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MEETING

Thursday

MAY 17th

7:00 p.m.

Lakeshore Playground

1125 Rosa Ave.

SPEAKER

Deano Bonano

Director of Emergency
Operations

Jefferson Parish

TOPICS

**Are you ready for
Hurricane Season?**

BCA Elections

**WE NEED A
BEAUTIFICATION
CHAIRPERSON!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- *Bob Evans*

It was the morning of April 23 just about the time I was enjoying my second cup of coffee-**BOOM!!!** My entire house shook. Gee, I wondered if it was a serious explosion. Oh well, hope no one was hurt. A few hours later around lunch time-**BOOM!!!** The house shook again; another explosion? I needed to go take a look at what was happening at the intersection of Orion Ave. and the N. I-10 Service Rd. So I spoke with several employees of the contractor, Boh Bros., trying to find out if they knew anything. They said there were no explosions, just the **BOOMS** caused by dropping huge sections of the Bonnabel overpass to the ground to be broken into smaller sections and hauled away. These dropped sections were 20-30 feet in length and appeared to weigh several tons. Boh claimed that their work, though under state contract, was being performed within Jefferson Parish vibration limits. Well, these shock waves were more than mere vibrations and Jefferson Parish confirmed that it had no involvement in the activity that was causing the distur-

bance. Anyway, Boh claimed to have sensors in the area to detect excessive vibration. Even the State DOTD Assistant Project Manager defended the work by citing the use of sensors. Well, on further questioning, they admitted that there was a sensor at Oaklawn and another on the other side of Bonnabel. **There was no sensor near the site of the BOOMS!!!** What does all of this mean? It means that the guy who had just finished installing a new foundation under his home at 612 Orion Ave., who also experienced the **BOOMS**, must again replace his house on its foundation and repair his severely cracked walls. **The good news**-we immediately contacted our elected officials. Great responses from **Sen. Quinn, Rep. Labruzzo, and Councilwoman Sneed** who, before the end of the day, put a stop to the dropping of concrete and forced Boh to use more reasonable methods.

The bad guys-Boh and DOTD for misleading us and our elected officials about the sensors, and trying to use Jefferson Parish as a scapegoat.

MEMBERSHIP- *Hugh Cowan*

Even though some members have fallen behind in their dues, the organization is doing fair in membership enrollment but could do better. For the size of our area we should have a much larger participation. If each mem-

ber would try to solicit another resident on their street to join, this could contribute considerably to our growth. Remember, in our attempt to get better services and cooperation from the Parish, our numbers are impor-

tant.

We are one of the oldest subdivisions in the Parish, so it is important that we have a strong representation in our government as a group.

ZONING & CODE <i>Al Wilson</i>	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2006-2007																																								
<p>Zoning and code enforcement continue to be matters that require our utmost diligence. Do not hesitate to call us if there is a problem in your neighborhood or if you just have a question about the activity that you observe . Due to the numerous non-conforming (but legal) uses in our area, we should be sensitive to improper expansion of these uses by the business owners. Following Katrina we have been further challenged by the increases in occupancy of rental properties and storage of equipment and trailers in driveways. We are fortunate to have an effective line of communication with our elected officials so that violators are promptly summoned for their offenses. Recently, Jefferson Parish has taken innovative steps to improve the enforcement of all zoning and building regulations, especially blighted houses.</p>	<table> <tr><td>General Info</td><td>736-6100</td></tr> <tr><td>Trash Pick Up</td><td>254-5353</td></tr> <tr><td>Derelict Vehicles</td><td>364-3543</td></tr> <tr><td>Weeds</td><td>364-3540</td></tr> <tr><td>Street Lights</td><td>1-800-368-3749</td></tr> <tr><td>Drainage</td><td>736-6578</td></tr> <tr><td>Sewerage</td><td>736-6675</td></tr> <tr><td>Planning/Zoning</td><td>736-6325</td></tr> <tr><td>Code Enforcement</td><td>736-6959</td></tr> <tr><td>Mosquito Control</td><td>366-0084</td></tr> <tr><td>Public Health</td><td>838-5100</td></tr> <tr><td>Animal Shelter</td><td>736-6111</td></tr> <tr><td>Sheriff's Department</td><td>832-2300</td></tr> <tr><td>Fire Department</td><td>9 1 1</td></tr> <tr><td>Councilwoman J. Sneed</td><td>736-6634</td></tr> <tr><td>President Aaron Broussard</td><td>736-6405</td></tr> <tr><td>Child Abuse</td><td>1-800-426-5678</td></tr> <tr><td>Domestic Violence</td><td>1-888-411-1333</td></tr> <tr><td>Poison Control</td><td>1-800-256-9822</td></tr> <tr><td>State Police</td><td>471-2775</td></tr> </table> <p>Bonnabel Civic Assoc. 833-4511</p>	General Info	736-6100	Trash Pick Up	254-5353	Derelict Vehicles	364-3543	Weeds	364-3540	Street Lights	1-800-368-3749	Drainage	736-6578	Sewerage	736-6675	Planning/Zoning	736-6325	Code Enforcement	736-6959	Mosquito Control	366-0084	Public Health	838-5100	Animal Shelter	736-6111	Sheriff's Department	832-2300	Fire Department	9 1 1	Councilwoman J. Sneed	736-6634	President Aaron Broussard	736-6405	Child Abuse	1-800-426-5678	Domestic Violence	1-888-411-1333	Poison Control	1-800-256-9822	State Police	471-2775	<p><u>PRESIDENT</u> Bob Evans</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> Alton Wilson</p> <p><u>SECRETARY</u> Marilyn Malone</p> <p><u>TREASURER</u> Joshua Loeske</p> <p><u>DIRECTORS</u> Grace Buras Hugh J. Cowan, Jr. Cathy Hightower Donald Romig Patricia Schreiber Alyson Schultz Jean Sublette Frances Haydel</p>
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2007 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD DUES

