



Garden of the Month

By Barbara Volz

January 2005

M/M Authur Schexnayder	45 Asphodel Dr	District 3
M/M Samuel Montalbano, III	4 Melrose	District 5
M/M David Jouandot	24 Shadows	District 6
Mrs. Russell Todaro	18 Darby Ct.	District 5

February 2005

M/M Mark Dufriend	67 Anchorage	District 1
M/M Hyman Bartolo, Jr.	12 Darby Ct.	District 5
M/M Stephen Sarbeck	13 Melrose	District 6
M/M Thomas Anzelmo, Jr.	36 Shadows	District 6

March 2005

M/M King Tong Yuen	104 Belle Grove	District 3
Mrs. Faye Danos	18 Tara Court	District 6
M/M John Zemanek	26 Seven Oaks	District 5
M/M William Tiftt	33 Seven Oaks	District 5

April 2005

M/M Elmo Pecot, Jr.	38 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M William Enos	25 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Augustine Tsang	10 Melrose	District 6
M/M Laurent Barbe, Jr.	21 Seven Oaks	District 5

May 2005

M/M Eric France	32 Rosedown	District 3
M/M Al Descant	34 Asphodel	District 3
M/M Charles Ceruti	76 Oak Alley	District 4
M/M Ritchie LaJaunie	14 Catalpa	District 2

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

Post your pets on the Plantation Estates website located at www.plantationestates.org at no charge to all active Association members. This service is offered in an effort to help locate the owner of a lost pet(s) immediately and contact you as soon as possible. Email a picture of your pet(s) and contact information to be posted online to Mike Dauenhauer at mdauenha@uno.edu.

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If you are under 21 and would like your name listed for this or any other service within Plantation Estates please contact Pat Ketcham at **340-8100**.

The PECA newsletter is published quarterly by the Association Board in an effort to keep all residents apprised of items of interest to our community. It is delivered to all residents of the subdivision without charge. We welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas.

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President's Report

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As we move from spring into early summer, it is a pleasure to see the pride everyone takes in their yard and landscaping. Also, it should make us all proud to see all the patriotism shown in the neighborhood in support of our troops all over the world. Thanks for flying you flags and displaying those yellow ribbons.

Thank you for your continued support, our membership again reached 70%, one of the highest in the entire New Orleans area. The goal of the association is to serve the community and its residents, while striving to protect everyone's property values. One way we protect property values is the monitoring and enforcing of the restrictions and protective covenant documents. These documents apply to each and every homeowner, both PECA members and non-members. We apply the rules fairly to all homeowners. Being a large subdivision, you will always have a few that have decided these rules do not apply to them. Its unfortunate, but sometimes we have to take legal action to get someone to understand why these rules are so important. If you ever get a call or a letter from the association on a potential violation, try as quickly as possible to rectify the problem and always keep in the true intent as to why you received the call or letter. The restrictions are available for your reference on the website.

The PECA Board of Directors held meetings on February 24 and May 3. The contents of those meetings are discussed in detail in various articles in the newsletter. We hold all of our BOD meetings at locations that offer us free use of their facilities in an attempt to keep expenses low. Our BOD meetings are always open to all homeowners. If you interested in observing a meeting in the future, please send me an email at president@plantationestates.org and I will forward you the necessary information. We have always strived to keep our channels of communication and listen to your comments.

Survey Requests! We have begun preliminary planning on installing a **median** at the intersection of Parlange Drive and Gainswood Drive East. A detailed article is included in the newsletter. Please forward your comments to the above email address.

We have also begun preliminary planning on installing a **security camera system** with recording equipment at all 3 entrances. This will be an expensive project for us but could be an extremely effective additional layer of security for the neighborhood. Numerous other upscale neighborhoods on Westbank are also planning similar projects. We again are requesting your input on the subject to the above mentioned email address.

Another area you can help us with is when you drive the neighborhood or when you are out exercising watch for inoperative or malfunctioning street lights, damaged curbs, missing or leaning street signs and fire hydrants that are hidden in landscape bushes. If you spot any of these items, please note the street address and forward the information to us. In most cases, we can get the item taken care of pretty quickly.

Separately, on the issue of future growth on the Westbank, the association strives to be a proactive neighborhood association, not a reactive association. We realize you cannot hide behind the fences and walls of our neighborhood as an association, but instead you must have the bigger picture to see what is happening around us that will impact us today and even in the future. It amazes me that local government officials and local business do not actively involve neighborhood associations when it comes to retail development and roadwork that might impact that neighborhood. When you find out information through the grapevine that impacts you and your neighborhood, you wonder why did they not alert us beforehand. This just promotes more problems between neighborhoods, businesses and government, because sometimes there are no lines of communication. We hope in the future that all parties can work together on Westbank planning issues to promote better relationships between everyone.

