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## Results of Tuscany Survey

Thanks to the 34 people who completed the Tuscany survey and gave great feedback. We look forward to implementing some of your suggestions!



There were a couple of suggestions to make our neighborhood a gated community. In order to do that, we would have to significantly raise our annual dues as we would then become completely responsible for our streets AND our drainage! As you'll see in the results below, drainage is a major concern of many residents and has been an ongoing issue since the development of this subdivision. That makes the idea of becoming a gated community fairly impractical.

The Board is happy to hear from residents on these results, as well as any other issues/suggestions you may have. Feel free to contact any officer listed at left.

### 1. How many annual meetings should HOA have?

4 PER YEAR	14
2 PER YEAR	11
3 PER YEAR	8
1 PER YEAR	1
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>34</b>

**NOTE: We'll put this to a vote at our next meeting.**

### 2. Suggestions to improve meeting attendance.

Hold meetings only at linear park?	18
Hold meetings on a different day or time (other than Saturday at 10 am)?	10
Offer a door prize?	7
None of the above	2
Other (please specify)	<b>5</b>
Zoom AND in-person meeting	2
Doing fine as is	1
\$20 gift card raffle for attendees	1
Hold meeting at a downtown Slidell restaurant like Times Grill	1
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>34</b>

## Survey Results (continued)

### 3. If a door prize is offered, what should it be?

Not Applicable	17
Gift card to a local restaurant	10
Household put into a drawing for Paid HOA dues if all meetings for the year are attended	9
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>34</b>

### 4. What improvements would you like in neighborhood?

Improvements to our neighborhood drainage?	25
More social events to allow neighbors to meet one another?	14
Improvements to our park?	9
Stricter enforcement of covenants?	3
Fewer social events?	0
Other (please specify)	10
Implement Garden of the Month/garden maintenance	2
N/A	1
Consider additional seating	1
Drainage	1
Drivers stop at stop signs	1
Gated entrance and street improvements	1
Less nosy neighbors looking for violations	1
Cover all ditches	1
Enforce speed limit	1
<b>Total Respondents:</b>	<b>34</b>

### 5. Suggestions for social events

Activity in the linear park: picnic; Octoberfest; Crawfish boil; BarBQ	4
Block party at each cul-de-sac (LSU/Saints tailgate party)	3
Potluck/progressive dinner	2
Restaurant event (post-COVID) (Buffalo Wild Wings or Old Town Slidell)	2
Backyard tour of homes	1
Not interested in social activities	1
Form walking groups	1
Wine tasting	1
Meet & greet associated with a holiday	1

Game night	1
More Food truck events	1
None	1
<b>Total suggestions:</b>	<b>19</b>

### 6. One thing you would change about our neighborhood?

Wonderful neighborhood! HOA is run very well, and appreciate the job well done/No change necessary.	11
Improve streets (make them concrete) and improve ditches/drainage	9
Close all open ditches	4
Make it a gated community	2
Enforcement of stop signs and add speed bumps	2
Add sidewalks	1
Better attendance at HOA meetings	1
Apply same rules to all and be consistent. Not fair to enforce a rule for one then a different rule for another.	1
Lots of things in yards. Seasonal decor is fine, but some yards have long-term items of abundance.	1
The hideous light poles we have. Can we change them out for something less utilitarian looking? I understand we're not in city limits, but can we pay for it as a neighborhood and have CLECO do it?	1
Cement curbs to help eliminate ruts on every corner. Works in the Mandeville subdivisions.	1
Nosy neighbors	1
more flowers/landscaping, more big trees	1
Have folks talk to their neighbors before complaining to the board or the ACC	1
Would like more neighbors involved in HOA	1
<b>Total suggestions:</b>	<b>38</b>

We'll discuss these results further at our next HOA meeting on June 12 in the Linear Park at 10 am.

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## Social Events

At our next meeting, we'd like to form a Social Events Committee to help plan some of the suggestions that came out of the survey for future events.



However, one suggestion was to tie a social to a holiday and the first holiday is Flag Day! How about we celebrate Flag Day (which is Monday, June 14) with a picnic in the linear park following our HOA meeting on **Saturday, June 12?**

Bring a table and chairs for your group, your food and drink and a dessert to share. We'll supply an extra table and chairs for those who don't have any. If you feel like cooking, feel free to bring your pit!

We've never done this before, so please reply to the email coming soon to let us know if you're even interested in doing this on that date.

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## Drainage Issues

We have been in touch with Ashley Gonzales, Assistant Council Administrator in Chris Canulette's office, and have this information to report:

I (Ashley) received the below from our Engineering Department:

*The subdivision has been surveyed and evaluated. I have completed a design for drainage improvements on Napa Valley Way.*

*Due to the Finance's requirements, if Councilman Canulette concurs with the change, I will have to submit a new CPRF to allocate funds to this street as funds were previously assigned to other roads within the subdivision. I believe Jay was planning on discussing this in detail with Jay prior to tomorrow's council meeting. Provided there are no objections from Mr. Canulette, the new CPRF will be introduced at July's meeting. I would anticipate the project kicking off on-site sometime in the fall.*

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## Food Truck Events

The **Smokin' Buddha BBQ** truck event on April 24 was a huge success! Look for another pizza truck event this summer.



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## Welcome New Lot Owners

**Kyle and Tricia Gray** have purchased Lot 6 at the corner of Tuscany Drive and Napa Valley Way from the Casons and will soon be starting construction of their new house.

Kyle's contact information is:  
[gray.1528@gmail.com](mailto:gray.1528@gmail.com), 256-771-8450.

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## Tuscany Phone Directory

Our annual phone directory will be published in June. If you have changed your email or cell phone number, or aren't sure if you've previously provided it to us, please contact Dede Ricard with your updated information.

The phone directory makes it easier for us all to keep in touch, especially during each Hurricane season!

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## Slidell Happenings

With COVID numbers low and our area vaccination numbers high, life is slowing returning to normal in Slidell. Here are some upcoming events in the area:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<b>May 22</b> 11 am Kids 4 pm Teens and Adults	<b>Outdoor Tye-Die Class</b> Fee \$30.75 <a href="https://www.theartboxslidell.com/event-details/outdoor-kids-tye-dye-class">https://www.theartboxslidell.com/event-details/outdoor-kids-tye-dye-class</a>	The Art Box 100 Galleria Blvd.
<b>May 22</b> 11 pm – 2 am	<b>Bike Night</b> Music by Slingblade	American Legion Hall 1680 St. Ann Pl
<b>May 24</b> 7 pm	<b>Information meeting</b> for June 2022 trip to Oberammergau Passion Play Tour, Germany	Aldersgate UMC Genesis Hall 360 Robert Blvd.