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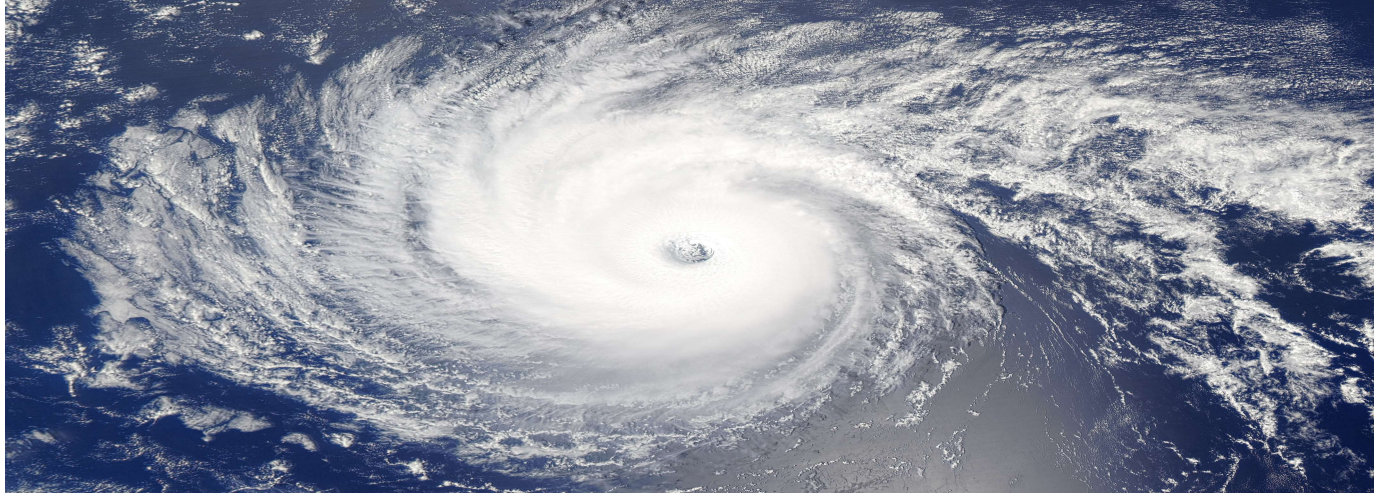
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Blooming Mushrooms, Hiking, The Waterfront, and IDA!

[LA Travel Update Covid 19](#)

[Madisonville](#) is rich in history, full of parks, trails, and places to rent boats along with the great Tchefuncte River! HECK, the word FUN is in the river's name, and there are so many exciting fall things to do all around us! We have incredible restaurants such as the [Abita Roasting Company](#) to the boat-share at [NunMakers](#) rentals. The [Northshore](#) has music and activities for residents and visitors. *But Wait, it's storm season....*

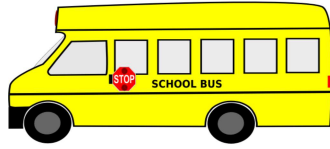


Well, we all knew this was storm season, but mother nature, did you have to remind us this early? IDA came rushing in with winds over 125 miles an hour, and well, it was quite a Breeze in Madisonville, especially along the Tchefuncte River. We got a big reminder from the name of a boat that washed up along our shore to keep an eye out for, well, shall I say it, "Summer Breeze" or a Hurricane passing by us! [Please be safe. NOLA Hurricane Ready](#)



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If you are caught in a storm and have a roof leak during a storm, understand that resources can quickly become tapped out; doing what you can to mitigate your situation will help everyone. Only homeowners and renters can call the [Army Corps of Engineers](#) directly to get a Blue tarp for free. If you manage to get help, let [GNO](#) know. Call your insurance and ask them for help. Adjusters only make claims, and they do not necessarily put tarps on; it is up to a contractor to cover the roof and fix it, so please do what you can to safely stop additional water damage.



September in Louisiana, School is in Session: Watch for children everywhere; slow down to 25 mph in school zones and bus stops.

