President's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored, volunteered or attended the Night Out Against Crime event this year. It was by far our best attendance with over 300 people. Thanks to your generosity, the Plantation Estates Community Association donated over $10,000 to Crime-stoppers, an organization which has solved over 10,000 felony crimes and paid $4.5 million in cash rewards. As an aside article covers more details of the event.

The majority of my report in this issue will be dedicated to our PE Security Taxing District. For those who are new to the neighborhood or have moved here after 2000, our property tax bills currently include a fixed $280 annual assessment that is used to cover the cost of additional police protection, which is currently 77 cents per day. With these security funds, Plantation Estates:

- maintains security patrols using JPSO officers
- installed license plate cameras at our entrances in partnership with JPSO
- provides decals upon request for any PE homeowner vehicles
- maintains time cards for accountability measures and payroll records
- provides door hangers for our security officers to advise homeowners of safety/security related issues
- hosts a very successful Night Out Against Crime annually
- coordinates an annual homeowner’s meeting for input and provide updates
- responds immediately to all inquiries by phone, email or in person

remains one of the most active civic associations in all of Jefferson Parish

During the years prior to 2000, the PECA Board had many meetings with the homeowners, spent quite some time to develop our security program and worked with our Jefferson Parish Council to place this on the ballot. The Plantation Estates Security Taxing District appeared on the ballot in October 2000 and PE voters approved and authorized it to remain in place for a period of seven years. Our current PECA Board recommends renewing our Security Taxing District by placing the assessment on the voting ballot in 2010.

Personally I feel the increased security presence within our neighborhood is peace of mind for all our families. I’ve lived in Marrero my entire life. I’ve always looked forward to one day living in Plantation Estates. As a child my parents even played tricks with friends who slept over by pulling in a driveway in Plantation Estates and joked about it being our house. I guess that’s another reason I am so attached here.

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Thanks to so many of you for your hard work and effort to get this accomplished.

I regularly meet at West Jefferson Medical Center with the 20 other Westbank civic association Presidents to share ideas. A number of them say they wish they could have daily patrols in the neighborhood for less than a $1 a day. The legal fees to establish a taxing district is both expensive and time consuming. You also have no way to recoup the funds spent if the neighborhood chooses not to support it. This is why we are fortunate to have the ground work already done for us and only have to renew it. It has proven its value time and time again. Our statistics speak for themselves, however many surrounding neighborhoods are not as fortunate. All of the funds (100%) from our Security Taxing District are spent on safety and security in Plantation Estates.

Bill Becknell with the Becknell Law Firm is assisting us to get our security taxing district renewal on the ballot again for next year. This process involves the Jefferson Parish Council and filing deadlines with the Louisiana Bond Commission and the Secretary of State. Bill Becknell currently handles the ballot items on behalf of Jefferson Parish and the City of Marrero. He is very experienced with the steps involved in this process. As many of you already know, Councilman Byron Lee lives in Plantation Estates and is committed to helping us with this.

Bill Becknell provided the following estimated election dates and deadlines obtained from the Secretary of State for 2010 below. The PECA Board will be working with him to select one of these dates and inform you along the way.

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If you wish to be added on our email list, please email president@plantationestates.org. We send out many neighborhood and community news items as well as try our best to keep you informed while away during an evacuation.

Your neighbor,

Charles Miller,
Plantation Estates Community Association, President
Edie Meaux

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EDIE MEAUX
on May 15 with a B.A. in Mass Communication with a concentration in journalism and a minor in English. She will be interning in New York City.

Great job to Summer Suleiman, who also lives in Plantation Estates. She graduated from LSU’s Manship School of Mass Communication on May 15 with a B.A. in Mass Communication with a concentration in journalism and a minor in English. She will be interning in New York City with NBC weekend Nightly News this summer. She is the daughter of Mike and Karima Suleiman.

PLANTATION ESTATES

We occasionally hear from new homeowners that they were not informed of restrictions either by their real estate agent or their home was purchased as a For Sale by Owner. If you need a copy, visit our website at http://www.plantationestates.org.

