



Garden of the Month

By Barbara Volz

July 2005

M/M Kenneth Collins	40 Seven Oaks	District 5
M/M Jack Owens	24 Briarfield	District 4
M/M Ray Bergeron	1 Oakley	District 7

August 2005

M/M Wesley J. Boudreaux Jr.	6 Briarfield	District 4
M/M Peter Rinaldi	18 Melrose	District 5
M/M Terry Talamo	39 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M James Delacerda	40 Anchorage	District 2

January 2006

M/M Charles J. Bourg Jr.	71 Anchorage	District 1
M/M William G. Enos	25 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Stephen M. Sarbeck	13 Melrose	District 6
M/M Thomas Anzelmo Jr.	36 Shadows	District 6

The Gardens of the Month are featured with photos on the website.

Post your pets on the Plantation Estates website located at www.plantationestates.org at no charge to all active Association members. This service is offered in an effort to help locate the owner of a lost pet(s) immediately and contact you as soon as possible. Email a picture of your pet(s) and contact information to be posted online to Mike Dauenhauer at mdauenha@uno.edu.

CHILD CARE SERVICES AVAILABLE

The following residents of Plantation Estates are available to provide baby sitting services:

Stephanie Graziano - 341-3284
Tiffany Mosel - 340-9281
Danielle Boudreaux - 340-4789

If you are under 21 and would like your name listed for this or any other service within Plantation Estates please contact Pat Ketcham at **340-8100**.

Professional freelance corporate and creative writer looking for work. Has many years writing for and consulting with Fortune 500 companies (i.e., AT&T) and educational & health industries. Can do annual reports, trade articles, newsletters, speeches and a wide gamut of collateral. Call P.E. resident Joe Geringer at 340-3173.

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT WANTED

Pick up some extra money and work when you want. I live in Plantation Estates and need occasional help doing odd jobs. Ask for Sheryl 347-9197 or 473-3951

The PECA newsletter is published quarterly by the Association Board in an effort to keep all residents apprised of items of interest to our community. It is delivered to all residents of the subdivision without charge. We welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Plantation Estates Community Association Inc.

OFFICERS

CHARLES MILLER, President
371-8201; e-mail: president@plantationestates.org
BETH MARTIN, General Vice President
347-0424
CANDY JENSEN, Vice President, Restrictions
328-8351
JOHN FORTUNATO, Vice President, Security
616-8731; e-mail: security@plantationestates.org
WESLEY BOUDREAUX, Treasurer
340-4789
JUDY GLANCEY, Secretary
347-9207

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

COMMUNICATION
Mike Dauenhauer 348-4421
e-mail: news@plantationestates.org
FLAG COMMITTEE
Norman Gauthreaux 341-2599
GARDEN OF THE MONTH
Barbara Volz
HOSPITALITY
Beth Owens 348-7066
MEMBERSHIP
Latricia Jackson 347-4934
NEWSLETTER
Pat Ketcham 340-8100

PLANTATION ESTATES ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Jack Owens, Chairman
348-7066

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 1 BILL STAEHLE 340-5867	DISTRICT 4 JACK OWENS 348-7066
DISTRICT 2 DEBI LaJAUNIE 341-8441	DISTRICT 5 MERLIN JACKSON 347-4934
DISTRICT 3 RICHARD BORDENAVE 340-1419	DISTRICT 6 DREW LUKINOVICH 348-0583
DISTRICT 7 BILL LANGER 348-3570	
AT LARGE #1 WAYNE NOCITO 347-3581	AT LARGE #2 CHARLES GIARDINA 347-9897

February, 2006 • Volume No. 39

Plantation Estates Community Association • P. O. Box 683 • Marrero, LA 70073

Web Site: www.plantationestates.org

President's Report

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I have the opportunity to serve this year as President of the Plantation Estates Community Association. PECA has one of the highest membership participations among civic organizations and all of our social events are well attended. Our Board will continue to promote membership participation in the future.

The West Bank of Jefferson Parish is playing an important role to help get our own and surrounding community rebuilt after the 2005 hurricane season. Many people displaced from New Orleans, St. Bernard, Buras and other areas have settled on the West Bank. This is probably obvious with the recent traffic in our area or maybe your long wait to be seated in a restaurant lately. This is certainly helping the Jefferson Parish economic engine get moving again.

