

# Avant Garde News

April 2022

## NEW WEBSITE

IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE! THE NEW WEBSITE IS HERE!

We're so proud of our new website. Go ahead and try it. I'll bet you just love it. We do! [www.avantgardecondosassoc.com](http://www.avantgardecondosassoc.com) <<http://www.avantgardecondosassoc.com>> . We put everything we thought you might be looking for. We even tried the kitchen sink, but it wouldn't fit! But we're certain there is a lot more other stuff that needs to be added.

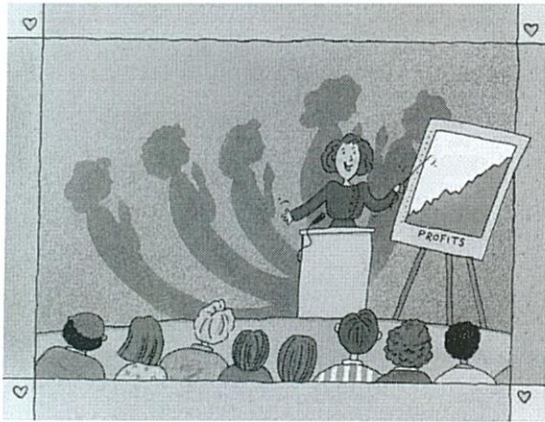
If you think of something that might be a good add-on, please let Sylba in the office know, and we'll take care of adding it.

## ROOFS - ROOFS - AND MORE ROOFS

We got ROOFS! All the roofs are finished! Finished!!! And they are beautiful! If anyone asks you, they are Stonecrest shingles by Timberlake. They have a manufacturer's 30 year warranty and Timberlake says they are good up to 150 mph, or until the first "Act of God" blows them off. So tonight, when you say your bedtime prayers, ask God to hold off on the 150 mph hurricanes for a while.



## SOMEBODY NEW IN TOWN



### Homeowners Meeting

We had our first homeowners meeting, in a long time on February 23, 2022. It was a called meeting to get a majority opinion of what kind of fence the homeowners would prefer. It was a BIG success. We had right under 50 homeowners represented. Mr. Foor from Velocity presented several choices for the new fence. President Lee gave the details and the costs. The opinions were in, and our new fence will be an iron one. It will resemble the fence around the amenities area. It will cover the front and two sides of the complex. The back of the complex where we back up to yards and houses, will still be protected by the white vinyl fence.

Speaking of Homeowners meetings, we are resuming quarterly homeowners meeting. The first will be March 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm on the tennis court (weather permitng).

#### E-mail



If you live in Avant Garde you should be receiving emails from the office. If you're not, please email us at [condos.avantgarde@gmail.com](mailto:condos.avantgarde@gmail.com) so we can add you to our list. Please include your name and unit number.

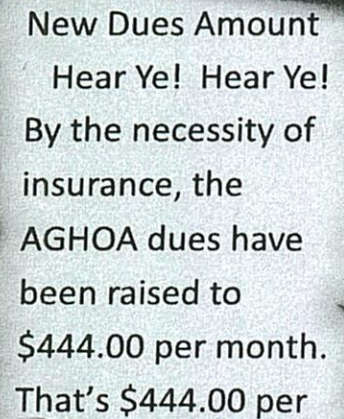
Sometimes we get so caught up in our own lives that we don't notice what's happening around us. Recently Herman came to us. A full time maintenance man instead of someone a week here and a week there, doing something here and nothing there. We were paying too much for not enough!

Herman is addressing issues all over the complex. Our lights are working again, all the posts have ball shades on them, the fences around the dumpsters are repaired, the dumpster areas have been washed and are being kept clean, the fence around the hot tub and pump is repaired, the back fence is being put back together, the mildewed bricks are being pressure washed, and there is so much more. Next time you see Herman, please tell him how much you appreciate the great job he is doing.



## Post Dated Checks

If you're one of those people who look at the calendar on the 16th of the month and say "xxx" because you realize you forgot to turn in your dues check, we have a solution for you. Write nine separate checks for \$444.00 each and date them April 15, 2022; May 15, 2022; June 15, 2022; July 15, 2022; etc through December 15, 2022 and turn them in to the office. Then, every month on the 15th we will pull out the appropriate check, deposit that check, and mark your dues paid. You'll be right on time every month through the end of the year. Then, all you need to worry about is remembering to do it again in January 2023.



New Dues Amount  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
By the necessity of insurance, the AGHOA dues have been raised to \$444.00 per month. That's \$444.00 per

## Lock Your Vehicle



Although we are considered one of the safest areas in Kenner, we still are faced with a certain amount of misery. Since January we have had several vehicle break-ins and two vehicles stolen. Therefore, we are telling you again,

**DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR VEHICLE.**

We have been told so many times, All I had was a pack of cigarettes on the seat or They broke my window to get 75 cents out of the cup holder or our favorite, I was carrying in groceries and left the keys on the bumper.

