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Fall Newsletter

CHATEAU ESTATES CIVIC ORGANIZATION

November 2022

President's Message

We are approaching the final months of 2022 and it has been a true honor to serve as President of CECO over the last year. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Chateau Estates Civic Organization.

With the new City of Kenner Administration in place we are optimistic and hopeful that we will see positive things happening around the city. Economic development remains at the forefront of our needs, finding a way to encourage families to choose Kenner as their new home. We all are responsible in some way to make this happen. Whether keeping our homes and property in great shape by enhancing curb appeal or simply spending our money in Kenner.

Our final General Membership Meeting of the year is coming up on November 2nd at 7pm at the Kenner City Park Pavilion. We are anticipating 3 excellent speakers in Mayor Michael Glaser, Public Service Commissioner, Eric Skrmetta, and Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng. We are honored to host such a great group which will provide updates on what is most important to the residents of Chateau Estates and the City of Kenner. We will also hold the CECO annual board member elections including officers and area directors. Please put this event on your calendar!

Membership is vital not only to allow our organization to continue to provide this publication three times a year but also it brings awareness to our community. CECO's members is down 15% from 2021 mainly due to the pandemic which hindered our ability to promote the importance of this organization throughout the community

by way of our annual membership drive. Please ask your neighbor if they are a member of CECO and if not, ask them to please join.

I would like to thank our newsletter sponsors for their continued support of this publication and the organization. They have been an integral part of the growth of this publication. 2023 advertisement renewal are just around the corner and CECO is making joining the organization and advertising in our newsletter simple by accepting both PayPal and check.

CECO continues to use social media to touch both members and the community. Our Facebook page now has over 500 followers. Our latest post reminding everyone to simply lock your car doors will help with the latest wave of car burglaries in our community. Also, posting and reporting security camera footage of the perpetrators and their vehicles on social media and the Kenner Police Department can only help end this ongoing issue. CECO is seeking a volunteer to help us broaden our social media presence, please contact us directly if you or someone you know is interested.

Let us all remember as we end 2022 and move into 2023 that we need everyone helping to make our subdivision a great place to live. We should always strive to protect our property values and improve upon our quality of life.

Kerry Marcus
CECO President



CECO Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Pavilion at Kenner City Park - Loyola & Vintage

6:30 Doors Open
7:00 Business Meeting including election of 2023 Board

Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta
Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng
Kenner Mayor Michael Glaser

Bring a Neighbor – light refreshments
Unable to Attend? We will live stream the meeting on our Facebook Page

On line surveys are periodically emailed to our Chateau database, including questions for candidates in the election debates last March, the town hall meeting in July and questions for speakers in the upcoming November meeting.

Your participation in these surveys is valued. To be added to the email list contact us at civicorg@Chateau-Estates.org, or subscribe on any blog on the CECO website. Email addresses are kept confidential and used only for CECO business.

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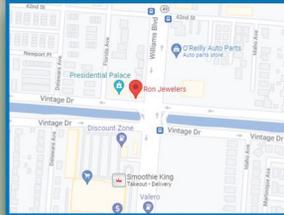
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Birds of Chateau

Bob Siegel

Chickadees are abundant – at least they used to be.

The last time we saw one was last spring in our garden near the green on fairway number three. We saw more than one chickadee. That was not a surprise. Chickadees almost always move in flocks. They like each other's company. Chickadees also get along well with humans. One winter, we saw a group of chickadees fluttering among the tennis players at Chateau's tennis center. The chickadees seemed unconcerned by the possibility of getting hit by a tennis ball.

You'll know when chickadees are heading into your garden. This is so despite their small size. You hear their happy chirping, well before you see them. The chickadee is one of the few birds that can sign its own name (chick a dee-dee-dee). Once you finally see them, you'll be able to identify them by their distinctive black cap and their willingness to approach you. They will probably be hoping you've brought some food, such as bird seed. They may even end on your fist to find out. But chickadees can always get along on their own food shopping, for insects, for example and even for spiders.

Though we haven't seen a chickadee in Chateau in a while, we feel certain we'll see several even as winter approaches. Chickadees are smart. They don't migrate. They get to enjoy their home neighborhoods. They can find their way back to the places where they spent a previous season. They can even locate their tree stumps where they stored last season's uneaten seeds.

Back Yard Habitat

Many bird species are in decline. You can improve habitat in your yard through native plantings, feeders, trees, bird houses and bird fountains.

