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RIVER OAKS

NEWSLETTER



Hope you had
a happy
Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is a time for fun and family (and, of course, feasting). We hope yours was full of all three! Now that Turkey Day is behind us, Christmas and New Year's are just around the bend.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday,
December 21st
The first day of
Winter

Thursday,
December 25th
Merry
Christmas!

Thursday,
January 1st, 2015
Happy New
Year!



Avery and Ainsley, daughters of A.C. and Carol Ann Liles, are modeling the latest Fall Fashions – their Thanksgiving Pilgrim dresses made by their grandmother.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Steve and Beth Luke of 214 Turnberry Drive – our first River Oaks Yard of the Month winners! Feel free to drive by and take a look. We will be announcing a “Yard of the Month” recipient each newsletter. If you have a particular nominee in mind, please let Board member Laurie Blasini know via email at laurieblasini@yahoo.com.



~214 Turnberry Drive~





'Tis the Season?

We are trying to gauge the interest for doing neighborhood Christmas caroling – whether you would like to sing and/or be sung to – the idea being just to meet at someone’s house and then go around the neighborhood for an hour or two stopping at several houses one night around Christmas. Please email your interest (with the potential number in your party) to Board member Bradley Hayes at bthayesesq@yahoo.com with any suggestions (date and time, etc.).

WANTED: PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT NEEDED!!!

Need a New Year’s Resolution? How about getting rid of the old, unused playground equipment you have in your backyard? The River Oaks Board has authorized the purchase of new playground equipment for the children’s playground by the clubhouse. However, before spending our limited HOA funds on such an acquisition, a suggestion was made to solicit homeowners in the neighborhood. If you have a swing set and slide or other related items to donate, we will be happy to take them off your hands; in fact, arrangements can be made to have the equipment moved at no expense. Please contact Bradley Hayes at bthayesesq@yahoo.com if you are interested in arranging for a pickup!



RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION NEWS

Website News

River Oaks has upgraded its website. Please go and visit our new home on the net. The new association website is located at:
<http://www.riveroaksestates.org/>

Clubhouse and Pool News

The Board has approved new lower rates and rules for the rental of the Clubhouse and/or Pool. All rentals will require signed agreements. Check out all of the new rates and rules on the website under the “Clubhouse/Pool” tab. The pool closed on October 30th and will reopen on April 1, 2015.

No Soliciting

“No Soliciting Signs” have been posted at the entrance of the neighborhood. No soliciting is allowed except by special arrangement. If you encounter a solicitor in the neighborhood, please inform them that this is a private subdivision. If they continue to solicit, tell them you will call the Sheriff’s Office to report them. Individuals within the subdivision (such as Girl Scouts, School Fundraisers, etc.) that want to solicit, should call GNO to get permission to solicit first. Also, keep in mind that no flyers or any other material may be affixed to the new street signs throughout the neighborhood.

Old Street Signs

This is the last call for a homeowner to purchase old street signs. Old street signs are \$5 and STOP signs are \$10. Call Board Member Bennie Daigle at (504) 214-2551 if you would like to purchase a sign.

Directory

Only 150 residents have filled out the River Oaks Directory form to be included in the new directory. If you have not filled out your form, you can find a form on the website in the “Documents and Forms” tab. All residents that do not complete a form by December, 2014 will only have their name and street address included in the 2015 Directory to be released after the first of the year.

Block Captains Needed

Please check out the areas that need Block Captains by going to the “Documents and Forms – Important Numbers and Block Captains” tab to see where Block Captains are needed within the neighborhood along with a list of the duties of Block Captains. If you want to volunteer to serve, you can contact Laurie Blasini at (985) 807-4502 or Sarah Hayes at (504) 452-1599 to volunteer.

LOST & FOUND

Steve Savage found an abandoned bicycle in the weeds in the Cleco Right-Of-Way just south of Woodberry. It is a woman’s Schwinn Searcher, 7 speed. It has been locked up in the storage shed at the clubhouse. If anyone knows who owns it or wants to claim it, contact Board Members Jim Rowalt and/or Bennie Daigle.

REMINDER FROM THE BOARD

Waste Management of St. Tammany offers weekly curbside garbage collection for St. Tammany residents whose service is not provided by any City contracts. Household garbage is collected by experienced drivers and trained crews using modern equipment. The employees of Waste Management (“WM”) know the needs of the communities that they service.



Terms of Service: Curbside service is provided twice per week on Mondays and Thursdays.

Holidays: River Oaks residents will be serviced the day following a holiday. Waste Management observes New Year’s, Mardi Gras, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day as holidays.

