Homeowner's Guide to Teche Ridge

A Master Planned Traditional Neighborhood Development



A guide to being a great neighbor and keeping your investment sound and profitable Spring 2015.



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Introduction

Preface

This guide outlines the community processes and organizations used in creating Teche Ridge. We have highlighted the most important elements to consider when deciding to live in a masterplanned a community and lists where where to look for help when needed.

Teche Ridge is built on Smart Growth principles which have already shown great success in development planning, and have been useful in helping obtain desired benefits of community planning. "Teche Ridge's regulations, Covenants, Associations, and codes" work together to create a working community. We reference the Homeowner's guide outlines sections within the Declaration of Covenants (11 January 2014 version) and represents important information of what prospective residents should expect in this easy guide.

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Overview

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PRINCIPLES OF TECHE RIDGE

The quality of life at Teche Ridge is maintained through guiding principles that will shape the environment, patterns and community interactions that encourage a prosperous sustainable and joyous community.

Refer to Article 2 on page 2 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

New Urbanism

An urban design movement which promotes walkable mixed-use and neighborhoods containing a range of housing and types.

Design Principles

Teche Ridge is a Master Planned Community of Traditional Neighborhood Design ("TND") standards, created in the spirit of the great small towns and villages that grew up around the rivers, bayous, and coasts of Louisiana. It follows principles of "Smart Growth" and incorporates mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly design, and a variety of housing types.

General

The master plan seeks to ensure that the original intent of the community is maintained throughout its construction, thereby stabilizing the historical integrity and functional continuity of the community architectural standards. The master plan provides details for the types and styles of architecture permitted.

Drawings

A catalog of home plans are avalable for review. Variations on standardized styles will be allowed upon review by an Architectural Design Review Board. Street sections refer to the spatial relationships of the building to the sidewalks as well as utility requirements and typical local setbacks.

and "Village General" and "Village Edge" areas. The Village Center is the densest area. There are more smixed-use, pedestrian-

Village Center is the densest area. There are more rural neighborhoods in other areas, but all are in close proximity to each other. This ensures the presences of a diversity of housing types to suit diverse housing needs.

Plazas, public buildings and parks will service social,

cultural and community-building activities for Teche

Ridge and the surrounding community. Parks and

green space will be woven within the development.

public spaces are where the community builds trust.

Neighborhood Design

Teche Ridge is broadly divided into "Village Center"

Purpose and Intent

The intent of the Developer is to encourage a mix of residential, commercial, and civic uses found in a TND. The development encourages intergenerational living in a walkable community designed more for people than for cars.

Conventions_

Public Places

Residences, shops, workplaces and civic buildings will be located in the neighborhoods all in close proximity. The developer strives to form the bonds of an authentic community by providing a full range of housing types and working places as well as means for residents to come to know each other and to watch over their collective security.

Rules + Regulations 7 Pages Declaration of Covenants 52 Pages Declaration of Covenants 9 Pages Pages Landscape Code ? Pages Pages Teche Ridge Governance

CREATING COMMUNITY

The purpose of the Declaration that this guide overviews is to create a detailed plan of development for Teche Ridge and provide a flexible and reasonable procedures for future expansion as well as overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation of properties.

Refer to Article 3 on page 4 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

Developer

The developer (declarant) has rights to all decision making regarding Teche Ridge for a period of thirty years or until a percentage of the lots have been sold to private Owners. The Developer encourages a mix of residential, mixed use and commercial within the community that is closely aligned with principles of Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND).

Governing Documents

Article 3 shall not be amended without the prior written consent of developer so long as developer owns any portion of the Property.

Different Reservations

Developer may subject any portion of the property to additional covenants and servitudes. Such additional covenants shall be set forth in a supplemental Declaration and shall require the written consent of the owner(s) of such properties.

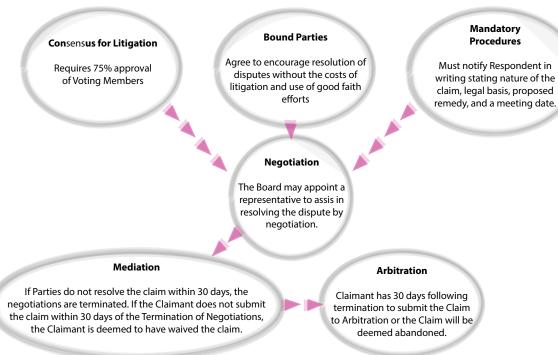
All provisions of the governing documents shall apply to all owners, tenants, occupants ,guests and invitees of any lot. Each owner shall insert a provision in any lease informing the lessee and all occupants of the lot of the governing documents. Failure to include such a provision in the lease does not relieve any person of responsibility of complying with the governing documents.