We are seeking a Secretary for the Plantation Estates Community Association

First, thanks to Judy Glancey for an excellent job over the years as our Secretary. Judy recently became one of our At-Large Rep’s and also handling the Secretary position. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

The position is a one-year term and includes the responsibilities:
- Attend quarterly board meetings
- Take minutes of each meeting, including motions and votes
- Type final minutes and email to Board for review

Plantation Estates Homeowner’s Meeting
We will be planning a Homeowner’s Meeting sometime in September or October. Notices will be delivered to everyone and emails sent out to let you know the location and date when confirmed. As always, you never have to wait until the meeting to contact us, so please call or email if you have any questions or suggestions.

Plantation Estates Pumpkin Painting Party
We are hosting our annual Pumpkin Painting party in October. Our residents will be notified by flyer for the location, date, and time.

LA 45 (Barataria Boulevard) widening project
Up to $7 million was recently appropriated to complete the widening of LA 45 (Barataria Boulevard) from Lapalco Boulevard to Ames Boulevard. This project will include the construction of a northbound and southbound third lane in the existing median. Preliminary design work indicates that there will be three lanes southbound to the Ames Boulevard intersection and three lanes northbound with the third lane beginning at the LA 3134 intersection. The project will also include some drainage improvements in the southbound lanes between LA 3134 and Ames Boulevard along with the modifications to the existing traffic signals to accommodate the widening. It is expected that this work will begin in the next 12 to 18 months.

News about our neighbors
Stephanie Tomlinson Ricco, a Plantation Estates homeowner, joins Bowman & Howley Law Firm at 629 Lafayette Street, Gretna, LA 70053.

Practice areas include General Civil, Corporate and Criminal Practice. She can be reached at (504) 367-4842.

Who put the 4th of July flags in front of everyone’s mailbox? You probably already know the answer -- John Combel donated the flags and personally put them out with several of his own employees. Thanks again to Big John for continuing to support Plantation Estates in every way.

Great job to Crystal Rathore, who lives in Plantation Estates. Crystal is a senior at Academy of Our Lady High School and has been awarded an Ochsner STAR internship that will allow her to work side by side with experienced researchers studying advances in health care and medicine. Crystal is one of only 12 students chosen for this honor this year. The Science Technology Academics and Research is sponsored by the Academics Division by the Ochsner Health System. Rathore, who plans to enter a career in medicine, was encouraged to apply for the program by Sister Susan Bagli, an instructor who moderates the Health Care Connections Club at AOL.

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(If you have neighborhood news or similar information to share, please let us know.)
Hello again,

As your Vice-President of Security and the Commander of the Public Information Office for the JPSO, I agree with our PE president that this year’s National Night Out Against Crime was a huge success, not only here in PE, but parish-wide. The turn-out was incredible. All too often, we saw extraordinary groups of our citizens gathering in their neighborhoods trying to do their part in making National Night Out a success it was.

For those in attendance you were able to witness the generous donation PE gave to Crimestoppers. As you well know, it is through private funding that Crimestoppers pays for tips that often lead to the arrest and conviction of individuals wanted for crimes that have occurred here in Jefferson Parish.

As we enter the third quarter of this year I am happy to report the noticeable decrease in incidents in PE being reported to the JPSO. The staggered detail patrolled times have proven to be successful. Our neighborhood now has better coverage at peak potential crime times because of the patrol time changes. Occasionally, we might see a slight spike in certain categories, such as suspicious persons and vehicle complaints. These calls show our law enforcement officials that neighbors are looking out for each other. We would much rather send an officer to investigate a suspicious activity complaint called into our 911 center, than to have it go unreported and later find that someone’s home or vehicle was broken into. Please continue to remain vigilant at all times. And remember, when you call 911, you don’t have to give your name or address.

The following statistical information is a compilation of the total number of calls for service over the past 10+ years that the JPSO has received from PE residents.