Many people are wondering what will happen to our area in the future. The signs are positive as many people rebuilt and new business continue to open like the Raisin Cane's, several strip malls and an Applebee's Restaurant soon to be built behind our subdivision. Oh, I almost forgot about the

new Starbucks that I hope my wife doesn't find out about anytime soon. We even have a proposed condominium development at the Belle Promenade Mall site. Many contractors have contract backlogs for several weeks.

Lastly, I want to thank each person that has taken his or her time in the past or present to serve as a Board Member. Without these dedicated individuals, our projects and events during the year would not be possible. Remember we always have room for volunteers if you have the time. We hope to continue hosting our past events throughout the year and look forward to your participation.

If you have ideas to improve our neighborhood, please contact me and let's discuss them. Together we can continue to make Plantation Estates the premier place to live on the West Bank.

Sincerely,

Charles Miller, III

Plantation Estates Community Association, President



❖ Halloween Pumpkin Painting Party 2005 By Candy Jensen

PECA presented its second annual Halloween Pumpkin Painting Party Saturday October 23rd on Melrose Dr. Our residents, children, families and friends enjoyed a warm day painting “works of art” pumpkins, having their faces painted and taking home the pumpkins as well as a treat bag.

Many thanks to the board members who participated in the planning and attending the event. I would like to thank everyone who loaned us tables, chairs, canopies, and coolers, Beth Martin for the terrific treat bags as well as cookies and drinks, mostly for her support to hold the event in the wake of such tragic days for many of us, and also Wesley Boudreaux and Charlie Miller III who also felt we should “go for it”. Our volunteers that set-up, cleaned up and painted faces were: Crystal Rathore, Jenny Saputo, Katie and Ryan Staehle; we have some artists in our midst!

Thanks to Camille and Shannon Matrana for hand picking our order, resulting in the best pumpkins again this year. We didn’t guess the attendance correctly so some children took home painted paper plates, to the delight of all.

Patricia and Harry Rathore donated great gift bags from Jewelry Kingdom; these gift bags were also distributed at the Santa Event in December. Lastly, many thanks to Diane and George Simpson for use of the lot next to their house, Ronald and Kay Berklite too. Diane was a busy lady furnishing water, trash containers, chairs and more, which was a big help.

The day was a great “get back together event” for the neighborhood. Many Katrina stories were exchanged as well as laughs and good feelings of life might be recovering for all of us slowly, but surely.

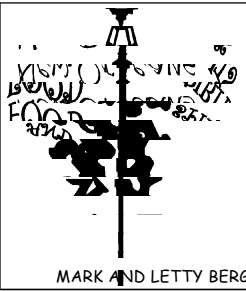


❖ 2005 Christmas Party By Beth Martin

On Sunday December 11th we had a Plantation Estates Christmas Party at the Marrero Lions Club. The Plantation Estates Community Association sponsored the party. Everyone had a wonderful time including all of the children who visited with Santa Claus and received a special gift. I would like to thank the following residents for their help in making this event a success: Wesley, Rhonda, Danielle and Bret Boudreaux, Candy and Bob Jensen, Beth, Lindsey and David Owens, Debi and Brittany LaJaunie, Latricia and Merlin Jackson, Charlie Miller, Mary and Katie Staehle, and Marilee and Wayne Nocito for the poinsettias.

❖ Pest Control Update

The Native Subterranean Termites will be swarming any day now. Some areas have already seen them, so be on the lookout. Keep the slab visible and look for dirt tunnels. If you see mud spots on the walls have them checked out. Keep moisture problems under control. Keep shrubbery off of the house. Avoid having wood contact the house and the ground. If you have questions or unsure about something, have a professional check your home to make sure you are safe.

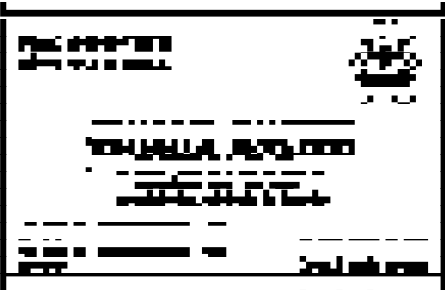


2330 Lapalco Blvd.
Harvey, LA 70058
(504) 362-0800

210 Old Hammond Hwy.
Metairie, LA 70005
(504) 828-2220

208 Lee Lane
Covington, LA 70433
(985) 875-0432

MARK AND LETTY BERGERON, Proprietors



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234



Donna Schexnayder
Consultant

Medical Management Services, Specializing in Physician
Billing, Collections & Insurance follow-up.