See Page 10

COMMUNITY TROUBLE SHOOTING

The association cannot commence a judicial or administrative proceedings without the prior approval of at least 75% of the voting members. It does not include actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents, the imposition and collection of Assessments provided in ARTICLE 13, proceedings involving challenges to as calorem taxation, or counterclaims brought by the assocation in proceedings instituted against it.

Refer to Article 19 on page 70 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.



Lifestyle Topics

Life Essentials Pedestrian Friendly
Architecture Services

Encourage Close Proximity

Functional Continuity

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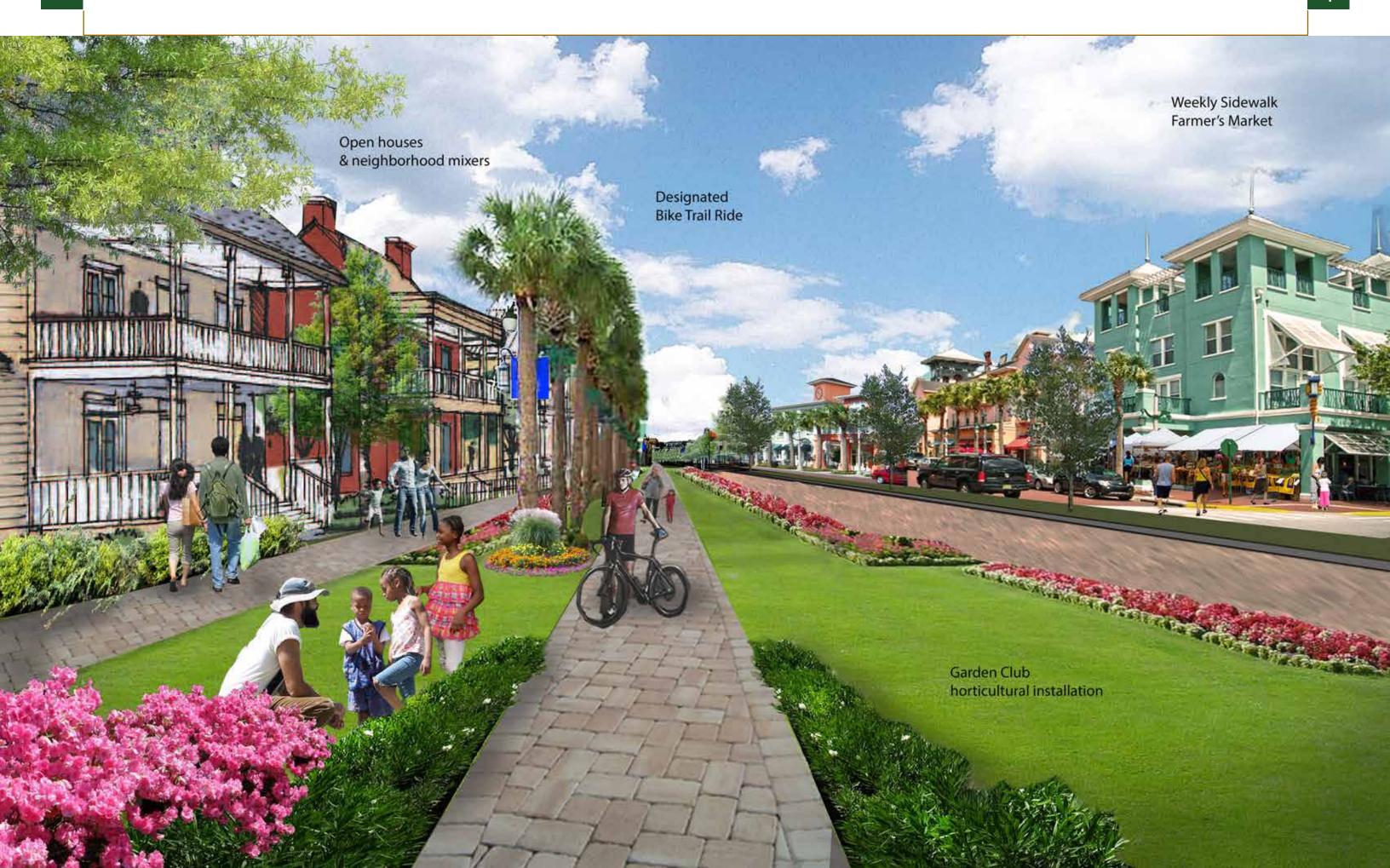
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Public Structures
Q: How do I secure the use of public structures within Teche Ridge for private events?

