



Garden of the Month

By Barbara Volz

February 2006

M/M Kevin Breaux	36 Anchorage	District 2
M/M Herbert Lewis	32 Gainswood E.	District 7
M/M Wayne Nocito	35 Nottoway	District 7
M/M Lonnie Rodrigue	55 Oak Alley	District 4

March 2006

M/M Darryl Bickman	100 Anchorage	District 1
M/M John Gulizo	26 Melrose	District 5
M/M Bill Tiftt	33 Seven Oaks	District 5
M/M John Spera	50 Seven Oaks	District 5

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M/M James Delacerda	40 Anchorage	District 2
M/M Harold Douglas	20 Devereaux	District 3
M/M Bob Jensen	21 Gainswood E.	District 7
M/M Irvin Grinder	31 Melrose	District 6

May 2006

M/M John Glancey	84 Longwood	District 3
M/M Terry Talamo	39 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M Ray Bergeron	1 Oakley	District 7
M/M Hyman Bartolo	12 Darby	District 5

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.

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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**.

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.

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President's Report

May 2006 is here already and spring flowers are blooming. It's exciting to see so many homeowners taking pride in their gardens and congratulations to those of you who are winners of the Garden of the Month awards.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new homeowners in the neighborhood and encourage you to join the association. Every member helps to make a strong organization even stronger. For only \$60/year, our association is able to support a number of social events, landscaping and maintaining the entranceways of our neighborhood, help host our homeowners meetings, distribute periodic newsletters, and much more. As you may have already noticed, our latest project is the construction of our new Plantation Estates entrance sign on Parlange. A special thanks to Hyman Bartolo for the construction of the sign and Wayne Nocito with Patio Gardens for the landscaping that will be coming soon around the new sign.

As we approach hurricane season, make sure to prepare your personal evacuation plan for your family. Begin to think about where you will go if we need to leave again this hurricane season. Let's also be mindful of many homeowners that are still working hard to rebuild their homes. Many are still struggling to fight with insurance and the SBA loan process is very slow. My thoughts and prayers are with those who are trying to put their lives back together.

With a recent spike in crime since Hurricane Katrina, we need to be more vigilant. Don't hesitate to call 911 if you notice something out of the ordinary. We all need to help play an important role to protect the safety for our family

and all of our residents. Taking a moment to report suspicious activity helps the police track where problems exist. We must be part of the solution to make our area safe, clean, healthy, and beautiful.

Despite Hurricane Katrina & Rita's impact on the Gulf Coast area, the future is still bright for us on the West Bank. Jefferson Parish is helping many surrounding areas in their rebuilding efforts and our tax base is benefiting from it. The recently held Zurich Classic and Jazz Fest both had wonderful attendance as positive signs for the area, the Huey P. Long expansion just began in April 2006 and funding for many of our hurricane protection projects is finally coming. If we look back 5 to 10 years ago, we were still trying to educate even our local and state politicians on our flooding concerns and our lack of protection. Those days are over and the entire country knows of our problems. As a result, many projects have been accelerated and cut years off the original completion date.

Let's all continue to work together to improve the quality of life for everyone that lives in Plantation Estates and the entire Jefferson Parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call us. Again, thanks to everyone that supports the Plantation Estates Community Association.

Respectfully,

Charles Miller, III
Plantation Estates Community Association, President

Neighborhood News

❖ Easter Egg Hunt By Beth Martin

Our annual Plantation Estates Community Association Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8. The weather was beautiful and we had a great attendance. The Easter Bunny was there visiting with all the children and posing for pictures. The 1400 candy filled eggs were picked up and nestled into baskets within a matter of minutes. Allison Nocito and Samantha Hartmann, both residents of our community found the two “special eggs”. Along with the special eggs, Allison and Samantha each received a \$25.00 gift card to the Palace Theaters, compliments of the Plantation Estates Community Association.

I would like to thank the Easter Bunny for coming, Morgan and Penny Legendre for donating the eggs, the Matrana family for donating the carrots, and all the following people for their help, Wesley Boudreaux, Mary and Katie Staehle, Beth, Lindsey, David and Jack Owens, Marilee and Allison Nocito, Ashley Martin, Richard Bordenave and Charlie Miller. I hope everyone that attended had a great time and we hope to see everyone next year.

❖ Jefferson Parish ‘Post Katrina Plan’ Revisions

With the construction of several safe houses that are expected to be ready for this hurricane season located on the West Bank, the Parish has released a draft form of their essential duty employee safe shelter plans and the pump station safe room operations plans. You can view these documents on the www.jeffparish.net website.