Tips appropriate to our area may be found on the CECO Website under Homeowner Resources. The door prize at the annual meeting will be a bird house.



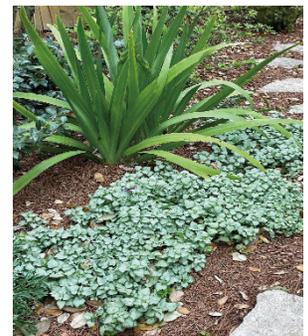
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Winter is Coming

Jeanette Rousell
Landscape Designer



Or is it? Our unique weather in New Orleans allows for a varied plant material palette – from heat tolerant tropicals to cold resistant shrubs – so preparing our gardens for our subtle seasonal changes can be challenging. There are, however, some necessary horticultural practices that will get our gardens ready.

First, let's begin with tropical plants. Groom yellow and diseased leaves from Philodendron, Elephant ears, Gingers and remove any overgrowth as needed. Hibiscus, Plumbago, Ixoras etc. will continue to bloom; resist the urge to hard cut these tropical plants or any other evergreens as this encourages new growth that can be easily damaged during a cold spell. Beyond a gentle trim, do not prune any spring or early summer blooming plants such as Azaleas, Gardenias, Hydrangea or you will remove next year's blooms.

Tired summer annuals should be removed now, however, some varieties that are still in full bloom only need trimming and deadheading for a "second wind" helping buy time for the planting of cool season bedding plants. For color, a personal favorite is the cold hardy Lamium. Its silver and green leaves with white or lavender flowers provide a great contrast against dark greens making this creeping annual a great choice in our gardens. Also, for an added visual interest, don't forget textural plants such as Kale, Ornamental Cabbage, Carex, and the native Muhly Grass which can welcome the fall season and continue their show through the winter months with little fuss.

And finally, it is essential to add 2-3" of mulch such as pine needles to aid in moisture retention and help protect roots from temperature changes. You can also use leaves from your deciduous trees, just make sure they are chopped for best effect.

So as the relentless heat gives way to cooler days, happy gardening!

CECO Annual Board Election

The board for 2023 will be elected at the November 2nd annual meeting. In accordance with the bylaws nominations from the floor will be accepted. The nominees are:

President	Kerry Marcus
Vice President	Rita Bezou
Secretary	Garey Mann
Treasurer	Ted Berggren

Area Directors

South West	Ron Updegraff
	Kevin Lisicki
South East	Esther Nickolaus
	Brad Bohannan
North East	Sid Bullard
	Terrence Duffy
North West	Alison Rose Wolf
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Being a member of the board is a great way to contribute to the Chateau Estates community. To nominate yourself or learn more please contact us at civicorg@chateau-estates.org.



Getting Ready for Winter
Tom Tatar, NW Area Director

With the change of seasons and the increased cost of energy, here are some tips for safety, comfort, energy savings and protection of property.

Seal windows and doors: Check and replace weather stripping around windows and doors to seal out cold drafts. A drafty home is uncomfortable and adds cost to your utility bills.

Check out your furnace: Make an appointment with your HVAC contractor to check your furnace. This is not only for the energy efficiency of the unit but for the safety of the household.

Check the A/C filter: It is just as important to have a clean filter in the winter as in the summer. A clean filter helps the system run more efficiently. This should be done monthly or quarterly depending on the filter you are using.

Install a programmable thermostat for your HVAC system. This will keep the home comfortable while at home and reduce the temp while vacant. This will help reduce you heating/cooling costs.

Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors: Every home with at least one fuel-burning appliance/heater, attached garage or fireplace should have a carbon monoxide detector installed. Replace the batteries with daylight savings changes and press the test button to ensure it is working.

Protect your exposed pipes: We do not get many below freezing days, but be prepared when a freeze comes our way. Pipe insulation and faucet covers are available at hardware stores.

Check the exterior of your home for a facelift: Now is a good time to do those outside chores. Check the trim-work and siding for a fresh coat of paint. Clean gutters and downspouts of leaves. Clean up any debris accumulated around the house.



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Home Improvement Projects

Sharon Kochera, Realtor



Home improvement projects can improve enjoyment of your home, increase curb appeal and add value. Projects do not have to be expensive or time-consuming. Here are some ideas!

Improve your landscaping. With one trip to the garden shop you can get everything you need to give your landscape a wow factor. Cut back overgrown bushes so buyers can see your home. Add seasonal color with potted and hanging flowers. Enhance your landscape with solar lights.