We had the pleasure of interviewing one of our own. Here is a *Spotlight on one of our Village students*: Isla (6 years old), daughter of Elizabeth Turner.

Q Isla, what are you most excited about in the upcoming school year? "to meet my new teacher."

Q Isla, how do you feel about school? "Happy! Even sad because there is no nap in 1st grade."

Q Isla, what is the stinkiest thing in your school? "Nothing stinky about my school."

Q Isla, what are your academic goals for the year? "I want to learn Math."



We wish you the best, Isla, and your future looks bright!



Did you know that Guste Island has a Book Exchange? The exchange is for all ages, take a book, leave a book! Look for the Book Exchange Bird Houses Along Guste Island Road and enjoy!

September is National Dog Ownership Month

"I love rescuing animals and dream of the day I could have, or be involved in, a pet sanctuary."



ALL ANIMAL LIVES MATTER."

Our Neighbor here in the Village, Debra Bonanno, Owner of "Nanny Deb's Pup Sitting and Walking Service, recommends that a veterinarian should check all dogs and cats annually. Per your veterinarian, vaccinated and treated for heartworms. Our pets are extensions of our families and leaving them outside in extreme weather and long periods is inadvisable.

Call Deb at 504-473-9508 if you need these services!

We are all responsible for keeping our pets licensed and vaccinated in the state of Louisiana. The rules and regulations are easy to follow for those new to the area at the [Louisiana SPCA website](#). Adopting a pet or volunteering at the SPCA is always encouraged!

October is Fire Prevention Month

Did you know unattended cooking accounts for one-third of house fires and burn injuries? Here at the Village, we want everyone to be safe.

- Be sure you have a fire extinguisher in the home.
- Test the fire alarms, smoke, and carbon monoxide every six months.

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- Understand where fire hazards are in your home: candles, matches, lighters, flammable chemicals or gases, and small appliances.
 - Have a home safety escape plan.
 - Check and replace air condition filters per MFG.

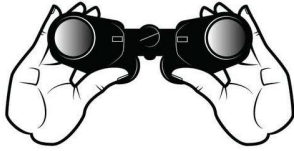


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All the rain is causing mushrooms to grow in our gardens; what does this mean? Well, mushrooms in a garden indicate two things. First, they suggest that the garden has fungi that decompose decaying leaves, twigs, stems, and roots. It's a beautiful sign because it means thatching is nearly impossible in the garden. Second, they indicate that the garden is rich in organic matter, courtesy of the fungi and other microorganisms. Most plants will probably do well when grown in a garden rich in organic matter! However, while some mushrooms are edible, some are poisonous. And to the untrained eye, it is difficult to tell which mushrooms are edible and which mushrooms are poisonous.

Mushrooms are an essential food in many communities across the world. For this reason, you should NOT eat mushrooms that suddenly pop up in your garden because there is a risk that they could be toxic. If you are not bothered with the mushrooms, you should let them be. After all, they will disappear almost overnight if you give them time. If they bother you, take care, use gloves, and remove them gently. Do not spray toxins as you will harm the balance of your lovely fungi and other microorganisms which balance the soil in your garden.






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What's Ahead: The Village Board reviews all of the repairs from Hurricane IDA, and understands our future insurance requirements. We have a lot to do on behalf of all homeowners. We ask that residents be patient with repairs as we work with GNO to ensure that the most critical items, such as roof repairs, are supported first. We are not yet through the storm season, and finding reliable vendors is unpredictable during the Covid-19 pandemic. ***Stay tuned to news and email as community meetings and further information will be ongoing.***



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Setting Our Sights On A Better Community!

Our Boards Mission is to protect the Village property and manage fiscal responsibilities to preserve our Village community. Following the HOA rules and regulations, the Village Board supports daily management in keeping community *real property value to the best of our ability*. We are committed to being as transparent and inclusive as possible. All HOA Operating Documents are available at the GNO website www.gnoproperty.com

Residents are reminded that with any concerns or recommendations, the proper procedure is to notify GNO Management, our property manager:

[Ronnie at ronnie@gnoproperty.com](mailto:Ronnie%20at%20ronnie%40gnoproperty.com)

We all pay our HOA dues to support this position; homeowners should ensure that Ronnies time is used appropriately. Did you know the portion of your monthly dues moved to the Reserve Account? **\$4.46 per month** for each homeowner is allocated to the Reserve Account.