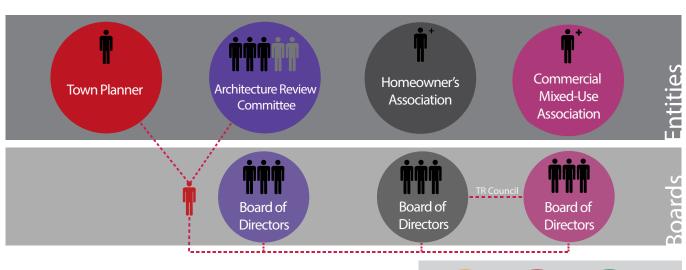
A: All public buildings within Teche Ridge are available to residents for use free of charge Simply contact the Home Owner's Association (HOA) to book the building for a specific date and time

Ordinance Review
Q: Are ordinances permanent

A: Ordinances involving the dayto-day decisions regarding Techer Ridge are voted upon by the Board of Directors of the HOA. Ordinances involving construction or homeowners are to be voted upon by the Architecture Review Committee. This process allows for a self-governing community that preserves certain values while allowing change when appropriate.



HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Responsible for encouragement and promotion of the arts and cultural events.

The Owners will be responsible for the continuation of the community through their participation in the Institute.

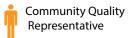


An advisory committee for such issues as may involve the community as a whole.

May delegate responsibilities to different parties by the approval of both Associations.





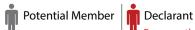












Possesses the power to annex avaliable land and incorporate it under the bylaws of the Declaration

Civic Buildin

Appoints Town Planner, Architecture Review Committee and Board of Directors until land owner

Rules of the Association

The Boards of Directors may adopt rules or amend previously adopted Rules and Regulations that regulate the operation, use, maintenance, condition, attractiveness, and control of, their lots, common area and any facilities made available to the owners.

If requested by at least 10% of the members, a community meeting may be called and any rule adopted by the boards may be repealed by majority vote of the members.

Upon acquisition of a lot, each owner agrees that said owner has reviewed a copy of the Rules and Regulations of its association as of the date of acquisition of the lot.

Copies of such additions, deletions or modifications will be made available

Covenants Committee

May be established by the Board of Directors to hear any complaints of violations of the covenants. Members of the boards may serve on the covenants committees.

Approving Changes

Declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, supplemental declaration, or declaration of condominium affecting any portion of the property must be issued and signed by the developer so long as they own the property. No amendments to or modification of any Rules and Regulations or Design Documents shall be effective without prior notice to and the written approval of developer.

DEVELOPER'S ROLE

The Developer, Southern Mutual Help Association has a long history of building communities that emphasize this philosophy of prosperity ensures, and the value created in stewardship, diverse exchange, art and celebration. These philosophies enseure that an investment in the community remains profitable socially, economically, and environmentally.

Refer to Article 4 on page 6 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

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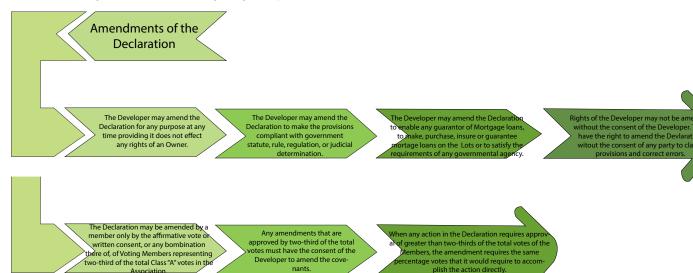
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AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

Until the termination of the class "B" control period, developer may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any purpose. Thereafter, developer may unilaterally amend the declaration at any time and from time to time if such amendment is necessary.

Refer to Article 21 on page 74 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.



