

Plantation Estates Future Projects and Goals:

What are we planning for this new fiscal year? We have compiled a list of potential projects for the neighborhood. We have included areas where we want to make some improvements in how we operate the association.

1. Be more aggressive about keeping the brick wall along Barataria Blvd. clean and keeping the sidewalk trimmed and grass cut regularly.

2. Organize a volunteer effort to clean up and beautify the median on Oak Alley Blvd. after the Parish completes their tree removal work.

3. Perform additional tree trimming and fertilizing of our existing oak trees along Oak Alley Blvd.

4. Replace the crape myrtle in our front flowerbed that fell over during Hurricane Ivan.

5. Re-stain the background and paint the PE sign at our main entrance. Install a new Plantation Estates sign at our Parlange Drive entrance.

6. Solicit proposals from local termite companies about installing a termite bait system around the oak trees on Oak Alley Blvd.

7. Solicit proposals for the installation of a decorative yet functional message board at the Barataria Blvd. entrance. We have a couple signboards in mind and will make a proposal to the PECA BOD later this year. Also, look into a voice mail system to further enhance communication to our homeowners.

8. Continue to work with Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering officials on finding solutions to traffic concerns at the intersection of Gainswood Drive East and Parlange Drive. We will keep you posted.

What are we doing to make Plantation Estates a special place to live?

- ✓ Continue to provide enhanced security to our homeowners with average daily JPSO detail coverage of 10 to 12 hours per day.
- ✓ Continue with our seasonal programs such as the holiday banner program, Christmas lights display, Santa Claus visit and Easter Egg Hunt for the kids and the holiday home decorations awards.
- ✓ Continue efforts to maintain attractive flowerbeds at our 2 main entrances.
- ✓ Continue the very successful Garden of the Month awards program.
- ✓ Continue to develop and foster projects like the main entrance flag pole project.
- ✓ Continue to hold 2 homeowner's meetings per year that are interesting and informative.
- ✓ Continue to provide a quarterly newsletter and maintain our website.
- ✓ Continue to make sure we welcome new homeowners to the neighborhood.
- ✓ Continue our aggressive efforts on resolving restriction problems in the neighborhood.
- ✓ Continue to have representatives from the association serving on the West Jefferson Civic Coalition and the Jefferson Envision 2020 Plan.
- ✓ Continue to foster relationships with the elected governmental officials on matters that impact the neighborhood and the Westbank.
- ✓ Keep the channels of communication open, listen to your concerns and solicit your input on neighborhood matters and issues.

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

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We were blessed this summer season when Hurricane Ivan stayed east of the metro area, sparing us the catastrophic destruction that occurred along the Alabama and Florida Gulf coast. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those people who did suffer property damage and loss of life during this storm. Many of us did evacuate that Tuesday and Wednesday and were caught in traffic jams going in all directions. Hopefully our elected officials from all over the area will work together and come up with a workable solution to our evacuation problems. We had numerous trees along the Oak Alley Blvd median that due to age, disease and insects had become a legitimate safety concern in the high steady winds of a hurricane. We want to say thank you to our Jefferson Parish officials for recently removing those trees, hopefully alleviating future potential problems. We did lose one crape myrtle tree at the main entrance to the subdivision during the storm and we will allocate funds to replace that tree.

On September 18 the voters in Louisiana went to cast their votes for Constitutional Amendment No. 1. The amendment passed overwhelmingly and we have included the Precinct 204 results later in the newsletter.

The Plantation Estates Board of Directors held its quarterly board meeting on September 7 at the Marrero Estelle Firehouse. The following topics were covered:

- Plans were made for the upcoming PECA dues renewal period.
- Halloween security plans were discussed, including the results of our survey of homeowner's on Halloween security and traffic concerns. Results were mixed with the general consensus being to increase the visible presence of our JPSO patrols and to ask all residents not hosting a party to turn out their lights by 9:00 pm to discourage late evening problems. Colonel John Fortunato of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office has a separate article on Halloween security plans.