Office: 504.348.7668 Answer Service: 504.468.7069
E-Mail: schex@physadvantage.com

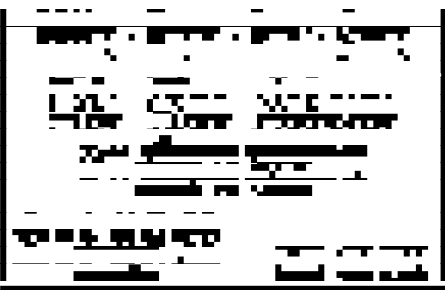


Sandy Domico, GRI
Realtor®
www.SandyDomico.com

Bluebonnet
CORPORATION

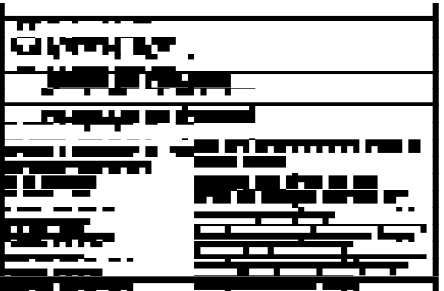
3725 Mac Arthur Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70114
Bus: (504) 366-4511 Fax: (504) 433-1658
Res: (504) 392-2129
Cell: (504) 669-7237 or (504) 905-7237
E-Mail: SD@SandyDomico.com

An independently owned and operated member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

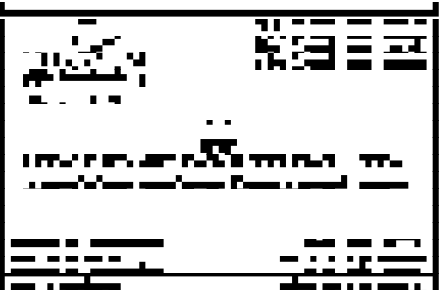


10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234

DAVID RIVAS REALTY
29 Years of Experience
4% Commission to Seller
Why Pay More?
504-341-4263
75% - 25% Agent-Broker Split



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234




10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234



Charlotte P. Steger
Realtor

Office: (504) 882-1825
Bus: (504) 348-7770
Fax: (504) 367-2496
E-Mail: cstege@latterblum.com
Website: www.latter-blum.com

One River Court, Suite 101, Suite 100, New Orleans, LA 70114



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234

STATE FARM
INSURANCE COMPANIES
HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

DAVID W. PERRET, SR., LUT
Agent
725 Westbank Expressway
Westwego, LA 70094

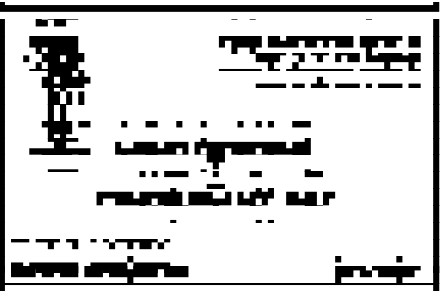
bus.: 504.347.6228 • fax: 504.341.9785



FERDIE'S
Printing Service
Quality Offset Printing

PHIL BLANCHARD

3751 Spencer Street • Harvey, Louisiana 70058
(504) 341-6388 • (504) 341-6395 • Fax: (504) 340-9426
email: bernadette@ferdieprint.com



10000 Highway 101
New Orleans, LA 70124
(504) 885-1234



WESTBANK
URGENT CARE
WALK-IN CLINIC
393-CARE

HOURS:
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
118 West Blvd., Gretna, Louisiana 70056 Fax: 393-2744



Main Street
REALTY

Jay Saville
REALTOR

Call: (504) 723-5693
Office: (504) 368-8920
Fax: (504) 368-8942
email: jaysaville@mainstreetrealty.com
www.mainstreetrealty.com

TOTAL SYSTEM SOLUTIONS, LLC
Charles Miller, III
Owner

"Providing Web Solutions To Suit Your Needs"