In closing, what does the future hold for the Westbank? The answer is optimism. Just look at the following examples: the Tournament Players Club Golf course, the opening of the Jeff Parish Performing Arts Society in Westwego, the planned 310-acre Parc de Famille on Lafitte LaRose Hwy., the Magnet High School in Gretna, the expansion of the Huey P. Long bridge and planned road improvements west of the Harvey Canal. We are right in the heart of all these positive movements for the Westbank.

Our next planned neighborhood event is the National Night Out Against Crime in early August followed by our General Membership in September. We hope to see you at both events and don't forget take the time to give us your input on the median and security camera projects. Thank you again for your support and God Bless America!

Respectfully,

PECA, President

Trying to find suitable meeting facilities to balance cost, size and availability is always a challenge. In the past all Board of Directors meetings had been held at either the Marrero Estelle Firehouse or the Oschner Medical Clinic on Lapalco Blvd and the majority of our Homeowner's or General Membership Meetings had been held at the Marrero Lions Club on Barataria Blvd. Hosanna Fellowship Church at 2215 Barataria recently offered PECA the use of their facility to host some of our meetings. We took them up on the offer; and, with great success we held our February Board of Directors Meeting and our May 19 Homeowner's Meeting at their facility. We thank them for their gracious offer of allowing us to use there location to host some of our meetings.

We will be working with the Jefferson Parish Streets Department over the next month on making repairs to the curbs along Oak Alley Blvd. There are a dozen spots along the median where the curb is in need of repairs. Some of the repairs are just refinish work, but many have sections of broken pieces. The curb damage is being caused by large Parish vehicles and lawnmowers.

The association is extremely concerned over the continued trash problems that exist along Lapalco Blvd. A large majority of the trash problem is coming from our large retailers across Lapalco. The trash that accumulates in there parking lots gets blown in our direction with strong North winds. It gets blown into the neighborhood and along the vacant property owned by Marrero Land. We encourage everyone who is concerned about this problem to talk with Councilman Lee and Councilman Young, call Marrero Land or the next time you are in Wal-Mart, stop and ask for the manager and express your concerns over the trash problem. If we work together, we can solve this problem. Many voices will carry more weight than the voice of just one.

Another issue that should concern all of you is the continued horrible condition of the old Belle Promenade Mall property. The recent development along the perimeter of the property on Barataria Blvd. and the new strip shopping across from Wal-Mart is hopefully the beginning of finally cleaning up and fully developing this property. Presently, a large portion of the property is in an unacceptable condition. It is extremely unsightly and poses many safety hazards. Again, if this problem concerns you, please voice your opinions to your Councilman. The association plans to take a pro-active role in working with the West Jeff Civic Coalition and our elected officials to get this property cleaned up so all of us do not have to view this eye sore everyday.



When you put your recycling bin down by the street on Tuesday mornings, please be conscious of piling your recycling items above the top lip of the bin. We continue to have empty plastic jugs and newspapers blowing all over the neighborhood on windy days. To help alleviate the problem don't stack above the height of the bin, use a cardboard box, plastic or paper bag to hold your loose newspapers in place or place a brick on top of the newspapers. Stop and take the time to not trash your own neighborhood.

Some of you may have noticed the new fence at the end of Oakley Drive. The fence was in desperate need of replacement due to numerous rotted and missing boards. The fence actually had some boards knocked out and the hole was being used by kids to cut through the neighborhood. We have replaced the entire 85 feet of fence with a new 7-foot straight board cedar fence. This fence is 1 foot taller than the old fence. The new fence cost the association approximately \$2,500. We received a price quote to replace the fence with something similar to the brick column and shadow board perimeter fence located in other parts of the neighborhood; but we could not justify the estimated \$10,000 cost.

We are in the process of installing a new Plantation Estates entrance sign on Parlange Drive. We have contracted with Intrepid Stone to fabricate and install a new granite sign. The sign is approximately 48 inches wide and 30 inches tall. The cost of the granite sign with installation is \$1,300. We are working with Hyman Bartolo on the construction of the foundation for the sign. The foundation will have a concrete slab with a brick veneer and 2 brick columns. Patio Gardens has cleared a large area of landscaping out of the flower bed to allow ample room for the foundation and the sign. We are looking forward to the completion of this project; it should greatly enhance the look of the entrance. In the near future, we plan to replace our main entrance sign on Barataria Blvd with a similar type of granite sign.

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Restrictions Committee Report

By Candy Jensen VP/Restrictions

The following are continued concerns of our homeowners and PECA.

POOLS: Pool and hot tub owners, mosquito/West Nile Virus season has returned. We have received numerous complaints from homeowners concerned about conditions of some of the pools in PE. Pools require constant cleaning and a working pumping system, routine maintenance is absolutely necessary. Environmental Affairs @ 736-6102 may be contacted Monday to Friday if you have any concerns or questions, feel free to call them.

