

Plantation Estates Future Projects and Plans:

1. We have a committee in place headed up by Jack Owens to begin the planning on refurbishing our PE entrance signs. The PE sign at the main entrance on Barataria Blvd will have its background re-stained and the lettering repainted. The committee has removed the PE sign on Parlange Drive after determining that the sign had substantial wood rot damage and was not repairable. The committee will present proposals to the BOD at its quarterly meeting in September on plans for replacing the sign.
2. At a future date we will begin soliciting proposals on the installation of a decorative message board at the Barataria Blvd. entrance. The message board will assist us in posting timely neighborhood and security information to our residents. This proposal will be subject to PECA BOD approval.
3. We are currently working with Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering on finding solutions to traffic concerns at the intersection on Gainswood Drive East & Parlange Drive. We are looking at many different ideas including the installation of a low median installed in the middle of Parlange Drive at the intersection. We hope to be able to present plans to our homeowner's at the September meeting.
4. At a future date we will begin soliciting proposals on getting an Association phone number with voicemail features. This idea is used widely by other associations in the area in an effort to enhance communication. This proposal will be subject to PECA BOD approval.

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:

The Plantation Estates Board of Directors held quarterly board meetings on February 12 and May 17. We also held a very successful spring homeowners meeting on April 19. These meetings covered some very important items and I want to briefly summarize the details of those meetings.

Board of Director's Meeting, February 12

- The Board adopted a standardized procedure for receiving and hearing grievances or complaints from our homeowners. The procedure can be amended at any future BOD meeting.
- The Plantation Estates Flag Pole Committee was officially formed with Norman Gauthreaux as the Chairperson. The committee was charged with the preliminary planning for installing a flag pole at our main entrance on Barataria Blvd. No association funds were allocated to the committee at this point.
- The Board appointed Charlie Miller as the PECA representative to the Jefferson Parish Envision 2020 Plan. Charlie will keep the Association up to date on the 2020 Plan.
- Patio Gardens was allocated \$700.00 in Association funds to fertilize our 19 newly planted live oak trees and purchase one crape myrtle for the flower bed on Barataria Blvd.
- The Plantation Estates Sign Restoration Committee was officially formed with Jack Owens as the Chairperson.
- The Board adopted a policy that they will not refund PECA dues for any reason after dues have been paid to the Association by the homeowner.
- A motion was made to not make any changes to the restriction & protective covenants (RPC) documents pertaining to sheds and outbuildings in the subdivision. The current interpretation on the allowance of sheds and outbuildings is still in effect. If you want to put up a shed, you must submit plans to the architectural board of review for approval. Our RPC documents have specific requirements on this subject.
- Funds were allocated (\$25.00) for payment of dues to Friends of Jefferson the Beautiful.
- A homeowner grievance was brought before the Board pertaining to suspected damage to their home caused by one of our outside contractors. The Board's conclusion was that they could not render an opinion either way as to what caused the damage to the home. The Board took no action on this matter.

Spring Homeowner's Meeting, April 19

Our first annual spring homeowners meeting was a great success this year with approximately 60 people in attendance. Our agenda included a full slate of special guests and neighborhood business

items to discuss. Mr. Mike Thomas, the administrative assistant to Councilman Tom Capella attended and addressed the audience. Mr. Rudy Blanchard of the Jefferson West Higher Education Center made a short presentation and answered questions. The West Jefferson Civic Coalition President, Mr. Charlie Miller also addressed the group. Colonel John Fortunato and Operations Deputy Chief Craig Taffaro of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office covered various security issues facing the West Bank and our subdivision. The last portion of the meeting was dedicated to neighborhood matters ranging from PECA membership, local retail development, holiday banner program, landscaping, the flag pole project and PE sign restoration plans. We concluded with several great door prizes. If you did not attend you missed a very informative and social meeting.

