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MEETING

Thursday

February 11

7:00 p.m.

Lakeshore Playground

1125 Rosa Avenue

Speaker

John F. Young, Jr.

Councilman at Large

Division A

Jefferson Parish

Coming in May

Cynthia Lee-Sheng

Councilwoman

Jefferson Parish

And

Mr. Frank Standige

Louisiana Department

Of Transportation

Area Engineers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a lot to do this year. Three projects come to mind. The Bonnabel Canal repair is still at the top of my list! The other two issues are the missing sound walls along the Interstate and the intersection at Bonnabel and Veterans Blvds. I will keep you posted on any progress we make. With the distractions involving the resignations of Mr. Broussard and Mr. Whitmer, it could make things a little more difficult for us. I promise to make enough noise that the Council will know when we need their help. If you have any issues you would like to bring to our attention, please email me at www.bonnabel.org or call 883-4511 and leave a message. We will do our best to help you.

Al Wilson, President

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Last December we had a very productive meeting with Councilwoman Cynthia Lee Sheng and Louisiana Department of Transportation Engineer, Mr. Frank Standige. Cynthia had about seven people present who brought with them various areas of expertise. I am sorry I did not get all their names. Many topics were discussed such as the missing sound walls along the I-10, the bike path, the interstate noise created by the rough texture of the concrete overpasses and expansion joints. They discussed the possibility of installing a flashing light at the Bonnabel exit to help slow down the traffic coming off of I-10 onto Bonnabel Boulevard. We even mentioned putting benches along the Levee that would give walkers a place to rest. I asked about that because I had some older folks tell me they would walk the Levee if there was a place for them to rest every so often. All in all that was one of the more productive meetings I have attended in a long time. Cynthia is doing a great job and I am very pleased with her as our Councilwoman. Cynthia and Mr. Standige will be joining us at our May 13th meeting. I hope Cynthia will bring some information about the Bonnabel Canal repair. Although the Bonnabel Canal was not discussed with this group, it remains my number one concern.

Al Wilson, President

2010 OFFICERS

I would like to thank our members for their trust in us and congratulations goes out to our 2010 officers. We are looking forward to another great year. We have a very dedicated group and it is a pleasure to work with them. Let's pull together and make 2010 the best year ever.

BONNABEL & VETERANS BLVD.

There will be a petition to be signed at this meeting asking parish officials to improve the traffic flow at this intersection. This has been a problem for a long time and needs attention as soon as possible.

Al Wilson, President

SOMETHING NEW FOR YOUR SPRING TIME BLUES!!!!!!	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2009-2010																																										
<p>This year the Bonnabel Civic Association will have a "Best Front Yard" award. Mr. Bernard Blanchard will be the Committee Chairman. You will need to be a member to participate. We will announce all of the details during our February 11th meeting. Hope to see you there.</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>Interim Pres Steve Theriot</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	9 1 1	Councilwoman C. Lee-Sheng	736-6634	Interim Pres Steve Theriot	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> Bernard Blanchard Cyril Burck, Jr. Tami DeVaney Frances Haydel Tricia & Brian Lowe Sylvia Major Donald Romig Alyson Schultz</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">RETRACTION</p> <p>In our last newsletter titled Traffic and Streets, I made an error. At the intersection of Codifer Boulevard and Hesper Avenue, we printed that the large box blocking the view of traffic belonged to Cox Cable. The box in question actually belongs to AT&T. My apologies for this error.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>	2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES																																											
<p style="text-align: center;">50/50</p> <p>I would like to thank Kaye Florane for her donation of a framed poster from her collection from www.zazzle.com/floart</p> <p>Thanks to her generosity, we had a lovely picture of the lighthouses of Louisiana to raffle at our 50/50 drawing. At the next meeting, if someone is kind enough to donate another item, we will raffle it off along with the 50/50 drawing again.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>	<p>We would like to thank all of our residents who have renewed their membership for 2010. Last year we reached out to over 3,000 households. We wanted to expand membership and offer help to as many neighborhoods as possible. This year we anticipate having around 300 members and over a dozen sponsors. The more members we have the more likely we can get results when we call the Parish for help. If there is a membership application in this newsletter, our records show we have not received your dues for 2010. Family membership is \$15. Business membership is \$25 and to be a sponsor is \$100. Our sponsors will have their businesses listed on our web site and be placed on a sponsor page in each newsletter. This will be your last newsletter until dues are paid. Thank you very much for your support.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>																																											

<p style="text-align: center;">New Homeowners</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Frances Haydel</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SUCCESS STORIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Al Wilson</i></p>
<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>Karl Senner Justin Kronrumpf Michael Daney Denise & Nelson Olive Amanda & Scot Koloski James Miller Carlie & Charles Winstanley Garrick, Candice & Almenda Schott Stacy Bourgeois Billie & Chad Yeager Sarah & James Synder</p>	<p>We have been successful in helping our community. Commercial zoning encroachment into the neighborhoods along Veterans Boulevard, is not uncommon. Our Association along with a group of concerned citizens managed to stop two of the zoning changes. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Cyril Burck, our zoning and code enforcement chairman. We requested sound walls to be placed along the on-ramp on the south side of the interstate. They will be installed soon. I’ll have more about the missing sound walls in another article. The displaced bike path is funded and construction should begin sometime this year. I would like to thank all of the concerned citizens that participated with these community improvements. It just goes to show, together we CAN make a difference.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT’S NEXT?????</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BONNABEL CANAL UPDATE</p>
<p>Considering what has taken place with our Jefferson Parish officials lately, it is hard to imagine what may be coming next! We are fortunate to have Council Chairman John Young as our speaker for our February 11th meeting. The only thing I asked him to discuss with us is the Bonnabel Canal repair. I am sure he will offer some insight on what's currently going on with Jefferson Parish government. Councilman Young has always been a friend to our Association and we are looking forward to hearing what he has to say about Mr. Boussard, Mr. Whitmer, and Mr. Theriot. You don’t want to miss this meeting on February 11th.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>	<p>The Bonnabel Canal has areas that are collapsing as a result of the extreme rain fall in December. We have heard Jefferson Parish is asking to be listed as a “disaster area” is seeking funds from the State to repair the collapsing drainage canals. The Jefferson Parish Drainage Director Kazem Alikhani said and I quote “the funding will be used for erosion on canal banks as a result of recent rain events only.” I walked along the west side of the Canal just to look for myself. The Canal is 7 tenths of a mile long. We have a Catholic School and roughly 120 residents on either side. The back yard of just about every home on the East side is sloping down towards the Canal. They are having trouble keeping their fencing in place. The West side has an area approximating 15 feet in diameter ready to fall in and most likely will restrict the Canal from draining properly. Considering hurricane season is only five months away, this is a critical situation. I should have more to report at our meeting.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>

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