



## Garden of the Month

By Barbara Volz

### July 2006\*

M/M Ed Dragon	16 Devereaux	District 3
M/M Jonathan Boraski	16 Melrose	District 5
M/M Gregory Guthrie	37 Oakley	District 5
M/M Jay Susselin	17 Tara Court	District 6

### August 2006

M/M Danny Blanchard	21 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Ryan Orgeron	20 Nottoway	District 7
M/M John Combel	10 Oakley	District 6
M/M Peter Rinaldi	18 Melrose	District 5

### September 2006

M/M Glenn Dragna	68 Lomgwood	District 3
M/M Ferdinand Chiasson	51 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M Laurent Barbe, Jr.	21 Seven Oaks	District 5
M/M David Bertrand	21 Tara Court	District 6

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

\*Editor's apology: The July 2006 winners are reprinted in this issue because three of the families were listed incorrectly in the July's Newsletter

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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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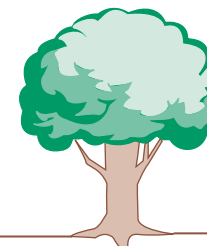
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# PLANTATION ESTATES NEWSLETTER



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## President's Report

Greetings to all Plantation Estates Homeowners:

The Plantation Estates Community Association membership is at one of its highest participations ever. Thanks to everyone who supports making this community a better place to live. For as little as \$5/month, it does make a significant difference within our neighborhood.

Thankfully this has been a rather slow hurricane season for Jefferson Parish and we can focus our energy on improving the areas of crime, flood protection, quality of life and return to some normalcy again.

Jefferson Parish has done many things to improve our situation this hurricane season. We now have four fully operational safe houses on the Westbank located at Bayou Segnette, Whitney-Barataria, Cousins and the Ames location. Generator tests were performed at each of these locations and results were good. In addition, the Parish now has a Re-Entry Plan and a Publicly Assisted Evacuation Plan. In August, the Parish even performed a test evacuation drill, which included the use of Parish transit buses and mobility impaired buses, various pickup points, State run shelters outside of Jefferson Parish and more. These are positive things that came out of Hurricane Katrina that certainly turned some dreams into reality in about one year.

The widening of Barataria Blvd. will begin soon. This will add an extra lane in both directions from 10th St. to Taravella Lane. Also at Patriot Street new turning lanes will be installed. This project should take about three months to complete.

The Fourth Supplemental Appropriations Bill does pay for 100-year protection. This is obviously wonderful news for the Westbank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Projects. However, nothing is quite that simple. Since July, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has provided a PCA agreement to the West Jefferson Levee District, but they have not executed that agreement, which is required to begin any future projects with the funding that is allocated. The agreement is requiring some special conditions that the parties involved in the agreement are hesitant to sign at this time. It is my understanding that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) along with the State Department of Transportation (DOTD) and the West Jefferson Levee District are very close to reaching the final draft of the agreement. Hopefully the details will get worked out very soon as we are losing valuable time while we could be doing the work, especially with the aggressive completion date of Fall 2007 estimated by the USACE. Plantation Estates continues to be an active voice in this process meeting with the levee district and elected officials to offer our support.

In an effort to clean our community, Plantation Estates assisted about thirty business and civic groups known as the Barataria Cleanup Coalition. The groups slogan is "Clean=Safe", which is based on the idea that a clean community makes a safer community. Several of our homeowners sponsored the event with drinks and other items to support the mission. A celebration followed the cleanup event at Hosanna Church with speakers that included Jefferson Parish President Broussard, Chairman John Young and Crimestoppers Executive Director Darlene Cusanza. About 80 people participated. We all greatly appreciate those of you that donated your time to participate.

Thanks for everyone that attended, volunteered or sponsored the National Night Out Against Crime in August, especially members of the committee that planned the event. With nearly 200 attendees, this was a great opportunity to enjoy lots of great food, mingle with neighbors, talk with elected officials, and meet police officers & fire department personnel. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the PECA Officers and numerous Chairpersons that currently serve or have served even in the past. This is a volunteer organization where individuals spend countless hours to preserve our property value, keep the streets safer, build a stronger community and much more. Thanks again for your dedication!!

Plantation Estates is still considering adding cameras to the neighborhood. We are currently reviewing existing camera systems used in other neighborhoods. If you know of someone or a company that can help recommend a solution, please give us a call.

