



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER



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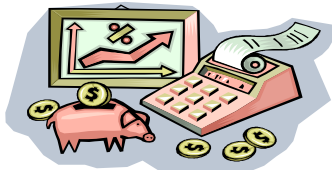
January 2016

HOA Board Members:

- Larry Clarke - President
(504) 559-5476
- Michael Brazil - Vice President
(985) 653-8895
- Jackie Catalano - Secretary
(985) 652-8197
- Rhonda Johnson - Member at Large
(985) 653-7979
- David Sutton - Member at Large
(985) 652-8166
- Chris Wilkens - Member at Large
(504) 616-3064
- Renee Marchese - Member at Large
(985) 652-4601
- Juanita Beasley - Member at Large
(985) 359-1207

Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Vacant
- Welcoming: Renee Marchese
(985) 652-4601
Juanita Beasley
(985) 359-1207
- Social: Larry Clarke



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.



2016 Board of Directors

The election of the 2016 Board of Directors was held on Saturday December 12th. The new board member is Beverly Dorsa, she will join the current board members. Once the 2016 Board positions has been finalized we will let everyone know.

We thank the 2015 Board for there service; those being: Larry Clarke, Michael Brazil, Jackie Catalano, Rhonda Johnson, David Sutton, Chris Wilkens, Renee Marchese, and Juanita Beasley.

Annual General Meeting

The General Membership meeting was held on Saturday December 12th. There were a number of topics discussed. A financial report was distributed and discussed. Some of the 2015 accomplishments were shared including: Completion of water to side gardens in front of the subdivision, security cameras and HOA security signs installed, neighborhood watch signs replaced, back aerator replaced and service to the other three aerators in the lakes. During the annual workday we replaced island plants, added red tips on Portrush, replaced landscaping lights, added 4 loads of dirt in the front gardens, replaced electrical wiring in the gardens, added brackets to the electrical box in the front entrance, painted yellow poles in front of the subdivision. We also added backings to the street poles for the security signs. We had a very successful cookoff/family day as well as our annual Christmas decoration contest. Financially we recovered several NSF checks, filed 1 lien and 3 lawsuits due to non payment of HOA dues. The lien was paid in full as well as 1 lawsuit. The other 2 lawsuits are still active.

The Board also laid out some planned projects for 2016: Improve the drainage in the park. Repair the erosion at the end of Oakmont, schedule the annual workday as well as the annual Cookoff and Family Fun Day.

Gumbo Cookoff / Family Fun Day

Gumbo Cookoff in October was a success. Lots of good food was cooked and sampled by many homeowners. The winners were chosen by our homeowners this year. All that came out had fun and enjoyed getting to know their neighbors. We would like to thank Paul Migliore & Chris Wilkins for the "Bean Bag Toss Game," Gaile Larive for cooking the brisket, Chris Wilkins for donating the Port-O-Let, and Mike and Melanie Brazil for cooking beans and pastalaya, and everyone else that made this a great day!

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



Belle Terre Links HOA
Balance Statement

01-01-15 to 12-15-15

INCOME	
Dues/Late Fees	34,798.72
Security Camera Fund	1,485.00
Total	36,283.72

EXPENSES	
Bad Debit	901.77
Bank Fees	580.90
Insurance	3,287.55
Licenses & Permits	38.00
Office Supplies	1,915.53
Postage & Delivery	150.43
Printing & Reproduction	218.12
Prof. Fees (Acct / Legal)	4,381.87
Repairs & Maintenance	18,103.50
Socials	2,073.60
Taxes	14.00
Utilities	3,331.53
Welcome Com.	133.25
TOTAL EXP	35,130.05

Christmas Decoration Contest

The Links annual "Christmas Decoration Contest" will be judged on December 19th. There will be 3 winners for best overall decorations and 1 winner for best decorated door. In the true meaning of Christmas this year's winners will be able to make a donation to their choice of charities.

Yard of the Month Winners

July - Pat & Danny Borges - 101 Portrush
August - Kim & Alan Chabert - 123 Oakmont
September - Diane & Al Espenan - 106 Haig Pt.
October - Trevor Taylor - 148 Oakmont
November - Mitzi & Jim Anthony - 152 Oakmont

Many thanks to all of this year's winners. Your lovely, manicured yards have truly been an asset to the community. YARD OF THE MONTH will resume in Spring 2016.

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.

Park Drainage Project

The park drainage project is now being worked on. Bids have been received and we are working with a landscape architect to ensure low lying areas are identified and proper drainage is installed.

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.