

Lakes at Ascension Crossing HOA Newsletter

February 2023

HOA ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

The Lakes at Ascension Crossing Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 9:00am. The meeting will be held at the Ascension Parish Public Library, Dutchtown Branch on Highway 73.

We will review the 2022 HOA Spending and the proposed 2023 HOA Budget (see attached documents) and will cover what projects and events are planned for 2023. We will be asking for feedback from homeowners on any issues you feel the Board needs to address. We will also be asking if there are any homeowners that would like to volunteer to help with the HOA.

We hope you will plan to attend this important meeting. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided.

In order to help ensure that we achieve a quorum, we ask that if you can't make the meeting that you please email in your signed proxy to ashley@keystone225.com. The proxy form can be found at: <http://www.lakesatascensioncrossing.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Annual-Meeting-Mailout-PROXY.pdf>

REMINDER: 2023 HOA Dues were due January 1, 2023

HOA dues are \$300/year and are due January 1st and considered late if received after January 31st. You should have received a billing notice in early December from Keystone Residential, who handles our property management for the HOA. If you have any questions or problems, contact Ashley Bugea at ashley@keystone225.com.

Mailbox Painting Project Completed

We had 94 of the 119 homes in our subdivision sign up to have their mailboxes painted free of charge. When you drive down the streets it really looks good to have most of our mailboxes freshly painted. Project was started in May 2022 and was completed in October 2022.

July 4th Recognition / Holiday Decorations

The HOA Board recognized the July 4th Holiday in 2022 by installing flag banners at the Forest Lawn and Lakeway entrances and also installing small U.S. stick flags along the roads thru our subdivision. We also installed holiday decorations at the Forest Lawn and Lakeway entrances from Thanksgiving thru the New Year.

LAAC HOA Facebook Group

The private Facebook Group currently has 51 members representing 45 households. If you use Facebook, please join.



Street Light Repair

Did you know that you can report ANY street light that is not working in our subdivision? It doesn't have to be on your lot or even nearby. It's very easy and can be done online in a couple minutes. Here are the steps:

1. Go to (<https://www.energylouisiana.com/streetlightrepair/>)
2. Click on "Entergy Louisiana, LLC" as your Service Provider.
3. Click on "REPORT AN OUTAGE NOW"
4. Click on "Continue as Guest" or sign into your myEntergy Account.
5. Click on "A security light or street light is out"
6. Select "Street Light" and click on CONTINUE.
7. If you selected Guest, it will ask you for an address. You can put your own address and it will bring up a map of the subdivision showing all the street lights thru-out the subdivision.
8. You can move the map around to find the street light that is not working and then click on that street light.
9. It will ask you for your Name, Phone Number and you select the 5 Reasons you are reporting it (Out completely, On during the day, Light Blinking, Light has physical damage, Pole is broken or down) and then click on "SUBMIT REPORT"

Street Parking still a BIG problem

After many years of asking our homeowners to follow the restrictions on street parking, we continue to have a few homeowners that choose to ignore these restrictions and park on our subdivision streets on a frequent, regular or permanent basis. Besides the negative impact on the subdivision aesthetics when vehicles are parked on our subdivision streets, it is also a safety issue. Street parking impedes the progress of school buses, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, and affects the ability of drivers to see and react to potential hazards.

The HOA Board is working on developing a documented process to put violators on notice and if not corrected in a timely manner to start implementing all legal options up to including fines, liens and towing of the vehicles at the owners expense.

If you have a short-term need to park in the street, you can notify Ashley Bugea at (ashley@keystone225.com) and let her know the reason and duration to avoid these violations.

Lakeway Entrance Upgrade Project

Due to the severe freezes we had over the last few years the palm trees located at the front of the subdivision were damaged sufficiently enough to warrant replacing. The initial cost just to replace the three palm trees was approximately \$20,000.

We agreed it did not make sense to replace them only to see them possibly incur damage again with future freezes.

So we decided to get estimates for the landscaping and instead of the palm trees we opted to plant crepe myrtles to match the existing crepe myrtles on both sides of the street. Knowing that it would take a few years for the crepe myrtles to fully mature.

As we are now aware the recent hard freeze killed off the top of the purple fountain grass and we had it pruned to see if it will come back. We are looking at possibly removing the purple fountain grass to match what is on both sides of the street which is the green fountain grass which survived the freeze quite well. Additionally we are making plans to replace the landscape lighting with LED up lighting on the 4 crepe myrtles.

2022 Autumn Social

The LAAC HOA sponsored 2022 autumn social was a huge success! Due to board member efforts, we were able to increase this year's budget to create an event with something for everyone.

Thanks to Gymfit Dutchtown for the epic ninja course, Juicy J's Snowballs, and jambalaya with all the fixings from Pot and Paddle. All three vendors were a success, the weather was perfect, and good time was had by all. Also, a very special thanks to our neighbors Robert Jackson and Benjamin Curry for facilitating the party location.

We hope to continue to host events like this and others, so if you would like to join the social committee in future event planning or simply have an item or idea of use for future functions, please contact Ashley Bugea at (ashley@keystone225.com)