Beautify Your Bathroom. New light fixtures, new designer vanity and sink with marble bowl, faucet and coordinated accessories. Eliminate unfortunate color choices with white wall paint.

Welcome Light into Your Home. If you have large windows, lucky you. If you don't, consider brighter light fixtures. Paint your walls lighter colors and go with neutral drapes and blinds. Remove some furniture to open up your space.

Up your energy efficiency. Upgrades to reduce your energy bill may include LED fixtures and kitchen appliances with models rated high for energy savings.

Modernize your kitchen. Spacious kitchens are in. Redo your floor with trendy wood-look, wide plank tiles. Upgrade appliances with stainless or black steel. Replace countertops with granite. Go with a farmhouse sink and faucet for a country modern workspace.

Remember, costly changes do not always give the best return on investment. If you are thinking of selling consult your real estate agent about which home improvement changes will be better suited for your home.

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Tips for Crime Prevention

Terrence Duffy
North East Area Director

Exterior Lighting A well-lit exterior helps create a welcoming and beautiful atmosphere and prevent falls and injuries and can go a long way to preventing crime. Most criminals tend to avoid areas that have sufficient lighting at night. Even if a crime is committed in a well-lit area, there is a good likelihood it will be seen by someone and reported right away or recorded by a security camera as evidence.

Keep a Well-Maintained Community. A well maintained neighborhood tends to give the impression that there are people paying attention. Criminals will be deterred from entering the area or staying there long. A beautiful community communicates that people care for their area, their homes, and their safety.

Stop break ins before they happen. Locking car doors at night deters opportunistic burglars. JPSO and KPD have reported that most auto thefts and break-ins involve unlocked vehicles. Never leave your keys or a firearm in your car.

Consider Alarm systems and Cameras. Camera systems are increasingly affordable and effective at solving crimes. Check with your homeowner insurance agent for discounts available when you install an alarm system.

Build a Strong Community. Strong and neighborly communities will always be the best at keeping crime away from their neighborhoods. Neighbors who care for each other will be on the lookout for the well-being of those around them. Get to know your neighbors. Residents who know each other can work together to watch each other's homes while the other family is away. Plus, the more the people in the community know everyone else, the faster it will be for residents to pick out unusual visitors or suspicious activities in their area.



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City Council Update

Kristi Katsanis McKinney
Council-at-Large Division A

The lines of communication between the Mayor's office and the Council have been open and we have been focused on moving forward since July. There have been many great developments in the first 3 months including the movement of most departments out of the former Macy's building, the re-opening of many playgrounds and gyms, and the move of Council meetings to Heritage Hall in Rivertown.

Another exciting development is the re-opening of the Office of Motor Vehicles in Rivertown in October. Recreation programming like football, cheer, gymnastics, and soccer are all back in swing while open play at gyms has been re-established at several parks. The City has regularly been sending people to maintain neutral grounds and beautify the common areas throughout the City.

In July, on Police Chief Conley's recommendation, the Council voted to fund body cameras for all police officers to protect the integrity of the officers and allow for the same high level of protection of citizens. We also voted to upgrade the portable radios for all officers which provides them with the latest technology.

In October, we will vote on updating the FY 2022-23 budget to fully fund the Mayor's office and City Attorney's office which was defunded by the outgoing administration. They are also recommending a variety of positions to be eliminated and several departments to be dissolved. The Council investigation into the Ida-related review of expenses is on-going at this time and we will continue to press for full information. Thanks for the continued opportunity to serve and please contact me at divisiona@kenner.la.us or 504-468-7247 with any questions.



Safety on Residential Streets

With the return of fall, more residents and children are out playing, walking, biking and enjoying the fair weather. The speed limit is 20 mph throughout the Chateau neighborhoods and 25 MPH on Chateau Blvd and Vintage Drive.



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On Tuesday November 8th Chateau voters go to the primary polls for US Senate and US House of Representatives with incumbents John Kennedy and Steve Scalise standing for re-election. You can see all candidates on the Geaux Vote website. There are no state or local races on the ballot for Chateau voters.



There are eight state constitutional amendments for voter consideration including homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities and investment of public funds. A link to information is on the CECO website.

Mid-term elections matter. Louisiana had about 50% voter turnout in the last mid-term. Get involved and vote!

Recycling helps the environment.