If you are not already on our email list and regularly receiving emails from us, please send me your email address so we can put you on it. We email many neighborhood and related news articles and we can use your email as a source of communications with local news from our area if we have to evacuate again.

Respectfully,

Charles Miller, III

Plantation Estates Community Association, President

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***HOSPITALITY*** By: Beth Owens

Plantation Estates Community Association is hosting our 3rd annual Pumpkin Painting Party! The event is scheduled to be on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. and the location this year is at the empty lot next to #23 Melrose Drive. We have a full “pumpkin patch” waiting to be painted along with refreshments and goody bags for each child. Every little ghost and goblin in our community is welcome so please mark your calendars. PECA is also in the process of planning a Christmas event with Santa Claus so please be on the lookout for flyers announcing the date, time and location. Hope to see everyone there!

If you can volunteer to be a face painter for the children, please call Candy Jensen at 328-8351.



**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**  
By Latricia Jackson

Current PECA membership is very close to our all-time high with our total 2006 membership at 279. Our record high of 283 was set back in 2004. We need your help to break the record!

If you are not a member, we urge you to please reconsider PECA membership. Your dues support the many things we do to enhance our community, including:

- New seasonal banners
- Increased security patrols
- Our monthly garden of the month
- Representation in the West Jefferson Civic Coalition
- Landscaping maintenance of our 2 main entrances (Oak Alley & Parlange)
- 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

If you just simply forgot to send us your check, please do so immediately. Membership dues are \$60 per calendar year – a mere \$5 per month. Please make your check payable to PECA and mail to PO Box 683, Marrero, LA 70073.

If you have never joined or for some reason has discontinued your membership, please let us know. Email our president, Charlie Miller at [cmiller@ocsbbs.com](mailto:cmiller@ocsbbs.com). We would sincerely like to know your feelings and what we can do to either correct the situation or improve our efforts to have a full 100% household participation.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you decide to join.





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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.

Table with 2 columns: Code and Description. Rows include RS 32:144 (Improper parking), RS 32:143 (Posted parking), and various Jefferson Parish Ordinances (36:4 to 36:129) regarding parking on sidewalks, servitude, streets, neutral ground, intersections, driveways, and fire hydrants.

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

JP Code:
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(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)



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Restrictions Committee
By Candy Jensen, VP Restrictions

So much needs to be said, I don't where to start. QUESTION...why did you move here? Nice houses, landscaping, security, and restrictions. No overnight on the street parking, no boats/trailers, trailers or motor homes in plain view (only acceptable behind a non see-through fence or garage)... and on and on.

WHAT happened to our neighborhood? Infractions are totally out of control. This committee has contacted "offenders" by mail at least twice. Some home visits have even taken place. YET, very few of you have been considerate enough to correct the restriction violation or even respond with a plan as to how you are going to remedy the situation. We have additionally provided storage information for our homeowners since that seemed to be a problem for some. If necessary, please be aware we have and will continue to utilize the help of the association's attorney.

Many of you are questioning our effort/effect to correct these problems since more boats are visible every day. People just don't seem to care as to how it affects the neighborhood or their fellow homeowners. Many of you are not happy and we don't blame you!

We do wish to thank the homeowners that have complied and corrected the infraction brought to their attention; you are setting a good example.

Suggestions by homeowners have been made as to fee/fine for infractions; and, we have learned that some Community Organizations place a lean on the homeowner's property until the infraction is corrected. The Homeowners membership meeting was 09/26/06 and these issues were discussed. Since these items are a great concern to everyone, we are currently reviewing our legal options to address the habitual restriction violators.

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	Membership Fund	Security Fund	Total
Revenue			
Membership Dues	16860.00	0.00	16860.00
Newsletter Advertising Revenue	1600.00	0.00	1600.00
Special Assessments	0.00	76890.22	76890.22
Total Revenue	<u>18460.00</u>	<u>76890.22</u>	<u>95350.22</u>
Expenses			
Association Expenses: Holidays & Awards	210.37	0.00	210.37
Association Expenses - Banners, Flags & Signs	3636.27	0.00	3636.27
Association Expenses - Promotional Items	24.00	0.00	24.00
Bank Service Charges	84.20	0.00	84.20
Dues and Memberships	25.00	0.00	25.00
Insurance	0.00	11952.50	11952.50
Landscaping Maintenance	7477.05	0.00	7477.05
Legal	356.00	0.00	356.00
Licenses	5.00	0.00	5.00
Meeting Expenses	208.26	0.00	208.26
Postage	237.23	0.00	237.23
Printing and Stationery	838.37	377.63	1216.00
Real Estate Taxes	16.85	0.00	16.85
Repairs and Maintenance	643.27	0.00	643.27
Security	0.00	59174.00	59174.00
Special Events Expense: Night Out Against Crime	0.00	1131.17	1131.17
Utilities	657.47	0.00	657.47
Total Expenses	<u>14419.34</u>	<u>72635.30</u>	<u>87054.64</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	<u>4040.66</u>	<u>4254.92</u>	<u>8295.58</u>

