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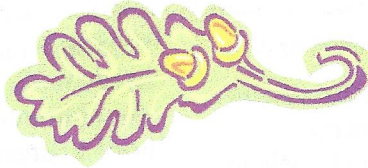
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Keeping You In The Know

Lawn Maintenance is paid 6 mos at a time

HOA Dues: 134 homes

49 paid in full, 39 are 1 year behind, 4 homes are 8 years behind

Current Bank Balance: \$12,977.78

Rule Committee's Report:

Description of role – handles complaints, sends out violation letters, files liens

18 letters were sent out in July with only 4 now in compliance

Questions and Discussions –

Neighbors:

- I. A. Missing Shutters- Can they be replaced with something “in kind”? YES
- B. What if paint match is impossible? Paint them
2. Can we change the covenants? Proxy votes?
3. How many homes are rentals ? Too many!
4. Why is Parking in the Street an issue? = It's in the restrictions, we need enough people from neighborhood to come together to change these

restrictions Ernest - “Stuck on Stupid” concerns

Kyle will talk with Ernest after the meeting about this issue.

New Business:

Lighting for sign- Motion to NOT get lights for sign. Motion Passed

Website: thelakesatopakgrove.com

More Discussion: How can we stop the speeding? Can we get road reflectors on the side of the street? Speed Traps? Speed Limit Sign with Radar?

Neighborhood Watch suggestion. If neighbors want this they can organize it but it will not be the responsibility of the HOA.

Attention- Speed Limit Sign was spray painted to read “85”

More Questions:

What do we do about fireworks in the street? = Ascension Parish has no law against Fireworks but we do have restrictions.

Motion to have a Quarterly Newsletter mailed out to neighbors. Motion: Passed

Crepe Myrtles? Lawn care responsible

for upkeep.

McMullen home= problem with cars parked everywhere and blocking neighbor's driveway.

It was encouraged the police be called for anything that is a parish or other government concern. HOA is limited in what it can control or handle.

Surveillance Video Camera to monitor vehicles coming in and out.

Chuck to speak with neighbor's whose mailbox has been wiped out for the 4-5th time due to car's hitting them.

Motion to table camera: Motion Passed
Suggestion to have more than 1 General Meeting a year with an agenda to be given out 30 days in advance allowing neighbors to submit concerns within 1st 15 days so that they may be added to the agenda.

Election of Officers: Bill and Kirk have stepped down.

Allen Childress nominated for General Board, Howard Bushey, also nominated for General Board. Both men accepted on to the board.

Motion to Adjourn: Passed!

Treasurer's Report

Thanks to everyone who has paid dues on time!

This is where we currently stand in our finances.

Homes: 134

In Good Standing: 55 (41%)

Owing Just 2015: 36 (27%)

Owing 2+ Years: 42 (32%)

Bank Balance as of 8/31/2015:

\$13,982.51

2015 YTD:

* Total Income: \$8,542.00

* Total Expenses: \$9,647.40

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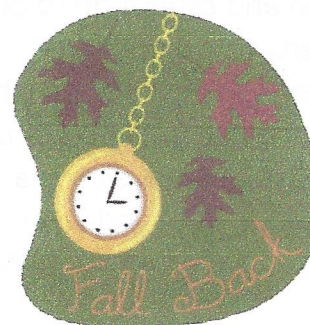
*A reminder to all who are delinquent that 12% interest is charged for each year overdue, so one year overdue is \$12, two years is \$12+\$24=\$36, etc. Homes 3+ years overdue will be lienied if they haven't been already, and garnishments will be used if necessary. Please contact us to arrange payments to avoid legal action.



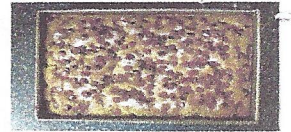
Don't Forget to Fall Back an Hour!

Daylight Savings Time is November 1st.

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy the extra sleep!



Adapted from smittenkitchen.com



Chocolate Chip Sour Cream Coffee Cake

By Lanie, LAOG Subdivision

1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick, 4 ounces or 113 grams) at room temperature
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 large eggs, separated
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream
1 cup plain greek yogurt
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
3/4 teaspoon table salt

Filling and Topping

2 cups or 12 ounces semi- or bittersweet chocolate chips or coarsely chopped chocolate bars

1/2 cup (100 grams) granulated sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Butter a 9-x-13-inch baking pan. If not nonstick coated, cover the bottom with a rectangle of parchment paper. Set pan aside.

In a large bowl, cream butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla.

Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt together into a separate bowl.

Alternately mix in sour cream/yogurt and then dry ingredients into butter mixture until both are used up and the batter is smooth and very thick. In a medium bowl, beat egg whites until stiff, then fold into batter.

In a small dish, whisk together sugar and cinnamon for filling and topping.

Spread half the cake batter in the bottom of prepared pan. Sprinkle with half of cinnamon-sugar mixture and 1 cup of chocolate chips. Dollop remaining cake batter over filling in spoonfuls. Use a rubber or offset spatula to gently spread it over the filling and smooth the top. Sprinkle batter with remaining cinnamon-sugar and remaining chocolate chips. With the palm of your hand, ever-so-gently press the chocolate chips a bit into the batter. No need to submerge them, you just want to make sure they adhere bit. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, rotating halfway through, until a tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Alternate suggestion: use blueberries instead of chocolate chips.

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What is an HOA? Contact Us at: board@thelakesatoakgrove.com

A Home Owners Association or HOA is designed to govern a group of homes in a limited area to maintain the property values of those home through uniformity.

The HOA Covenant is the guideline that dictates what we can and cannot do to our property to ensure that uniformity. Every person who owns a home in the Lakes at Oak Grove subdivision is a part of the HOA and cannot exempt themselves from the HOA.

The HOA was formally surrendered by builder Wendy Gladney to the residents of our neighborhood in April of 2009.

The Board is composed of seven board members and two subcommittees.

One subcommittee is the Rules Committee, which is responsible for issuing letters of violation to homeowners who are out of compliance with the covenant.

The other committee is the Architectural Committee, which is responsible to ensure that all modifications to our homes or property are consistent with the covenant.
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