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Moonraker Residents,

I hope the time off because of the virus has left our neighbors rested and ready to get back to life as we knew it previously, ready to work, ready to help others, and looking forward to a prosperous remainder of the year. One of my observances is that our homes, lawns, and flower beds have substantially improved because of the time off. That surely was a good result of something negative turned positive.

We are still asking residents to pay dues, \$50. It's important because everything is costly. A simple mailout is expensive; the last one was almost \$600.00. Add expenses at our entrance, printing, signs, insurance, water, periodic refurbishments at the garden, other mailouts, promotions, Christmas with Santa at the fire station well, anyone can understand why the organization needs money.

CES, one of the garbage companies offering services to our community, took an audit recently. The results indicated that there are Moonraker residents who have CES cans, but don't have an account with CES. As you know, CES donates \$1 per month per customer who uses CES services to MICO. If you can see changing your service, CES # is 985-781-3171. If you don't want to change, CES will be picking up their can. I will stop in to let you know CES records. I was asked to help by CES in this matter.

MICO is working on several issues:

Better traffic regulations at our entrances/exits Interstate 10

Striping at our bridge entrance and exit

Damages to our homes caused by a backed-up sewer system, (Magnolia Water Co.)

Our street repairs, guaranteed by St. Tammany Parish, but not started because of virus

Placing American flags on light poles for July 4 / **if you would like to participate, WE NEED THE HELP**

Our residents' meeting is scheduled July 30, 7:00 P.M., Yacht Club above Marina Café. **Please be aware that the meeting, usually scheduled on Wednesdays, is scheduled on a Thursday.** Guests are Councilman Jake Airey, John Faust, St. Tammany Levee, Conservation, Restoration, and Drainage Board, and Mary Dubuisson, our state representative. This will be the time for you to ask questions.

Please come to the meeting and meet some of our new residents.

Our neighborhood is only as great as the people who live in it. We have a way to go, but we can achieve all that we need, and with some work , all that we want.

Yesterday I sat in a meeting to collect information pertaining to our flood protection, the reason our organization was formed. The meeting was very positive. The Army Corps of Engineers has been especially receptive to our needs, and our project is acceptable and moving right along. Tom Thompson, a great choice, has been selected as a representative for our area to sit in on meetings with parish, state, and federal reps. Amy Dixon, ACOE, is presently searching for the engineers to do the project. The project calls for rock jetties, gates, etc. Cost to our community is 70/30. Seventy percent federal and thirty percent parish. This cost is for installation, but maintenance becomes 100% to the residents via millage. This cost is very reasonable in comparison to flood premiums that will decrease and home value that will increase substantially. John Faust will be present at the meeting to discuss further information pertaining to flood protection, no longer a dream.

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