❖ Destrehan Avenue Extension Opened

As you may have already discovered, the Destrehan Avenue Extension between Lafitte Larose Highway in Marrero and Keithway Drive in Harvey has officially been open in April 2006. This two-lane highway was constructed by Barriere Construction Company, LLC for a final construction cost of \$4.9 million as part of the Jefferson Parish Road Bond Program. Construction began in July 8, 2002.



❖ Huey P. Long Project Begins in April 2006

NEW ORLEANS - The TIMED Program is opening the Huey P. Long Bridge Widening public outreach office in the Jefferson Business Center 1. Located in Suite 135 on 520 Elmwood Park Blvd., the office will serve as the chief location for information regarding the widening of the Huey P. Long Bridge.

“Our main goal for this outreach office is to keep the public informed about the Huey P. Long Bridge Widening project,” said TIMED Public Outreach Coordinator Talisha Dunn-Square. “We want to have project personnel available to the public because we understand the significance of this project, especially since Hurricane Katrina.”

With construction expected to begin in mid-April 2006 on the first segment of the project, the TIMED Public Outreach Department is establishing a central location for the community to receive up-to-date information on the project’s progress. The office will open to the public on April 11, 2006. Designated office hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hours will be expanded as the project progresses.

In addition to visiting the office, the public can get information by contacting the public outreach office at (504) 731-4200, toll-free at (866) 846-3352 or by email at hueypbridgeinfo@latimedmgrs.com.

The completed Huey P. Long Bridge Widening project will include three 11-foot lanes in each direction, along with new inside and outside shoulders across the bridge. The project also includes the construction of new roadway approaches that will provide signalized intersections at Bridge City Avenue and Jefferson Highway.

For updated information, also visit www.hueypbridge.com



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Table with 2 columns: Category and Phone Number. Rows include 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. Rows include 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

SECURITY REPORT

By Colonel John Fortunato
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

Hello again,

As your vice president of security I hope this memo finds everyone in good health and somewhat settled down from the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In these post-Katrina times, our lives have changed dramatically. A simple drive to the grocery store or the hardware store doesn't take just a few minutes anymore. Even going to the bank is now a lengthy time consuming event. Many businesses are still closed or operating on abbreviated schedules; therefore, we have to adjust our schedules to coincide with theirs. With the addition of new businesses in this area come added problems that includes increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around PE. We continue to receive complaints from our residents of traffic violations.

All complaints are passed along to our PE patrol officers. Please call the JPSO Traffic Division at 465-1480 and request additional traffic enforcement on your street, possibly even a radar unit. Stop means STOP! Remember to drive safely, watch out for our children, and please be courteous.

Since our last newsletter, everything is somewhat back to normal in Plantation Estates. Our security patrols are still present throughout the day. It appears as though many of our neighbors are becoming more involved by interacting with some of the officers who are patrolling our streets. We strongly encourage this activity and would hope that everyone take a moment of their time to talk with these officers and let them know what your concerns are, compliments or complaints. We appreciate it and I know they do as well.

Especially post-Katrina, everyone needs to be more aware of his or her surroundings at all times. As you drive through PE, if something causes you concern, please call 911. Remember, you don't have to give your name to the operator. The JPSO will dispatch a patrol car to the location you provide. It is of the utmost importance that we all share the same security concerns for our families, friends, and neighbors.

With the 2006 hurricane season fast approaching make certain you begin preparing your own pre-hurricane plans. Remind yourself of what you did in the past and measure how effective your plan would have been, had this area been impacted more by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Please heed the warnings and advice of your public officials and if you are ordered to evacuate, please do as you are instructed.

The following is a breakdown of the calls for service the JPSO received from August 29, 2005 to May 2, 2006:

Table with 2 columns: Incident Type and Count. Rows include Simple battery, Criminal Damage, Vehicle Burglary, Burglar Alarms, Suspicious persons, Thefts, Disturbances, Residence Burglary, and Vehicle accidents.

Restrictions Committee Report

By Candy Jensen

This article will once again address concerns regarding those homeowners that continue to ignore and/or refuse to comply with the Protective Covenants & Restrictions of Plantation Estates.

Many homeowners that have called or e-mailed us with complaints agree that without any fine or penalty, these problems will never be resolved! Several letters have been mailed to those that are doing “the wrong thing” and generally no one responds or corrects the restriction abuse. Perhaps we need to think of a fine/fee penalty as a solution. We are presently researching how other community associations address these concerns.