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Our PE President, Charlie Miller, dedicated his message to us on the subject of our PE Security Taxing District renewal. If you are pleased with the added protection our JPSO off-duty security patrols provide, please join me and many others who support these patrols by convincing other residents here in PE of how important this tax is. Without it, we would not have the luxury of the added patrols and additional funding for neighborhood security projects, such as additional security cameras. If you or someone you know would like to discuss this matter further, please let us know in order for us to meet and discuss your concerns, perhaps at our next PE general membership meeting.

**By: Colonel John Fortunato, Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office**

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**Restriction Committee**

By: Candy Jensen

Plantation Estates Restriction Committee wishes to thank homeowners and their children for making an effort not to park extra vehicles on the street this summer. Overnight street parking is still a problem and concern. Please do the right thing.

We wish a good school year to all. Please note your driving speeds in the neighborhood and the radio volume in your vehicles. Stop at stop signs. We have received many calls regarding the STOP sign on the corner of Parlande and Gainswood. Not coming to a complete stop is one thing, but several cars don’t even slow down. We certainly do not want an accident or injury situation resulting from such carelessness.

Letters and home visits from the committee have proved to be successful with correction of infractions. Thank you to all.

**REMININDER**...most concerns are:

- *Vehicles parked on street*
- *Boats and Motor homes visible in driveway*
- *Poor upkeep of yard and needed house repairs*

WALKERS—Always walk against (Facing) Traffic. Stay on the extreme left side of the road, especially around curves in the road.

BIKERS—Always ride with traffic. Stay on the right side of the road.

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**CAUTION**

**SPEED LIMIT 20**

**STOP MEANS 20!**

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**Security**

By: Colonel John Fortunato, Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office
Garden of the Month
By Debbie Blanchard

The Gardens of the Month are featured with photos under the "Members Only" section of 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 info@plantationestates.org

May 2009

M/M Massimo Ammendola 10 Darby Ct District 4
M/M John Zanefer 26 Seven Oaks District 5
M/M Gregory C. Gutrie 57 Oakley District 5
Ms. Mary Washington 20 Tara Ct District 6
M/M Craig Casaque 8 Renui District 3
M/M Archie K. Pounds 4931 Oak Alley District 1

June 2009

M/M Jon Calotta 58 Malrose District 5
M/M Dwight Montz 55 Malwood District 7
M/M Gary May 121 Belle Grove District 3
M/M Wilfred Edwards 50 Asphodel District 3
M/M Joseph Reif 76 Driskill District 1
Mr. Nick Christiansen 44 Tara Ct District 6

July 2009

M/M Mark Dufriend 67 Anchorage District 1
M/M Ray Landry 65 Oak Alley District 4
M/M Russell Todaro 18 Darby Ct District 5
M/M Marc H. Landry 58 Gainswood East District 7
M/M Bill Tiff 53 Seven Oaks District 5

August 2009

M/M Brian Leboeuf 28 Seven Oaks District 5
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RS 32:143 Posted parking (no parking)

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36:5 No parking on a service road
36:88 No parking on a street for more than 48 hours
36:92 No parking within 30 feet of an intersection
36:94 Blocking a driveway (parked directly across from or 3 feet of each side)
36:95 No parking within 20 feet of a fire hydrant
36:129 Abandon, junk or wrecked vehicles

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HURRICANE EVACUATIONS WITH YOUR PETS

Here’s hoping this article is filled with lots of information you will never need or use. Just in case though, read on. Hurricane season is upon us and it’s time for everyone to have their family plan in order. Who knew “family planning” would come to this?! Take a few minutes to consider some of the following suggestions.

Be sure your pet is up to date on any vaccinations required. Different states vaccinate differently and have a variety of requirements so be sure to have your pet and yourself protected. Bring along your Rabies certificate and a copy of your pet’s shot record as well as any pertinent information regarding allergies, special diets or chronic conditions/treatments. If you need to get medical attention this is very helpful to the veterinarian trying to help you.