Board of Director's Meeting, May 17

- The Board appointed Pat Ketcham as the PECA Newsletter Chairperson. His term will run until September 30, 2004.
- The Board appointed Debi LaJaunie as the interim PECA Secretary. Her term will also run until September 30, 2004.
- Mike Dauenhauer made a presentation to the Board about selling PE golf shirts to our homeowners. He covered what products to offer, costs and marketing ideas. The Board gave the go ahead on this project.
- The Board adopted a standardized "Contract for Services" to be used on all outside contractors hired by PECA to do work for the Association.
- The flag pole committee was allocated a budget of \$4000.00 to purchase and install a flag pole at our main entrance on Barataria Blvd.
- The PE sign restoration committee made a presentation on the conditions of our entrance signs and plans to refurbish or replace the signs.
- Restriction violations were covered ranging from repeat offenders of overnight street parking and RV parking in the neighborhood. Solutions to the problems were offered and will be moved on aggressively to rectify the problems.

Our next planned homeowners/membership meeting will be in September. At this meeting we will elect our next PECA Board of Directors, invite several special guests again, present current and informative neighborhood issues and have some great giveaways and refreshments. Come join us at our next meeting. Thank you again for all of your support and God Bless America!

Respectfully,
Jim Brill
PECA President

Neighborhood News



❖ TRIM YOUR TREES!

If you live on Anchorage Drive and you have trees in your backyard, please check and see if you have any branches hanging over the brick wall that may be obstructing people using the sidewalk along Barataria Blvd. We have mentioned this before in previous newsletters and we still continue to receive complaints about branches blocking the sidewalk. If the complaints continue and those homeowners do not trim their trees, we will be forced to pursue other courses of action. Please show some respect for those who use the sidewalk along Barataria Blvd.

❖ Fire Hydrants & Electrical Transformers

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard make sure none of your landscape plants are blocking access to use of the hydrant by the fire department. The fire department needs unobstructed access to the main water hose connection located on the side of hydrant. Check your hydrant and trim back your plants if need be. Do not put your house or your neighbor's house at risk because of a hidden fire hydrant.

Many of us have electrical transformer boxes in our yards. Also, many of us have landscaped around it trying to hide the unsightly box. You can landscape around the box but do not completely hide it or obstruct access to it. If the box develops a problem, they will do whatever is necessary to gain access to the box to make repairs. We have had 2 cases recently where electrical transformer boxes developed problems and both boxes were enclosed heavily with shrubs.

In both cases the landscape shrubs were either removed or cutback substantially to allow access to the transformer.

❖ Check Those Storm Drains!

We recently promoted a program in conjunction with Jefferson Parish officials about the necessity in making sure our storm drains are clear of debris. During some recent heavy rains some of the storm drains in the subdivision were blocked with grass cuttings and construction debris. If you have a storm drain near your home, check it periodically. If you find debris, make the extra effort and remove the debris. Be pro-active on this subject; let's stop a problem before it has a chance to start.

❖ Recycling Bins

It is great that Jefferson Parish continues to offer a recycling program to its residents and your enthusiastic response shows how much you care about the environment. I have received numerous complaints from homeowners about recycling items being blown all over the neighborhood on windy Tuesdays. We offer the following tips to help eliminate this problem:

- ✓Don't stack items over the lip of the bin. If you need a second bin, call the appropriate Jefferson Parish officials. It does not take much wind to blow an empty milk carton down the street.
- ✓Please put your newspapers and magazines in a plastic or paper bag. Just don't throw them in the bin or on top of the bin. Put a brick or some other heavy object on top of the newspapers. When the wind blows, the newspapers go flying unless you secure them.
- ✓Be conscious of the problem and stop making your neighbors pick up your trash.