OVERNIGHT PARKING: We continue to receive complaints on overnight parking on the street. Some infractions are constant, a few occasional...but ALL have the potential of causing danger/harm to the children and walkers who circulate the neighborhood.

DOGS: Perhaps your dog/dogs don't bark when you are home, but may very likely be disturbing your neighbors with on going barking in your absence. Everyone enjoys his or her backyards, especially this time of year, but not when the neighbor's dog/dogs bark constantly.

Reminder to those homeowners who walk their dogs: Pick up your dogs droppings... no one wants to step in the droppings while doing yard work or just walking to the mailbox or driveway. I'm sure those who are guilty would not be pleased to find "surprises" on their property.

BOATS: Boats and boat trailers are not to be stored on property "unless stored within an enclosed garage or outbuilding, or within an enclosed side and/or rear yard area", as stated in the Protective Covenant and Restrictions of Plantation Estates.

WALKERS: Safety reminder, walk against the traffic. We've had several "close calls" because walkers were unaware that a vehicle was approaching from behind them.

PARKING AND VEHICULAR CODE VIOLATIONS:

LOUISIANA STATUTES

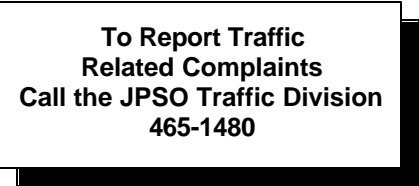
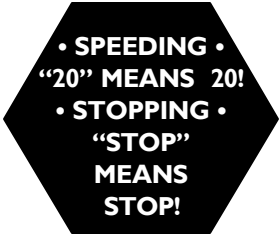
- RS 32:144** **Improper parking (vehicles parked against the flow of traffic)**
- RS 32:143** **Posted parking (no parking)**

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

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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



❖ Event Canopy

With our main focus on providing 4 or more family oriented neighborhood events each year, the Board determined in would be a worthwhile investment to purchase a covered canopy. We purchased a 12 x 12 covered canopy from Sam's for approximately \$200. For those of you who attended the Easter Egg Hunt with your family we had the canopy up for that event. We firmly believe as we sponsor more family oriented events this canopy will pay for itself very quickly.

❖ Proposed Median Project on Parlange Drive:

PECA Survey Request!

Due to traffic concerns at the intersection of Parlange Drive and Gainswood Drive East, the BOD has begun discussions on ways to alleviate any existing traffic hazards. We have looked at additional lane strips, lane marker cones and the installation of a low level median. It appears that the best solution to reduce traffic concerns at the intersection is the installation of a low-level median. We contacted Jefferson Parish Traffic Engineering to do a study of the intersection. Traffic Engineering needed to determine if the intersection is wide enough to handle a median and allow large vehicles (garbage trucks, fire trucks and school buses) enough space to safely make the turns. The results are that the design of the intersection does allow sufficient width for a median and the movement of large vehicles. Traffic Engineering has done preliminary drawings for the median. The proposed plan calls for a median that is approximately 42 feet long. The width of the median at a point abeam the stop sign will be 8 feet and will then taper to 4 feet at the far end. The curb will be a roll on type and will be approx. 6 inches in height. The median will be placed on the street so that no driveways will be impacted. Additional lane stripping will lead up to the median with one additional sign mounted at the end. To enhance the look of the median at this entrance, we are considering installing brick pavers on the surface.

The association will have to bear the cost of the installation of the median; and, as of today, no funding has been budgeted. The approximate cost of the median installation will be \$3,500. Jefferson Parish Streets Department or one of its subcontractors will be doing the work. We have received a \$2,400 bid from Castlerock Pavers to do the paver installation. The paver contractor will use standard size terracotta and tan colored paver bricks with either a Herringbone or Basket Weave pattern. The estimated total cost of this project is \$6,000. We want to keep this project moving forward and are now soliciting your opinions on the project. Please forward all comments to president@plantationestates.org. We will post the preliminary drawings on the website for your review.

❖ Local Retail Development

Starbucks Coffee – Near the new McDonalds on Barataria Blvd
Applebee's – On Lapalco Blvd. near Circuit City
Raising Canes – On Lapalco Blvd. near Circuit City
Office Depot or Office Max – Across Lapalco Blvd, by the WOW carwash
Nissan Car Dealership – Next to Home Depot

❖ PE Golf Shirts

The sale of Golf shirts with the PE logo that we offered at our cost is temporarily on hold because the vendor could not provide the service geared to our needs. A new vendor has been selected; and, they promise better results that will meet our needs. We will have more information in our July newsletter. We currently have a small inventory of shirts available for immediate purchase. Please check the PE website for the styles and sizes that are available

❖ EASTER EGG HUNT

By Beth Owens

Our annual PECA Easter-Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 19th. Once again we had beautiful weather and a wonderful turn out.

