

BONNABEL BULLETIN



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MAY 2008

MEETING

Thursday

May 15

7:00 p.m.

Lakeshore Playground

1125 Rosa Ave.

TOPIC

**Crime in Your
Neighborhood?**

SPEAKER

**JEFFERSON PARISH
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Steven E. LaChute
Civic & Business Liaison**

**MEETING AGENDA
Election of Officers**

FINALLY !

**WE HAVE A
BEAUTIFICATION
CHAIRPERSON!
(Actually 2)**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- *Bob Evans*

A DOOR CLOSSES-

My second and final term as President of the Bonnabel Civic Association will end on May 15 when we elect a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. It's only normal to reflect on the significant activities of the past two years. The BCA continued the battle to protect our neighborhoods from the invasion of traffic and code enforcement violations, while monitoring the usual zoning and variance applications. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the strong support of our parish officials in our never-ending effort to protect our "Bonnabel" quality of life. There were a couple of new issues that challenged us—the impact of I-10 expansion and the need for an official plan for the improvement of Bonnabel Blvd. Our Parish officials responded. The plans for Bonnabel and the I-10 traffic impact study are almost drafted and ready for public input. I express my thanks to my fellow board members for their support these past two years. It has been a privilege to work with you for the benefit of our community.

A WINDOW OPENS-

The future of Bonnabel Place looks bright! The massive I-10 improvements with new traffic flows should be completed within the year. We will retrieve our bike path that was lost during construction and work to ensure that the intersection under the Bonnabel overpass is landscaped and lighted. Our plan for the beautification of the entire Boulevard will be officially adopted as an addition to the gardens and sculpture at the intersection of Vets and Bonnabel. While our neighboring parishes are planning their dog parks, ours will soon be opened and operating at the Bonnabel Boat Launch. There are other improvements under discussion at the Launch and at Bucktown. The BCA will continue to be an active member of the Civic League of E.J. and may even extend the boundaries of our association to include adjacent areas that lack representation. Our elected officials and business leaders are working closely together to keep our parish on track in spite of Katrina! Remember—"Progressive Jefferson"

MEMBERSHIP- *Hugh Cowan*

Membership has not increased appreciably since 2007. New residency in the area, which had contributed considerably in the past, has also declined. As stated in previous newsletters, our best source for new members is our present membership soliciting members from their neighborhood. Try to bring someone to the May

meeting. Also, there is a need for volunteers for committees. The BCA would appreciate any help offered by its members. Contact us by mail or leave a message on our voice mail. See you at the meeting.

Our remaining meetings for the year are August 21 and November 20.

DRAINAGE <i>Al Wilson</i>	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2007-2008																																										
<p>The quest for state funding to stabilize and rehabilitate the Bonnabel Canal continues. In February, I went before the Jefferson Parish Council to ask for funding. Rep. John LaBruzzo and Senator Julie Quinn are aware of our plight and have supported our efforts. We have been told that the project is too small to qualify for federal funds and too large for parish funds. The legislature is now in session and will be there until June. Please contact Quinn and LaBruzzo via email or phone to let them know of your concerns. You can get their contact information from the legislative web site.</p> <p>http://www.legis.state.la.us/</p> <p>While investigating another drainage matter, a summons was issued to Clearwater Pools for several code violations.</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 Hugh J. Cowan, Jr. Frances Haydel Donald Romig Alyson Schultz Jean Sublette Tami DeVaney Tricia & Brian Lowe</p>
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New Member ___ or Renewal ___ Annual Dues \$15 Jan.1–Dec.31, 2008

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NEW HOMEOWNERS-*Jean Sublette*

BEAUTIFICATION & MORE

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 them at our next membership meeting. We have recently sent welcome letters to the following new owners:

Charles D. Lassalle, Jr. 1024 Aurora Ave.
Bernadine M. Mayer 2520 Metairie Ct.
David W. Hebert 2609 Metairie Heights Ave.
Annette Stromain 1144 Orion Ave.
Aimee K. Kelly 320 Aurora Ave.
Meera S. & V.V. Ramayya 709 Beverly Garden Dr.
Charles P. & Helma M. Stolf 600 Bonnabel Blvd.
Alvin C. Yates 315 Codifer Blvd.
Elizabeth Schmidt 1409 Feronia St.
Christina P. Martin 841 Helios Ave.
Donna Breakfield 1144 Homestead Ave.
Kyle D. Condon 186 Metairie Ct.
Laura J. Greco et al 709 Codifer Blvd.
Wayne A. Drapekin 1710 Demosthenes St.
Stephanie Wagner 905 Hesper Ave.
Robert M. Rooney 227 Orion Ave.
Maury D. Thibodeaux 615 Phosphor Ave.
Joseph L. Breault 1615 Brockenbrough St.
James L. Toca, III 909 Melody Dr.
Bernard L. Baisier 4016 Metairie Heights Ave.
Christian R. Baas 625 Phosphor Ave.
Jonathin B. Cerise 129 Helios Ave.
Stephen Robinson, Jr. 1029 Hesper Ave.
Robin B. Cheathan 1912 Metairie Ct.
Kerry V. Ranson 378 Metairie Heights Ave.
Rodney L. Cosse 1025 Hesper Ave.
Donald J. Collin 1325 Helios Ave.
Margie B. Lea 1208 Homestead Ave.
William D. Douglas, Jr. 2217 Metairie Heights Ave.
Lesley Cooper 48 Beverly Garden Dr.
David P. Reinhardt 1616 Brockenbrough St.
Christopher J. Chancellor 725 Beverly Garden Dr.
Robin P. Robert 1125 Bonnabel Blvd.
Gregory G. Dangelo 1507 Demosthenes St.
Gordon L. Wogan 115 Melody Dr.
Lori Hebert 81-83 Metairie Ct.
Ryan D. Weber 1312 Poplar St.
Kerry Winkler 451 Aurora Ave.
Estelle D. Holbrook 29 Beverly Garden Dr.
Kenneth W. Pfeffer 1024 Helios Ave.
John A. Waldvogel 1600 Nero St.

Let’s start with the good news. We have found a very willing and able Bonnabel couple that has agreed to head our beautification efforts for the upcoming year. **Brian and Tricia Lowe** recently moved from another area of Metairie to their new home on Homestead Ave. They are very enthusiastic about working with us to protect and improve our neighborhood. You may recall that the Parish funded a beautification/landscaping plan for the Bonnabel median from Metairie Road to the Lake. The plan by Greg Cantrell is finished and is available through the BCA and through the office of Councilwoman Jennifer Sneed. We hope to soon arrange things so you can access the plan via our BCA website and take a look at what is being suggested for the median area near your home. As soon as we can get sufficient public input, we will encourage the Parish to officially adopt the plan and to begin funding the improvements. This is a long term project that may need to be done in phases with a combination of public and private funds. A warm welcome to Brian and Tricia !

ZONING & CODE-*Cyril Burck, Jr.*

We haven’t had any recent zoning activity. I mentioned in a previous newsletter that we all need to be watchful of activities in our neighborhood that might be in violation of parish ordinances. When it comes to real criminal activity, we have all heard about “Neighborhood Watch” groups that organize and agree to watch out for each others homes. Over the years, unfortunately, this has proved to be popular, conceptually, but not successful when attempted in Jefferson Parish. Although recent statistics provided by **Sheriff Newell Normand** indicate that the crime rate has not increased, the perception of an increase does exist. In response, Sheriff Normand has appointed **Steven E. LaChute** as Civic & Business Liaison for JPSO. Since his appointment, LaChute has been communicating with your BCA and other civic groups in the Parish, and has offered to provide assistance for residents who want to organize a “Neighborhood Watch” group. If you want to take the lead in starting a “NW”, you can contact Steven via e-mail Lachute_se@jpsoc.com.

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