❖ Thank You

The first thank you goes to Mrs. Mary Jahde for volunteering as our Newsletter Chairperson over the past 2 years. Mary is moving and we want to recognize the time and effort she put in to produce a quality newsletter for the neighborhood. Mr. Pat Ketcham has stepped up to take Mary's place as the Newsletter Chairperson. We appreciate Pat volunteering to take this position. His phone number is listed on the last page of the newsletter. If you have an article of interest for the newsletter or if you might be interested in becoming one of our advertisers, give Pat a call. Additionally, Mrs. Debi LaJauine has been appointed as the interim secretary for the association. Debi also serves as the District 2 Representative. She will be filling in as secretary for Judy Glancey during her absence. Thank you Debi! We also want to recognize and thank one of our newest homeowners, Mr. Camille Matrana; he donated bags of carrots to the Easter Bunny to distribute to the kids at our April Easter-Egg Hunt. Thank you, Camille.

❖ Lost Pet & Garage Sale Signs!

If you have a lost pet or are planning a garage sale, we recognize you need to put up a sign or two to help in finding your pet or providing directions to your garage sale. However, please use only small signs and do not attach them to street signs and light poles. Do not put them in someone's yard without their permission. We recently found 10 lost cat poster boards nailed (with 3inch nails) to our oak trees on Oak Alley Blvd. Needless to say in this case you are damaging oak trees on PECA private property and damaging oak trees on Jefferson Parish property along Oak Alley Blvd. We understand you need signs to get the word out, but respect private property and stop damaging our trees.

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Restrictions Committee Report

By Candy Jensen

REMINDER FOR PET OWNERS:

Barking Dogs: We continue to receive complaints as to barking dogs, especially during nighttime hours. PLEASE bring your animal inside or control the barking. Additionally, when walking your pet, pick up the droppings. Grab the droppings with your hand inside a newspaper bag; reverse the bag off your hand and tie a knot in the bag. This technique is taught at dog training seminars. Everyone will appreciate it.



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

We continue to receive complaints concerning overnight on street parking as well as vehicular violations. It is disappointing that some homeowners ignore our letters addressing the parking and vehicular problems. To those of you that have complied, we thank you very much.

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

www.plantationstates.org

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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

Featured Article

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 next newsletter.

Ten Ideas to Make Your Home More Saleable

By Richard Berry, CENTURY 21 Richard Berry & Assoc., Inc. 367-2345

It's the little things as well as the big things that count when you are selling your home. You never know what will capture a buyer's fancy and what will turn them off. It may have been suggested that you paint the house, or that you do some major repairs. Those are big-ticket items, but what can you do on a small scale to get your home ready to compete on the market?

Keeping your home in tip-top shape for showings will insure that your buyer will offer a higher amount than for a home that isn't show time-ready.

1. Have a garage sale before the home is listed. Clean out what you think you won't need in your next home. Pack away all that you can. Homebuyers will expect you to be preparing to move, so a few packing boxes here and there can be used to your advantage. They could be a good visual stimulant to someone who is "on the fence," they show that you are moving and are serious about finding a buyer. Be sure, though, to find the fine line between clutter and emptiness.
2. Welcome the buyer at the entry. Put out a new doormat, but avoid mats with cutesy sayings. Clean and polish the brass doorknocker. Put potted flowers on the porch. Make sure the front entry floor is always sparkling clean and the porch and steps are always swept. First impressions count.
3. Stimulate the buyer's imagination by setting the stage. Set the dinner table with your best china. Use the coziness and romance of the fireplace to advantage. Put a pair of wine glasses and a vase of flowers on the coffee table in front of the fire.
4. Be ruthless about odors. If there is a smell, your house won't sell. Use cleansers of all kinds to make the home smell fresh, from carpet freshener to potpourri. Deodorize cat litter and scoop litter daily. Put cedar chips inside the closets. Be careful with room sprays, they could stimulate allergies.
5. Create a spacious feeling. Make sure that all doors, cabinets and drawers open all the way without bumping into anything or sticking. Move oversized furniture to a storage facility. Make sure entrances to all rooms have an open flow.
6. Make the most of views. Put a screen or a basket of flowers in front of a fireplace if not in use. Make sure the interior is visible from the street. All windows must be crystal clean and clear.
7. Create counter space. Store away extra appliances. Put away dish racks, soap dishes and other clutter. Decrease kitchen clutter further by removing magnets from refrigerator.
8. Avoid eccentric decor. De-personalize your teenager's room, the game room or other areas by removing wild posters or any decorative item that could be construed as offensive.
9. Increase the wattage in light bulbs in the laundry room, kitchen and bathrooms. For showings, turn on lights in every room.
10. Put photos of the family enjoying your home in at least three different places.

