



# THE LINKS NEWSLETTER

P. O. Box 681, LaPlace, La. 70069-0681

Apr 2008

### HOA Board Members:

- Larry Clarke - President  
(985) 651-4070
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(985) 653-8895

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### Committee

#### Chairpersons:

- Walter Prince - Park  
(985) 651-9440
- Barry Mader - Lake  
(985) 651-8597
- Open - Welcoming
  
- Larry Clarke - Social Committee  
(985) 651-4070
- Call any Board Member or Committee Chairperson if you would like to volunteer your talents.



**Welcome to Our Neighborhood !!!**  
*Edna L. Sims Smith—103 Glenlakes*  
*Craig and Jacqueline Hays - 105 Glenlakes*

### Springtime is Here!!!

Springtime brings us many things - weeds, mosquitoes, barren gardens. April is the month to weed and feed for a nice lawn for the summer. The warmer weather will bring mosquitoes, and we all must do what we can to eliminate breeding grounds by ensuring there is no standing water in pots, toys, etc. around our homes. Gutters should be checked to remove fallen leaves that can trap water and provide a habitat for these pests. Gardens need our attention at this time of year to remove dead foliage and replace with new plants and flowers to bring our neighborhood to life.

### Easter Festival

The Spring Easter Festival was held on March 15 and was a great success. There was plenty of food and drink and the children searched for and found over 500 eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered time and/or equipment for the event.

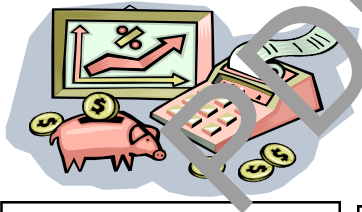
### LAKES

**It's back.** The large alligator has been spotted in the front lake over the last couple of weeks. Oakmont homeowners on the lake should take care, especially with small children and pets, as your backyards are its favorite sunning spot. We will contact Mike Roussel to advise but he needs to be contacted at the number below when the gator is out so that he can attempt to catch it.

**Water Lettuce.** All lake homeowners are asked to pitch in and assist controlling the spread of the water lettuce. While we have contacted the parish in an effort to cease the spread from the canal coming from Fairway, there is undoubtedly plants/seeds in our lakes. Periodic help from all homeowners can go a long way in eliminating this.

**Weir:** Some work has already started on the weir and will continue on the upcoming spring workday.

**Fishing:** Please remember that the lakefront property behind homes is private property. All homeowners are allowed to fish but those not on the lake must do so from the common areas.



### DUES

Let's all pay our dues on time so that we don't have to send out reminders. Also, please put your lot # on your check. Thanks to all who pay their dues on time or in advance.

We are soliciting a volunteer to chair the park committee. As we have spent much time and energy on the lakes, we would now like to focus on the park to address some long-term goals that have been established including additional landscaping and maintenance. There are others who are willing to assist with projects, but we need a leader willing to serve as chairperson. Please consider this service to your neighborhood. If you are interested, please call a Board Member.

### PEST CONTROL PHONE NUMBERS

- Should you have a mosquito problem or want your area sprayed before an outdoor function.  
Call Mosquito Control  
(985) 536-6530
- If you spot an alligator.  
Call Mr. Mike Roussel - Alligator Control  
(225) 869-3692 home  
(504) 915-4993 cell

If you have any announcements you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact a Board Member.



**IMPORTANT**  
 With the warmer weather allowing our children to spend time outside, an issue has arisen that warrants a reminder to homeowners. It is a violation of parish code to have a basketball goal at the foot of the driveway and play in the street. Calls have been received and have addressed not only the general ball playing but also the unwillingness of the children to stop playing and give vehicles the right of way. Please keep this in mind and speak with your children to ensure they address oncoming vehicles by promptly stepping to the curb to ensure their safety anytime they are in or near the street.

Belle Terre Links HOA  
 Balance Statement  
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 01-01-08 to 03-31-08

<u>Bal. Forward</u>	8,834.38
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues/Late Fees	<u>6,327.69</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Bank Chrgs.	
Off. Supplies	27.18
Postage	
Clerical Serv.	54.94
Acc/Cons/Legal	240.83
Liability Insur.	2,052.75
Grass Cutting	145.00
Postage	
Lake Park	
Welcom.Com.	20.56
Social Funct.	935.48
Utilities	<u>600.94</u>
<u>TOTAL EXP</u>	<u>4,077.68</u>
<u>BALANCE TO-DATE</u>	<u>11,084.39</u>

**Speeding**  
 Between daylight savings time, longer days, and the upcoming completion of another school year, children will once again be seen playing in our neighborhoods more and more. We ask drivers to exercise caution by being observant of children potentially darting out in front of you and by **slowing down**. Speeding continues to be a problem in our neighborhood. Remember that the speed limit is 20 MPH. This shouldn't get you home more than a minute or 2 later than if you speed, and think of the repercussions if some innocent child is hit because you had to speed home.

**Neighborhood Spring Workday**  
 A workday will be scheduled in the near future before it gets too hot to address a variety of areas including sign painting, weir, landscaping in the park and entrance, and play areas in the park. The last workday was a success as there was a turnout of 30 or so, which was better than expected but still very small considering we have 130 homes. Please be on the lookout for information.

**HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OR ARE YOU IGNORING????**  
 We realize that nobody commits the Declaration of Covenants & Restrictions to memory, hence this reminder box to assist homeowners with compliance, which will also be appreciated by your neighbors. The following are some recent issues:  
*Sec 4.01 - Off-Street Parking "No vehicle ... may be parked on the street fronting any Lot on a regular basis or for an extended period of time". This restriction includes overnight parking. "All ... trailer ... shall be parked on each Lot behind a fence or in the garage so that they are not apparent from the street ..."*  
*An amendment to this section also requires there to be a hard surface on which to park these vehicles.*  
 We ask that all abide by the requirements to limit the parking of vehicles in the street and not to park trailers overnight where they can be seen.

**Large Trash Items:** Remember when putting large items out for garbage collection, some additional actions may be needed for prompt service.  
 Tree branches: Call the parish at 985-652-4815  
 Large trash: Call SWDI at 985-536-3046

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS**

Please submit all plans for new construction or improvements to the Architectural Control Committee in care of:

Mike Brazil  
 126 Oakmont  
 LaPlace, La. 70068  
 (985) 653-8895

For your convenience you can also submit this to any board member and we will see that it gets to Mr. Brazil

Also, please note that you have an obligation to St. John the Baptist Parish to obtain a building permit for any new construction or improvements to your existing property. For more information concerning the parish ordinances you can call (985) 652-9569.

New construction plans should include:

- House elevations showing front, rear & both sides of the structure. The elevations should show exterior wall materials, roof pitch from all angles & slab elevation in relation to street.
- Floor plans with living area & under roof area calculated on plans.
- Site plan showing lot dimensions, location & width of driveways & sidewalks, setback distances from the lot lines for the house, garage, patio, drive, sidewalk & any other ground improvements.
- Name, address, lot number & phone number of homeowner & the builder (if different).

Existing homes must submit prior to construction:

- Location of improvements drawn on a site plan showing lot line setbacks.
- Materials to be used.
- Fences - fence materials, height & type.
- Bulkheads - materials, height & type.
- Additions - plans showing elevations, roof pitch & exterior wall materials.
- Above-Ground Improvements exceeding 3' height - precise dimensions & location on lot.
- Swimming Pools - type of pool & fencing.
- Name, address, lot number & phone number of homeowner.

