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### ENGLISH TURN MONTHLY

THE OFFICIAL ETPOA NEWSLETTER



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## le Detour aux Anglois



When we think back to before our community's inception, we probably think back more recently to 1988 when it was first developed. But it, unlike many suburban neighborhoods, has a much more dense history that goes as far back as 1699; perhaps even longer.

The story begins in the summer of 1699 when Bienville and crew were exploring the lower Mississippi when they spotted an English frigate. It was the Carolina Galley, fully rigged and sailing upriver on a mission of British colonization. Bienville and his crew had not been on the land longer than 5 days before this. They had made no settlements and were unprepared for newcomers. Accounts vary as to exactly what happened that day, but most agree that the teenager confronted the English Captain and insisted this was French territory. He even at the time dropped his brother's name, Iberville, for he was well-known for his military exploits against the English in French Canada. He convinced the captain that French troops were waiting for them just around the bend. And that they should return the way they came. It worked. Bond bought Bienville's bluff and the ship turned around and sailed back to Charleston. Since then, this bend in the Mississippi River has been called English Turn ever since.

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### POA UPDATES



#### **SAFETY VESTS**

A concerned resident, who regularly walks the neighborhood in the evenings, has donated some reflective safety vests (pictured here) and the POA has implemented a "pay-it-forward" program for residents.

We all know that, when it comes to pedestrian travel after the sun goes down, the brighter-the-better. Now, thanks to our generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, you can be safe AND stylish! This nine-pocket design is lightweight and highly visible. It is PERFECT for sundown strolls.





If you would like a safety vest, **yours is FREE!** We only ask that you pay-forward a \$10 donation. All proceeds will be used to purchase new vests. Come pick up your vest at the POA Office today!

#### **DUMP TRAILER PURCHASED**

The Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of a new 14 foot, hydraulic lift dump trailer. This new piece of equipment will aid in picking up and hauling debris. With the passing of Hurricane Ida, it became apparent that a purchase like this was necessary so that we can have it readily available when equipment rentals are sparse. Bubba and the guys are super excited to have this nice piece of equipment that makes their job a little easier!



### TREE REMOVED

The massive tree that you see pictured here was another casualty of Hurricane Ida. Although it sat in front of 1 Golf Villa Drive, it was actually seated in a common area, making it the responsibility of the POA to remove it. After obtaining several bids, Yeah Trees was awarded the contract. They did an excellent job at a satisfactory price. The POA crew also utilized the new dump trailer to haul the debris to the back. This was a contributing factor in getting a lower price negotiated with Yeah Trees.



### **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY INVITATION**



TRUNK OR TREAT: IN THE CLUB'S PARKING LOT FROM 4-6 PM
SET-UP WILL BEGIN AT 3PM

### SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

A SPECIAL MEETING has been called by ETPOA Secretary, Avery Theard, for Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., where the vote for the proposed Bylaw revisions will take place.

A proxy form has also been included in the packets which were delivered to your homes. If you know that you will not be able to attend the November 17th meeting, please complete the proxy form and return it to the POA Office. For added convenience, the proxy form will also be distributed via DocuSign soon.

### **Special Meeting Notice** for ETPOA Bylaw Revisions

**English Turn Property Owners Association** 

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 6:00 pm

English Turn Country Club – Ball Room 1 Clubhouse Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 (broadcast simultaneously via Zoom)

#### YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

If you are unable to attend in person, you MUST complete the enclosed proxy form and return it to the POA Office.

Zoom attendance will not count unless a proxy form is returned.

(Please see reverse for letter from ETPOA President, Janet Duroncelet)

In the community meeting which was held Wednesday, Oct 20th, these Bylaw revisions were preemptively discussed. Within the meeting several questions and comments were made in-person, as well as by Zoom participants. After the group reviewed the redline changes to all eight sections of the Bylaws, the following further changes were added to the document.

- 3.2 changed the date for the annual meeting from the first Monday in February to "a date within the first Quarter"
- 3.6 added "by electronic means"
- 4.9 added "after the annual meeting"
- 4.18 added several sentences at the end of the current language
- 8.9 added "including the election of Directors"

The changes will be incorprated into the redline version of the document.

### **BYLAW REVISIONS**

#### BY JANET DURONCELET, ETPOA'S BOARD PRESIDENT

Over the past few months, I have worked diligently with residents, Bart Farris, John Emmett, and Joanne Wagner, to update the Bylaws of the English Turn Property Owners' Association. This document, which governs the administration and operation of our Association, was written over 30 years ago. Unfortunately, modern technology and our experiences have shown it to be partly outdated, inefficient at times, and not always incorporating the best practices.

Other efforts over the years to update and correct deficiencies have failed, not because of significant opposition to the revisions, but for the lack of a quorum, or 50% plus 1 of eligible residents, to vote. So, once again, our committee offers revisions for community consideration. Our revisions have been introduced both at an earlier community meeting and in our September newsletter. The entire Board of Directors fully supports them.

During the upcoming October community meeting, which will be held next Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the committee will discuss the revisions in more detail and invite questions, concerns, and comments. To allow all property owners to prepare for this meeting, the revised Bylaws, clearly showing the revisions, are being emailed and hand-delivered to residents; or mailed to lot owners who are not living in the community. Also included with the revised Bylaws will be a Special Meeting proxy form, DocuSign information, and the notice of the Special Meeting (on the reverse side) to vote on the proposed changes.

After thorough discussion and consideration of the revisions, the Special Meeting will be held on November 17, 2021, to vote. To obtain the necessary quorum, the Board is encouraging the use of proxies designed for this vote only. To facilitate the delivery of proxies to the POA Office, they may be emailed, faxed, or hand-delivered. DocuSign technology will also be provided for an online submission. Finally, to ensure the proxy's presence at the meeting and the counting of your vote, our secretary Avery Theard, or his designee, has been specified on the form. As always, should the property owner attend the meeting, the proxy is automatically revoked. Should you wish to reject the amendments and cannot attend, please indicate that vote on the proxy form.

This Board and past Boards feel that these changes to the Bylaws are necessary to improve the functioning of your Property Owners Association. We urge you to consider the changes carefully and to raise your comments and concerns at the October 20th meeting, either, in writing, in advance of the meeting, or during the meeting itself. We are hopeful that you can approve our work product and/or suggest improvements that can be discussed at the meeting. Revised Bylaws are overdue, and your participation in this process is most appreciated./

Kind regards,

Janet Duroncelet, ETPOA President

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### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY

#### MASON'S MAILBOX MAKEOVERS



This month's community highlight is dedicated to Mason, an 11 year old English Turn resident. Mason has recently begun servicing mailboxes within our community that need a little love. He is currently charging \$5 per mailbox to clean off bird droppings and dirt, making them shine beautifully. If you are intrested in hiring Mason and supporting his small buisness, please contact him at (504) 345-7116.

#### **GOLF COURSE NOW OPEN**



Everyone at the Clubhouse is celebrating their upcoming Grand Reopening Tournament and Party which will be held on November 5th. They will be celebrating the reopening of the golf course and the renovated turf.

The month of October is always special for the POA. The annual Halloween Extravaganza and house decorating contest really show the neighborhood's spirit and kicks off the rest of the year and holiday season. It can be compared to climbing to the top of the slide on the playground. You sit down and take a deep breath because November and December are sliiiiiiiiding in FAST! For November, the Club will be offering a one-seating luncheon buffet on Thanksgiving Day and December will bring the POA's Christmas Caroling/Winter Solstice gathering. In the meantime, see you at the party on Saturday!

Property Owners Association, (504)391-8000