- Funds were allocated for preliminary planning on a Pumpkin Painting Party in October for the neighborhood kids.
- The board voted to continue our landscape contract for the next fiscal year with Patio Gardens at the current monthly rate.
- We had a request from several homeowners' about installing a gate at the end of Oakley Drive. The gate would allow those students attending St. John Bosco Middle School a path to walk to school. We ran a homeowner's survey for 2 ½ months and received 50 responses over that time period. All responses were absolutely against the installation of the gate for security concerns. The board considered the responses in the surveys and voted to decline the request to install the gate.

In closing I want to say thank you to all of the volunteers that helped in our Barataria Blvd. brick wall-cleaning project. The project included pressure washing the wall, mowing and trimming the grassy area. These guys worked very hard and everyone should be thankful that we have people like them. To all of the homeowner's on Anchorage that allowed us to use their water, thank you. Finally, Norman Gauthreaux who headed up our flagpole committee did a first class job in arranging the installation of a flagpole with lights at our main entrance. The flagpole really adds to the look of the entrance and should make everyone proud.

Thank you again for your past support and I hope you continue to support your homeowner's association during this renewal period.

God Bless America!

Respectfully,

PECA, President



If you see a street sign in need of repairs or straightening, please call the Jefferson Parish Sign & Signal Shop at 736-6536. They will respond fairly quickly to your call.

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Restrictions Committee Report

By Candy Jensen

We thank the homeowners that have complied with our requests to follow the Protective Covenant and Restrictions once brought to their attention. Parking problems, seeking approval for tree removal, and cleaning up after your pet has improved slightly.

Unfortunately those mentioned above and other complaints are still of great concern to many homeowners. Please take note of the following, as they are the items that generate the majority of complaints we receive:

- Parking overnight on the street.
- Parking across from neighbor’s driveway, causing problem to exit.
- Boats in driveways and motor homes in view.
- Barking dogs Additionally we had calls during Ivan evacuation because some homeowners left their animals behind to bark day and night.
- Noise from vehicles traveling in the neighborhood and parked in driveways.
- Morning walkers often have their pet accompany them, but not on a leash. Allowing them to use anyone’s yard for their business and not cleaning up after.

A COMPLETE LIST OF THE PROTECTIVE COVENANT AND RESTRICTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.plantationestates.org

PARKING AND VEHICULAR CODE VIOLATIONS:

LOUISIANA STATUTES

- RS 32:144** Improper parking (vehicles parked against the flow of traffic)
- RS 32:143** Posted parking (no parking)

JEFFERSON PARISH ORDINANCES

- 36:4** No parking on a sidewalk
- 36:5** No parking on servitude
- 36:88** No parking of a vehicle on a street for more than 48 hours
- 36:92** No parking on a neutral ground
- 36:93** No parking within 30 feet of an intersection
- 36:94** Blocking a driveway (parked directly across from or 3 feet of either side)
- 36:95** No parking within 20 feet of a fire hydrant
- 36:129** Abandon, junk or wrecked vehicles

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Citizens Affairs	736-6100
General code violations	364-3500
Environmental affairs	736-6102
Weed control	364-3540
Jefferson Transit	364-3450
Abandoned vehicles	364-3543
Stray animals	349-5111
Garbage pickup	736-6102
Recycling	736-6104
Mosquito control	366-0084
Water	349-5088
Streets	349-5800
Drainage	437-4939

• SECURITY CELL PHONE •

A detail officer can be contacted on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights between the hours of 11:00 pm and 3:00 am for a NON-EMERGENCY escort as you pull into your driveway or garage. The phone number is 884-2906

PECA Residents Celebrate National Night Out Against 2004

By Charles Miller

Plantation Estates Community Association participated in the 21st Annual National Night Out Against Crime held nationally on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. With over 200 attendees, everyone had an opportunity to enjoy lots of great food, mingle with neighbors, talk with several Council Members and their aids, and meet police officers & fire department personnel.

