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**MEETING**

**Thursday**

**August 20**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Lakeshore Playground**

**1125 Rosa Avenue**

**SPEAKERS**

**Cynthia Lee-Sheng,**  
**Jefferson Parish**

**Council, District 5**

**Gordon H. Kolb, Jr.**

**G.H.K. Developments**

**Coming in November!**

**Joseph F. Young, Jr.**

**Councilman at Large**

**Jefferson Parish**

**Bob Breck**

**Chief Meteorologist**

**WVUE Fox 8**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's third edition of the Bonnabel Civic Association Bulletin. We are sending newsletters out to our paid members and to some select neighborhoods within our Bonnabel area. If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, please visit our website at [www.bonnabel.org](http://www.bonnabel.org) to learn more about us. We had a parking problem during our last meeting in May. If you could ride with a neighbor, it may help with the parking situation. We may want to consider looking for a different meeting place next year. There have been a lot of phone calls and messages left on our website. If you have not heard back from us, try to contact us again. It can get overwhelming trying to keep up with everything. I hope to see you at our meeting on August 20th. Remember, when we work together we can make our community a better place to live.  
*Al Wilson, President*

**MEMBERSHIP - *Jami DeVaney***

We wish to thank our members and our business sponsors for your support of our great association. For those members who have not paid their 2009 dues, it is never too late!!! You can drop it in the mail or bring it to our next meeting. Remember without "YOU" there would be no Bonnabel Civic Association. See you at our next meeting on **August 20th.**

**MEETING TOPIC**

It will be an honor to have our newly elected Jefferson Parish District 5 Representative Councilwoman, Cynthia Lee-Sheng join us at our August meeting. She will be discussing the Bonnabel Canal Improvement Project study from BCG Engineering & Consulting Inc. If you live along the Bonnabel Canal you need to make this meeting!

Our next speaker will be Mr. Gordon Kolb, Jr. of GHK Developments, Inc. His topic will be the purposed Walgreen's at the corner of Veterans and Bonnabel Blvd. Mr. Kolb will be answering any questions you may have.

**WELCOME NEW SPONSORS**

I would like to introduce three new sponsors for our association.

**Oscar's**

2027 Metairie Road

**Electric Cocktail**

452 Aurora Avenue

**Twin Tire and Auto Care**

1200 Manhattan Boulevard

Harvey, LA

**Welcome aboard!!!!!!**

*Al Wilson, President*

DRAINAGE	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2009-2010																																										
<p>The Jefferson Parish Drainage Director, Mr. Kazem Alikhani will be attending our meeting on <b>August 20</b>. The Director has the first draft of the Bonnabel Canal Interim Solution Study and is working hard to finalize it before making his findings public. The Parish must plan carefully so there short term solution will stay in place when it comes time for the long term solution to be constructed. If you live along the Bonnabel Canal, I know a plan for a permanent solution has been a long time coming. Hang in there!! We are working on it!!!</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></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 C. Lee-Sheng</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 C. Lee-Sheng	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</p>
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<b>Our Meeting with Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng</b>	<b>1041 Veterans Blvd.</b>
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On July 20th, Bob Evans and I met with Cynthia and her Council Aide Rob Hinyub to discuss some concerns we have for our area. I want to share my list with you:

1. A zoning study of the area between I-10 and Veterans Blvd. with the idea of rezoning all single family homes as R-1 similar to what was done in old Metairie.
2. Create a tree preservation district.
3. Plan to restore bike paths.
4. I-10 at Bonnabel exit issues that have not been resolved.
5. Sidewalks that are missing along areas of Bonnabel and Vets. Blvd.
6. Traffic congestion at Bonnabel and Vets. Blvds.
7. The Bonnabel Canal repair.

Our list was long but we felt it was important to pass on our concerns to our Councilwoman and ask for her help. If you are interested in helping us or would like to form a committee regarding any of the above mentioned items, please contact us at 833-4511 or send an email to [www.bonnabel.org](http://www.bonnabel.org).

*Al Wilson, President*

Are you wondering what is going on between Sena Drive and West William David Pkwy? The only building left standing on that block of land is State Investors Bank. I spoke with the Bank's CEO, Mr.. Tony Sciotino. When I asked if he could tell me about it, he was happy to oblige. His plans showed his new two story bank with a large parking area placed in the back section of the lot. If you to take a look, just go in the bank and see the painting they have posted in the lobby. This bank is going to look great and it looks like the State Investors Bank will stay in Metairie for a long time.

## New Homeowners

*Frances Haydel*

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:

John & Ellen Baker  
Frans & Kristin Labranche  
Mary Chesson  
Alma Cartagena,  
William Crowell & Linda Scott  
Darryl Klumpp, Jr  
Jade Childers.  
Ricky English, Jr.  
Michael Hall  
Nathan & Moira Sanborn  
Murdock, Nancy & Melanie McTosh  
Joshua & Susan Gunn  
Joyce Streussing  
Robert & Nancy Redmann  
Jill Swaney & Henry Swaney, Jr  
Ralph & Cynthia Faison  
Laura Moeller.  
Joaquin & Dianne Campoy  
Lewis Ashbey  
Jeffrey & Sherry Goodwyne  
Ryan Kelly & Katherine Devries  
Robert & Elizabeth James  
Jennifer Pier  
Colleen Reuter  
Birney & Eunice Rouselle IV  
Barbara Mire  
John & Jan Batty  
Ernest Bertaut, Jr  
Alberto & Jennifer Cordova  
Cody & Rebecca Scott  
Robert Shea, III & Reid Shea  
Holly Popham.  
Michael & Nella Gahagen  
Chase Mashburn  
Michael & Lisa Flora

## ZONING

*Al Wilson*

The residents who live on the 700 block of Helois Avenue recently had a zoning change request sign posted on their street. After a petition was passed around and a letter of opposition was sent to the planning board, we realized the sign was placed at the wrong address. By the time the sign was moved to the correct address, we were running out of time fast. Another petition was passed and another letter of opposition was written and hand delivered just as the zoning request was going before the Jefferson Parish Council for approval. The property owner decided to withdraw their request at the final hour. That was the biggest mess we have been involved with in a long time. I have not had to tap dance like that since Lawrence Welk Show was on the air!!!! The property owner can not reapply for a R-1A to C-1 zoning change for two years. If you have zoning change request sign on your street and would like our help call 833-4511 or email us at [www.bonnabel.org](http://www.bonnabel.org).

## TRAFFIC AND STREETS

Some of you have complained about the noise coming from traffic traveling on the I-10. We have large section of the I-10 that has no sound wall at all. The DOT approved an additional 300 feet of sound absorbing wall to be installed along Bonnabel on the ramp heading East towards New Orleans. It has not been installed yet but we hope to see that soon. We believe that the texture of the road surface maybe part of the problem. You can hear vehicles tires get louder as they go over the concrete overpasses. I will keep you posted on any changes that may help lower the traffic noise.

*Al Wilson, President*

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