

President's Message

The arrival of the cool weather of fall finds most of us adjusted to the new normal. Wearing a mask is a little bit easier. Children are back in school and colleges are open. Much of the economy has recovered, and folks are venturing out and about. Following LSU and watching the NFC South, part of our fall tradition is here. Go Saints!

The holidays are a time many fall in love with their homes again. The annual "Fall Fix Up" across Chateau Estates is underway. If you are looking for ideas, there are fall gardening tips inside and articles on curb appeal on the CECO website. If you are looking for expert assistance with your home or garden please consider our advertisers; a professional can be a quick path to an update of your property. Homeowner pride is part of what makes Chateau Estates a great place to live.

During the pandemic the civic organization has practiced social distancing by not gathering in general meetings. Board meetings have been by Zoom. We look forward to safe resumption of general meetings next year. Members are being asked to approve amendment to the bylaws, and will receive an email ballot for election of next year's board officers and area directors. The board is a dedicated and committed group, and we are fortunate to have eleven of the twelve elected members on the ballot to continue their volunteer contributions next year.

Membership dues and advertising rates will remain the same next year. Part of your dues go to the Chateau Garden Club toward beautification of the gardens on Chateau and Vintage. If you are



To share a community interest, club or volunteer activity, news of a planned event, fundraiser, including events for families and children, please email us at CivicOrg@Chateau-Estates.org. interested in advertising on the website or newsletter please let us know. New options are available.

Dues for next year can be paid using the form on the back. PayPal is quick and secure and you do not need an account to pay dues over the website. Financial reports are on the website. Please support your civic organization.

With the pandemic, shopping local is all the more important. The local economy including jobs, is not yet back to normal. Deciding where we purchase day to day groceries, restaurants, auto services, household needs and gas makes a difference. Some of the dollar you

spend in Kenner stays in Kenner, including the sales tax you pay. Please buy local.

As a neighbor has commented, dealing with the pandemic is a marathon, not a sprint. Please take time to check in with your neighbors, while practicing social distancing. Sometimes just a phone call can make a difference.

On behalf of the CECO Board, best holiday wishes to you and your family.

Bob Bales CECO President

Kenner Food Bank Helps Families

The holidays are nearly here, but for many families and individuals, a traditional Thanksgiving meal is not affordable. Because of the pandemic the need is greater with many having lost their job. Kenner's Food Bank, associated with Second Harvest, provides food to residents of Kenner.

Eligible families receive food monthly according to family size. Many families often face the difficult choice of paying bills or providing food for their loved ones. Mayor Ben Zahn encourages helping those in need.

Individuals or businesses interested in making monetary or food donations can call 504-468-7220 for more information



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The Nominating Committee recommendations for a one year term beginning January 1, 2021 are:

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<u>Area Directors</u> South West South East

North East

North West

Laurie Becker Julius Neumeyer Sid Leblanc Ron Updegraff Brad Bohannan Richard Sanderson Sid Bullard Karen Scariano Tom Tatar

To place someone in nomination for area director or officer or to nominate yourself please contact civicorg@chateau-estates.org. Voting is limited to members in good standing, and will be by email vote on November 11th. Please be sure your spam filter allows emails from the above address.

Judy Hafford



Help for the Holidays

The holidays always seem to bring out the giving in all of us. If you're looking for a way to give this year, here are a few organizations you may want to consider...

USMC Toys for Tots Catholic Charities Salvation Army Second Harvest Kenner Food Bank Nursing Homes





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Autumn Horticultural Tips Michelle Charvet

Autumn is one of the two seasons we really look forward to in the New Orleans area. The weather is turning nice and now is a great time to get in your garden.

This is the perfect time to start adding flowers for the fall and winter months ahead. Beautify the landscape with Flower Power!

Fall is chrysanthemums season even though they are perennials. These flowers are available in a rainbow of colors.

Great annual color for the fall and winter are petunias, snapdragons, dianthus, alyssum, violas, ornamental cabbage and kale. One of my favorites is a purple and gold variety of pansies I call LSU pansies. Geaux Tigers!

Consider planting Louisiana Super Plants from the LSU AgCenter. The newest for fall is the Supertunia Vista Bubblegum Petunia. The flowers are bright pink and grows 16 to 24 inches tall with a 3 foot spread at maturity. Other LA Super Plants to beautify your gardens are Amazon Dianthus, Verbena Homestead Purple, Sorbet Violas and Diamonds Blue 🌾 Delphinium.

