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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased to announce our newest member, Jim Owen, to the WGI Board. Jim was born and raised on the south shore. He recently moved back to Louisiana from New York where he spent the last 30 years working in the food industry. Jim is a CPA and still works in finance. Jim and his wife, Laura, fell in love with Whippoorwill when looking for property to build their dream home back in 2014. We are happy to have him join the team.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF OFFICE

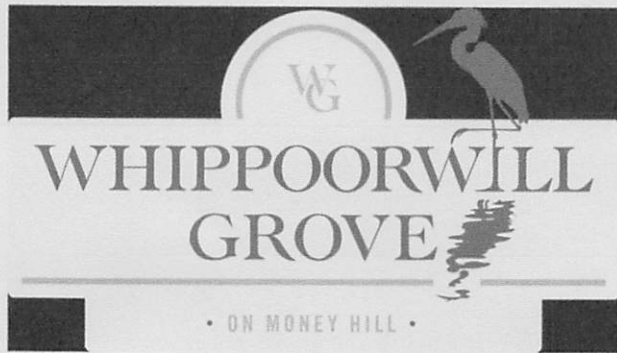
The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 1, 2024 for the new St. Tammany Parish Sheriff office relocation from Highway 41 (in a trailer) to a newly renovated building on Highway 21 (in the old Dollar General building). Sheriff Randy Smith was on hand for the celebration along with local residents.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE SOCIAL

We are planning to have a Christmas Cookie Exchange this fall swapping home made cookie and recipes. We need to know who would be interested in participating in our get-together. We will have coffee, hot chocolate and tea, but the number of people interested in participating will determine where we can host this event. So if you are interested in participating, please send an email to wgi.board@gmail.com before October 15th.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEW MASS SCHEDULE

St. Michael's Catholic Chapel located at 81349 Highway 41, Bush, LA has added an another mass to their schedule. The mass schedule is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday a 4:30 p.m. and the last Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m.



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BULKHEADS

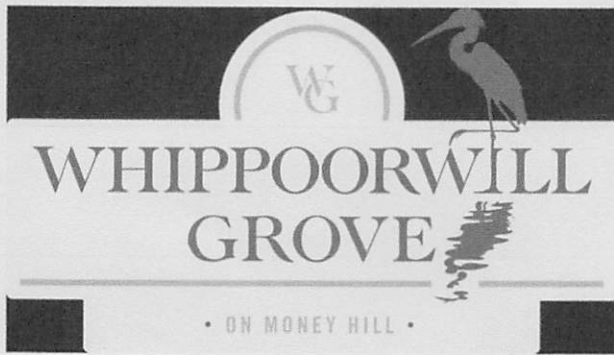
At our recent board meeting we were discussing the placement of bulkheads on Egret and Cormorant lakes. Lakes Heron and Crane already have bulkheads. Lake Crane have been there since we took over the lake maintenance from the developer over twenty (20) years ago.

Bulkheads provide more permanent protection against erosion of the levee thus reducing the amount of expense to repair such erosion on a periodic basis. We recently spent nearly \$26,000 on levee repair and spillway work on Lake Egret for example. Heron required considerable expense to repair before we put a bulkhead there a few years ago

Now we have a quote of \$75,000 for a bulkhead for Egret which is the most reasonable quote we have seen in a while for such work and comes from a proven contractor who has done work in our area. While the Egret levee may not need more work for some time, it's also true that a bulkhead would be a good long-term investment and a better financial solution for our future budgets.

While we would like to approve this project, our funds are short at this time for after the aforementioned Egret work and the replacement of the entrance signs. It might take three years to accumulate enough funds for this bulkhead. If we wait that long, the price will likely be much higher.

Some on the board think that it may be time for a special assessment so that we can take advantage of what appears to be a good deal. Our dues remain remarkably low for subdivisions like ours and we would like to keep them low. But every now and then this might require that we all contribute so that something like this Egret bulkhead can be done. Perhaps an additional \$300 per lot owner would do the trick. We consider this again to be a relatively small fee (less than \$6 per week) that shouldn't create an undue burden on anyone. If you have an opinion on this matter, we would like to hear from you. Please use our website to submit a contact with your opinion.



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FISH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee has met twice and realized a need to secure some data to help with decisions regarding the sustainability of our lakes and fishing.

With that in mind, the Fish Committee would appreciate your help in obtaining fish information regarding the fish you actually remove from any one of the lakes. This information includes: (1) date fished; (2) name of lake; (3) total number and weight of each species of fish removed (ex. bass, bream, crappie or catfish, etc.)

There is no need for information on the type or number of fish you and released. A guestimate is fine if you don't have a scale. We are trying to make this as easy as possible. Below is a sample submittal. Please email this information to: wgi.board@gmail.com.

September 9th, Lake Crane, 4 bass/2 bream, 3.5 lbs-bass/2.0 lbs.-bream

We will compile the data and share with the Committee members. We realize this requires some effort from fishermen and fisherwomen, but it will help the Committee make recommendations going forward to the WGI Board.

As a reminder, the WGI Lakes are for WGI Phase 1, 2, 3, 4 5, & 6 WGI members and their guests. Please enter the fish caught and kept by any guests fishing with you. Also note, current fishing limits have changed and new signs will be put up for all the WGI Lakes. Below are the new limits:

Return all Bass 14" - 21"	Keep one Bass over 21"
Keep up to 10 Bass under 14"	Keep up to 10 Bream

COMPLIANCE LETTERS ISSUED

As a follow-up to the June Newsletter, compliance letters were sent out to residents regarding the storage of boats on trailers, utility trailers and RVs. Some residents have responded and complied with the covenants. Others have not. Follow-up letters will be sent to those we have not received a response from within 30 days.