The Design Review Board always have the right to amend the the consent of the Members

being recorded in public record unl

Lifestyle Topics

Violations Amendments

O&A

Length of Developer's Term

Ridge Community for a term or 80 years. This Declaration may not be terminated except by an instrument signed by owners of at least ninety (90%) percent of the total number of Lots within 7 Homeowner's Guide to Teche Ridge

Maintaining Quality

NEIGHBORLY QUALITIES

Agreeing to a few ground rules within the community is essential in building trust and comradery in the neighborhoods. The Board of Directors from time to time adopt rules or amend other Rules and Regulations governing Teche Ridge for the betterment of the community and to preserve an individual's investment.

Refer to Article 5 on page 9 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

Animals

No animals may be kept for the purpose of breeding or kept for commercial purposes. Rules and Regulations may prohibit it or regulate the number, breed and size of pets, or prohibit the keeping of animals other than customary household pets.

Exotic pets which pose a threat to the native species or people of Louisiana are prohibited. Examples would be:

- Constricting snakes
- Predator cats (Ocelots)
- Invasive Birds
- Invasive Lizards
- Animals of the weasel family
- An animal bred and/or trained to attack
- An animal with prior history of attacking

Each owner shall be responsible to immediately collect and dispose of wastes and litter of any pets.



Porch Furnishings

All furnishings and any other items located on porches must be designed for outdoor use. Should any plants located on any porches die, they are to be removed or placed with living plants.



Window Coverings

Only drapes, blinds, shades, shutters or curtains may be affixed to the interior of any window visible from any street, alley, or other portion of the property. The side of window coverings visible from the exterior must be white or off-white in color (except wood blinds or shutters).

Vehicles and Equipment

The Association has the right to have any truck, mobile home, travel trailer, tent, camper shell, detached camper, recreational vehicle, boat or similar equipment or vehicle kept in violation of the Declaration to be towed away at the sole cost and expense of the owner of the vehicle or equipment.

Trash Collection

Except for garbage collection days, trash and garbage containers are to be kept in either an area designated as utility niches on the Initial Plat or in a designated area approved by the Design Review Board. The area around the storage location must be enclosed with screening or appropriate landscaping so that garbage cans are not visible from any of the Common Road or Alley.

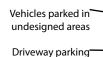
On trash collection days, Garbage containers can be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening prior and cans/containers should be removed no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day the garbage has been collected.

Burning of trash and accumulation or storage or litter, lumber, scrap metals, refuse, bulk materials, waste, new or used build materials, or trash of any other kind is prohibited in Teche Ridge.



Parking_

Parking on any portion of a Lot other then in a Garage or Carport is prohibited. Parking on any portion of the driveway is also prohibited, except temporarily for a period not exceeding 24 hours.



On-street Parking~



Lifestyle Topics

Prohibited Outdoor
Window Coverings Vehicle

Garage

O&A

oad Maintenance

Q: Who is responsible for road and alleyway maintenance?

A: The Association will maintain all Streets not dedicated to the bublic and 10% of costs for aleyways. Owners are responsible for the remaining 90% of costs associated with the maintenance.

Artificial Vegetation

Q: Is artificial vegetation allowe within Teche Ridge?

A: No artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation shall be maintained upon the exterior portion of any Lot.

Moveable Structures Q: Are movable structures even

A: During art festivals, craft fairs, block parties and other special events, a Board may approve the use of tents, trailers and other temporary buildings on the applicable areas.

Allowable Lot Signage Place Name Signs Banners and Flags on street

Political or ndorsement signs prohibited

One sign not exceeding 9" X 12" no more than 36" above ground Posters, circulars, and billboards are prohibited

Motorized Vehicles

Q: What type of personal motorized vehicles are permitted within Teche Ridge

A: Only "road worth" golf carts are permitted within Teche Ridge. Minibikes, go-carts, All-Terrain Venicles and other similar vehicles are not permitted.

COMMON AREAS (PARKS)

Certain property within Teche Ridge and certain servitudes, called the Common Area, are owned and maintained by the Associations for the benefit of all Owners. All lakes and ponds are Common Areas and are owned and maintained by the Homeowners' Association.

Refer to Article 14 on page 60 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding











2,600'
10 MINUTE WALK

PRESERVING QUALITY

Height restrictions, use restrictions, allowed building typology, placement requirements, parking requirements, setback requirements concerning porches, fence and/or garden walls, and other building restrictions are all set forth in the architectural standards and Article 6 of the Covenants.