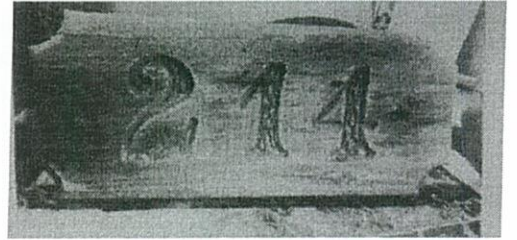
If the thief smokes, your cigarettes look good. If they collect 75cents from every vehicle they look in, it adds up. One stroke to break the window, and anything and everything in your vehicle is theirs. It costs THEM nothing. It costs you a window repair, vehicle cleaning, and to replace whatever they take.

As for keys on the bumper, that's the jackpot... you can kiss your vehicle goodbye! If you have more than one set of keys and key fob on your ring, you can rest assured you will lose both vehicles. All they need to do is hit the button on the key fob, and both vehicles are gone. Now, you also need to change all the locks to your home and anything else that they can identify from the keyring.



## **A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY**

Recently unit 214 sent me a pic of her original address sign. I thought it was pretty kool so I'm sending it out to you. She told me that when she moved in, all the exterior was wood, there was no siding. They replaced the wood with the brown siding, but before they got to her, she removed her address sign. This is it, an original from 1982!



If you have a little bit of AGHOA history you'd like to share, send it in to the office marked Avant Garde News. If the Board passes it, we'll publish it.

## **Big Hole Repairs**

I mean BIG HOLE repairs. In case you missed the show, here's what it looked like! Big hole, big pipe, big pain in the... Driveway! When Lake Avant Garde appeared, we knew something ugly was brewing underground. We called a plumber, and he laughed! "That's not a leak, that's a MAJOR LEAK! So he called in a MAJOR LEAK COMPANY.

This picture gives you a good idea of what was leaking. See that big pipe? No, that wasn't leaking. It was the medium size pipe coming off the big pipe that was leaking, or rather shooting out water from the pressure of the big pipe. This is why we had to turn off the water for a whole day. That's what it took to dry up Lake Avant Garde.

Before you gasp and cry that our dues are going to go up again, the cost of this repair will come out of the Emergency Fund that your dues have been donating to every month. So, dues will not be needed to cover this expense.



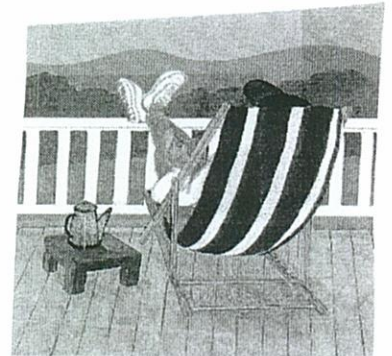
## PATIO/BALCONY ENCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

The Associations approved designs for this complex are located at Units 5, 39, 43, 109, 110, 206, 223, and 227. You are asked to take a look at any of these to get an idea of what style would work for you. A patio design must include windows and a door. A balcony may consist of an open design, a fully screened in design or a closed in design that must include windows. Half open and half screened balconies are not permitted.

Prior to beginning your project, a written request to close in your present patio/balcony area must be presented, in writing, to the Association Office, referencing one of the above-mentioned units. You will also be required to include a copy of the :

- 1.. Prints/Designs
- 2... Contractor's LA license and insurance (liability and work comp).
- 3... City of Kenner building permit

Once this information is received by the AGHOA Office, it will be presented to the Board of Directors for view and approval, at their monthly Board meeting. You will be notified in writing of their decision.



## Coming soon to your parking area!

Have you noticed an unauthorized vehicle (no AGHOA sticker) parked in a V spot for a long period of time?

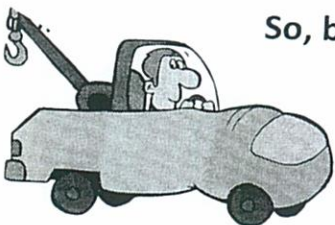
Could it be someone went on vacation and thought it cheaper to take an Uber from Avant Garde to the airport in lieu of paying to park at the airport for a week? Hummmm

Or, maybe someone has two vehicles but uses only one daily. So they park the second vehicle in a V spot and leave it there for weeks until they need it. Hummmm

. Or, they ran out of storage room in the condo, and are using their old vehicle as a storage bin. Hummmm

Well, it's time to put a stop to all that Hummmm'ing! We will be watching for long term parkers. With all the construction going on, we are so limited to parking spaces and don't need any freeloaders.

**So, be aware, the fines and tow trucks are coming soon!**





## COMPLEX GET TOGETHER

Don't tell anyone, but Spring is here! The cold weather is over, flowers are blooming, and everyone is sneezing. Isn't it wonderful? The masks are off, the parades are on, and soon we'll be swimming.

We've had several residents ask if we were going to start having complex get togethers again. You know, pot luck lunches around the pool, bunco in the Fiesta Room, BBQ's... you bring the meat and we'll supply the charcoals, movie night, group walking around the circle??? What do you think??? Should we??? Send your opinion and your suggestions to [condos.avantgarde@gmail.com](mailto:condos.avantgarde@gmail.com) . Label your email "complex get together".