Now step back. Stand outside the front door, as much as 30 feet away and evaluate the feeling you get. Is the house warm and inviting? Does it feel like home? Then, perhaps your buyer will have the same feeling.

Garden of the Month

By Lanny Richard



February 2004

Mrs. Barabara Pirie	22 Catalpa	District 2
M/M Crumpton Anderson	57 Hermitage	District 1
M/M Dirk Schonacher	49 Seven Oaks	District 5
M/M George Simpson	23 Melrose	District 6

March 2004

M/M Charles Bourg	71 Anchorage	District 1
M/M Kevin Breaux	36 Anchorage	District 2
M/M Wilfred Olinde, Jr.	36 Rosedown	District 3
M/M Frank DiMaggio, Jr.	39 Seven Oaks	District 5

April 2004

M/M Stephen Sarbeck	13 Melrose	District 6
M/M John Gulizo	26 Melrose	District 5
M/M George Simpson	23 Melrose	District 6
M/M Terry Cox	26 Gainswood East	District 7

May 2004

M/M Arthur Schexnayder	45 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Cline Matherne	50 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M Charles Isaminger, Jr.	21 Oakley	District 6
M/M Victor Brossette	25 Seven Oaks	District 5

June 2004

M/M John Fortunato	20 Gainswood East	District 7
M/M Herbert Lewis	32 Gainswood East	District 7
M/M Ray Bergeron	1 Oakley	District 7
M/M Joseph Germany	7 Melrose	District 4

July 2004

M/M Camille Matrana	19 Oakley	District 6
M/M John Randazzo	9 Millwood	District 2
M/M Ritchie LaJaunie	14 Catalpa	District 2
M/M All Flettrich	49 Hermitage	District 1

The Gardens 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.

SECURITY REPORT

By Colonel John Fortunato
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office



Hello again,

As your vice-president of security, we are happy to report that with the exception of a few isolated calls for service, our neighborhood continues to be a safe haven for most of us.

We continue to be plagued with calls related to traffic complaints. Motorists using our streets persistently speed through the neighborhood, and many continue disregarding stop signs. Some of our residents have called to complain of vehicles being parked for extended periods of time on our streets, especially over-night. For the most part, this is not a law enforcement problem; however it is a violation of the covenants/restrictions.

The calls for service related to false alarms have decreased just a little. Maybe after all the preaching I have done on this topic we might be on the right track. This is a very important matter! If you have an alarm system that requires service because it continues to accidentally go into alarm mode, please have it checked immediately.

Also make periodic checks of your fire/smoke detectors. Many of these store brand alarms require the batteries to be changed. A general rule of thumb is to replace your batteries during the daylight savings time change.

There has been a noticeable increase in pedestrian traffic throughout the neighborhood, as well as bicyclists occupying our streets. Quite a few walkers and joggers are out for their daily exercise, so please be careful when approaching them while you are driving.

For those of us who travel through our neighborhood, lets remind ourselves the speed limit on all of our streets is 20 MPH. And STOP means stop. Please be mindful of all state and local traffic laws.

Many of you may have seen the recent article in the Times-Picayune concerning the two men who were arrested here in PE by the JPSO for soliciting donations for the families of deceased U.S. Marines. This call originated from one of our residents. Just as a reminder, we encourage everyone to contact the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office to report anything that may look suspicious to you.

