



THE LINKS NEWSLETTER



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

January 2017

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



Welcome to the Neighborhood !!!

Eric Clayton Neal - 120 Oakmont

Juanika Cann - 102 Portrush

2017 Board of Directors

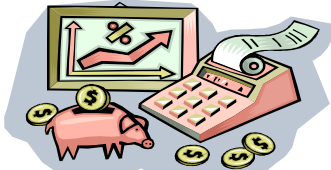
The election of the 2017 Board of Directors was held on Saturday December 3rd. The new board member is Daniel Dumas, he will join the current board members. Once the 2017 Board positions have been finalized we will let everyone know. We thank the 2016 Board for their service; those being: Larry Clarke, Michael Brazil, Jackie Catalano, Rhonda Johnson, David Sutton, Chris Wilkens, Renee Marchese, Juanita Beasley, and Beverly Dorsa.

Annual General Meeting

The General Membership meeting was held on Saturday December 3rd. There were a number of topics discussed. A financial report was distributed and discussed. Some of the 2016 accomplishments were shared including: The completion of the park drainage. Electrical wiring in the gardens were replaced. All signs throughout the subdivision were cleaned. The "No Fishing and Beware of Alligators" signs were replaced. Two stop signs were added, on Oakmont & Glennlakes and one on Oakmont & Portrush. Had the Parish place more rocks throughout the subdivision to help prevent erosion. Replaced the rose bushes in the front island due to disease, with 16 blue pacific junipers. Unfortunately the work day was canceled due to inclement weather, however the board members added top soil, red mulch and fertilized the front gardens. We had a very successful cook-off / family day as well as our annual Christmas decoration contest.

A total of 26 CCR violation letters were mailed out. All but 1 has been taken care of. There was 1 lien filed, due to non payment of dues, homeowner paid dues in full.

The Board also laid out some planned projects for 2017: Refinish the front entrance sign. Replace the broken benches in the park and on the common ground at Glennlakes. Address the erosion at the end of Oakmont, and plan the spring work-day.



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**

01-01-16 to 12-15-16

INCOME

Dues/Late Fees

Total 30,389.32

EXPENSES

Bank Fees 523.29

Insurance

Licenses & Permits 3,282.85

Office Supplies 1,964.51

Postage & Delivery 238.40

Prof. Fees

(Acct / Legal) 2,646.59

Repairs & Maintenance 18,620.92

Socials 2,281.73

Taxes 59.00

Utilities 3,181.49

Welcome Com. 207.36

TOTAL EXP 33,006.14

Christmas Decoration Contest

The Links annual "Christmas Decoration Contest" will be judged on December 17th. There will be 3 winners for best overall decorations and 1 winner for best decorated door. Prizes will be given to those winners.

Yard of the Month Winners

October - Catherine & Leonard White - 102 Haig Pt.

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 2017.

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.

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. Annual Cook-off Winners: Entrees: 1st - Tina Westbrook (Seafood Dressing), 2nd - Mike Brazil (Duck Gumbo), 3rd - Lois Wilkens (Chili). Desserts: 1st - Mike Brazil (Praline Bread Pudding), 2nd (2 way tie) - Elaine Weichers (Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce) and Wendy Migliore - Bread Pudding (White Chocolate), 3rd - Sharmon Connor (Peach Cobbler). Thanks to all who participated.

Inspirational Quote

"YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY, AND TODAY IS A GIFT; THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE PRESENT."

Eleanor Roosevelt

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.