Terms of Collection: Waste Management is no longer providing 96 gal. garbage cans; however, if a resident or home has a 96 gal. WM cart/can then WM will continue to service that cart provided you are a paying customer. Service is limited to one 96 gal. WM cart or 3 personal garbage cans (not to exceed 35 gal. per container), and 5 loose bags. Garbage should be placed at the curb by 5:00am on the scheduled day of collection. All yard waste must be containerized in bags that are closed. Individual container weight must not exceed 35 pounds. Do not use 55-gallon drums for waste containers. Items that cannot be collected are: tires and lead acid batteries; any and all types of fecal matter (human or animal waste); containers with free liquids such as paint, insecticides, pool chemicals, etc.; branches in excess of 4 inches in diameter or logs of any size; building material (concrete, cement, bricks, tile, shingles, sheetrock); auto parts; iron — steel, metal, fencing; construction debris.

Bulk item collection: Please be advised that WM will provide bulk item collection to subscription customers in St. Tammany provided it is called into our customer service department and scheduled or placed out on the first collection day each week. Stickers will be provided to all subscription customers and must be visible to the driver for garbage collection. New stickers will be mailed when service starts and replacement stickers will be sent out at each billing cycle once payment is received. Residential Subscription service is billed tri-annually. If service is disrupted for non-payment of invoices there will be a \$25.00 reinstatement fee. There is a \$40.00 NSF Fee on all returned checks. You must call customer service to cancel, transfer, or make changes in service. River Oaks has a sole source

agreement with Waste Management for trash pickup. If you have any problems with the service please call their Customer Service at (985) 643- 7784. Waste Management also provides recycling as an additional service.



**Waste Management Customer
Service Phone #s: 985-643-7784
or 1-800-284-2451**

2015 SWIM LESSONS & SWIM TEAM SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Safewater Management, Inc. Swim Lessons

“Let Safewater instructors teach your children at your own pool”

Group lessons – 8/30 minutes sessions - \$120.00.

Private lessons – 4/30 minute sessions - \$140.00.

8/30 minute sessions - \$260.00.

Swim Rompers / Water Babies class scheduled for this summer, call and ask for details.

You may also email our swim lesson coordinator @ safewater_lessons@bellsouth.net or call our swim lesson hotline: 985-265-SAFE (7233) or feel free to visit our website www.teamsafewater.com

RIVER OAKS RACERS SWIM TEAM

River Oaks Head Swim Coach, Kirsti Salvetti, originally from New Zealand, has been in the US since 1989. She has been swimming since age 5. After High School, she swam on a Masters Triathlon team until leaving for the US. Kirsty has been teaching lessons for 20 years, coached Franco’s summer swim team for 2 years and is currently head coach of River Oaks summer swim program and Safewater’s Swim Team Coordinator for the 10th year. She is a member of the Franco’s Masters Team. The Racers swim team was created in 1994 to serve the needs of developing swimmers who are ready to learn competitive swimming strokes and improve their overall skills. Swim team is the best way to improve swimming skills after a child has advanced beyond swimming lessons.

Qualifications: This is a developmental program ideal for entry level swimmers and is designed to introduce swimmers into the competitive scene. We focus on stroke technique, endurance and positive self-image through a non-stress, supportive team environment. Our summer program is designed for diverse ability and motivational levels to give each individual a unique swimming experience. This program offers superior stroke instruction, with a focus on improvement and having fun. Our qualifications for the 7, 8 and 9 year-old age group as well as our 10 and over age group is that the swimmers must be proficient in swimming the length of the pool safely. Our qualifications for the 6 and under age group are that they can swim at least a third of the pool without holding onto the side. Swimmers who are not able to safely swim 1/3 of the length of the pool efficiently will be placed in a swim lesson scheduled at 10:10am. This class will be labeled as the “Little Skippers,” devised as a progressive stepping stone to swim team. We will treat this session like a large swim lesson and children will be placed in the earlier class only if they progress. All 6 and under swimmers that are new to the program will be expected to pass a swim test to be placed effectively. The swim test will be scheduled on May 21th at 5:00pm.

Trophies and Awards: All swimmers will receive best time and good swim ribbons at each swim meet and a trophy at the end of the season. Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to time at swim meets.



Practice Dates and Times

May 22 - July 10, 2015

10 years & over 8:00am – 8:45am

7, 8 & 9 years 8:45am – 9:30am

6 years & under 9:30am – 10:10am

Little Skippers 10:10am- 10:50am

*There will be no practice on Memorial Day, May 26.

**Practice times subject to minimal changes based on the number of registered swimmers.

***Team price includes Safewater T-shirt

Swim Team Registration Monday, April 13, 2015 from 4pm - 6pm at the River Oaks Clubhouse.

Little Skipper Fee \$120.00 (8/30 minute group lessons)

*If your child progresses, he may join the swim team at a prorated rate.

One swimmer \$200.00

2nd swimmer \$175.00

3rd swimmer \$150.00

Racers swim team suits will be available to try on at registration and must be ordered on this day to arrive in time for practice. No refunds after June 1, 2015. Meet Schedule: June 12 – Time Trial 8:00am-10:00am / June 26 – Swim Meet 7am warm-ups / July 10– Final Swim Meet 7am warm-ups

FOR QUESTIONS / CALL CHARLOTTE HOOLIHAN/ CELL 985-237-9557