Are you aware that tampering with Village Common property, ***known as association property, is a violation?*** Those who perform such infractions will be notified and possibly fined? The process of notification and fines is located on the [Welcome to the Village at Guste Island](#) Facebook Page.



The Welcoming Committee and Beautification Committee have been created. Many new homeowners have arrived and been welcomed by the Welcome Committee and received information about our little Village. Thanks to committee members for providing this outstanding service!

If you want to participate, contact Villagehoaboard@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to join! It is an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors while contributing your knowledge, skills, and integrity to our community.

Riddle What is the longest word in the English language?



Why do we need reserved funds, and how are they used? Reserve funds are used for maintenance and asset replacement projects that occur infrequently. These projects cover unexpected or long-term maintenance activities such as our recent fence, roof, and painting completed during Phase I. Projects such as these come with a hefty price tag and are why many people live in an HOA property. The HOA expects large-scale repairs and maintenance items and why the association starts saving ahead of time. To try avoiding burden to homeowners with special assessments.

What are the steps when a property owner violates an HOA By-Law, and how does the HOA enforce the rules?

The HOA is not the enforcer; homeowners who see the significance in owning a home and want their property to appraise above market value will self-police. To meet HOA guidelines and assist all property owners in keeping valuations high, GNO conducts bi-monthly drive-throughs assessing the Village condition. Violations are noted, and letters are sent. Residents have 15 days to resolve the violation. If a resident does not correct the violation, then a 2nd violation letter is sent. If the 2nd letter is ignored, the 3rd letter with the associated fine is issued. The homeowner will then have a 90-day violation on their HOA record.

A consequence of fines and violations is: Suspension of community voting rights and holding board positions until violations and fees are resolved. In extreme cases, the HOA can take legal action against homeowners and place a lien on their property until issues are fully resolved.

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Did you know that homes in the Village Home are built on cement slabs? Many pipes and other utilities are running under and between units. Parking on the lawns may cause damage and expense to all owners. Anyone who continues these habits causes us all to suffer from servitude damage and expense.

St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Department will ticket and tow improperly parked vehicles at the owner's expense. To avoid a ticket, ensure that your guests, visitors, and you properly park all autos off the streets and in your driveways.

Where do I find community information? The Village Board welcomes your input, suggestions, and participation in our community, helping to improve our quality of life in the Village.

If you have any concerns or recommendations, the proper procedure is to notify GNO Management, our property manager, [Ronnie at ronnie@gnoproperty.com](mailto:ronnie@gnoproperty.com).



- Community BBQ will be rescheduled for this fall; stay tuned for details.
- Entrepreneurship Day for our young entrepreneurs is to be held **on Saturday, November 13, 2021**.
- First Annual Holiday Decorating Contest: starting November 26, 2021. Judging will be **on December 18, 2021**.



Alligator Safety

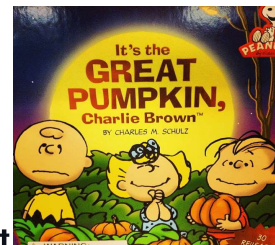
Alligator Safety at Louisiana Wildlife and Fishery offers many tips; here are a few:
Do Call animal wildlife if you encounter a nuisance gator that has lost its fear of people.
If you see an alligator while walking a pet, make sure that your pet is on a leash and under your control; it is best to avoid swimming in areas that are known habitats for alligators; please don't allow children to play by themselves in or around the water, Don't kill, harass, molest or attempt to move alligators, Never go near a baby alligator or pick them up:

Please enjoy viewing and photographing wild Louisiana gators from a safe distance of at least 40 feet or more.

Riddle Answer



Smiles" because there is a mile between the first and last letter.



Wishing All Our Ghosts and Goblins a safe trick or treat!