Refer to Article 6 on page 25 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

Modifications_

The developer has the sole authority to make changes to the Masterplan and Architectural Standards while the developer maintains voting control of the Association until the developer cedes control of the Associations to the residents of Teche Ridge. The Design Review Board will have the sole authority to make changes to the Master Plan and Architectural Standards. The Design Review Board may revise any part of the Architectural Standards and/or Landscape Standards, and supplement all or any of the Architectural Standards and Landscape Standards from time to time for any of the follow reasons:

- (1) to make changes which the Design Review Board believes will better accomplish objectives
- (2) To adjust for market conditions so as to improve the value of all of lots
- (3) To recognize changing land use conditions over time
- (4) To establish the plan for the development of additional immovable property annexed to Teche Ridge

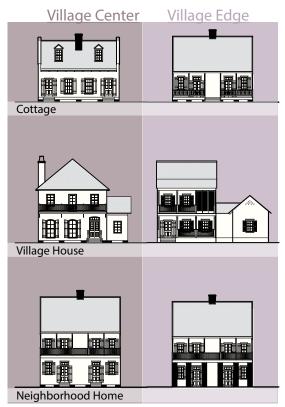
Modifications and changes to the design documents shall not be retroactive and shall not affect or bear on the construction of buildings within Teche Ridge to the extend such buildings have been constructed prior to the adoption of such modifications.

<u> Architecture Review</u>

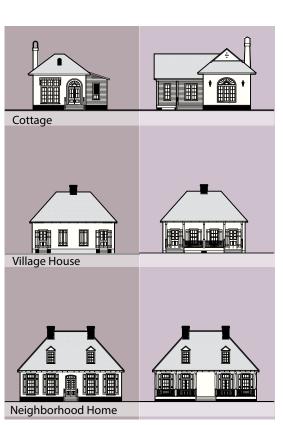
Each owner agrees that no work will commence on the owner's lot until the developer and the Design Review Board has given its prior written approval for such Work. The developer's authority over the Design Review Board and over Architectural Design compliance is reserved to the developer.

Architecture Review Board

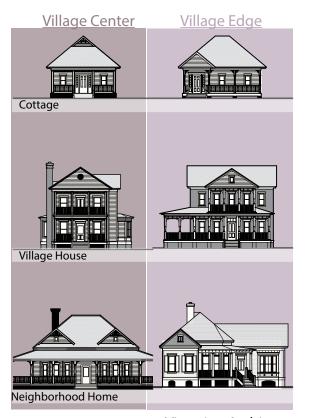
Posses the right to exercise control over construction and review all modifications to structures and improvements. The Board consists of at least three and no more than five members, one of whom is the Town Planner. The Design Review Board shall be appointed by the Board of the Homeowners' Association. The Board may retain architects, engineers or other professionals to assist in the review of any application and the Association may charge any fees incurred for such assistance to the applicant. The Design Review Board may also establish a Modifications Committee to review and approve any proposed modifications of property which are submitted at least two years after any Certificate of Substantial Conformance is issued to the lot owner.



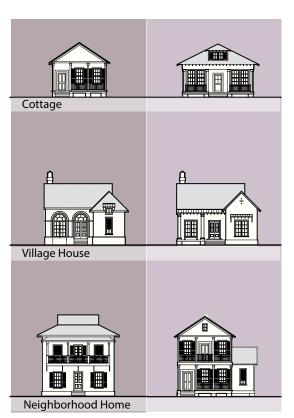
Acadian Architecture



Creole Architecture



Victorian Architecture



Caribbean Architecture

Town Planner

The Town Planner is appointed to interpret the Teche Ridge Master Plan and Architectural Standards. No Changes will be made to the Master Plan or Architectural Standards without the advice and consultation of the Town Planner. When thedeveloper no longer selects the Town Planner, The Homeowners' Association Board will select the Town Planner. The Town Planner will:

a. advise the developer, Association, and Design Review Board on correct interpretation of the Master Plan and Architectural Standards

b. serve on the Design Review Board

c. Sign all plans approved by the Design Review Board certifying that the plan and design are in compliance with the Master Plan and Architectural Standards

d. Advise on design details

e. Advise on acceptable color pallets, material choices, scale, setbacks and landscape

f. Advise on any modifications or changes to the Master Plan and Architectural Standards

Permits

Builders and/or General Contractors must obtain a "Teche Ridge Right of Entry to construct permit" at time of design approval.

