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Clipper Estates Newsletter June 2016

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 on the last Thursday of the month this last quarter at the Tammany Yacht Club at 6:30 pm. Meeting notice dates are posted at the front entrance gate. Our top priorities continue to be Maintenance and Finance.

Maintenance

We repaired the sunken portions of road on Cuttysark Cove. That area is much drier now.

We approved \$10,000 for **curb repair** and will begin replacing broken curbs soon. We replaced cameras and the recorder for the front entrance. We are starting to talk to contractors about repainting the front entrance and repairing any damaged stucco.

We selected a new / old company to take care of our **landscape beds**. Kirby's is the company who used to do this for us and also cuts our grass. They replanted and mulched the main front entrance and are maintaining it. They are doing the same for Vela Cove and a couple of other beds. We hope you agree that it is looking very nice.

There have been numerous complaints about **speeding** throughout the subdivision. The speed limit is **25 mph**. **Police details** have started and will continue. Please be mindful of your speed!

Board Meetings

When the residents assumed control of the Board in 2013 and began managing Clipper we met every **two weeks**. We did that for about a year and then moved every 3 weeks then to **once a month**. Although we still have many things to do, the big ticket items like hiring Renaissance as our property manager, getting collections up from the low 80% to 96%, obtaining financing and completing \$600,000 in bulkhead repairs, fixing the bridge, fixing the low portions of Cutter Cove and Cuttysark Cove, tarring the cracks in the streets twice, replacing 168' of curbs, replacing the gate, removing the gravel parking lot next to the old office, replacing the street signs, organizing yearly garage sales, binging in a new waste management company that includes recycling, holding multiple special and annual membership meeting, decorating the front entrance and organizing social activities are behind us. The Board has decided to **meet every other month**. Renaissance and Board members are in constant contact in between meetings.

Compliance / Finance

Renaissance inspects the neighborhood once a week looking for **violations** to CC&R's. They will send out a certified letter when they see a violation like a trailer or RV parked on the property, unkempt gardens, unapproved construction, etc. This quarter they have sent out **xx violation letters**. If that does not work, they will start fining the property owner. If that does not work, they place a lien on the property. To date, they have attached **xx liens**. Many times, this corrects the problem. If a lien still does not fix the violation, they go to court and obtain a judgment. Wages can be garnisheed or property seized to satisfy the judgment. To date, **xx judgments** have been obtained.

Community / Social News

The first annual "**Clipper Cocktail Contest**" was a success with numerous cocktail contest entries and snacks. The contest was highly competitive with "Muddy Rudder" taking first place. Congratulations to Glenn Clements and Elaine Mercer for creating this delicious concoction! A special thanks goes out to Mickey O'Connor for the tasty fried catfish.

Our newest member of the social committee is Judy Leto. Welcome! We are collecting ideas for future events. Wayne Cannon suggested organizing a boat rally on Moonraker Lake one Saturday or Sunday afternoon this summer to meet neighbors and watch the sunset. Please forward your ideas to cabarber@me.com.

New home construction requests continue to come in! Construction has started on several new homes. Look for several new houses going up in our neighborhood.

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!

The **St. Tammany Parish Levee, Drainage and Conservation District** (St. Tammany Parish Levee Board) has changed. The new governor recently appointed members to the St. Tammany Parish Levee Board and in the process we lost two Board members who lived in our area. The Board is in the process of electing officers. The Levee Board meetings start at 6:00 pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month alternating locations between the fifth floor of the Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail in Slidell and the Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive in Mandeville. Upcoming meeting dates are July 20 (Towers), August 17 (Koop Drive), September 21 (Towers), October 19 (Koop Drive) and November 16 (Towers).

The **Moonraker Civic Association** invited residents from neighboring subdivisions to attend a meeting at Fox's Pizza Den on June 22. The primary focus of the meeting was **flood protection** for our area. Geoffrey Green, Sr. Legislative Assistant for Congressman Steve Scalise was scheduled to speak; however, he was called to Washington DC at the last minute. Tom Thompson, Eden Isles resident and East St. Tammany Parish Storm Protection Committee President, provided a timeline of all actions taken post Katrina to get storm protection for our area. John Troutman, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Operations Division, provided background regarding the CPRA's request that the Parish conduct a "reconnaissance study" to analyze options to extend storm protection to our community. We need to continue to put **pressure on the Parish to complete this study**.

Architecture Review Process

Please remember that **all outside construction needs to be approved** by our Architecture Review Committee.

We hired the **contractor** who reviews all the **ARC applications** for Oak Harbor to review all new ARC requests. This means for some projects there will be a non-refundable portion of the fee. This will be a pass through charge from the contractor. The volume of requests is getting too high for the volunteer board members to keep up with.

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 Elaine Mercer (ec Mercer0712@gmail.com) or call 985-201-8298. New neighbors will be greeted with a small gift and welcome letter. We would like to welcome:

Patricia and Francis Gauthier at 1407 Royal Palm Dr Unit A
James and Mary Fewell at 1021 Clipper Dr
William and Carole Bonney at 1364 Cutter Cove
Steven and Michelle Brugman at 1005 Clipper Dr

Reginald and Angela Murray at 1408 Royal Palm Dr
Derechos and Cheri Brady at 1697 Vela Cove
Lisa Kent at 1541 Cuttysark Cove
Robert and Nancy Nuss at 1433 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.

Trash Pickup

There have been some questions about what Team Waste will pick up. Please see the enclosed list of **trash pickup guidelines**. Team Waste will pick up items that are bundled in 4' or less sections or bagged items. Loose branches and debris will not be picked up. Also, they do not accept glass items in the recycle bin.

Clipper Estates HOA Board of Directors

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