

BONNABEL BULLETIN



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MEETING

Thursday

August 16th

7:00 p.m.

Lakeshore Playground

1125 Rosa Ave.

SPEAKER

State Representative

John LaBruzzo

District 81

Jefferson Parish

TOPICS

Bonnabel Canal

I-10 Construction

**WE STILL NEED A
BEAUTIFICATION
CHAIRPERSON!**

Will YOU Volunteer?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- *Bob Evans*

Drainage-There is so much happening as we find ourselves in the midst of hurricane season and as we approach the second anniversary of Katrina. Jefferson Parish has completed construction of the "safe houses" and other reinforcements at the pumping stations. We have been assured by the Corps of Engineers that the levees are sound and that a plan is in place for drainage operations at the 17th Street Canal. Just last week, Orleans and Jefferson Parishes met with the Corps and agreed that "Pump to the River" will help everyone, not just residents of Old Metairie. This will surely benefit us in the Bonnabel area. The East Jefferson Levee District has placed HESCO baskets on two sections of the Lake Pontchartrain levee that are not up to grade. The Parish has also undertaken a major study on the east bank to determine the locations of the most serious neighborhood drainage problems. Many of the extreme street flooding situations are due to the small size of the pipes that were used to drain the older subdivisions.

Elections-Within a month, candidates will be qualifying for numerous parish and state elective offices. In Jefferson, all of our Parish officials, including Sheriff, Assessor, and Clerk of Court will be facing the voters. At this time, none of them are affected by the "limited terms" provisions of our charter or state law. Thus, we can expect that most of them will be running for reelection to their current positions. The situation is totally different regarding our state representatives and senators. Many of them are leaving the legislature due to "limited terms". Jefferson Parish will lose a lot of influence in the legislature resulting from loss of seniority and loss of committee chairmanships. Our current State Representative is John LaBruzzo and State Senator is Julie Quinn, both of whom are serving their first term in office. They are, therefore, able to run for reelection to their respective offices. However, East Jefferson will lose Reps. Ansardi, Lancaster, Bowler and Sens. Hollis and Lentini. Reps. Martiny and Scalise are running for the senate.

MEMBERSHIP- *Hugh Cowan*

Membership is doing well but we could use an influx of new members. The only way our organization can grow and become stronger is for our members to encourage their neighbors to join and attend our meetings. Even though some of you may not have required the services provided by your association, it is good to know

that it is there when needed. The odds are we have already helped your neighborhood and you were not aware of it. So, bring someone to the August meeting. If you receive this newsletter but have not paid your dues for this year, please do so now. Our next newsletter, the final one of 2007, will include a notice for next year's dues.

DRAINAGE <i>Al Wilson</i>	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2007-2008																																										
<p>We have learned that the Parish has applied for state funds to improve the Bonnabel Canal. The cost is estimated at \$15 million to rehabilitate and stabilize the canal. We have been told that the cost of the project is too large for the parish and too small to qualify for SELA (federal) funds., In order to obtain the funds, our state legislators will be working to have the money included in the state capital outlay budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009. Even though the request has been pending for the past couple of years, we have not yet been approved for funding. We intend to speak with our legislators and monitor the progress of this project in the next legislative session. In this regard, we have invited Rep. John LaBruzzo to speak on this topic at the upcoming meeting on August 16th.</p>	<table border="0"> <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>911</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> <tr><td>Sheriff</td><td>911</td></tr> </table> <p>Bonnabel Civic Association 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	911	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	Sheriff	911	<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> Cyril Burck, Jr. Grace Buras Anthony Cangemi Hugh J. Cowan, Jr. Frances Haydel Donald Romig Alyson Schultz Jean Sublette</p>
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<u>CRIME WATCH / TRACKER</u>			
(Location by 100 block)			
	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<u>CRIME</u>			
ASSAULT	○	400 Phosphor Ave.	○
RES. BURGLARY	1700 Feronia St. 1700 Pomona St. 1800 Pomona St.	○	1200 Brockenbraugh Ct. 700 Bonnabel Blvd..
AUTO THEFT	○	300 Bonnabel Blvd.	100 Bonnabel Blvd. 1000 Brockenbraugh Ct.