Lawn Care: Take control of your weeds in your lawn now that the extreme summer heat is gone. It is best to spray herbicides when the temperature is below 85 degrees at the time of applying. Prepare your lawn and garden for next spring by applying a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent new weed seeds from germinating. Ask your garden center which is right for you.

Don't forget your trees. Look around and trim any unnecessary, dead or weak branches from trees or large bushes.

The pleasant low temperatures can be deceiving, so be sure to wear sunscreen. And nowadays wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing when around others

Happy Gardening! Michelle Charvet



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Birds of Chateau By Bob Siegel

This is a heron. Actually, a night heron. He prefers the dark. The best time to look for a night heron is at dawn or dusk.

He is a yellow crowned night heron, though his crown tends to look more white than yellow. The best way to identify him is by the stripe under his eye. This is the only bird in Chateau with such a stripe. The male vellow

crown will grow a long white plume from the back of his head during the mating season.

Night herons dine on crustaceans (crawfish, crabs, even lobsters). With a diet like that you would think they would be better off at the shore. And, indeed, some night herons in Chateau may have just flown in from the Gulf Coast.

Night herons in Chateau are often alone. They even nest alone. But in New Orleans, they have been known for years to nest together - even by the hundreds. This last spring their nests were seen crowded along Esplanade Avenue. The night herons in these nests also made their presence known with their chorus of loud quarks.

But his urban nesting is risky. Young birds can fall from nests on to pavements below. A birder who lives in New Orleans put up signs to warn drivers: "Caution, slow, baby herons crossing."



The spookiest time of the year came last month. Steve and Julie Dorazio at 58 Chateau Mouton share their Halloween spirit every year and provide a regular attraction in Southwest Chateau.



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Garden Club Update Colleen Tassin, President

Hi Everyone,

I am delighted to be the new president of Chateau Estates Garden Club! I have chaired the garden beautification committee since 2013. I have been a garden club member for over thirty seven years.

We are responsible for new plantings and season flower color changes in the eleven

beds on the neutral grounds and subdivision entrances on Chateau Boulevard and Vintage Boulevard.

The fall plantings are starting to come up including LSU pansies in the Circle bed at Chateau and Vintage; these will grow through the springtime. We also planted snapdragons, cabbage plants, and other colorful plant varieties. Flowers are still forthcoming!

Costs of maintaining eleven gardens include plant inventory, and for the past several years the addition of two strong workers. These community volunteer efforts help beautify the area and maintain our property values.

We are grateful for the ongoing financial support of the Civic Organization. Fundraising also helps, and for that we appreciate our entire club including patron members such as the Spadafora's, Tassin's, Bohrer's, Cucchiara's and Kochera's. We particularly appreciate the support of Mike and Michelle Yenni.

Special recognition also goes to Mayor Ben Zahn and Councilman George Branigan. They have assisted with neutral ground improvements including lighting, signage, irrigation and repairs.

Colleen Tassin CEGC President 2020-2021 Colleentassin@gmail.com

> Chateau is a privately owned country club featuring an 18 hole championship golf course, a driving range, a premier tennis facility with seven rubico and two hard courts, an elegant dining room, a swimming pool, fitness center, banquet rooms and more.

> For more information regarding Chateau's types of membership, and banquet facilities, please call or e-mail.

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An Update from District 4 Councilman George Branigan

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COVID has caused all of us to have to deal with changes in our lives that I bet no one would have ever thought possible. Please stay safe and make sure to follow the recommendations given to you.



I just want you to know that I'm out there to make sure District 4 is taken care of. I want this to be the best place for you whether you are raising a family or are in retirement. Kenner has plenty to offer and our future is bright. A safe clean and prosperous community people is so important and we have all that to offer. With the future development of Lake Town moving forward, it will only get better.

STREET LIGHTS I drive the major streets in the district at least once a month and neighborhood streets quarterly. If a street light is out on your street just text me at 504-450-1988, give the location and it will be reported when received.

GARDEN LIGHTS The garden on Vintage and Chateau Trianon was finished and the lights are lit. I think the garden looks great and hopefully you do too. It creates a beautiful entrance to Chateau Estates from the east on Vintage.

GARBAGE CANS Please remember to put out trash cans no earlier than 3:00 PM the day before trash pickup, and remove from the curb no later than 10 PM. the day of trash pickup. We sure do not want our neighborhoods cluttered with garbage cans.

If you need ME, I'm a phone call or text away, (504-450-1988). All you have to do is contact me with your concerns.

