



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER



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

January 2014

HOA Board Members:

- Larry Clarke - President
(504) 559-5476
- Michael Brazil - Vice President
(985) 653-8895
- Jackie Catalano - Secretary
(985) 652-8197
- Rickie Johnson - Member at Large
(985) 653-7979
- David Sutton - Member at Large
(985) 652-8166
- Beverly Dorsa - Member at Large
(985) 651-6258

Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Vacant
- Welcoming:
Beverly Dorsa (985) 651-6258
- Social: Larry Clarke
(504) 559-5476
- Call any Board Member or Committee Chairperson to volunteer your talents.



2014 Board of Directors

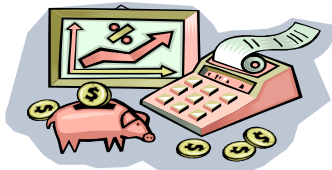
As a result of a small number of nominees, there was not a formal election. The Board is still in the process of contacting potential Board members to gauge their interest in serving on the Board. Once the 2014 Board has been finalized we will let everyone know.

We thank the 2013 Board for their service; those being: Larry Clarke, Rickie Johnson, Michael Brazil, Jackie Catalano, Beverly Dorsa, and David Sutton.

Annual General Meeting

The General Membership meeting was held on Saturday December 7th. There were a number of topics discussed. A financial report was distributed and discussed. Some of the 2013 accomplishments were shared including: All the street signs have been replaced, to include speed limit and stop signs. A new, larger message board was placed in front of subdivision. The park received much needed attention, adding 128 yards of dirt which will help resolve some of the drainage problems, as well as assist with some of the erosion that was occurring in that area. The back fence was also repaired, along with some tree trimming. We appreciate everyone that came out and assisted on the neighborhood work day that helped accomplish all these feats.

The Board also laid out some planned projects for 2014: The first major issue we are facing right now is neighborhood security. The Board would like to have security cameras installed for the subdivision. Other projects are solving the erosion issues to the common grounds, water and electricity to park and to side gardens at front of subdivision.



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.

Crime in the Neighborhood

We have recently experienced several incidents in the neighborhood, home break-ins, car break-ins etc. We need to step up as a Neighborhood Watch group. If you SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING, CALL 911." Also please send us your e-mail address and we will put you on the e-mail list that so we can keep you informed about happenings in the neighborhood.

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



Christmas Decoration Contest

The Links annual "Christmas Decoration Contest" will be judged on December 20th. The top three winners will receive a gift card. We ask that everyone share in this experience and help make our neighborhood as festive as possible.

Landscaping/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 LSU AgCenter has several "Horticulture Hints" to help keeping your lawns and gardens looking great. You can visit them at www.lsuagcenter.com. The St. John Parish Ag Center can be contacted at (985) 497-3261.

Yard of the Month

We will resume Yard of the Month in April, 2014. Thanks to all of this year's winners for their beautiful yards. We hope to see lots more in the coming year.

The Board would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please enjoy the holidays but be safe. Please remember to be courteous to your neighbors by cleaning up your mess when shooting fire works for New Years.

Have a safe and Happy Mardi Gras!!

Belle Terre Links HOA Balance Statement

01-01-13 to 12-15-13

INCOME	
Dues/Late Fees	28,583.57
EXPENSES	
Bad Debt	700.48
Bank Fees	10.00
Insurance	1,365.00
Licenses & Permits	15.00
Office Supplies	592.59
Postage & Delivery	347.29
Printing & Reproduction	66.34
Prof. Fees (Acct / Legal)	3,731.89
Repairs & Maintenance	20,692.89
Socials	191.00
Taxes	-101.29
Utilities	2,609.03
Welcome Com.	69.06
TOTAL EXP	30,289.28

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.