Many homeowners have (and pay a monthly fee on their water bill for) the small IV Waste recycling container. Recycle:



- Aluminum and small steel cans.
- Paper; newspapers, cardboard, magazines and paperbacks.
- Plastics marked #1 and #2, which includes soda and water bottles and milk/juice/shampoo/detergent containers. Plastics not recycled include those coded 3-7, plastic bags and bubble wrap.

For a more complete list of what IV waste accepts and does not accept, check IVWaste.com/Kenner. If you need a recycling container contact IV Waste at 504-224-8471.

Talking Trash

We received requests from several areas asking to bring attention to trash, including municipal code and IV Waste pick ups. Please keep trash in it's place!



Please put garbage cans out no earlier than 3:00 pm the day before pickup, and bring in no later than 10:00 pm the day of pickup.

When not at the curb, place cans behind the front line of your house. Please do not store trash cans in front of your garage! If you are on a corner please place the can behind a fence. If you live on Chateau Blvd please do not place debris or trash on the median.

IV Waste is selective on what they pick up on regular rounds. **Whatever they do not pick up must be reported.** Call or email and be specific. For example, IV has a subcontractor pick up refrigerators and other appliances and they send a claw truck for debris or building materials no matter how small the pile.

Please call so stuff does not sit for weeks!

IV Waste Contact:

Email: kennerdispatch@ivwaste.com

Office: 504-224-6670



CECO Weekly Echo

This newsletter is mailed to all Chateau homes in March, July and November. Each Friday we send the "Weekly Echo" with information of interest to the one third of Chateau homes where we have an email address. We would like to reach more homes between newsletters! To receive the Weekly Echo and participate in surveys please contact us at civicorg@chateau-estates.org, or sign up from any blog at Chateau-Estates.org.



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Keith Conley
Kenner Chief of Police

Thank you for this opportunity to communicate with the residents of Chateau Estates. First let me thank Terrence Duffy for his contribution to this newsletter, his tips are dead on. The biggest crime facing our area are vehicular burglaries. In Chateau Estates we had no vehicle burglaries last month! Thank you for securing your cars.

Scam Alert! Scammers are calling residents across Kenner impersonating members and officers of the Kenner Police Department. Once they have the victim on the phone they convince them that either them or a loved one has missed a court date and a bond or fee has to be posted immediately or they will be arrested. They instruct the victim to buy certain gift cards and relay the information to them over the phone. As crazy as this sounds, they are successful. I have personally spoken to a victim, a professional, who fell for it. It is important to note that NO law enforcement agency, or governmental agency for that matter, will call and solicit money over the phone for city services or court related fines and costs. These scammers are very convincing, please just hang up on them.

Ways to Support the Local Economy

There is no better time to support local business than now.
We can all chip in and help!

- Shop local. Make a conscious decision to fill up your tank here in Kenner.
- Follow local business on social media. Share positive comments encouraging others to come to Kenner!
- When entertaining family or business meetings, take them to a local haunt. Tell people about your experience.
- When buying birthday and other presents, get gift cards to Kenner shops and restaurants that they may not have tried.

Be a tourist in your own home town. Don't just live in your town, become an ambassador to your community



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Halloween is just around the corner, please be mindful of our little ghosts and goblins who will be excited and trick or treating. Here are some Halloween safety tips:

1. **Children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.**
2. **Children should never eat any treats until they have been examined.**
3. **Advise children that they should never enter strangers' homes.**
4. **Never invite children into your home.**
5. **Keep pets inside your home, or other safe place, on Halloween night.**
6. **Parents should know what route their children will be taking.**
7. **Props such as swords should be made of pliable material.**
8. **Realistic replica firearms should never be used.**
9. **Masks should not be worn if they impair vision.**
10. **Children should always use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.**

In closing I would like to let you know that your Kenner Police Department is always there for you and appreciate your support. Please if you see or hear something that is unusual or suspicious, please give us a call at 9-1-1.



Chateau Market Update – Sales

This market update is courtesy of realtor Sharon Kochera and represents sales of single family homes from June 21, 2022 through September 29, 2022.

	<u>Per Sq. Ft</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
4160 Cognac	\$145.54	\$310,000
4200 Loire	\$176.09	\$330,000
23 Chateau Du Jardin	\$117.12	\$420,000
4160 Medoc	\$133.33	\$440,000
10 Rue Dijon	\$149.33	\$465,000
83 Chateau Rothchild	\$150.82	\$549,000
77 Chateau Palmer	\$161.11	\$715,000

Average sale price \$461,286 and was 96% of asking price. Houses averaged 27 days on the market, with five of seven selling in less than two weeks.

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