Thank you, Councilman Branigan



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JP Council Corner **Dominick F. Impastato, III** Jefferson Parish Council District 4

While we have had to alter our lives in constraining ways as a result of COVID-19, our office has remained completely open, focusing on the many projects and initiatives we started several months ago.

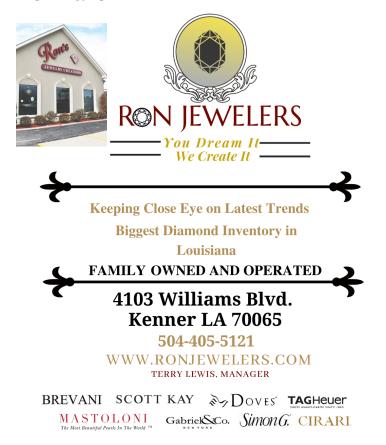
Many of our Kenner residents were sent

overestimated bills during September 2019 due to a staff shortage of water meter readers in the summer months preceding. At our insistence, we urged the Parish Administration and Water Department to move forward with automating water meter readings throughout the Parish. In June 2020, the Water Department kicked off a pilot program for these computerized meters using various City of Kenner residential accounts as tests before enacting a parish wide initiative. Using modern technology, we will be able to deliver more effective and efficient services for our constituents.

Earlier this fall, many of our students returned to class which means the return of school traffic in our neighborhoods. Recognizing that traffic circulation has become problematic near various schools, especially near the intersection of Loyola and Vintage at this site of the new Kenner Discovery Vintage Campus, our office provided funding to the City of Kenner for consultants to study this area and make recommendations for easier traffic flow. We hope that this will alleviate traffic, while ensuring the safety of our children.

Also, projects such as Laketown breakwater protection for the boat launch area, road and canal reconstruction at Bainbridge and also at Airport Rd. 🔹 & W. Napoleon, the Vintage bike trail, and other projects are moving 🔹 forward with parish funding. Finally, we have ensured once again that all pumping stations and all drainage measures protecting this Chateau area 🔹 are fully operational and working to keep the homes and business in this area safe.

These are among the various initiatives we have been working on to better serve you! If you have any questions or concerns about any other topic, please call my office at 504-736-6622 or email me at dimpastato@jeffparish.net.





THANKSGIVING DESSERT - PUMPKIN PIE CRUMBLE

2 eggs 1 can (12 oz.) condensed milk 1 teaspoon nutmeg 1 cup butter, melted

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1 can (19 oz.) pumpkin pie filling 2 teaspoons cinnamon 1 box yellow cake mix (9x13)

Whisk eggs. Stir in next 4 ingredients. Pour into 9 x13 baking pan. Sprinkle cake mix over top. Drizzle melted butter over cake mix. Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes. Serve hot or cold. Top with whipped cream. Submitted by Konni Albert

For all the cooking enthusiasts out there, CECO is proud to host a weekly recipe sharing blog on the Chateau Cook's Corner. If you have a recipe to share, please contact Konnie Albert at MsKonni@aol.com.



We're looking forward to seeing the wonderful Christmas decorations and spirit displayed across our Chateau neighborhoods again this year. This is last year's Christmas decorations by Jimmy and Kelly Gros, 4212 Beaujolais Drive. Join the fun and show your Christmas spirit!



Kenner's "Chamber of Commerce"

Sid Bullard, NE Area Director

Considered "Kenner's Chamber of Commerce", the Kenner Business Association has been fostering leadership and advancement in the community for over 35 years. KBA strives to provide, encourage,

and promote our member businesses. Our mission is to provide a network exchange for professional and commercial enhancement as well as a multitude of opportunities for economic growth, along with the development of community services. KBA members strive to improve our local business climate through advocating, facilitating and providing information on behalf of the city.

Members can attend networking events on a monthly basis, hear amazing guest speakers at the bi-monthly luncheons and assist the community by volunteering at one of the many events KBA supports. KBA members may also display brochures and promotional items at these events. Membership dues are \$120 a year and corporate memberships are available at \$400 per year.

KBA has an active social media presence through our Facebook page and website. By awarding grants to local non-profit organizations, the Kenner Business Association works to "give back" to the community. Past recipients include Joey's Hope, Kenner Boxing Club, Kenner Police & Kenner Fire Departments. The Kenner Food Bank is our 2020 recipient and KBA will match donations we receive up to \$2000.

Please visit the KBA Facebook page and website for information regarding upcoming events. The "State of the City" luncheon hosting our own Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn will be on November 17th at Chateau Country Club. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at noon.

