



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER



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

January 2018

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
- Beverly Dorsa - Member at Large
(985) 651-6258
- Daniel Dumas - Member at Large
(504)220-2133

Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Vacant
- Welcoming:
Renee Marchese - (985) 652-4601
Juanita Beasley - (985) 359-1207
- Social: Larry Clarke - (504) 559-5476



2018 Board of Directors

The election of the 2018 Board of Directors was held on Saturday December 2nd. The new board members are Rickie Johnson, Mary Truehill, David Montegut, Flo Ronan, John Doiron, Lois Wilkens, and Joanna Rome. They will join the current board members Larry Clarke, Michael Brazil, Beverly Dorsa, Jackie Catalano, Danny Dumas and David Sutton. Once the 2018 Board positions have been finalized we will let everyone know. We thank the 2017 Board for their service; those being: Larry Clarke, Michael Brazil, Jackie Catalano, Rhonda Johnson, David Sutton, Chris Wilkens, Renee Marchese, Juanita Beasley, Beverly Dorsa, and Daniel Dumas.

Annual General Meeting

The General Membership meeting was held on Saturday December 2nd. There were a number of topics discussed. A financial report was distributed and discussed. Some of the 2017 accomplishments were shared including: The fence was repaired in park by Carroll Weichers. Water leak repaired on outgoing side of front entrance. Aerators were maintained and one aerator had to be replaced. Front entrance sign repainted (still being worked on). Mailbox purchased for suggestions and ballots, it was placed in the park. Two traffic turtles (SLOW) purchased. Replaced playground timbers in park with pvc pipe. Added 55 bags of mulch to playground area.

The Board also laid out some planned projects for 2018: Resolve the erosion problem at the end of Oakmont, purchase 2 benches for the park, make additional improvements to the park, have a work day in the spring, and have a social function in the fall.

Hurricane Protection Project

According to recent newspaper articles the Westshore Lake Pontchartrain Risk Hurricane Project, with it, greater flood and hurricane protection for St. John the Baptist residents, is not currently in the Federal Budget. While this Project was approved in 2016 by then President Obama, has been removed from the Corp of Engineers budget by President Trump. Parish President Robottom and U.S. Senator Garret Graves said that residents of St. John the Baptist Parish can assist by calling the State and Federal delegation for support for reinstatement of these funds. U.S. Sen Bill Cassidy [202 224-5824](tel:202-582-5824) U.S. Sen John Kennedy [202 224-4623](tel:202-224-4623) Representative Garret Graves [225 442-1731](tel:225-442-1731) Representative Cedric Richmond [202 225-6636](tel:202-225-6636) State Sen. Gary Smith [225 342-2040](tel:225-342-2040) State Representative Randal Gaines [985 652-1229](tel:985-652-1229).



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.

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



Belle Terre Links HOA
Balance Statement

01-01-17 to 12-15-17

<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues/Late Fees	
Total	<u>29,317.47</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Bank Fees	532.63
Insurance	3,282.85
Licenses & Permits	15.00
Office Supplies	1,368.58
Postage & Delivery	334.60
Printing & Reproduction	93.40
Prof. Fees (Acct / Legal)	2,006.79
Repairs & Maintenance	15,152.14
Utilities	2,819.43
Welcome Com.	65.85
TOTAL EXP	<u>25,671.27</u>

Christmas Decoration Contest

The Links annual "Christmas Decoration Contest" was judged on Saturday December 16th. The results were:

Best Decorated Door - 104 Oakmont

1st Place - 154 Oakmont

2nd Place - 139 Oakmont

3rd Place (Tie) - 108 Haig Point & 126 Oakmont

Thank you to all who participated and took the time to decorate your homes!

Yard of the Month Winners

October - David Sutton - 114 Oakmont

November - Mark & Ivanilda Arenales - 107 Oakmont

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work this year in helping to make our subdivision a beautiful place to live. Yard Of The Month will continue next Spring.

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.

Inspirational Quote

"You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down" - Charles Chaplin

"The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have" - Vince Lombardi

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.