Speakers for the event were Councilman Byron Lee (also a PECA homeowner), Chief Craig Taffero and Col. John Fortunato. Awards were given to the Plantation Estates Community Association for their active role in the Parish, Third District Police Department for outstanding service and Marrero/Estelle Fire Department for outstanding service. Other special guests included Tony Digerolamo with Aaron Broussard’s office, Terry Talamo (also a PECA homeowner) with John Young’s office, Fire Department Deputy Chief Tim Herdt, Capt. Bill Thompson with the Third District Police Department, Wayne Nocito-Director of Jefferson Parish Parkways Department (also a PECA Homeowner) and more.

There were many attractions such as the Jefferson Parish Police Command Center Bus, police cars, a police helicopter flew over for awhile, a police dog and a fire truck. A DJ provided music and a spacewalk provided fun for the kids.

Lots of door prizes were given out. Sponsors for the event included Video Plus, Bon Marche Furniture, Domino’s pizza, Krispy Kreme, Matrana’s, Wayne Nocito, and Jack & Beth Owens. We thank Steven & Madeline Sarbeck and Leo & Terry Mediamolle for the use of their electricity.

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to make such a successful event. Special thanks for the Night Out Against Crime Committee Members and everyone else that volunteered at the event.

PECA Night Out Against Crime Committee Members Included: Charles Miller, III, Candy Jensen, Beth Martin, John Fortunato, Wesley Boudreaux, Bill Staehle, Merlin Jackson & Charles Giardina.

If you were not able to make it, we hope to see you next year.



• SPEEDING •
“20” MEANS 20!
• STOPPING •
“STOP”
MEANS
STOP!



Garden of the Month

By Lanny Richard

August 2004

M/M John Glancey	84 Longwood	District 3
M/M Irvin Grinder III	31 Melrose	District 6
M/M Jon Graham	22 Melrose	District 5
M/M Ricky Chaisson	53 Seven Oaks	District 5

September 2004

M/M Terry Talamo	39 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M Chris Morvant	41 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Robert Jensen	21 Gainswood East	District 7
M/M Allen Flettrich	49 Hermitage	District 1

Judging for the Halloween Decorating Contest will be done on the night of October 31st. Let’s have our homes looking nice!



Those featured in the Garden of the Month are featured with photos on the website

Anyone interested in judging for the Garden of the Month Awards please contact Lanny or Patty Richard at 301-2649.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1

On September 18, 2004 the voters of Louisiana went to the poles to cast their votes on Constitutional Amendment No. 1. The amendment will ban same-sex marriages and civil unions and prohibit state judges and other officials from recognizing same sex unions performed by other states. Turnout for the election was low at 16.72% in Jefferson Parish. Approximately 46,758 of the 279,600 registered voters turned out to cast their votes. Our precinct, 204, fared slightly better with 20.96% voting or 227 out of 1083 registered voters. The results for precinct 204 were as follows:

Const. Amend. No. 1	Votes	Percent
For	191	84.1
Against	36	15.9

November 2 Elections

The planned election ballot on November 2 is going to be a long one. It will include the Presidential, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives District 2 races and numerous Parish propositions and State amendments. As soon as the ballot is available for our precinct we will post it on the Plantation Estates website. Absentee voting is from October 21 to October 26. Absentee voting is held at the Charles B. Odom, Sr. Service Center located at 5001 Westbank Expressway, Suite C-2 in Marrero.

SECURITY REPORT

By Colonel John Fortunato
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office



Hello again,

As your vice president of security there are a couple of issues I would like to share with everyone. First of all, for those of you who haven't been able to attend our PECA general membership meetings, we provide an up to date crime map of the entire Plantations Estates subdivision. On these maps are the major calls for service in our area. We continue to be plagued with faulty burglar alarm calls. You may have heard me mention this before; however, it is a growing concern of ours and we should make a concerted effort to correcting this problem. As I have said in the past, please have your system checked by a certified alarm company service representative, preferably a technician from the company that monitors your system.

What I thought I would do differently in this newsletter is provide everyone with the actual crime statistics Parish wide that are handled by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. These numbers do not reflect any of the major seven crimes listed below that have occurred in the Incorporated Cities on both the East and West banks of Jefferson Parish. Data compiled beginning January 1, 2004 thru August 1, 2004.