Within three days after the Design Review Board has approved any application relating to proposed Work, the Board shall give written notice to the developer of the actions. The developer has ten days after receipt of the notice to veto any actions by written notice to the Design Review Board and the applicant.

Construction.

If construction does not commence within 12 months of approval, it will be deemed withdrawn.

All work should be completed within two years of commencement unless completion is delayed due to causes beyond the control of the owner.

Upon completion, the Design Review Board will issue a "Certificate of Completion and Release" certifying that such construction conforms to the provisions of the Architectural Standards and the Declaration.

Architects/Contractors_

Architects or other design professionals selected by an owner to design any improvements to be constructed on a lot must be approved by the Design Review Board.

No owner is allowed to self-contract the construction of any Improvements on any lot. The contractor selected by an owner to construct improvements on a lot must be approved by the Design Review Board.

Lifestyle Topics

Compliance Board Certificate

Professionals Interpret

proval

Authentic Community

https://www.youtube.com/

IO&A

Copies

Q: Where do I get the Design Documents for Teche Ridge

A: Design Documents are to be made available for review in the Association office during norm business hours. Any Owner mareceive a copy of the Documen at a cost of \$.50/page.

Approval List

Q: Where do I get a list of approve Architects and Contractors?

A: The list of approved Architects, Contractors, and other design professionals is maintained by the Association in the registered office of the Association. They will be made available online.

Lots Application

Q: What is required for submission when applying for approve

A: At least one set of constructio plans and specifications, elevations, a standard for substantial completion, proof of financial capacity, a minimum of 10% contingency, and other items required by the board are things needed for board to review the application.

ees

Q: Are there any fees for the Board to review an applicatio

and is subject to change at the discretion of the Board.

Time Lin

Q: What is the time line for ap plication approval?

A: Within 30 days of receipt, Th Design Review Board will reach decision regarding the application. 

"YOUR ROLE" IN THE COMMUNITY (GOVERNANCE)

Here is a page for keeping information and business cards of your neighbors, shared contacts, and networks. Build good relationships amongst your neighbors.

Refer to Article 10 on page 43 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

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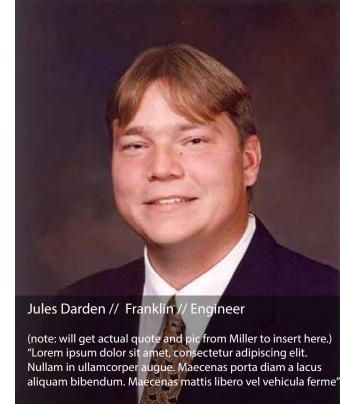