Restriction Rules:

Overnight Parking: No trucks, boats, trailers, commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers or boat rigging. . . . shall be parked or stored on any street or on any lot unless stored within an enclosed garage or outbuilding, or within an enclosed side and /or rear yard area (behind fencing that limits visibility as much as possible for other homeowners). Passenger vehicles owned and/or leased by residents of a residential dwelling shall be parked or stored on the residence grounds and not on the street.

Dogs: Maybe your dog’s barking doesn’t bother you, but your neighbors don’t like it. We get MANY calls on barking dogs. Please control your dog.

Walkers: As a SAFETY reminder, walk against traffic. It is nice not to have sidewalks, but please give the drivers a break and stay out of their way.

Tech Corner – Beware of Phishing Scams

Phishing is a term generally given to deceptive emails, websites or popup ads that are sent to you and designed to steal your identity. In phishing scams, you are asked to disclose valuable personal data like credit card numbers, passwords, account data, etc. by convincing you that the company is legitimate.

To make these phishing e-mail messages appear legitimate, the scam artists may place a link in them that appears to go to the legitimate Web site, but it actually takes you to a phony scam site or possibly a pop-up window that looks exactly like the official site. These copycat sites are also called “spoofed” Web sites. Once you’re at one of these spoofed sites, you are asked to enter your personal information. They then often use your information to purchase goods, apply for a new credit card, or otherwise steal your identity.

Typical subject lines for some phishing emails include: “Verify your account”, “Please respond immediately or your account will be closed” and “Click to update your account information now.” The idea is to get you to catch your attention, get you to click the link in the email or website, and then provide them your personal information.

To best protect yourself, follow these few simple guidelines:

1. Do not click just any links in an email or on a website that requests your personal information.
2. If you do business online, always go directly to the company’s website. Rarely will any professional business request your sensitive data in an email.
3. Check on the website for a secure certificate before ever entering personal information, which can be identified typically by a small yellow padlock at the bottom-right corner of your browser.
4. Don’t ever enter personal information in a popup message.
5. Keep your computer updated. It’s important to keep up with your Microsoft Windows update as well as your anti-virus software, firewall software, etc.

When in doubt, contact the business and ask them about the specific email or website you may have received.

West Jefferson Civic Coalition Update

The WJCC held its quarterly meeting on April 17, 2006. About 90 people attended the meeting with representatives from roughly 14 Westbank civic associations. Speakers from the U.S. Corp. of Engineers, The West Jefferson Levee District and The Director of Jefferson Parish Drainage were all on hand to answer questions. Other special guests included Tony Digerolamo and Bert Smith representing President’s Broussard’s Office, Council Chairman John Young, Councilman Chris Roberts, Mayor Billiot of Westwego, Mayor Kerner of Lafitte, Chief Craig Taffaro with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office, Westwego Councilman John Shaddinger, Gretna Councilman Wayne Rau, Gretna Councilman Ricky Templet, Gretna Councilman Belinda Constant, Barry Bordelon representing Councilman Lagasse’s Office, Pam Jackson with Councilman Lee’s Office, and the newly elected Judge Darensburg.

Topics included the construction of safe houses for pump-station operators, the installation of sector gates along the Harvey Canal and other improvements, which should make our area better protected from hurricanes this season than it was a year ago.

Originally scheduled for completion in 2018, the West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project, designed to protect residents from storm surges from Lakes Catahouche and Salvador and waterways leading to the Gulf of Mexico, is now slated for a December 2007 completion, thanks to more than \$200 million in emergency money allocated by Congress after Hurricane Katrina. Jackie Purrington of the Army Corps of Engineers told residents when hurricane season peaks in August, the Harvey Canal sector gates will be able to shut and stop surges up the canal.

Kazem Alikhani, Jefferson Parish’s director of drainage, said the safe houses constructed for the Whitney-Barataria, Cousins, Bayou Segnette, and Ames pumping stations, considered to be the most vulnerable stations on the West Bank, will eventually be equipped with remote capabilities.

The WJCC will hold future follow-up meetings on these topics and other topics concerning the West Bank. Stay tuned for future meeting dates.



Through the efforts of Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee, and Colonel John Fortunato, members of the Arkansas State National Guard were stationed at the 3 entrances of PE immediately following Hurricane Katrina. Along with the military presence, JPSO units patrolled our subdivision for weeks following August 29th. When electricity was restored in PE, the National Guard soldiers were deployed to another area of the Parish.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Latricia Jackson

Our 2006 annual membership drive is off to a great start with 249 paid members so far! We want to exceed last year’s membership and we need your support. Those households who have not yet paid will soon receive a friendly reminder. 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 - only \$5 per month. 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.