For Membership information, call: Sid Bullard (Board Member): (504) 512-5664 Carolyn Barrett (President 2021): (504) 655-5512 Or go to the website: kennerbusinessassociation.com



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Parks & Recreation Update Ben Zahn, Mayor

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Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, our Recreation Department has done an incredible job of continuing to provide important services to residents.



Currently, an overwhelming majority of our nearly 30 facilities are open to the public,

and many never closed. The popular Laketown area is now fully open. Deputy CAO Chad Pitfield and I understand the importance of recreation for both the physical and mental well-being of our residents.

Many of the recreation offerings were moved online including dance, exercise and the newly created music program, as part of our exciting partnership for music lessons with the Louisiana Partimento Conservatory.

We are working on the details for some of our larger programs (athletics, gymnastics, martial arts, dance), that we hope to resume in some capacity very soon. We have seen COVID outbreaks as team sports have resumed on the local and national level and we will always make safety our No. 1 priority.

The newly upgraded Muss Bertolino football stadium is home field for four local high schools, and if you have been to Laketown, you have enjoyed the beautification and upgrades there – from pressure washing of gazebos and benches to musical instruments from the Kenner Rotary Club near the kid's play equipment. That generous donation is greatly appreciated.

I want to thank our employees for being so flexible and creative during very stressful times, showing the teamwork that continues to make us all KENNER PROUD.

Mayor Ben Zahn

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Firearms - Safety First Michael Glaser, Chief of Police

Most firearm-related accidents occur because of neglect for basic safety rules or improper gun handling. Children are often injured while playing with loaded guns or hunters mistakenly shoot their hunting partners.

Whether you keep guns in your home for protection or use them for recreation, you must always treat them with absolute respect. Don't compromise the safety of yourself and your loved ones. Help avoid firearm-related mishaps by using these tips.

- Teach your kids the four basic rules of gun safety education: stop; don't touch; leave the area; tell an adult.
- Treat every gun as if it were loaded. Keep guns unloaded when you're not using them. Store and lock weapons and ammunition separately. Consider a trigger lock.
- Understand how the action works and how to correctly load and unload. Learn the proper way to clean your gun.
- Know where the safety switch is and how it works. Always keep it on until you are ready to shoot.
- When handing a rifle to someone, unload, open the action and point muzzle in a safe direction.

Safety on Streets

Children are out playing, walking and biking. Please drive like your kids live here. The speed limit is 20 mph inside all subdivisions, and 25 mph on Vintage.



Traffic enforcement on your street can be requested by contacting the Kenner Police at 712-2200.

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- Before loading, check that the barrel is clean and free of objects. Never try to remove obstructions from the barrel by firing a shot.
- Always keep the barrel pointed it in a safe direction. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you fire.
- Before shooting, clearly identify your target and what is beyond.
- Use proper ammunition.
- If you buy a used gun, have a qualified gunsmith check that it's in good working condition.
- If you are a hunter; wear hunter orange; never cross a fence, climb a tree or stand or jump a ditch with a loaded gun. Tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return. If you move from one area to another advise someone.

Chief Glaser can be reached by email at kpd@kenner.la.us. Visit the Kenner Police Department website at www.kennerpd.com. You can also download the free Kenner P.D. mobile app for both Apple and Android devices as well as access the Kenner P.D. Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest updated crime, traffic, and other law enforcementrelated information.

Chateau Market Update



This market update is courtesy of realtor Sharon Kochera and represents sales of single family homes from June 24, 2020 through October 22, 2020.

	Per Sq. Ft	Sale Price
732 St. Julien Drive	\$118.20	\$228,000
14 Brittany Drive	\$138.12	\$250,000
67 Normandy Drive	\$125.00	\$260,000
700 Vintage Drive	\$141.33	\$264,000
636 St. Julien Drive	\$144.37	\$287,000
4148 Loire Drive	\$122.94	\$291,000
27 Normandy Drive	\$147.50	\$295,000
4125 Cognac Drive	\$127.59	\$296,000
49 Brittany Drive	\$130.16	\$325,000
4160 Medoc Drive	\$115.15	\$380,000
8 Chateau Trianon Drive	\$141.67	\$382,500
6 Chateau Mouton Drive	\$137.69	\$426,000
86 Chateau Rothchild Drive	\$138.17	\$430,000
65 Chateau Du Lac Drive	\$156.07	\$550,000
57 Chateau Palmer Drive	\$104.84	\$662,500

Average sale price was \$355,133. Sale price averaged 97% of asking price. Houses were on the market an average of 38 days, with eight of the fifteen homes selling in less than one week.





Wishing everyone safe and Happy Holidays From the Chateau Estates Civic Organization!

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