



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER

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

January 2010

HOA Board Members:

- Larry Clarke - President
(985) 651-4070
- JJ Milioto - Vice President
(985) 652-1827
- Robert Figuero - Treasurer
(985) 359-2185
- Melanie Brazil - Secretary
(985) 653-8895
- Jackie Catalano - Board Member
(985) 652-8197
- Floyd Truehill - Board Member
(985) 653-9842
- Beverly Dorsa - Board Member
(985) 651-6258

Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Barry Mader
(985) 651-8597
- Welcoming:
Dione Prince (985) 651-9440
Melanie Brazil (985) 653-8895
- Social: Larry Clarke
(985) 651-4070

- Call any Board Member or Committee Chairperson to volunteer your talents.



DUES

We ask all to please pay quarterly dues timely. Failure to do so causes increased costs to issue reminders and the Board to spend time that could be spent on more productive issues. Thanks to all who pay dues timely.

Welcome to Our Neighborhood !!!
Marty and Karen Hubbard—115 Portrush
Melvin and Juanita Beasley—150 Portrush



2010 Board of Directors

Although there were nearly 30 homeowners nominated to run for the 2010 Board, only 7 of those nominated actually agreed to run for the Board. As a result, there was no need for a formal election, and the 2010 Board will be comprised as follows: Larry Clarke (President), JJ Milioto (Vice-President), Robert Figuero (Treasurer), Melanie Brazil (Secretary), Jackie Catalano (Member at Large), Beverly Dorsa (Member at Large), and Floyd Truehill (Member at Large). Thanks go out to these homeowners who have agreed to continue serving or who have agreed to serve for the first time. Thanks to Walter Prince for his 5 years of service on the Board, the last 3 as Treasurer.

Annual Fall Festival/General Meeting

The General Membership meeting was held on Saturday, November 7 in our park. There were a number of topics discussed. A moment of silence was observed for former Board member Bill White who lost his battle with cancer. A financial report was distributed and discussed including the recovery of legal fees via favorable court decisions when the HOA takes legal action against homeowners for their failure to comply with the CCRs. Accomplishments in 2009 were shared including the update to the front gardens, the planting of trees and shrubs in common areas, and adding fill to the park. There was a lengthy discussion concerning a letter that was delivered to the majority of homeowners involving an attempt to eliminate the Board and CCRs. All were reminded of the need for pre-approval of any construction or major change by the Architectural Control Committee. Homeowners were asked to complete the ballot for the proposed changes to the CCRs if they had not yet submitted a ballot. The Annual Fall Fest followed the meeting with great food, music, and entertainment for the children. Special thanks to Gaile Larive, Sean Roussel, Terry Bordelon and Mike and Melanie Brazil for their parts in food preparation. These semi-annual events are always fun and provide an opportunity to meet your neighbors. The next festival will take place in the spring, sometime around Easter. Please consider coming out and participating in this next event.

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 12-31-09

Bal. Forward	12,127.64
INCOME	
Dues/Late Fees	25,444.47
EXPENSES	
Bank Chrgs.	248.61
Off. Supplies	287.26
Postage	354.80
Copy/Printing	273.06
Acc/Cons/Legal	1,984.29
Liability Insur.	3,454.50
Grass Cutting	6,420.00
Lake	310.30
Front Ent	4,145.29
Common Areas	971.71
Park	5,700.00
Welcom.Com.	211.27
Social Funct.	3,185.54
Utilities	2,008.97
Taxes	13.38
TOTAL EXP	29,568.97
BALANCE TO-DATE	9,993.14

Christmas in the Links

Plans were made and everything arranged for the 2nd Annual Christmas in the Links event, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. The initial plans included a hayride, and for a few seconds the committee thought about replacing the hayride with pirogue rides as a result of the torrential rains we had, but it was decided to postpone. Thanks to committee members Dione Prince, Joanna Rome, Melanie Brazil, Regina Milioto, Jackie Catalano, Liz Berge and Rhonda Johnson. Special thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elves who traveled the neighborhood distributing goody bags to the kids. Thanks also to Larry Clarke, Liz Berge and Terry Bordelon for the decorations in the garden at the entrance to the subdivision.

Lanscaping/Lot Maintenance

During these colder winter months, our lawns and gardens are sometimes neglected. While the grass is not growing, there does tend to be a clover issue that needs to be controlled. Leaves falling from trees need to be raked and dead plants in gardens should be removed. While the weather isn't as cooperative as we might like it during this time of year, let's all do our part to keep our little part of the world looking nice during this time period.

The Board will soon accept bids for the grass cutting contract. Anyone who is interested in soliciting more information about the bid process may contact a Board member. There are specified areas of the subdivision that are to be cut. The contracted period is 1/1/10 - 1/31/11.

Important 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 the Sheriff Dept
- For burned out street lights, call Entergy 800-968-8243

Have a safe and Happy Mardi Gras!!

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).
- There is a \$200.00 architectural committee fee for new homes.

Existing homes must submit prior to construction:

- Location of improvements drawn on a site plan showing lot line setbacks.
- Materials to be used.
- Fences - 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.
- Any fee incurred will be passed on to the homeowner.