20 Melrose Dr.
Marrero, LA 70072
Phone: (504) 371-8201
Cell: (504) 439-3164
Email: cmiller@tssllc.com

THE HTML WRITERS GUILD
MEMBER

IWA
MEMBER

Jefferson Parish
Council Contacts

Parish President:
Aaron Broussard
West Bank office: 364-2700
Email: abroussard@jeffparish.net

John Young, Councilman At-Large Division A
West Bank office: 364-2616 Fax: 364-3499
Email: jyoung@jeffparish.net
Assistant (West Bank): Terry Talamo
Email: TTalamo@jeffparish.net

Parish Council Chairman:
Councilman At-Large Division B:
Tom Capella
West Bank office: 364-2624 Fax: 364-2828
Email: tcapella@jeffparish.net
Assistant (West Bank): John Fitzpatrick
Email: JFitzpatrick@jeffparish.net

3rd District Councilman:
Byron Lee
West Bank office: 364-2603
Email: blee@jeffparish.net
Assistant (West Bank): Pamela Jackson
Email: PWJackson@jeffparish.net

West Bank Council Address:
Mailing address:
4th Floor
New Gretna Courthouse
P.O. Box 9
Gretna, LA 70054-0009

Table with 2 columns: Category and Phone Number. Includes helpful numbers for Citizens Affairs, General code violations, Environmental affairs, Weed control, Jefferson Transit, Abandoned vehicles, Stray animals, Garbage pickup, Recycling, Mosquito control, Water, Streets, and Drainage.

PARKING AND VEHICULAR CODE VIOLATIONS:

Table with 2 columns: Code and Description. Includes Louisiana Statutes (RS 32:144, RS 32:143) and Jefferson Parish Ordinances (36:4, 36:5, 36:88, 36:92, 36:93, 36:94, 36:95, 36:129).

ATTENTION: PE Homeowners who park their car at the intersection of Parlange and Lapalco

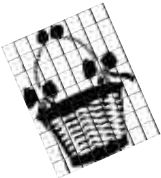
JP Code:
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle upon any public right-of-way, street or roadway which vehicle displays a "FOR SALE" SIGN thereon.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle upon any privately owned parking lot which vehicle displays a "FOR SALE" SIGN thereon, without the written consent of the owner of the parking lot, evidence of the consent being displayed so as to be visible through the windshield or window of the vehicle.
(Code 1961, § 11-71.8)

To Report Traffic Related Complaints
Call the JPSO Traffic Division
465-1480

Advertisement for JEWELRY DIVISION, Expert Jewelry & Watch Repairs • Custom Jewelry.



Advertisement for LHBODEVOUX GAM OFFICE, A Professional Law Corporation, with contact information.



Hospitality Committee Report
Easter Egg Hunt

By Beth Owens

It is great to be writing for the newsletter again and letting our friends know about the upcoming event in Plantation Estates. Believe it or not Easter is right around the corner and that means it is time to start planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Be on the look out on your front doors for flyers in early April announcing all the details about this event. Everyone in Plantation Estates is welcome to attend and this invitation goes out to all of our extended friends and family that may be living in our neighborhood during these trying times. We have set the date for Saturday, April 8th and the rain out day for Sunday, April 9th. Please check out the flyers and the signs posted at both entrances for the exact time. I have already sent word to the Easter Bunny about coming to our Easter Egg Hunt and he has assured me that he will definitely be there! I hope to see many of you there too!!

Condominiums proposed at the Belle Promenade site

The current proposal is for 88 condominiums. The units are built to look like town homes and grouped in 4-10 units per building. The site is 8 acres. The proposal also includes 204 Market rate 2 and 3 bedroom apartments in 9 buildings. That site is 10 acres. Both the condominiums and apartments are gated. Each unit is allocated 2 parking spots, 176 for the condominiums and 408 for the apartments. The condos have a 1500 sq. foot clubhouse and pool. The apartments have a 3500 sq. ft. clubhouse and pool. A proposal is being submitted to create 2 lots, one for the condominiums and one for the apartments. Both developments meet all MUC standards for landscaping and buffering. The development is mainly in the vicinity of the old JC Penney building on the Belle Promenade site. More information will be provided as we get it.