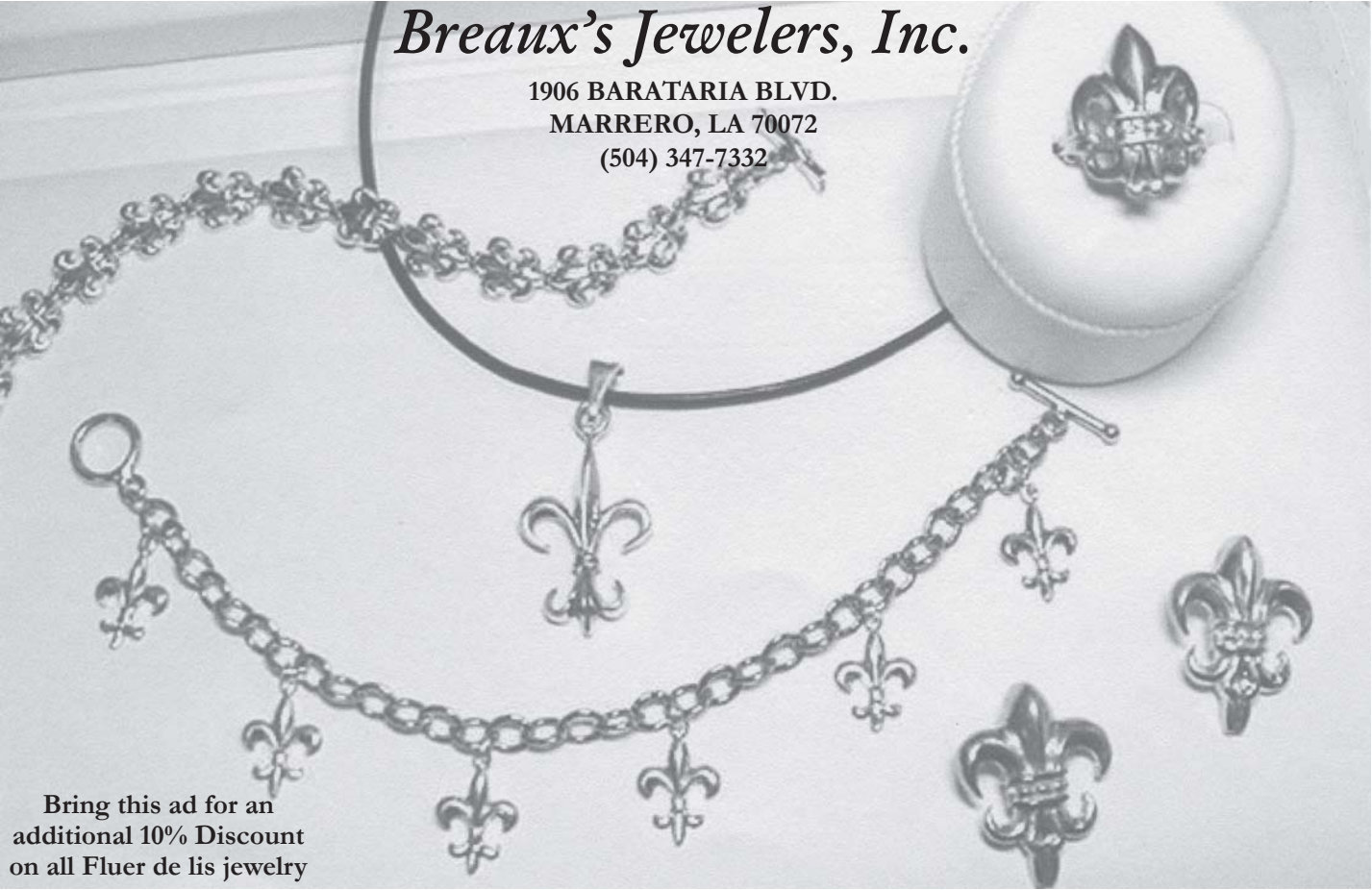
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- PECA Membership Yard sign
- Increased security patrols
- Our monthly garden of the month
- Representation in the West Jefferson Civic Coalition
- Landscaping maintenance of our 2 main entrances
- Two annual Homeowner/Membership meetings
- Quarterly neighborhood newsletters
- Neighborhood website
- Four PECA sponsored neighborhood family events per year
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