Now that we are in the peak summertime vacation period, I want to thank those residents who took the time to notify PECA Security of their travel times in order for us to set up a patrol request. Once again, this alerts the regular JPSO patrol officers as well as our security patrol detail to check your home more often during the time periods that you are away. If you would like to receive additional information concerning a patrol request, or if you have any other security related questions or complaints please call me at 616-8731.

The Jefferson Register

2004 Elections

August 18
September 7 to 11
September 18

Last day to register to vote
Absentee Voting
Primary Election
-Court of Appeals, Judge Division
C, Public Service Commissioner
District #3, School Board District
#2 and the amendment to ban same-
sex marriages/civil unions.

October 4
October 21 to 26
November 2

Last day to register to vote
Absentee Voting
General & Primary Election
-Presidential, U.S. Senate, U.S.
Representatives Districts #1, #2,
& #3 and run off elections, if
necessary.

November 3
November 22 to 27
December 4

Last day to register to vote
Absentee Voting
General & Run Off Election

Absentee voting is held before each election in the Registrar's office. Westbank residents can absentee vote at the Charles B. Odom, Sr. Service Center located at 5001 Westbank Expressway, Suite C-2, Marrero (corner of Baratara Blvd & the Westbank Expressway).

Registrar of Voters West Bank Office

Phone Number: 349-5690
Fax Number: 349-5695

Checkout the New Website for Jefferson Voters:

Log on to jeffparish.net and click on JP Registrar of Voters. Get information on election schedules, sample ballots for Precinct 204, absentee voting, voting statistics and much more.

Demography of the Registered Voters of Jefferson Parish

Total Number of Registered Voters	276,091
<i>By Political Party Affiliation:</i>	
Registered Democrats	128,684
Registered Republicans	83,193
Other Parties or non-affiliated voters	64,214
<i>By Race:</i>	
White Voters	199,493
Black Voters	55,740
Hispanic Voters	7,324
Asian Voters	3,304
Indian Voters	860
Unspecified Races	9,370
<i>By Sex:</i>	
Males	123,382
Females	152,709

Statistics as of March 31, 2004

Neighborhood News con't

❖ PECA Survey Request

We have several homeowners with kids attending St. John Bosco Middle School starting this fall. A suggestion was made to the association to install a gate at the end of Oakley Drive to give those students the option of walking to school. When the gate is not in use it would be locked. This would require a group of volunteer parents to be responsible for unlocking and locking the gate on a daily basis. Installation of a gate would be convenient for those parents with students attending St. John Bosco. However, are we creating a potential security problem for those homeowners directly impacted by a gate at the end of Oakley Drive? The fence across the end of Oakley Drive was installed and paid for by the association many years ago. The intent of the fence installation was to discourage pedestrian traffic from Belle Promenade Mall and now the new Wal-Mart from cutting through Plantation Estates to get to areas south of us. We wanted to limit that foot traffic for the residents on Oakley Drive for security concerns. Currently, the fence has eliminated the foot traffic. So, is the idea of installing a pedestrian gate at the end of Oakley Drive a good idea or bad idea? What do you think about this idea? Please send your thoughts on this subject to Jim Brill or John Fortunato via our listed email address. We will solicit responses until September 1, 2004 when the results of the survey will be presented to the PECA Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting.

❖ Shared Expenses, Again

A recent decision by the PECA Board of Directors was made to share certain expenses between the association and the security district. For example, when we hold our homeowners meetings and publish this newsletter we cover both association and security business. If we share these costs it is beneficial to both parties. If the security district sponsored their own meetings and printed their own newsletter, its costs would be immensely higher than by sharing expenses with the association. We have had a couple of complaints from homeowners over this shared expense plan. They complain that the security money should not be used in this manner, but in actuality, it is saving the security district money because these are items the security district would have to be doing anyway.

❖ Website: Minutes & Resolutions

We are in the process of posting all PECA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting minutes on our website. Also, we are adding to the website all PECA BOD motions and resolutions made before the Board at their quarterly meetings.