EAST & WEST BANKS PLANTATION ESTATES

MURDER	22	0
RAPE	94	0
ROBBERY	388	0
ASSULT	917	0
BURGLARY	1,756	0
THEFT	6,918	1
AUTO THEFT	1,323	0

As you can see, Plantation Estates continues to be a safe haven for us all. Hopefully, we can base the quality of life we have come to enjoy here in PE on the conscientious efforts that our JPSO detail patrols are doing in our neighborhood.

As you well know, Halloween is just around the corner. I would like to personally thank those of you who took the time to respond to our website by expressing your concerns about Halloween. Yes, we did have some problems in the

past few years; however, this year we are going to try something different. I have arranged for increased patrols in PE from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It is our intention this year to station a fully marked JPSO police car at the intersection/entrances at Gainswood Drive East and Parlange, along with the front entrance at Oak Alley. We will have roving patrols of three additional Police Officers during the aforementioned time period. All of the Officers working Halloween night will patrol with their overhead lights on. Hopefully, this will be a deterrent in itself for anyone wanting to enter our subdivision with any bad intentions. As far as your invited guest, and those of us who will be driving through PE, please remember to watch out for the "little ones" running throughout the neighborhood. Please Drive Carefully. We would encourage everyone to pay close attention to the times listed above, and to base your distribution of candy during these times only. After 9:00 PM, hopefully we won't have the "older" kids roaming throughout PE. Remember, be vigilant at all times. We would encourage anyone who believes a potential problem may arise to call 911 and report such activity.

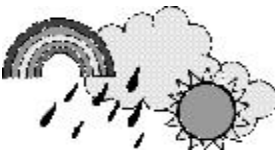
Security Patrol Detail Coverage

Month	Avg. Time (Hrs/Day)	Avg. Coverage/Day (%)
April	13 ½	55.8
May	10	41.8
June	13 ¾	57.6
July	11	46.0



THE WEATHER STATION

By Dr. Robert Graziano



Did you know that Plantation Estates has it's own weather station? Well, it does. If you have Internet access, you can instantly find out what the weather is like in the neighborhood no matter where you are. The curious mind is able to determine how much rain fell in that passing thunderstorm; or, what the speed of the wind gust was in that tropical storm. Even the high and low daily temperature or the barometric pressure can be instantly observed. Simply point your browser to the local Weather Underground site at <http://www.wunderground.com/US/LA/Marrero.html#PWS>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see Plantation Estates, Marrero. Now click on Historical Graphs and you will see the daily and monthly statistics.

Go on and take a look. You may find it useful. This is a backyard set in which the data is automatically transferred to a computer. The computer uploads the information to the weather web site.

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Flag Committee Report

By Norman Gauthreaux

By now everyone should be aware that our flagpole project at the Oak Alley Blvd entrance is complete. The process of securing bids, approval of funding, obtaining permits, and finally actual construction has been an almost two year endeavor, but one I'm sure you will agree was well worth the wait. Since the pole and flags have been up, several residents have inquired about the smaller black and white flag displayed under 'Old Glory.' Therefore I thought that it might be appropriate to write a short history of this flag as well as touch on proper flag etiquette for the U.S. flag since some of you may not be familiar with certain procedures.

Flag etiquette is contained in the U.S. Flag Code, which was adopted in 1924, passed into law in 1942, and amended in 1976. While a comprehensive list of the regulations and procedures contained in this code is much too long for this newsletter, anyone interested in further details may find the websites www.niceflag.com/etiquett.htm and www.suvcw.org/flag.htm very informative. One method of display which many people get incorrect is hanging the flag vertically. When the U.S. flag is displayed vertically, the union (blue field with stars) should be uppermost and to the observer's left (the flag's right). So when you see our flags on the light poles during the summer months, although it may look strange to some residents, be assured that they are being displayed properly. I would also like to call your attention to the days when you will see our flag flying at half-staff. There are five official days during each year that the U.S. flag has been designated by the code to fly at half-staff. Those days are as follows:

- 1) Peace Officers Memorial Day – May 15
- 2) Memorial Day – Last Monday in May (half staff until noon only)
- 3) Korean War Veterans Day – July 27
- 4) Patriot Day – September 11
- 5) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – December 7

So remember, when you see the flag lowered on the above days it is intentional. At any other time the flag may be at half-staff by direction of the Congress or President, such as the death of a former president. The smaller flag you see displayed below the U.S. flag has an interesting history. This is the POW/MIA (Prisoners of War/Missing In Action) flag. In 1971 Mrs. Michael Hoff, an MIA wife and member of the National League of Families, recognized the need for a symbol to represent our nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still held as prisoners or missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. She approached Flag Company vice president Norman Rivkees to design a banner for this purpose. The company had an employee at the time, former WWII pilot Newt Heisley, who embraced the idea and came up with the design. It consists of the silhouette of an American POW with a prison tower and barbed wire in the background, POW MIA in bold letters, and the words 'You are not forgotten' below.

As a result of the persistence of Mrs. Hoff and the National League of Families, on August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed U.S. Public Law 101-355, which designated Mr. Heisley's design as the official symbol of our concern for this cause. While it was originally intended to raise awareness for Vietnam POW/MIAs, it has now come to symbolize the unaccounted for in all previous and future conflicts.

The POW/MIA flag is the only other flag besides the Stars and Stripes to fly over the White House and the only flag that is displayed inside the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. It must also by law be flown over all military installations, federal cemeteries, and all offices of the U.S. Postal Service. So when you see the flag displayed in various locations as you travel, remember that it stands for the plight of those Americans who have sacrificed their own freedom to preserve liberty for all of us. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as chairman of the flagpole committee. At the last board meeting, I also volunteered to maintain and monitor the flags as necessary during the year. If anyone observes any problems with the flags or pole, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Brilli or me for resolution.

Norman Gauthreaux
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If you have not already done so,
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PLANTATION ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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ADDRESS: _____

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BUSINESS PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT NO.: _____

LOT NO.: _____ SQUARE NO.: _____

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
by Latricia Jackson

LET’S DO MORE IN 2004
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY!

It’s that time of the year again! Our annual membership drive is already underway. The 2004-05 dues notices were mailed in late September. We give special thanks to our members renewing their membership and a warm welcome to all prospective new members. We appreciate your support! Membership dues are \$60.00 per year per household (*a mere \$5 per month*), payable each October 1st. Please remit your check for \$60.00 to:

Plantation Estates Community Association
P.O. Box 683
Marrero, LA 70072

This past year’s membership was the best ever, with over 72%! Let’s not stop there; renew today and encourage your neighbors to join. As always, the Plantation Estates Community Association (PECA) Board’s goal continues to be 100% participation. With approximately 420 home sites, we hope to make this year another banner year. If you have any questions concerning your membership or would like membership information call Latricia Jackson at (347-4934) or your district representative (listed in this newsletter).

2004 PECA Schedule & Events

October:
Saturday 2nd Hang the Fall banners
Saturday 23rd Pumpkin Painting Party for the kids. The party will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on the empty lot between 55 and 61 Oak Alley Blvd. Please see the enclosed article outlining details on the event.
Sunday 31st Halloween—Please turn you lights off no later than 9:00 pm. In an attempt to keep the neighborhood clean, please place a trash can at the end of your driveway.

November:
TBA PECA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday 25th Thanksgiving

December:
Wednesday 1st Hang Christmas banners
TBA PECA Newsletter
TBA Visit from Santa Clause including prizes and photos with Santa
Saturday 25th Christmas
Friday 31st New Year’s Eve



CHILD CARE
SERVICES AVAILABLE

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

Autumn Carter - 347-5347
Stephanie Graziano - 341-3284
Lesley Lukinovich - 348-0583
Tiffany Mosel - 340-9281
Rachel Territo - 348-4976

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.

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.