

# BONNABEL BULLETIN



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**MEETING**

**Thursday**

**February 12**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Lakeshore Playground**

**1125 Rosa Ave.**

**Topic**

**Financial Status of Jefferson Parish**

**SPEAKER**

**Ms. Gwen Bolotte**

**CPA**

**Director of Finance**

**Jefferson Parish**

**COMING IN MAY**

**Lawrence Chehardy**

**Jefferson Parish Assessor will speak on:**

**Property Tax Assessments**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	MEETING TOPIC
<p>I would like to welcome those of you that are receiving our newsletter for the first time. We send out four newsletters a year to our membership and I recommend that you visit <a href="http://www.bonnabel.org">www.bonnabel.org</a> to learn more about us. This year we have plenty of projects that need our attention. The steady erosion of the Bonnabel Canal is on the top of my list! We have traffic problems along the North I-10 service road and drainage problems on the 700 block of Hesper Avenue. We plan to do something about the intersection at Bonnabel and Veterans Boulevard. A house was torn down on the 800 block of Hesper Avenue and a parking lot put in it's place without parish approval. These are just some of the issues for this year. If you have something that we could help you with, please call me at 833-4511. We will do our best to help you. Thank you for joining us. Together we can make Metairie a better place to live.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>	<p>The topic of our <b>February 12th meeting</b> will be the overall financial position of Jefferson Parish. Our guest speaker will be Gwen Bolotte CPA. She is the Finance Director for Jefferson Parish. Ms. Bolotte's presentation will include her meetings with bond agencies, current year trends and the proposed Parish budget. There will be a power point presentation complete with handouts. We also hope to have someone from the Sheriff's office to discuss the proposed quarter of a cent sales tax. Please join us. This should prove to be a very interesting evening. Time for Q &amp; A will be available.</p>
	<p><b>NIGHTOUT AGAINST CRIME</b></p>
<p><b>MEMBERSHIP—Tami DeVaney</b></p> <p>Our membership continues to grow. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for the year 2009. We appreciate your support and encourage our members to patronize your businesses. It will not be necessary to sign in at the door anymore! If you need to pay your 2009 dues or need a ticket for the 50-50, we will have table set up for you. We hope to see you on <b>February 12th.</b></p>	<p><b>DRAINAGE—Al Wilson</b></p> <p>We continue to have drainage problems in some of our neighborhoods. The latest street to complain was the 700 block of Hesper Avenue. Most of our older street's have the smaller drain lines. We are hoping the Drainage Department will consider replacing these drain lines with the larger ones. I (continued on page 2)</p>

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<p>am going to find out what their plans are for replacing street drains in our area. The Bonnabel Canal project is still ongoing. We should hear something regarding that around mid-February. For those members who are awaiting word on this issue I will contact you directly. If you have any drainage problems and need our help, contact me via email at <a href="http://www.bonnabel.org">www.bonnabel.org</a> or call 833-4511 and leave a message.</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>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> <tr><td>Sheriff</td><td>911</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Bonnabel Civic Association 833-4511</b></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	Sheriff	911	<p><u>PRESIDENT</u> Alton Wilson</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> Robert Evans</p> <p><u>SECRETARY</u> Marilyn Malone</p> <p><u>TREASURER</u> Grace Buras</p> <p><u>DIRECTORS</u> Cyril Burck, Jr. Tami DeVaney Frances Haydel Tricia &amp; Brian Lowe Sylvia Major Donald Romig Alyson Schultz Jean Sublette</p>
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**JOIN US AT THE  
“BONNABEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION PICNIC”**

**On May 17th., 12 noon until 4 p.m., the Bonnabel Civic Association is going to have a fun-filled picnic. We reserved Pontiff Playground Shelter #3 for the event. All paid members and sponsors are invited. The objective is to meet your fellow members and to have a good time. We are going to invite our Parish officials and staff. It will be a pleasant change to meet with them in a casual setting and not an office somewhere. Please make a note to attend. Come and meet a neighbor or make a new friend. Soon, I will put all of the details on our web-site. We will have more in the next newsletter as well. This is your picnic!! Don't miss it.**

**Mark your calendar: Sunday, May 17th.**

New Homeowners <i>Frances Haydel</i>	Building Regulatory Division <i>Cyril Burk, Jr.</i>
<p>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. The following residents have been sent Welcome letters:</p> <p>Gretchen Juncker, 202-04 Glenwood Drive Karen Ortego &amp; Lance McCardle, 209 Hector Avenue Hiedi Schum, 2500 Houma Blvd., #304 Christopher Cloutet, 3805 Houma Blvd, A215 Thuy Dinh &amp; Mung Pham, 3895 Houma Blvd. A231 Joseph Zaffuto, 829 Helois Avenue Hugo &amp; Brooke St.Helaire, 121 Glenwood Drive Steven Mace, 967 Rosa Avenue John Brumfield, 625 Oaklawn Drive Grace Cousans, 1408 Pomono Street Nouwell &amp; Alyce Hesse, 406 Sena Drive William Ural, Sr., 427 Homestead Street Thuz Vu, 3805 Houma Blvd. C200 Hauser &amp; Patricia Reboul, 528 Arisa Avenue Rick Meade, 528 Arisa Avenue Pierre &amp; Michelle Legrand, 132 Bonnabel Blvd. Mary &amp; Anthony J. Enna, 923-25 Bonnabel Avenue</p>	<p>The Bonnabel Civic Association works closely with Councilman Maestri, the Planning and Code Enforcement Department, the Parish Attorney's Office and other Parish agencies to bring violations to their attention. The Inspection and code Enforcement Department is a valuable source for our members and the public to learn what the Parish requires for projects and repairs around your house. In a recent update the Department outlined certain licensing requirements as follows:</p> <p><u>New Contractor Licensing:</u> Out of Parish or out of state contractors desiring to perform new residential, commercial or restoration or repair work in Jefferson Parish must secure their State of Louisiana License from the State Contractors Board. Licensing for our of parish or out of state residential one and two family restorations or repair work requires a Jefferson Parish Residential Home Improvement Contractor License.</p> <p><u>Home Owner Self Repairs:</u> Home owners' performing their own repairs must sign an acceptance of responsibility affidavit from Inspection and Code Enforcement.</p> <p><u>Substantial Improvement:</u> No additions to structures shall be allowed without a permit.</p> <p>This is not a complete list of licensing requirements. For more information call or visit the Jefferson Parish Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement.</p> <p>Inspectors traveling the street of Jefferson Parish will be monitoring repair and renovation work looking for proof of contractors' licenses. Should you see or think there may be a code violation, please contact the Bonnabel Civic Association so we may notify the Parish.</p>
TRAFFIC AND STREETS <i>Al Wilson</i>	
<p>One of our members noticed vehicles running up on a neighbor's lawn to avoid a car heading against one way traffic near the intersection of Elmeer Avenue and the North I-10 service road. After review, I discovered there was only one small one way sign placed under the stop sign at the end of Brockenbraugh Court. Drivers were taking a left turn against one way traffic. It took me three trips to see the project manager to get an additional orange and black one way sign placed at the end of Brockenbraugh Court. Hopefully that will help to solve the problem. If you have problems like this and you need help contact our web-site at <a href="http://www.bonnabel.org">www.bonnabel.org</a> or call 833-4511 and leave a message.</p>	<p align="right">□</p>