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# BONNABEL BULLETIN



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**Thursday**

**May 13**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Lakeshore Playground**

**1125 Rosa Avenue**

**Speakers**

**Cynthia Lee-Sheng**

**Councilwoman,**

**District 5**

**Jefferson Parish**

**And**

**Mr. Frank Standige**

**Louisiana Department**

**Of Transportation**

**Area Engineers**

**Garden Award**

**50-50 Drawing**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. I just wanted to say thank you to all of our members and sponsors. We currently have 281 members and 17 business sponsors. The membership continues to grow year after year. Being active in your local Civic Association is a great way to help your community grow and prosper. We are one of the better attended Civic Associations. Attendance is important!! I hope to see you at our next meeting on **May 13th.**

*Al Wilson, President*

## JEFFERSON PARISH OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Jefferson Parish Council has created an Advisory Committee for the establishment of an office of Inspector General. I have volunteered to represent the East Jefferson Civic Coalition. Other representatives include, Bureau of Government Research, Metropolitan Crime Commission, West Bank Civic Coalition Jefferson Business Council, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Parish Council's Office of Research, and Budget Analysis, and the Deputy Parish Attorney for Jefferson Parish. We must report to the Council with our findings by August 18, 2010.

*Al Wilson, President*

## CYNTHIA LEE-SHENG

Cynthia Lee-Sheng was elected by the constituents of District 5 in a special election held in April 2009, after the resignation of Councilwoman Jennifer Sneed. Cynthia comes to the Jefferson Parish Council with a strong background in fraud prevention and forensic accounting, as well as 10 years of service as a federal officer with the Department of Justice. After her elementary, secondary, and college education in Louisiana, she received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Aside from using her business skills as a forensic CPA to ensure that tax dollars are well spent, Cynthia works tirelessly to make sure Jefferson Parish continues to be an economic engine for this region by attracting new families and businesses.

## EVENING'S TOPICS

**Mr. Frank Standige**, area engineer for the Louisiana Department of Transportation, will discuss the missing sound walls along the I-10.

**Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng** will have a power point presentation on the revitalization of Fat City on several fronts including infrastructure, aesthetic, regulatory, zoning and law enforcement.



FUTURE PROJECTS	IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s	BCA OFFICERS 2009-2010																																										
<p>We have some projects that we have not properly addressed yet. I will list a few of them. One member asked about having a traffic light installed on Veterans Blvd. near C's Pharmacy. Another has drainage problems near the parish line between Veterans Blvd. and the I-10 service road. One lady said when she tries to walk across the intersection at Veterans and Bonnabel Blvd., people blow their horn at her and some actually yell obscenities. We need to take a look at this one right away! There are some street problems here and there. The intersection at Bonnabel and Veterans Blvd. needs to be improved to have sweeping turn lanes installed. Maybe a proper crosswalk would help the above mentioned pedestrian to cross the street without being harassed. If you have contacted us about a problem you are having, please call back now and then to check on it. It may take more than one call to get your problem on our to-do list.</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><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	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></p> <p>Alton Wilson</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENT</u></p> <p>Robert Evans</p> <p><u>SECRETARY</u></p> <p>Marilyn Malone</p> <p><u>TREASURER</u></p> <p>Grace Buras</p> <p><u>DIRECTORS</u></p> <p>Bernard Blanchard Cyril Burck, Jr. Tami DeVaney Frances Haydel Tricia &amp; Brian Lowe Sylvia Major Donald Romig Alyson Schultz</p>
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<p>Don't forget the winner of the Bonnabel Civic Association "Garden Award" will be chosen at this meeting. If you have signed up, make sure you are there to collect your prize.</p> <p>Good luck!!</p>	<p>We continue to stress the importance of an active and involved membership and wish to welcome our new members and business sponsors. The Bonnabel Civic Association functions as a source of information, a comrade, and can be your primary link with your elected officials. If you are planning to attend our next meeting, please bring a friend or neighbor and encourage them to join. Remember without "YOU" there would be no BCA and experience has shown that we can and do, make a difference.</p> <p><b>See you at our next meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m.</b></p>																																											

New Homeowners- <i>Frances Haydel</i>	THE U.S. CENSUS
<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>Brian &amp; Shawn Marcelle Allison Moldaner Duane &amp; Theresa Delaune Jonathan &amp; Kelly Bernard Katie Schwander</p>	<p>As you are aware, the U.S. Census Bureau has been mailing census packets to homes throughout the Metropolitan New Orleans area. In the upcoming weeks, Census takers will be in our neighborhoods going door to door gathering information from homeowners who have not returned packets.</p> <p>Please be aware of the following: U.S. Census employees <b>will not</b> request personal information such as social security numbers, driver's license numbers, bank or credit card numbers. The U.S. Census Bureau tells us, that for the most part, their employees do not have a need to and should not ask to enter your home.</p> <p>Census employees will not be in any particular uniform but will have one or two forms of "temporary" identification. The cards will have the census employee's name printed on the front of the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Census ID. The employee's signature should appear on the rear with an expiration date below the signature. The cards will not have a photo of the employee. Only "permanent" census employees will be in possession of ID cards with a picture of the employee. If you are suspicious about suspects in your area who claim to be U.S. Census employees, call 911.</p>
<b>PROJECTS IN PROGRESS!!</b>	
<p>Here is a list of projects we are working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Water meter moved for a resident on Nero St.</li> <li>⇒ Legality of a large building behind a home on Bonnabel Blvd. Looks like the large building on Causeway.</li> <li>⇒ Blighted building on Aurora Avenue.</li> <li>⇒ Missing sound walls along I-10 and we are currently trying to determine why the expansion joints along the I-10 overpass, are so noisy.</li> <li>⇒ Requested the completion of the sidewalks on Bonnabel and Veterans Boulevards.</li> <li>⇒ Continuing the beautification of Veterans Blvd. towards New Orleans Parish line.</li> <li>⇒ Council Chairman John Young has promised to update us about the Bonnabel Canal study.</li> </ul>	
Will keep you updated as progress is made.	
<b>WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT??</b>	
<p><b>You need a permit</b> when you construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure.</p> <p><b>You do NOT need a permit when you do</b> interior painting, paving, exterior painting (without a scaffolding), prefabricated swimming polls, playhouses or swings.</p> <p>If you have questions, call (504) 736-6957. They will be glad to help.</p>	