❖ Scout Food Drive

In early spring 2004, the Cub Scouts of Pack 601 conducted a food drive in our subdivision for the Second Harvesters Food Bank. The Scouts collected over 50 bags of food items from our homeowners. For those of you who participated in the food drive, the Cub Scouts say thank you and the Second Harvesters Food Bank also express their appreciation.

❖ Plantation Estates Street Signs

We have had some recent accidental damage and also vandalism to several of our street signs. If you see a sign that needs to be repaired, email the association or call the Jefferson Parish Sign & Signal Shop at 736-6536. They respond fairly quickly to our calls. It is imperative that we make sure all of our street signs are kept in good shape. If you witness any vandalism to one of our street signs, please call 911 first and follow it up with an email to the association so we can get the sign replaced or repaired.

❖ Parking Behind Your Neighbors Driveway

Just a reminder, it is against municipal code to park directly behind your neighbor's driveway. The municipal code states, "...it is unlawful to park a motor vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, on the street in front of or within three (3) feet of the curb return of a driveway, or on the street directly opposite a driveway, on all public streets..." We have had 2 recent cases of cars being backed into because they were parked behind a driveway. Please watch where you park your car on the street. Just a heads up!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Beth Owens

The Hospitality Committee hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Plantation Estates. It was held on Saturday, April 3rd and attendance was at an all time high. The Easter Bunny came riding up on his bicycle to visit the children handing out packets of baby carrots and posing for pictures. The 1400 candy-filled eggs were picked up and nestled into baskets within a matter of minutes. David Nguyen and Erica Bickham, both residents of our community, found the two "special eggs". Along with the special eggs, David and Erica each received a \$20.00 Toys R Us Gift Certificate, compliments of Plantation Estates Community Association. I would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped with this event. The Easter Egg Hunt is truly enjoyed by all who attend and we hope to see everyone next year!

Mark your calendar!! Plantation Estates Community Association will participate in the 21st Annual National Night Out Against Crime (NNOAC), a unique crime and drug prevention program, which will take place nationally on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. The purpose of "National Night Out" is to increase awareness for the prevention of crime and drugs, generate support for anti-crime programs such as neighborhood watch and strengthen police and community partnerships.



Our guest speakers will be Councilman Byron Lee, who is a resident and member of the Plantation Estates Community Association, and a representative from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department. We have scheduled the Harry Lee Bus that has lots of show-n-tell items on it as well as a fire truck from the Estelle Fire Station. We will provide lots of food, popcorn, a D.J. with music and activities for the children. Door prizes will include National Night Out Against Crime t-shirts and hats.

Event: 21st Annual - National Night Out Against Crime

Date: August 3, 2004, Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM (until dark)

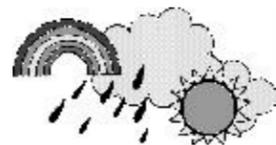
Location: Vacant lot at the corner of Melrose Drive and Briarfield Drive

Cost: FREE, bring the family

We are seeking a few volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, please contact Charles Miller, III at 439-3164 or 371-8201. Remember this might be a great way for students to earn service hours or groups such as cub scouts to work towards a crime prevention badge. Hope to see you there.

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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Fight the Bite!

Avoid Mosquito Bites to Avoid Infection

Human illness from West Nile virus is rare, even in areas where the virus has been reported. The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is low.

Three Ways to Reduce your West Nile Virus Risk

1. Avoid Mosquito Bites
2. Mosquito-Proof Your Home
3. Help Your Community



Avoid Mosquito Bites!

Apply Insect Repellent Containing DEET to exposed skin when you go outdoors. The repellent should contain 20-30% DEET for adults and no more than 10% for children. Do not use repellent containing DEET on children under 2 years of age. **Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites;** when possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Do not apply repellents on your skin under your clothing.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours; the hours from dusk to dawn are peak mosquito biting times.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water; mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by getting rid of items that hold water.

Install or Repair Screens; keep the mosquitoes outside by having well-fitting screens on both windows and doors.