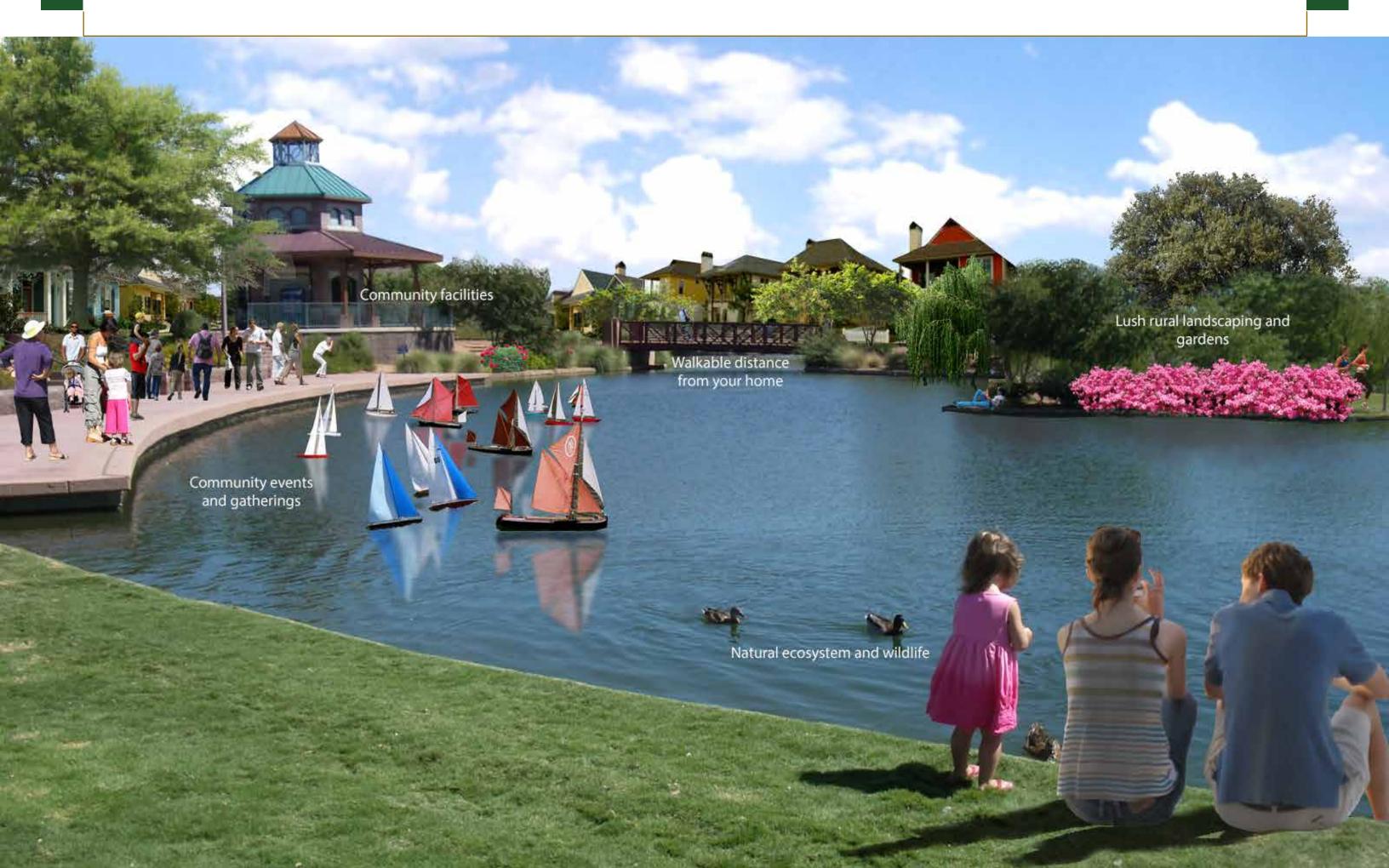




Phanat Xanamane // New Iberia // Community Quality Representative

"We seek to recapture lost generations of Iberia Parish residents that have left or plan to leave in search of more lifestyles options to enhance their quality of life. Teche Ridge addresses this issue be creating new diverse housing stock, public community activities & dialogue to open up new economic and cultural development





I ifestyle Topics

CULTIVATE ARTS & CULTURE

Seasonal Community Events

The Teche Ridge Foundation is a non-profit entity created specifically to be responsible for the encouragement and promotion of the arts and cultural eventis within Teche Ridge. While the Developer will control the Foundation during the development stage, the Owners themselves will be responsible for the continuation of the community thorugh their participation in the Foundation. Residents are encouraged to actively participate in creating community events to enhance the Teche Ridge lifestyle.

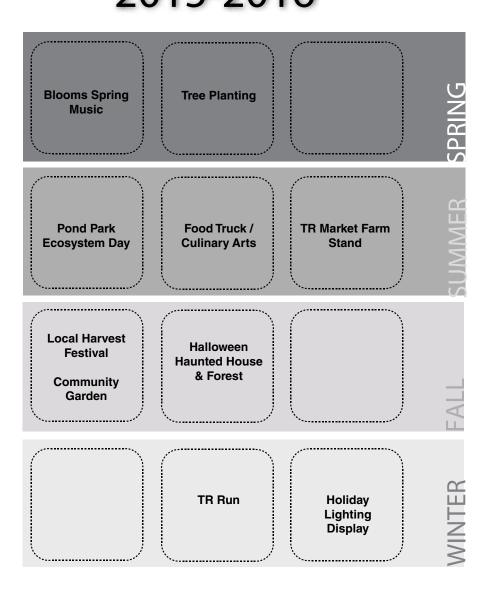
Refer to Article 11 on page 49 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.



Teche Ridge App.