It is very important to pack all medications along with your records, especially heartworm prevention. At our practice we are just now seeing the aftermath of Katrina with regard to heartworm disease as so many dogs left behind went without their pills or even those who evacuated with their family didn’t get their pills. Again, having a copy of your records will show that your pet is up to date on heartworm testing and prevention.

Because many people go to campgrounds in their travel trailers it is a good idea to bring along flea and tick prevention. Even if you stay in a hotel/motel the rooms can be infested as well from guests. As we learned from Hurricane Katrina, people and pets die, but roaches, mice fleas and ticks party on. Be a step ahead. You will improve your odds of being accommodated at a hotel if your pet is in a carrier or crate.

God forbid, but if you get stranded on the road heat can be a huge issue. Bring a bowl and lots of water to give your pet or even to pour on it if heat stress becomes an issue. If possible bring along a misting fan to refresh your dog periodically especially if it rides in the back of the truck. If your family is like mine, don’t let the kids use up all the water in the fan spraying each other and even Grandma for fun.

Please do not ask your veterinarian to board your dog or cat or bird while you evacuate. If you do ask, accept “no” for an answer as we don’t like the idea of returning to the horror of a dead animal any more than you do. Do not confine an animal either since they need to be able to escape rising water or hide from flying debris. If they are truly a part of the family they should be included in your evacuation. Honestly, who is more loyal than your dog?

Last but not least, whether you choose to bring your pet or leave it home, consider micro-chipping as a means of permanent identification. It dramatically increases your odds of a happy reunion should you become separated. This can be done quickly and easily by your veterinarian.

Well I certainly hope I’ve wasted my time and your, but if not, reread this article before packing up. Punt on the extra case of soda and leave room for the pets! I leave with 3 dogs, 2 cats, 2 turtles, 1 rabbit (the fish stay) and 2 kids as my National Guard husband waves good bye. If I can do it, you can do it.

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The Plantation Estates Community Association participated in the 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime held nationally on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. With over 300 attendees, everyone enjoyed lots of great food, mingled with neighbors, enjoyed the music, visited with elected officials and special guests, and also met police officers, fire department personnel and the West Jefferson Medical Center family.

This year Plantation Estates homeowners donated $10,000 for Crimestoppers. Thanks to everyone who donated to the good cause. If you wish to still donate, please let us know. We raffled off over 60 door prizes that included many gift certificates, paintings, LSU tickets and much more. We also made 200 goodie bags that included free food certificates, coupons for local businesses and other items.

Councilman Byron Lee (PE homeowner) gave out Certificate of Merit awards for outstanding service to the Jefferson Parish Police Department, Marrero/Estelle Fire Department and West Jefferson Medical Center. Other special guests that attended the event include: Actor Steven Seagal, JP Sheriff Newell Normand, Col. John Fortunato (PE homeowner) and Chief Craig Tafford with the Sheriff’s Office, Council-at-Large John Young, Council-at-Large Tom Capella, Nancy Cassagne (PE homeowner) and Jennifer Steel with West Jefferson Medical Center, Terry Talano (PE homeowner) who is the JP Crime and Quality of Life Enforcement Coordinator, Chief Perry LeBlanc with Marrero Estelle Fire Dept. and many other elected officials and businesses.

There were many attractions such as the Jefferson Parish Police Command Center Bus, police cars, a police helicopter flew over for awhile, several fire trucks and a WJMC ambulance. The entire WJMC family setup a tent to provide information on services they offer our community. We also had a spacewalk, several New Orleans Hornet Horneybees cheerleaders and music by Tom Verret with the Louisiana Kids.

Thanks to all of the individuals and businesses who contributed door prizes, food or sponsored the event. Thanks to Mediamolle’s and Kenyon’s for the use of their electricity again this year. Special thanks to the entire Plantation Estates Board for hosting this event and many other homeowners who volunteered their time to make this event possible. If you were not able to make it, we hope to see you next year. Photos are posted on our website at www.plantationestates.org.