



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER

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

Apr 2009

HOA Board Members:

- Larry Clarke - President
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Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Barry Mader
(985) 651-8597
- Welcoming:
Laurie Mader (985) 651-8597
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Melanie Brazil (985) 653-8895
- Social: Larry Clarke
(985) 651-4070
- Call any Board Member or Committee Chairperson to volunteer your talents.



Welcome to Our Neighborhood !!!
Barry Dominguez - 128 Oakmont
Brad and Natalie Larose - 130 Oakmont
Trevor Taylor - 148 Oakmont
Glenn and Nyoki Brown - 120 Portrush
Jorge and Cheree Gomez - 136 Portrush

Annual Spring Easter Festival

The Spring Easter Festival will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 12:00 to 3:00. There will be music, plenty of food and drink, and lots of fun for the children including spacewalks/slides, games and an Easter Egg Hunt with lots of eggs and prizes. It is also a great opportunity to come out and meet your neighbors. Please come out and have some fun!!

Lakes

There is an alligator in the front lake. Homeowners are urged to be mindful of this when allowing children and small animals to play near that lake. Fishing in our lakes is allowed for homeowners, but there are signs advising those who do not reside in our neighborhood that these are private lakes. For safety reasons, we ask you not to confront others fishing in our lakes. The Sheriff's Office can be called to address the situation, and they have been very responsive in the past.

Spring is Here!!!

It's springtime again. The arrival of warmer weather brings back an old nemesis—the mosquito. We must all do our part in eliminating the breeding ground for these pests including removal of 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. Spraying around the home is also beneficial. April is the month to weed and feed our lawns. 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. All are reminded to please not clean lawn equipment over the street drains as all of the materials from these machines ends up in our lakes.



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.

A volunteer is needed to chair the park committee. If you think you may be interested in lending your talents to the subdivision or would like information about the position, contact any Board Member. Please consider this service to your neighborhood.



*****Neighborhood Spring Workday *****

A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25. Much assistance is needed for a variety of projects in the neighborhood such as a total redesign of the front gardens include the removal of existing plants and creation of the new flowerbeds including the layering of garden bricks and filling with dirt. There are also ideas for some landscaping on the common ground on Glenlakes and in the park, as well as a need to spruce up our street signs with a fresh coat of paint. If interested, please contact Melanie Brazil at 653-8895 to allow for plans to be made based on the expected turnout. Please consider coming out to aid your neighborhood, and don't forget your tools!

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



Belle Terre Links HOA
Balance Statement

01-01-09 to 03-31-09

<u>Bal. Forward</u>	12,127.64
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues/Late Fees	<u>6,131.74</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Bank Chrgs.	223.61
Off. Supplies	114.15
Postage	84.00
Copy/Printing	22.05
Acc/Cons/Legal	81.37
Liability Insur.	2,089.50
Grass Cutting	1,605.00
Lake Park	5,700.00
Welcom.Com.	88.41
Social Funct.	185.31
Utilities	587.37
Taxes	<u>13.38</u>
<u>TOTAL EXP</u>	<u>10,794.15</u>
<u>BALANCE TO-DATE</u>	<u>7,465.23</u>

Bulkheads
You may have noticed erosion of some of the shoreline around the lakes. The Board is looking into the possibility of installing a bulkhead around the common ground of the front lake on Glenlakes. Lake lot owners who do not currently have a bulkhead but may be interested in installing one are asked to contact a Board Member. If we can guarantee more business to the contractor, we will put ourselves in a better position to negotiate in an effort to reduce the price.

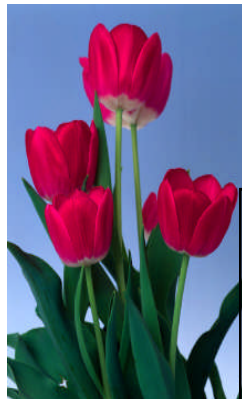
CCRs Reminder

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 boats, trailers and recreational vehicles shall be parked on each Lot behind a fence or in the garage so that they are not apparent from the street, lake, park or golf course.

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.

Sec 4.08 - Garbage and Refuse: All lots shall be kept in a healthful, sanitary, and attractive condition. All trash, junk, and waste matter shall be kept in adequate containers and screened from public view. No lot shall be used for open storage of any materials or equipment except for normal residential requirements.

In essence, please take pride in the appearance of your home and surrounding property. If you have trash or other materials that are not pleasing to the eye or are cluttering up your property, please contain it properly, conceal it or remove it.



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

Important Phone Numbers

- Mosquito problem or spray request before an outdoor function. Call Mosquito Control (985) 536-6530
- If you spot an alligator, call the Sheriff Dept
- For burned out street lights, call Entergy 800-968-8243

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.