Tech Corner-Wireless Internet connection

As fast access internet connections become standard in most homes, the easiest way to connect or create a home network is using wireless internet. It's cost-effective and simple to install. The problem is where your signal may travel. If your signal can travel upstairs or at the other end of the house, it also means a hacker searching for an insecure wireless connection can get into your system from a car parked in the street near your home. Criminals are getting smarter and no longer have to pickup your trash to get your personal information, but merely search for insecure wireless connections. This should be especially important to Plantation Estates homeowners since we live in a premium neighborhood that can be a prime target. This doesn't mean you shouldn't use wireless technology, but just use some precautions. With limited space for this article, here are a few key things to protect your wireless internet connection: Change your wireless system ID, enable encryption, change the default password for your hardware, install and update your Anti-virus software and consider using firewall software. Your specific manufacturer should be able to provide more detailed information on these important topics as well.

Good News Concerning Jefferson Parish Sales Tax Revenue

Sales tax collections for 2005 exceeded 2004 collections by 2.6% or \$3,127,835. Compared to the same month last year (December 04 vs. 05), collections are up 36.32%. We actually collected \$4,689,934 more in December of 2005 than December 2004.

By Candy Jensen

Here we are 2006. Welcome home to all of you. Life was very quiet those first days and weeks after Katrina. Few of us were here; and, with power outage, no phones or services life was certainly tedious. We banded together and helped each other. Thanks to everyone for pitching in. It has been a slow recovery for so many of you, but then we can also reflect that we were many of the more fortunate ones.

To those of you who have emailed me, called me or stopped me on the street.... yes, there are restriction infractions occurring EVERYWHERE and OFTEN. We have attempted to work with homeowners as much as possible to remedy the problems. Many homeowners still have family and or friends living with them until recovery of their own property, so yes that causes parking on the street problems. Work trucks, dumpsters, repair people, roofers have contributed to the problems. Had any flat tires lately? Work trailers are in side yards; the boats, of course, are still more visible than before Katrina. Please think of the restrictions as affecting everyone of you. Do you like to walk out of your front door or drive our streets and view a trailer, boat, damaged car on a trailer, or property that is not being cared for? I think not; we selected this neighborhood because there are rules and covenants to protect the quality of our properties.

We need to work together and understand recovery completion delays; it will take some time. Please contact us or access our website for any information or clarification of restrictions. As always feel free to contact me as to any and all concerns, we will try our best to remedy the situation.

Louisiana Residents Urged To Purchase Flood Insurance

BATON ROUGE, La. - As Louisiana continues to recover from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it is vital that all property owners living and doing business in areas designated as flood zones by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) purchase flood insurance.

Everyone is at risk of flooding. Flood insurance is key in hurricane preparedness, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. It is important that property owners protect their property before the next storm hits. It is crucial that homeowners do not procrastinate; in general, a flood insurance policy does not take effect until 30 days after the policy is purchased.

Through the NFIP, a homeowner can insure their home up to \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000. A renter can cover their belongings up to \$100,000. A non-residential property owner can insure their building and its contents up to \$500,000. Additional coverage above the NFIP limits is available from private insurance companies and should be purchased for most homes in our neighborhood.

To learn how to prepare for floods, how to purchase a National Flood Insurance Policy and about the benefits of protecting homes and property against flooding, visit www.FloodSmart.gov or call 1-888-379-9531 or TTY 1-800-427-5593 for individual with speech or hearing impairment.

Richard Bordenave Realtor®
Website: <http://www.richardbordenave.com>
Email: richard@richardbordenave.com

 **Prudential** 
"GARDNER REALTORS®"
3725 MacArthur Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70114
Bus: (504) 368-4511 Fax: (504) 366-4510
Cell: (504) 232-1297

An independently owned & operated member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

New Orleans Party Rental

2624 Engineers Rd.
Belle Chasse, LA 70037
(504) 394-6024

JACK W. OWENS

MARY KAY[®]

MARY B. Staehle
Independent Beauty Consultant

76 Anchorage Drive
Marrero, LA 70072
504-340-5867

mstaehle@marykay.com

Featured Article

(Contributed by Mr. Richard Bordenave)

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to professional articles contributed by our own homeowners. Call or email us if you might be interested in writing an article for the newsletter.

Hi Neighbors,

My family and I have the good fortune to live in Plantation Estates. As a long time resident, I have a passion for our neighborhood and take great pride in our community. Hurricane Katrina wrecked havoc with all of us and will take a long time to heal the emotional and physical damage.

