falls way short of our routine annual expenses. We really **need your participation and ask that you consider joining.**

At the end of this newsletter is a **membership information sheet** that you can complete and deliver or mail, along with your dues to our Treasurer: **Bren Truett at 16003 Chanove Avenue**. If dues are paid before or at our annual meeting, your name will be included in a drawing at the meeting **for two \$50 gift cards**. Paying members **that attend the annual meeting** will also be eligible for a **\$100 gift card to be given away at the meeting.**

Annual Meeting: Our annual Subdivision Association meeting is scheduled for **Monday January 11 at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall at 6923 Oak Cluster Drive** (just off Greenwell Springs Road). Our **guest speaker** this year **will be Central Mayor David Barrow.**

We will elect Board Members for 2021 at the meeting. Currently **we have two openings** on the Board. The Board meets about every other month at one of the member's homes for about 1-2 hours to discuss issues pertinent to our mission. **If you have a suggestion on how we can better serve our neighborhood families or are interested in serving on the Board,** please contact one of our Board Members at any time.

Block Party - Our 2020 October Block Party will be **moved to the spring 2021** as a precaution during this Covid pandemic. Date and time will be announced in our next newsletter. We will likely **keep it as a springtime party going forward**.

Speed Limit 25 miles per hour: The speed limit of **25 miles per hour has been in effect** in all subdivisions **for more than a year**. New signs were installed then and more have been recently added throughout the subdivision to remind everyone to slow down. There are many children in our neighborhood now and lots of neighbors who regularly walk, jog, or bike ride in our streets as we have no sidewalks.

Earlier this year, after numerous complaints regarding speeding, we had the City of Central place an electronic speed alert cart on Chaumont for a short time to remind us to slow down. **We continue to see cars speeding through the neighborhood and are considering asking local law enforcement to set up speed traps.** Please do your part in keeping our streets safe by not speeding and watching out for others.

Walkers and joggers likewise keep yourselves safe by wearing light color or reflective clothing for easy detection by drivers, particularly after dark.

Garbage, Recycle and Woody Debris:

- **Garbage** is picked up on **Wednesday and Saturday**.
- **Recycle** pickup day is **Saturday**.
- **Woody debris** is picked up on **Saturday also**, but not every week.
- **Woody debris** (leaves, branches, etc.) should **not be put in garbage cans** as this can cause a fire in the trucks.
- **Leaves should be bagged** and place at the curb.
- **Limbs and branches should be stacked in piles**, separated from other wood debris such as boards or fence posts.
- **Bulky items** such as appliances, lawn equipment, etc. should be also separated from other debris
- Please **do not place garbage or recycle bins in the street itself**, which creates hazards for drivers, particularly after dark. Cans placed **too close to mailboxes may not be picked up** if they cannot be accessed.
- **Call 311** if you have a pick-up problem. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Temporary Storage Containers: It has been more than four years since the flood and there are a few people still trying to finish up in putting their homes back together. There are three temporary storage containers in use in the subdivision. These homeowners are hoping to finish up on their homes and have the containers removed as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of the year.

Leash Law: In EBR Parish dogs must be on a leash when not fenced in. While your pet may not be a threat to anyone, using a leash ensures that all of neighbors feel and remain safe while venturing outdoors. Your help is greatly appreciated in this.

Jim Callender, President