

# BONNABEL BULLETIN



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**MEETING**

**Thursday**

**May 12**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Lakeshore Playground**

**1125 Rosa Avenue**

**Speaker**

**John F. Labruzzo**

**State Representative**

**District 81**

**Topics**

**Bonnabel Canal  
Funding**

**I-10 Noise**

**State Representative  
Redistricting**

**50-50 Drawing**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are going to have elections at the end of our May 12th meeting. If you have been thinking about getting more involved, now would be the time! All of the Civic Associations in our area have worked hard to help improve the quality of life of their neighborhoods. Our own Bonnabel Civic Association has always done its best to help everyone it can.. It has been an honor to serve as your president but I must step down at this time. I wish the new officers all the best.

*Al Wilson, President*

**I-10 NOISE**

We need all of our members who have issues with the I-10 noise to attend this meeting. Please put your complaints in letter form. This will allow State Representative Labruzzo to take our complaints directly back to the head of the Department of Transportation for review.

*Al Wilson, President*

**BONNABEL CANAL**

There was an article in the April 24th Times Picayune about the 1995 flood. Remember the torrential rain that flooded hundreds of houses? It was during that time frame when I first started looking at our own drainage issues. It became obvious that the Bonnabel Canal had major problems. Taking a little harder look it became more obvious that some of the homes along the East side had even bigger problems. We started our crusade on November 17, 2008. That was the date the contract was signed by BCG Engineering. They were needed to come up with a short term and long term plan to repair the Canal. To this day I can not understand why this drainage Canal has not qualified for The Corps of Engineer's SELA funding. Jefferson Parish President John Young has stated that he is going to look into funding for us. As it stands today our Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng has contributed much of her discretionary funds to replacing some canal bulkhead along the East side. Former Drainage Director Kazem Alikhani has done all he can. We are  
  
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| INFORMATION BITES  | IMPORTANT PARISH TELEPHONE #s  | BCA OFFICERS 2010-2011 |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
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| <p><b><u>Bike Path</u></b></p> <p>Do you remember the section of bike path that had been removed during the I-10 construction? Well, by the time you read this article, work to replace it will have already begun. Had our Association not gotten involved it most likely would have been lost forever. A big thank you needs to go out to Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng and our Vice President Bob Evans. It is always nice to be able to report good news for our neighborhood</p> | <table border="0"> <tr><td>General Info</td><td>736-6100</td></tr> <tr><td>Trash Pick Up</td><td>1-877-747-4374</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>Pres. John Young</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 | 1-877-747-4374 | 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 | Pres. John Young | 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><b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b></p> <p>Alton Wilson</p> <p><b><u>VICE PRESIDENT</u></b></p> <p>Robert Evans</p> <p><b><u>SECRETARY</u></b></p> <p>Marilyn Malone</p> <p><b><u>TREASURER</u></b></p> <p>Grace Buras</p> <p><b><u>DIRECTORS</u></b></p> <p>Cyril Burck, Jr.<br/>Tami DeVaney<br/>Frances Haydel<br/>Sylvia Major<br/>Joan &amp; Donald Romig<br/>Alyson Schultz</p> |
| General Info   | 736-6100   |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
| Trash Pick Up  | 1-877-747-4374   |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
| 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   |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
| Pres. John Young   | 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  |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
| <b>MORE INFORMATION BITS</b>   |  |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |
| <p><b><u>813 Hesper Avenue</u></b></p> <p>I am sorry to say the problems on 813 Hesper are still around. Someone continues to illegally use the parking lot on that property from time to time. There will be an adjudication hearing on April 19th regarding it and we are hoping that it will bring this parking lot issue to an end. Just for the record, we began hearing about problems at 813 Hesper Avenue. On October 12, 2008.</p>  | <p><b><u>Car Wash on Papworth</u></b></p> <p>We have a problem with the car wash on the 700 block of Papworth. It is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and the residents that live behind it are having trouble sleeping at night. I am not sure what is going to come of this. Hopefully at the very least they will be told to shut down at 10 p.m. and not be allowed to open until 7 a.m.</p> <p><b><u>See you at our next meeting on Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 p.m. Together we can make a difference</u></b></p>   |                        |          |               |                |                   |          |       |          |               |                |          |          |          |          |                 |          |                  |          |                  |          |               |          |                |          |                      |          |                 |       |                           |          |                  |          |             |                |                   |                |                |                |              |          |         |     |  |

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| <p><b>New Homeowners-<i>Frances Haydel</i></b></p>   | <p><b>Membership News—<i>Jami DeVaney</i></b></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><b>Jaime Zimmer &amp; Jonathan Barber<br/>Mr.&amp; Mrs. Peter Chavanne<br/>Mr. &amp; Mrs Shane DiCristina<br/>Alan Elmer, Jr.<br/>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Donald Jones<br/>Mr.&amp; Mrs. Henry Peeler<br/>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Gregory Sossamn<br/>Paul Vogt, Jr., Janet Vogt, &amp; Robin Vogt</b></p> | <p><b>Annual Membership Dues</b><br/><b>Family: \$15.00</b><br/><b>Sponsor: \$100.00</b></p> <p>We want to say “thank you” to our members and our business sponsors for your continued support. Bonnabel Civic Association is doing well, but we can always use an influx of new members and volunteers. The only way your organization can grow and stay strong is for each member to encourage their neighbors to join and attend our meetings. If you have a neighbor who is not a member of our great association, please bring them to the next meeting, I am sure they will learn something new about the great area we are all lucky to call home.</p> <p>With “YOU” there would be no Bonnabel Civic Association.</p> <p><b>Next meeting: Thursday, May 12th at 7 p.m.</b></p> |
| <p><b>BONNABEL CANAL (continued from page 1)</b></p>   | <p><b>ZONING ISSUES</b></p>  |
| <p>Looking towards the State for help. Our State Representative John Labruzzo will be our guest speaker during our May 12th meeting. In my opinion he is our next step in trying to find funding for the Canal repair. I have made every effort to help our members with the repairs. Hopefully the wheel of progress had been set in motion. I would like to thank all of our Parish Officials for their help.</p> <p>Al Wilson, President</p>  | <p>We have three zoning issues in progress. All of them are major. I do not have enough information at this time to allow me to talk about them yet. We will keep you posted. Zoning violations can be difficult to handle at times. Please be patient. We know what to do and our track record on these matters has been very good.</p> <p><i>Al Wilson, President</i></p>  |

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