



# THE LINKS NEWSLETTER



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October 2011

### HOA Board Members:

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

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### Committee Chairpersons:

- Park: Vacant
- Lake: Vacant
- Welcoming:
  - Dione Prince (985) 651-9440
  - Beverly Dorsa (985) 651-6258
- Social: Larry Clarke  
(504) 559-5476
- Call any Board Member or Committee Chairperson to volunteer your talents.



## Happy Halloween



### Night Out Against Crime

The Belle Links Homeowners Association will be holding a night out against crime on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., in the park. There will be hot-dogs and chips for all, as well as a Police K-9 demonstration. There will be a 50/50 raffle to help with the repair costs for the front weir. We ask that everyone come out and join us in supporting this important event.

### 2011 Belle Terre Links Home Owners Association

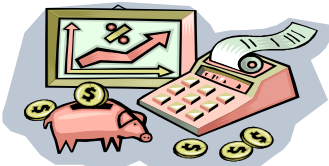
#### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Belle Terre Links Home Owners Association will be held in November, date to be determined. The date will be announced on the front sign as well as posted on the internet. Ballots will be available for all home owners to vote for the 2012 Board of Directors. The new Board of Directors will be identified at this time.

### 2012 Board of Directors Elections

A nomination form for nominating homeowners to run for the 2012 Board was enclosed with your quarterly invoice. You can nominate any homeowner, including yourself (only residents in good standing with homeowner dues are eligible for election). All those nominated will be contacted to determine their interest prior to being placed on the ballot. No more than 1 individual per household may serve on the Board at the same time. Nomination forms should be returned by October 30, 2011. They can be mailed to the P.O. Box or dropped in the box located on the front porch at 103 Oakmont Drive. Ballots will be available on election day in the park to cast your votes. If you have any questions, please contact a Board member.

**Please consider this service to your neighborhood.**



### 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.**

### 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 225-206-2060 Wildlife/Fisheries (Mike Defrene)
- For burned out street lights, call Entergy - 800-968-8243

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



### Yard of the Month

The Garden of the Month has been very successful in acknowledging those homeowners who appear to put in a little extra time in their yards and gardens. Even though the temperature is still in the 80's Fall is officially here. Keep those lawns and gardens well maintained and maybe you will find the Garden of Month sign appear in your yard. Thanks to all homeowners for striving to keep our community beautiful!

Belle Terre Links HOA  
 Financial Statement  
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 01-01-11 to 09-30-11

Bal. Forward	<u>10,388.16</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues/Late Fees	<u>22,625.62</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bad Debt	2,802.00
Insurance	3,454.50
Off. Supplies	1,368.08
Acc/Cons/Legal	640.87
Grass Cutting	5935.00
Common Areas	1832.58
Social Funct.	1997.15
Utilities	1807.80
Welcom.Com.	37.30
<b>TOTAL EXP</b>	<u>19,875.28</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>2,750.34</u>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<u>13,138.50</u>

### Christmas in the Links

Preparation will soon begin for the fourth annual celebration. We are currently in need of a volunteer to chair the event along with volunteers to assist in making this years celebration a great time for all children and family members. Anyone interested in participating on the committee to plan the event please contact a board member as soon as possible.

### Holiday Season

The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all homeowners a happy and safe holiday season, starting with a Happy Halloween and ending with a fantastic New Year. Speaking of Halloween, the Links is known for plenty of activity with lots of children trick or treating. Please be mindful of this and take care to drive especially careful. Homeowners have been wonderful throughout the years with their offerings of treats for the young ones, and hopefully that generosity will continue. For homeowners who have moved into the Links since last Christmas, there is usually a good number of homeowners who get cheerful and decorate outside their homes and add to the joyous season for all. Let's make this Christmas season one of the brightest and most festive through the decoration of our homes. This would really add to the celebration.

### 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.