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances Plantation Estates Community Association August 31, 2006			
	Membership Fund	Security Fund	Total
Assets			
Cash in Bank	10672.75	43035.12	53707.87
Inventory - Promotional Items	102.00	0.00	102.00
Deposits	<u>510.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>11284.75</u>	<u>43035.12</u>	<u>54319.87</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Deferred Membership Revenue	60.00	0.00	60.00
Fund Balances	<u>11224.75</u>	<u>43035.12</u>	<u>54259.87</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>11284.75</u>	<u>43035.12</u>	<u>54319.87</u>

# Security Report

By Colonel John N. Fortunato  
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

Hello!

As your vice-president of security, I wanted to thank everyone for taking the time out of his or her busy schedules to show up at our PECA outdoor neighborhood meeting. For those of you who were not able to attend, I would like to share a couple of my comments with you. We recently did a comparative study of three of the Westbank's most notable subdivisions. Those three include Plantations Estates, Barkley Estates and Stonebridge.

The total calls to the JPSO for service during the period January 1 through September 26, 2006 for each neighborhood is listed below:

PECA	156
Barkley	467
Stonebridge	440

As you can see, Plantation Estates is leaps and bounds over the others when it comes to the lowest number of major crimes in these three subdivisions.

We would hope the best explanation for these low numbers would be attributable to the off-duty JPSO Officers who patrol PE. We try and maintain around 70-80 off-duty hours per week. We continue to sporadically change the patrol times during each week in hopes of preventing anyone from developing a pattern of when these officers work.

With the holidays fast approaching, Halloween is our first priority. To begin with, I have increased the patrol times just a little for the days leading up to Halloween night. I have requested from the J.P.S.O. detail office 4 additional officers to patrol Halloween night here in PE. They will be aggressively patrolling neighborhood with their overhead lights on from the hours 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM. No one will be allowed to drop their children off and drive through the neighborhood along side of them as they go from house to house. We would encourage you to leave one or two lights on in the inside of your home even if you are not going to be there and to possibly leave an entrance light on as well. Don't make your home look inviting to someone looking to seize the opportunity to break-in.

If you are having a Halloween get-together please ask your guests to be aware of our children while they are driving throughout the neighborhood. Remember there are a lot of children and adults who walk throughout PE Trick-or-Treating. We would ask that you distribute your treats between the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. After 9:00 turn off your front entrance lights. Hopefully this will discourage everyone from knocking on doors after 9:00. Our officers are aware of the time constraints we will have in place on Halloween night.

Thank you for you support in this matter. Remember if you see something that just doesn't seem right, please call 911 immediately. JPSO will dispatch our patrolling officers to your location.

Please give me a call at 616-8731 if you have any questions, suggestions or comments.

Thank you

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## Crime statistics from the JPSO Crime Tracker Online for the period January through August 2006

PECA is compared with our surrounding neighborhoods and Stonebridge, which has limited access and has security cameras. Data from [www.jpso.com](http://www.jpso.com), crime tracker.

	PECA	Oak Knoll	Stonebridge	Lincolnshire	Woodmere
Assault	1	6	0	7	21
Auto Theft	0	9	2	12	50
Battery	1	18	5	13	100
Burglar Alarms	127	96	238	45	818
Burglary	1	5	1	9	23
Burglary: Business	0	0	0	0	5
Burglary: Residence	2	16	15	30	63
Burglary: Vehicle	0	9	2	12	30
Carjacking	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	1	19	13	25	175
Disturbing the Peace	1	22	5	20	71
Drug law Violation	0	10	0	9	27
Homicide	0	0	0	2	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	1	1
Peeping Tom	0	1	0	0	1
Rape	0	0	0	3	6
Robbery	0	2	0	5	7
Suspicious Person	4	57	17	63	292
Theft	1	27	7	21	90
Trespassing	0	3	1	2	4
Vehicle Accidents	4	30	18	35	174
Weapons	0	10	5	18	76





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**INSURANCE**

A spokesperson (Molly Kirby) from the Louisiana Department of Insurance (Mr. James Donelon's Office) talked about flood insurance. She advised us to ask our agent about the amount and type of coverage you have on your home. Always bring you homeowner's policy with you when you evacuate for a hurricane. Also she advised everyone to video all of his or her belongings.