Help Your Community

Report Dead Birds to Local Authorities; residents who find dead birds from a cause that is not obvious, call the Jefferson Parish West Bank Health Department at 349-8802. They have a watch list of certain birds.

Report Standing Water to Local Authorities; standing water in empty lots after heavy rains, swimming pools and ponds not being maintained properly, bird baths not being kept up and open containers are areas we all can watch for in the neighborhood. If you see a problem, call the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs Mosquito Control at 736-6102.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Louisiana Department of Public Health

West Jefferson Civic Coalition Update

By: Charles Miller, WJCC President

The WJCC is still growing with a total of 16 civic associations now and many others that have expressed interest in joining in the near future. The organization has worked diligently to address the highly debated truck stop re-zoning in Marrero, spoke on several issues that went before the Board of Zoning Adjustments to protect enforcement of Jefferson Parish Ordinances, helped to get many of our members appointed to Presidential Committees & Parish Appointments in an effort to get civic leaders involved with the process and many other things.

The WJCC has created its list of priorities. The most important issue is the flood gate/flood wall protection, which now includes the cousin's pumping station that the U.S. Corp of Engineers has recently halted. Our last general membership meeting in June 2004 included Chip Cahill, current President of the West Jefferson Levee District and Ron Besson, who was responsible for starting the Hurricane Protection Project and was President of the West Jefferson Levee District for about 10 years. This meeting pointed out how the West side of the Harvey Canal, which includes Plantation Estates, will be in good shape once the Harvey flood gate is complete and the improvements to the Cousin's pumping station is finished. However, it was also brought to our attention that no progress has been made over the last few years to secure the servitude to build the levees on the east side of the Harvey Canal, which includes Harvey, Gretna, Terrytown, etc. This was obvious during the Tropical Storm Frances in 1998, which actually hit Houston and not really near New Orleans at all (300 miles away) although the surge forced water over and through the Harvey levees in a half dozen places. The damage was minimal, but the point was made - - the east side levees had to be enhanced. The WJCC will be forming a committee to address this important West Bank concern and we welcome anyone to participate on this committee by contacting Charles Miller, III at 439-3164.

The WJCC also helped to get several Plantation Estates Board Members appointed to Parish Committees. Beth Martin was appointed to the Parc de Familie Committee and the Beautification Committee. Charles Miller, III was appointed to the Envision 2020 Committee and the Jefferson Parish Budget Committee.

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 UPDATE by Latricia Jackson

2004 MEMBERSHIP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our 2004 annual membership drive was the best since PECA's inception and we're looking forward to the 2005 membership year. Our membership is now 70% of the developed lots. We give special thanks to homeowners who renewed their membership and to all new members. We truly appreciate your support!

Membership yard signs are available for every paid member. PE auto decals are also available for easy identification to our security patrols. The Board encourages all homeowners, whether PECA members or not, to have a decal on your vehicle.

If you have any questions concerning your membership or would like membership information, please call Latricia Jackson (347-4934) or your district representative. The Plantation Estates Community Association (PECA) Board's goal is still to get 100% participation. As always, your continued support of our association will help to keep our community one of the most desired neighborhoods on the West Bank.

2004 PECA Schedule & Events

July:

PECA Newsletter
Remove the U.S. flag banners

August:

Family Event; National Night Out Against Crime,
Tuesday August 3rd

September:

PECA Board of Director's Meeting (date to be announced)
PE Homeowner's/Membership Meeting
(date to be announced)

October:

Hang the Fall banners, 1st
Family Event; Pumpkin Painting Contest for the kids (date to be announced)
Halloween, Sunday 31st

November:

PECA Board of Directors Meeting
(date to be announced)
Thanksgiving, Thursday 25th
PECA Newsletter

December:

Hang Christmas banners, 1st
Family Event; Santa Claus visit for the kids
(date to be announced)
Christmas, Saturday 25th
New Year's Eve, Friday 31st



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.