What is the effect of Hurricane Katrina on property values? What's happening in our neighborhood?

As of January 31, 2006 there are only 4 homes for sale. If you are planning to sell this is a preview of your competition. A potential buyer will compare your home to these when deciding which to purchase. Keep in mind the "List Price" is what the sellers WANT not necessarily what they will get. When setting a list price for your home, don't simply look at the list price of the other properties look at the sold price of comparable properties. The figures that follow do not include for sale by owner.

Homes Available for Sale as of January 31, 2006			4		
	Square Feet	List Price	List Price	List Price	Days on
	<u>Living Area</u>	<u>Per SqFt</u>	<u>(Current)</u>	<u>(Original)</u>	<u>Market</u>
Average	3171	\$125.13	\$393,100	\$401,850	52
Minimum	2525	\$115.26	\$329,000	\$340,000	38
Maximum	3643	\$137.41	\$425,000	\$449,000	64
Median	3258	\$123.93	\$409,200	\$409,200	55

Homes that Sold between January 1 and December 31, 2005				14	
	Square Feet			Sold Price	Days on
	<u>Living Area</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>	<u>Per SqFt</u>	<u>Market</u>
Average	3227	\$360,039	\$348,359	\$108.20	116
Minimum	2770	\$325,000	\$317,022	\$92.75	39
Maximum	3500	\$424,000	\$410,000	\$127.17	223
Median	3251	\$352,450	\$342,500	\$108.29	111

Homes that Sold after Katrina (included in 2005 totals above) 6					
	Square Feet			Sold Price	Days on
	<u>Living Area</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>	<u>Per SqFt</u>	<u>Market</u>
Average	3170	\$356,258	\$345,167	\$109.23	95
Minimum	2770	\$339,000	\$320,000	\$98.01	39
Maximum	3302	\$374,000	\$365,000	\$122.38	126
Median	3249	\$356,325	\$347,000	\$110.53	106

In Addition to Homes that Sold after Katrina

Homes Under Contract (an offer is accepted) after Katrina				4
	Square Feet		List Price	Days on
	<u>Living Area</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>(Original)</u>	<u>Market</u>
Average	2863	\$336,875	\$352,250	52
Minimum	2525	\$320,000.	\$320,000	24
Maximum	3267	\$359,500	\$410,000	73
Median	2830	\$334,000	\$339,500	56

If you have any questions concerning these statistics I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Richard Bordenave, a real estate agent with Prudential Gardner Realtors

Cell: (504) 232-1297 Home: (504) 340-1419 Office: (504) 366-4511

Email: richard@richardbordenave.com. Website: <http://www.richardbordenave.com>

The information contained herein, while obtained from sources believed to be reliable, is not guaranteed.

If you have not already done so,
please complete the following form and
return it to your district representative or mail to:

PECA, P. O. Box 683, Marrero, LA 70073-5084

PLANTATION ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
HOMEOWNER INFORMATION*

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE NO.: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT NO.: _____

LOT NO.: _____ SQUARE NO.: _____

***NOTE:** This information will remain confidential at all times and will not be sold or released to anyone outside of the Plantation Estates Community Association.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Latricia Jackson

It's that time of the year again and our annual membership drive is in full swing! Due to the storm, the PECA Board voted to delay sending out dues notices. All homeowners should have received a 2006 dues invoice in early February. If you were a member last year, please rejoin. If you are new to our neighborhood or had not joined in the past, we urge you to do. Dues are only \$60 per year. That is a mere \$5 per month. If you did not pay at the homeowners meeting on February 16, please send your check to the PECA post office box number. If you have any questions about membership or need any additional information, please call Latricia Jackson at (504) 347-4934 or contact your district representative.

Our annual dues support many things done to enhance our community, including:

- New seasonal banners
- PECA Membership Yard sign
- Increased security patrols
- Our monthly garden of the month
- Representation in the West Jefferson Civic Coalition
- Landscaping maintenance of our 2 main entrances
- Two annual Homeowner/Membership meetings
- Quarterly neighborhood newsletters
- Neighborhood website
- Four PECA sponsored neighborhood family events per year
- Protection of our property values with oversight of the restrictions and protective covenant documents for the neighborhood