**INTRODUCE THE 2007 PECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Drew Lukinvoich introduce the 2007 PECA Board of Directors for the year of 2007. Everyone voted yes on officers of the Board. Drew mentioned that there are 279 homeowners in the association

**MR. JOHN YOUNG AND MR TERRY TALAMO WERE GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mr. John Young and Mr. Terry Talamo attended our meeting to speak on projects that are now taking place on the Westbank (Barataria Blvd. widening project, Westbank safe houses completed, etc.). Mr. John Young spoke on the levee protection, and also about the crime in Jefferson Parish.

Councilman Bryon Lee was asked to speak to the meeting, but did not attend the meeting.

**RESTRICTIONS**

Candy Jensen spoke about the restrictions in Plantation Estates. She advised us about the boats and trailers that are now in violation of our subdivision's restrictions. She mentioned that letters have been mailed to the property owners advising them to remove or properly store the boats and trailers. She asked the real estate agents who are selling homes in Plantation Estates to give copies of restrictions to new homeowners.

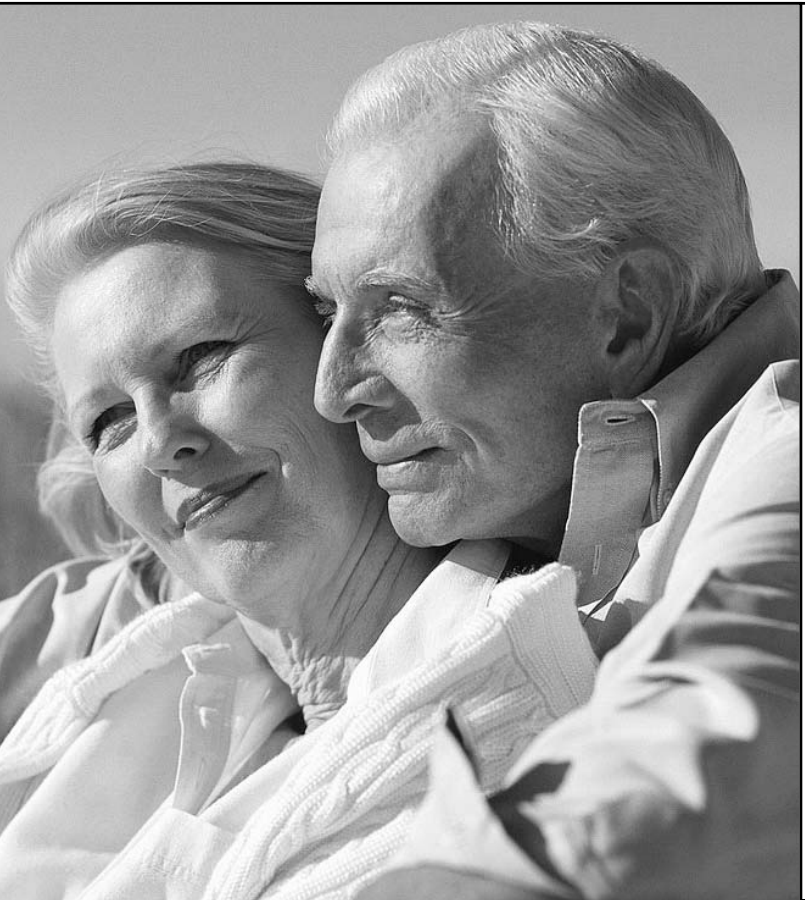
**SECURITY**

John Fortunato spoke about the minor issues we have in our subdivision compared to Barkley Estates and Stonebridge Subdivision. From January to September 2006 there were 156 calls to the police in Plantation Estates. Of the 156 calls, 128 of those calls were burglar alarms going off. He said that if you see something that looks suspicious call his office or call him on his cell phone (616-8731). Keep your doors lock, and watch your surroundings.

**PUMPKIN PARTY**

The pumpkin party will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 12:00.

**JUDY GLANCEY  
PECA SECRETARY  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**



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