Allows residents to review the Teche Ridge Guide in a digital format that can be accessed by residents and potential

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Subcommittees Allows owners to organize mixers and other events to promote their neighborhood and form bonds with one another. Possible Programs: Showcases, open houses, monthly mixers Provides residents amenities such a a gym, restaurant, bar, event venues, and shopping. Civic Building: Possible Programs: Special events, holiday events, information kiosks Gathering place for family, music events, art exhibits and Teche Ridge Central Park Possible Programs: outdoor concerts, public fitness classes, Teche Ridge festival, A botanical garden that celebrates our Louisiana' natural outdoor heritage. Ponds Park Possible Programs: Wildlife exploration, horticulture display Providing the everyday essentials...milk, bread, icecream, wine, cheese, and a great cup of coffee. Village Market Possible Programs: Sidewalk sale days, food truck round-up, farmer's market stands, holiday displays A place to remember those who have gone before and the footsteps we follow. Footstep Parl Possible Programs: Memorial and rememberance services, candle light vigils A relaxing reading park for the stories and tales that our children will remember. A park of inspirational leaders of the world both women and men as well as children. Story Tree Park Possible Programs: Children story hour, puppet plays, craft classes Designed and built for the way our families are supposed to live. + Sidewalks Possible Programs: Jogging groups, tree stewards A Multi-Unit residence designed as an old southern style manor discreetly divided into 4 to 6 condominium units for those who love living in style, but without the maintenance. Possible Programs: mansion mixers for young professionals, seasonal decora-

tion showcase, openhouses

INSURING YOUR INVESTMENT

Insurance is essential to protect the interests of the various owners and to assure that funds will be available for rebuildig after a casualty. However, because insurance costs may increase significantly or the types of coverage made available, Article 12 gives some flexibility to the Association Boards to select insurance coverage that is reasonable for the conditions that exist at that time.

Refer to Article 12 on page 50 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

Review

Each board will arrange a review of the limits coverage for each type of insurance at least once a year.

Lot Coverage

Each owner is required to obtain casualty insurance for improvements on their lot, naming its Association as an additional insured. Coverage must not be less then eighty percent of the insurable value of the improvements constructed on the lot. If requested, owners must provide evidence of insurance to the Association.

Damage

Immediately after damage to the property, the Board will file claims and obtain estimates of the cost of repair or reconstrction. Special assessments may be necessary after exhausting insurance and reserves. The board is not obligated to replace damaged improvements, but may authorize the construction of a different type and design of new improvements.

Lot Improvements

If something damages or destroys a building or any other improvements on a lot, the owner should immediately rebuild and restore the improvements to previous conditions unless other plans are approved by the Design Review Board. If the owner fails to clean and secure the lot within thirty days, the Association may remove debris, raze or remove portions of damaged srtuctures and perform any other clean up at the owner's expense.

Article 13: SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To fulfill the Association Boards' obligation to maintain the commons and perform such other services as provided by the Associations, the Association Boards are responsible for the fiscal management of their respective Association.

Annual Budget

*When the Annual Budget of Teche Ridge is made available, owners will be supplied with a copy upon request.

Assessments_

Each Association Board will set the dates that general assessments are due and may provide for collection annually, monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments.

Currently, the initial General Assessment is \$40.00 per month, and payable in advance for each calendar quarter.

Upon closing of title, a new owner must contribute two months assessments (includes the general assessment and foundation assessment).

Pavment_

Each Board will determine the manner in which the assessments will be paid. Assessments may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which a special assessment is approved.

Lien for Assessments

All assessments constitute a lien against a lot, and is levied against until all assessments are paid. The assessment Lien also secures payment of interest, late charges, and costs of collection

MORTGAGES / PAYMENTS

Article 20 contains provisions that benefit holders, insurers, and guarantors of first Mortgages on Lots within the Property as well as developer if developer or its affiliates provide mortgage financing of any Lot.

Refer to Article 20 on page 72 in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Servitudes for Teche Ridge for more information regarding this topic.

Developer Certain portions of the Common Area are designated as Exclusive Common Areas and are reserved to the exclusive use of Owners, occupants and invitees of Units. They include entry features, recreational facilities, landscaped medians and cul-de-sacs, lakes and other portions of the common area. Committees Committees Committees Committees Committees Committees Owners



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Residential Lots

Commercial Building



Civic Spaces

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