Councilman at Large John Young visits with Bonnabel Civic Association board members Grace Buras, Frances Haydel, and Jean Sublette at a recent meeting of the association.

NEW HOMEOWNERS-*Jean Sublette*

New homeowners continue to move into our Bonnabel Place neighborhood. As an extension of friendship, we send welcome letters to the new property owners inviting them 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 we have assembled. We look forward to seeing you at our next membership meeting.

We sent welcome letters to the following residents:

Mary E. Lee 222 Aurora Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert N. Michiels 533 Homestead Ave.

Dona L. Forte 1919 Feronia St.

Gabriel E. Falgoust, III 1124 Orion Ave.

Reine D. Bouton 40 Beverly Garden Dr.

Elfriede H. Oelkers 3801 Metairie Heights Ave.

Anthony R. Ricaud 412 Live Oake St.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Butler 74 Dream Ct.

Mr. & Mrs. August J. Berner 1519 Helios Ave.

Jane S. Broussard 932 Melody Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Puderer 1618 Demosthenes St.

Maria R. Montalbano 3549 Metairie Heights Ave.

Rocio Lovasco 730 Helios Ave.

Tami M. DeVaney 1817 Homer St.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel A. Espinoza 1512 Poplar St.

Carlos K. Doucet 1047 Homestead Ave.

Gloria L. Raspanti 195 Metairie Court

Euclid M. Hebert Jr. 2116 Metairie Court

Patricia D. Epling 37 Beverly Garden Drive

Alicia M. Gilberti 1020 Helios Ave.

Earl M. Rosiere II 1304 Homestead Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Zapalowski Jr. 1226 Aurora Ave.

June Anderson 908 Beverly Garden Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Brulet 156 Hesper Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Carbo 99 Melody Dr.

Cory M. Cheatham 1912 Metairie Court

Sidney T. Cousans 1408 Pomona St.

Kathy Eaton & Sally Guice 1145 Beverly Garden Dr.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dupuis 1409 Bonnabel Blvd.

Leonard R. Daigle 1108 Hesper Ave.

Rachel A. Encalade 1216 Homestead Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher S. Fisher 648 Melody Dr.

Jennifer L. Banquer 2120 Metairie Heights Ave.

Christina R. Santos 2217 Metairie Heights Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Fenger 2951 Metairie Heights Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Brewster 3513 Metairie Heights Ave.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey E. Meyers 362 Metairie Heights Ave.

BEAUTIFICATION & MORE

We have previously reported on our progress in formulating a detailed plan for the future beautification of Bonnabel Boulevard from Metairie Road to the Lake. A giant step forward was the contract with Landscape Architect Greg Cantrell that was initiated by Councilwoman Sneed at the request of the BCA. It is our understanding that the initial study phase has been completed and is ready for public comment. We will be speaking with Councilwoman Sneed in the near future to discuss a means for informing the neighborhood of the plan and for allowing public input. A key aspect of the plan has been minimizing the removal of existing vegetation unless absolutely necessary.

On another matter-you may have noticed that our bike path is missing during the construction of I-10 improvements. The BCA is sending a letter to the Dept. of Transportation & Development requesting that the path be rebuilt as required by law. We are optimistic that this will be accomplished as soon as the construction permits safe travel by bicycle.

ZONING & CODE-*Cyril Burck, Jr.*

Neighborhood Watch is not just for crime. The same concept can also be used for zoning and code enforcement. This includes matters such as weed control, resubdivisions, zoning variances, abandoned cars, and building permits. Your Civic Association works closely with Councilwoman Sneed, the Code Enforcement Department, the Parish Attorney's Office and other Parish agencies to bring violations to their attention. The proper enforcement of these laws helps preserve the integrity and quality of our neighborhood and protects property values. If you see or think there may be a problem, please contact the Civic Association so it can notify the proper parish department for appropriate action. You can reach us on our web site or by telephone. Recently, the Jefferson Parish web site initiated a feature on its home page whereby you can review the status of any violation in the Parish. Merely type in the street address and you will immediately see the result of your inquiry. If you do not recall the house number, type in the street name to see all citations issued on the street.

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