



# Staying Connected

## The Lakes at Oak Grove

Hello Neighbors!

We have put together this quarterly newsletter to help us stay connected with what's happening in our neighborhood such as general meetings, special events, and various items of interest.

We hope this will help us all to be on the same page as we work together to make our neighborhood, The Lakes at Oak Grove, a safer, more beautiful, and wonderful place to live and raise our families!

We hope you will take advantage of being a part of this neighborhood by attending our annual meetings, communicating your thoughts and ideas, and being a part of the efforts we make to ensure we keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

Together we can make a difference!

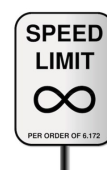


**Thank you Everyone!**

To all those who decorated the front of the subdivision, and other areas of the neighborhood, for the Christmas season– Thank you for making our neighborhood lovelier!



At ALL Stop Signs  
and Please, Watch  
Your Speed Limit.  
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Our Families  
Depend On You!



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### This Quarter

- *Welcome New Neighbors!*
- *What You Need To Know Before You Build*
- *Who Do I Contact?*
- *Contests, Reports, Things to Remember*
- *Easy Appetizer Recipe*

# Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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If you are new the Lakes at Oak Grove Subdivision, we welcome you and; encourage you to check out our website for important news and information.

[www.thelakesatoakgrove.com](http://www.thelakesatoakgrove.com)

Our annual **General Members Meeting** is usually any time from late spring to early summer.

We will put the selected date, time, and place in the next edition of this newsletter.

You will also get a mail out, as well as see it posted on the message board by the subdivision entrance.



Each year there will be **board positions made available** for either: reelection or for someone new to be voted in.

Anyone in the neighborhood who is current with their HOA dues may run for a spot on the board.

We hope to get to know you at the meetings!

The following titles are the board positions and committees we currently hold.

President: Chuck Adams

Vice President: Kyle Martinez

Treasurer: Glenn Rumfellow

Secretary: Chanell Costa

Architectural Committee: Kyle Martinez

Rules Committee: Chris Melan

General Board Members:

Sergeant First Class Howard Bushey and Allen Childress

We hope that you will be as happy living here as we are!

## Yard, Garden, and Shutter Tips

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### Yard and Garden:

The wind and rain has left trash all over the place, including in our gardens. Be sure to wear gloves to remove trash or debris.

One way to help prevent trash in the yards is to always bag your trash before putting it in the cans.

Having cans with lids will also help.

\* Remember to bring your potted plants inside before a freeze and cover your garden plants with a sheet or frost cloth. Your plants will thank you!



### Shutters:

Please be sure to check your shutters. If they are missing, loose or hanging, you will want to have them repaired, or replaced.

- Remember: Shutters must be the same size, design, and color.



## Spring Projects?

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As you begin to make your house your home, you may want to start some building projects such as fences, sheds, and other outdoor structures.

Please contact the **Architectural Committee** to submit your plans for approval.

All structures must be in accordance with the HOA guidelines. Please never begin a project without first going through this process.

This will save you time, money, and lots of frustration.

### Contact:

[board@thelakesatoakgrove.com](mailto:board@thelakesatoakgrove.com)



# What's The Problem?

Keeping You In The Know

Sometimes, problems in the neighborhood arise, but you may not be sure who to contact for help.

We hope this info will answer the question: Who do we seek for help?

For [HOA covenant violations or questions regarding dues or fees](#), email [laog.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:laog.treasurer@gmail.com), or direct correspondence to  
Lakes at Oak Grove HOA  
PO Box 1468  
Prairieville, LA 70769

For [damaged or vandalized street signs](#), contact the Parish at [225-450-1301](tel:225-450-1301) or

<https://yourgov.cartegraph.com>

For [street traffic law enforcement](#), contact the Traffic Division of the Sheriff's Office:  
Major Webb: [225-621-8381](tel:225-621-8381)  
Capt. Hebert: [225-621-8300](tel:225-621-8300)

For street repair issues, contact Public Works (Department of Roads and Bridges): [225-621-5730](tel:225-621-5730)

For [street light issues](#), contact Entergy: [800-368-3749](tel:800-368-3749)

For [drainage issues](#), contact the Parish Drainage Department:  
Bill Roux  
Director, Drainage Department  
Parish of Ascension

East Ascension Drainage District #1  
Email: [broux@apgov.us](mailto:broux@apgov.us)  
[225.450.1340](tel:225-450-1340)

Allen Allred Assistant Director  
East Ascension Drainage Department  
[225-450-1338](tel:225-450-1338)  
[aallred@apgov.us](mailto:aallred@apgov.us)

For [animal control issues](#), contact Ascension Parish Animal Shelter: [225-675-6557](tel:225-675-6557)

For general parish-related issues, contact: Councilman Daniel (Doc) Satterlee: [225-936-8804](tel:225-936-8804)

Check out our website for more info.

[www.thelakesatoakgrove.com](http://www.thelakesatoakgrove.com)

## Treasurer's Report

### The Lakes at Oak Grove HOA Income Statement 2015

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,993.81</b>
Electric Service:	\$ 569.57
Halloween Party:	\$ 250.00
Insurance:	\$ 3,165.00
Lawn Service:	\$4,050.00
Fees:	\$197.79
Mail Box rental:	\$44.00
Pond Maintenance:	\$1,695.52
Postage / Materials:	\$ 419.39
Water Service:	\$ 707.60
Web Hosting:	\$ 26.00 :

Decorations: \$100.00

**Total Expenses: \$11,224.87**

Net Gain (Loss) **\$(1,231.06)**

Our bank balance was \$14,066.00 as of 12/31/2015

As of today, here are the stats for how many still owe dues:



Years Owed   # Homes   % Homes

Owe 8 Yrs	4	3%
Owe 7 Yrs	4	3%
Owe 6 Yrs	5	4%
Owe 5 Yrs	2	1%
Owe 4 Yrs	3	2%
Owe 3 Yrs	12	9%
Owe 2 Yrs	11	8%
Owe 1 Yr	21	15%
Paid Up	75	55%

## Dues and Interest

Please Remember: There is a 12% per year interest on each year of dues that are due.

For example, those who owe 3 years of dues now have an additional \$36 of interest (\$12 times 3 years) they'll have to pay in addition to earlier interest.

We also have the authority to apply liens and garnish wages, and have already done so with those who owe more than 3 years. We'll be glad to work out a payment plan with anyone who needs assistance.

Thanks in advance for working with us!



## THE LAKES AT OAK GROVE HOA

*Working Together For a Safer,  
More Beautiful, and Happier  
Neighborhood!*



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## Stuffed Mushrooms Appetizers

### Ingredients:

1 package of whole mushrooms (wash and cap)

1 package of cream cheese

1/2 cup of bacon bits

Mix together cream cheese and bacon bits.

Stuff mixture into mushrooms caps.

Broil 4-6 minutes until mushrooms are dark brown and mixture has a golden color to it.

Serve warm.

~Chanell



Want to share a recipe? Send it in to: [board@thelakesatoakgrove.com](mailto:board@thelakesatoakgrove.com)

## What is an HOA? Contact Us at: [board@thelakesatoakgrove.com](mailto: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.

- HOA President Chuck Adams

*\*\*The HOA is a legal entity, as well as a non profit, which is made up of volunteers from the neighborhood.*

*Please consider how you may help out.*

Reminder: PLEASE, Slow Down For Our Kids.

Their lives may depend on it!