Family (\$15) Business (\$25) Business Sponsor (\$100)

Please circle the committee you wish to join: Phone, Crime Watch, Publicity, Membership, Newsletter, Web Site, Mardi Gras, Social, Beautification, Computer, or Mailings

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SIGNATURE _____

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APP. BY BOARD _____

NEW HOMEOWNERS-*Jean Sublette*

BEAUTIFICATION

Even before Katrina, we experienced a continuous flow of new homeowners moving into our Bonnabel neighborhood. As an extension of friendship, we send welcome letters to the new property owners along with an invitation to join the Bonnabel Civic Association. Ideally, our new friends will realize the benefits and enjoyment derived from being participating members of this "quality of life" team that we have assembled. We would like nothing better than for you and your neighbor to join us at our next BCA meeting.

Recently, we sent letters of welcome to the following residents:

Thomas E. Trebuca 624-26 Phosphor Ave.
David M. Truxillo 51 Beverly Garden Dr.
Trudy A. Ingersoll 820 Hesper Ave.
Jake J. Dominach Jr. 1041 Orion Ave;
Jennifer E.Adams 34 Beverly Garden Dr.
Catherine G. Teijelo 1820 Hesiod St.
Wayne Drapekin 650 Orion Ave.
Roy A. Schully 1236 Beverly Garden Dr.
Terrell F. Fisher 1026 Homestead Ave.
Cheryl B. Hentze 539 Bonnabel Blvd.
Michael P. Castro 2600 Metairie Ct.
Corey S. Adams Jr. 1236 Bonnabel Blvd.
Irene DiPietro 451 Helios Ave.
Glenn D. Taylor 381 Metairie Heights Ave.
Michael J. McLachlan 360 Melody Dr.
Leonard Cline Jr. 432 Helios Ave.
David J. Lapene 1417 Homestead Ave.
Sang Van Nguyen 3912 Metairie Heights Ave.
Merlin J. Saacks Jr. 446 Hesper Ave.
Lisa G. Garvey 74-76 Metairie Ct.
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Sean M. Collins 3817 Metairie Heights Ave.
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Stanley R. Chatagnier 1341 Hesper Ave.
Richard Davis 1033 Helios Ave.
Ruth C. Stephens 103 Melody Dr.
Phyllis C. Parks 347 Metairie Heights Ave.
Roy Chatagnier 1411 Helios Ave.
Cindy G. Hall 500 Melody Dr.
Michael Caruso 2521 Metairie Heights Ave.

At our recent General Membership Meeting, we continued to get more good news about the beautification of the Bonnabel corridor along the Boulevard. Mr. Greg Cantrell, Landscape Architect, under contract with Jefferson Parish, explained the process that he will use to come up with a long range plan for the beautification and maintenance of Bonnabel Blvd. from Metairie Rd. to the Lake. As part of a tree survey and analysis, he is paying particular attention to which types of trees survived recent storms. Mr. Cantrell explained that he is also working on other main parish thoroughfares such as Veterans Blvd. and is attempting to use new concepts that have been successful in other communities. Councilwoman Sneed, who initiated the study at our request, as also provided that the Bonnabel Civic Association have input and a preview of the proposed plan before it is finalized. This formal plan will guide the improvement of Bonnabel for many years to come. **We need a few volunteers to work with Mr. Cantrell on the Bonnabel plan. Please let us know if you want to help.** On another matter to be dealt with in the near future-the strips of land between the service road and the sound walls on both sides of I-10. This land belongs to the State of Louisiana which has a terrible reputation for cutting grass and maintaining rights of way. We do not intend to wait until things turn ugly. It is our intention to bring this to the attention to the Parish via contact with Councilwoman Sneed. The Parish and the State will have to work out a permanent arrangement to landscape and maintain the area. Otherwise, you can bet it will become an eyesore of gigantic proportions. **Stay alert!**

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