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Clipper Estates Newsletter March 2015

This is a reminder to call Renaissance, our property management firm, with any questions or concerns. Their phone number is (985) 624-2900. The email is info@renmgt.com. The Board continued to meet every 4 weeks this last quarter and voted to begin making the last Thursday of the month the standard for Board Meetings. Meeting notice dates are posted at the front entrance gate. Our top priorities continue to be Maintenance and Finance.

Maintenance

We are well underway repairing the **canal bulkheads**. The first bulkhead wall is complete and ready for final grading. We are waiting to let the spring rain help settle the fill. We are waiting for the final grade on the empty lot side to see how much fill we need on the other side of the road. We have begun the repairs on the other side of the street. Rain has slowed down the project somewhat but it is great to get started on that side of the road!

The **gate closing time** is set at 7pm. It was set at 8pm initially. The gate stays open for a bit after a car passes so always approach an open gate after 7pm with caution. Sensors will open the gate if it starts closing and a car is present.

There have been numerous complaints about **speeding** throughout the subdivision. The speed limit is **25 mph**. We are installing speed bumps near the gate entrance and exit. We are also installing them on either side of the bridge over the canal. Please be mindful of your speed!

We authorized the repair of about 100' feet of **curbing**. The weather has prohibited us from getting this completed.

Coast Water has had some **sewage pump problems** caused by refuse flushed in toilets. Please be aware that anything besides toilet paper can clog up the pumps and cause sewage to back up on the street. They routinely find diapers, syringes, etc. in the pumps. Even baby wipes can clog things up. Please be careful!

There are quite a few lawns and lots with 2 plus feet of **clover** and gardens full of **weeds**. Renaissance will begin citing owners who don't take care of their lawns and gardens. Let's keep our subdivision beautiful!

Finance

Renaissance is actively working through members who are not current on their assessments. We have collected 94% of our membership's assessments. This **collection process** begins with certified letters, then imposing daily fines, moves to attaching a lien, then seeks a judgment and finally garnish wages and/or seizing assets. We strongly encourage everyone to avoid this and get current with your assessments. We had an issue with **several RV's** parking in driveways long after Mardi Gras. We will levy fines for RV's and trailers parked in driveways. Please notify Renaissance if you have a need to park your RV or trailer for a limited time to avoid fines. We have included our **financial statement** for your review.

Annual Meeting

We held our **annual meeting** on December 3rd but did not have a quorum of 25% so we could not conduct the annual election. We scheduled another election meeting on January 21 and elected two new Board members, Brandi Dalton and Glenn Clements. We also reelected two existing Board members, Kyle Bowser and Jim Langendonk. Two other Board members are serving their 2nd year, Pat Walsh and Mark Poole. Several parcel representatives continue to serve. They are Marlene Coburn and Chrissy Stubbs for Multi Family, Kathy Hahn for Lake Bottom, David Bertucci and Normand David for Deep Water. We need an additional volunteer for a parcel rep for Lake Bottom. Please let Renaissance know if you are willing to serve.

Community / Social News

We have scheduled a **garage sale** for April 18 at 8 AM. The cost will be five dollars per house which will cover the advertisement in the newspaper, signs to put around town, a balloon for each participating home, and printing of flyers to be distributed at the front gate the day of sale. The flyer will list addresses of participating homes. It was a huge success last year and fun to meet neighbors. So, do some Spring cleaning and get ready! If you choose to participate you can drop the \$5.00 donation to Tammy Lamy at 1221 Clipper Drive. Please be sure to include an envelope with \$5.00, your name, address and contact number .

Our next **social get together** will be on May Friday, 22 from 7-10 pm at the North Shore Beach Fire House, 263 Debbie Street, Slidell, LA. The Theme: Hawaiian Luau with Dress: Casual island attire DJ; Line dance instructor Limbo contest. Food and beverages: CEMHOA will furnish pork roast for pulled pork sandwiches and chicken fingers for the kids. CEMHOA will furnish sodas, ice, water, plates, utensils, cups and napkins Residents- BYOL- (beer in cans only) and bring a favorite dish with serving utensil (This can be a side dish, appetizer, salad or dessert.).

Nextdoor Clipper Estates is a private online website that many of your neighbors have joined. Residents can stay connected, share community events, recommendations and crime/safety concerns as well as information on neighborhood social events. To accept your invitation to join and help us build a better neighborhood visit: clipperestates.nextdoor.com/join and enter flyer code RERJVZ.

Renaissance continues to receive many complaints about **dog owners** who do not clean up after their dogs while walking. This is very unsanitary and unsightly to see in your front yard. Simply carry a grocery bag and please pick up your doggy doo!

Architecture Review Process

Please remember that **all outside construction needs to be approved** by our Architecture Review Committee. We have removed any HOA fees for this work but in some cases deposits are required to ensure the work is done according to code and design standards.

Please help keep our neighborhood up to the high standards we all enjoy. Contact Renaissance for more information. You have seen signs in the yards of homeowners who have received ARC approval so it will be very apparent who has not.

New Members

The **Welcome Committee** continues to greet new neighbors to our neighborhood. In order to make sure we don't miss any new neighbors moving into Clipper, please send the names and addresses of new neighbors to cabarber@me.com or call 985-285-2440. New neighbors will be greeted with a small gift and welcome letter. We would like to welcome:

Phillip and Mary Trupiano, 1520 Regatta Cove
Jay and Angela Cerise, 1413 D Royal Palm
Lynn and Kyle Strandler 1673 Vela Cove
Bethany Robichaux 1469 Royal Palm Dr
Lorie Duval 1419 Royal Palm Dr

Street Lights

When a **street light** is not working properly please report the light to CLECO at (800) 622-6537. When requesting a work order you will need the street address, the pole's numbers and a description of the malfunction.

Clipper Estates HOA Board of Directors

Kyle Bowser, Glenn Clements, Brandi Dalton, Jim Langendonk, Mark Poole, Pat Walsh