

## WGI Homeowners Newsletter for April 2022

The Annual Whippoorwill Grove Incorporated (WGI) Homeowners meeting will be at 10AM on Saturday, 21 May 2022 at the nearby Fire Station on HWY 21 (80581 LA-21, Bush LA). Meeting information yard signs will also be posted at all WGI entrances as a reminder in the coming weeks. Meeting notification letters will be sent to the 25 WGI members who do not have valid email addresses on file. Recent updates/events:

---As discussed in previous Annual WGI meetings, the Board replaced our 25+ year old street signs/posts with new signs/posts. There have been some complaints that the new signs are not reflective and are difficult to see at night. On moonless nights and without street lights, our Subdivision can get pretty dark and it is easy to get disoriented for visitors without Google Maps. We are looking at incrementally replacing some of the signs with more reflective signs.

--- This year we completed scheduled repairs to the WGI Levees to prepare for a thorough LA State Inspection that was completed on 15 Dec 2021. The follow up inspection report from the State revealed no significant surprises and provided us with a list of expected deficiencies for each Levee. This list will drive our Levee maintenance priorities and schedule for the next few years.

--- Herbicide spraying continues for the Cormorant and Crane lakes. Cormorant surface weeds have been significantly reduced over the last few years and we are working to focus on a few trouble areas in Crane to ensure the weeds don't get out of hand. Some homeowners have complained about the surface algae on the shallow, southwest corner of Crane (on the eastern side of the Egret Levee). We are looking into what can be done to remove the algae and mitigate the risk of it spreading. If anyone is interested in volunteering for helping with herbicide spraying please contact a Board member.

--- A five-foot alligator has been spotted on Cormorant for the second year....The State recommends we wait a few months to see if the alligator moves on, which has happened in the past. We will look at hiring a private alligator trapper if the alligator is seen again this summer.

--- Homeowners just outside of our Subdivision have reported seeing poisonous Copperhead snakes near their homes.

--- A new Boat Launch was installed just to the East of the Heron Levee to provide access to Cormorant.

--- Lots of new WGI members this year! Seven new homes were built in our Subdivision with several lots and existing homes being sold. Ensuring all needed changes were made to the WGI roster and gathering new owners' contact information resulted in a three-week delay in getting the annual dues invoices mailed out this year.

--- The final opportunity to vote for or against a proposal for a 1.4 mileage property tax increase to provide a little over \$7M for the District Attorney's Office will be this Saturday, 30 April. For most of us this will equate to a tax increase of ~ \$250 per year.

--- We are continuing to use the same beige fishing flags to ensure only WGI members and their family members/guests use our private lakes. If you need a fishing flag or fishing card, please contact Mark Krause at (985) 707-4731.

--- We continue to save for major repairs to our Levees...We have approximately \$30K saved for at least \$150K of levee repairs planned for the coming years

--- Reminder...WGI is a legal Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary. Discharging a firearm, hunting, and/or purposely killing or wounding a bird or wild animal is not permitted by law and is punishable by fines. Recently, several Wild Canadian Geese have been hit and killed/wounded by cars on Turkey Ridge and other roads within our Subdivision. A mother goose with goslings was recently wounded by an arrow and has been sighted with the arrow still in her back near Cormorant. Please encourage residents and guests to not molest our wild birds and animals and please report violations to the LA Game Warden.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 21 May meeting!

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WGI Board