The children waited with anticipation for the start of the hunt and within minutes of "go!" all 1400 eggs were collected into all kinds of Easter baskets. The coveted "Special Eggs" were found this year by Rachel Cao for the 1-5 age group and by Taylor Trosclair for the 6-10 age group. The Easter Bunny found time to stop by and oversee our event and even stayed to take pictures with our children.

I would like to extend a big Thank You to the Easter Bunny for coming, to the Matrana family for donating the carrots, the Boudreaux family for donating the delicious cupcakes and to all those who helped organize this day. I hope to see all of you again next year!

❖Security Cell Phone Service Discontinued:

After almost two years, the PECA BOD has decided to discontinue the security cell phone service. The service was part of the original security plan envisioned for the neighborhood. Due to minimal usage by our homeowners we could not justify the monthly expense. According to our VP of Security, Col. John Fortunato, the primary focus of all calls with concerns over security should be directed to 911. It does not matter whether it is an emergency or a non-emergency, all calls should be channeled to one source, 911. At times over the past two years, having the security cell phone did cause some confusion over which number to call. The answer is always "**call 911**".

SECURITY REPORT

By Colonel John Fortunato
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office



Hello,

With summer fast approaching, let us once again remind everyone many of the children in our subdivision will be out of school for their summer vacation. They will be riding their bicycles throughout the neighborhood, as well as walking. We would like to remind everyone to drive carefully and watch out for kids.

In many of our previous newsletters, we have always reminded everyone to have an emergency telephone contact list in their homes. This card should be placed near your kitchen phone or on the refrigerator where it is highly visible. The reason for this request is because we had several complaints of open doors in the neighborhood. The JPSO officer working in PE was unable to locate any phone numbers for the resident whose home he was in. Luckily, the resident returned home and secured the door. In the event of the JPSO officer not being able to locate a homeowner, they are only permitted to stay on that call for a short time. It is imperative in the event of an emergency call in your home; the police are able to contact someone.

We continue to have problems with false alarm home security calls. If you are experiencing technical problems with your alarm system, please notify your alarm company and make them aware of the problem.

We are currently entertaining the possibility of having electronic surveillance equipment installed permanently at all three entrances into our subdivision. During our general membership meeting on May 19th, we discussed the details of this anticipated project. If you have any questions, please give me a call. We are soliciting input from the homeowners on this project. If you have questions, concerns, or solutions, please write to me on the PECA website, security@plantationestates.org

If there is a problem in your area that you think we need to know about, please write to us at the PECA website, attention security. I want everyone to know your questions will be answered as quickly as possible. Should the need arise for an immediate notification of a problem in Plantation Estates we will post the required information on our website. If you would like to speak with me directly, please call me at 616-8731.



CRIME/INCIDENT REPORT

A complete list of crimes statistics reported in PE is listed below. These statistics reflect a direct comparison of all crimes/incidents in PE from January 1 through May 3 of 2004 along with the same time periods for 2005.

INCIDENTS	1/1/04 thru 5/3/04	1/1/05 thru 5/3/05
Auto Thefts	0	1
Burglar Alarms	67	46
Criminal Mischief	1	14*
Disturbing the Peace	0	2
Hit & Run	1	1
Hold-up Alarm	2	0
Simple Burglary-Residence	0	1
Simple Burglary-Residence, Attempted	0	1
Simple Burglary-Vehicle	0	1
Simple Drunk	0	1
Suspicious Persons	9	4
Suspicious Vehicle	2	5
Thefts	3	2
Vehicle Accidents	0	2
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	85	81

* Recent rash of car vandalism (broken windows)

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Aaron Broussard

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P.O. Box 9
Gretna, LA 70054-0009

West Jefferson Civic Coalition Update – April 2005

By Charles Miller, III
West Jefferson Civic Coalition, President

In less than 2 years, the West Jefferson Civic Coalition continues its growth into the 2005 year with 23 civic associations that belong to the organization working to improve the overall quality of life in Jefferson Parish. As a homeowner in Plantation Estates, I'm proud to say that the Plantation Estates Community Association is one of those members and has contributed to the organizations success.

To date, the WJCC has held forums on Flood Protection, Coastal Erosion, and Jefferson Parish Millage Rededication. Our most recent forum was held on April 25, 2005 to address the rise of violent crime on the West Bank in Jefferson Parish. Guest speakers at the meeting included Chief Craig Taffaro with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Conn Regan who is the Chief of Trials with the District Attorney's Office, Chief-Elect Arthur Lawson with the Gretna Police Department and the Honorable Councilman Chris Roberts.

Chief Taffaro and Conn Regan both mentioned a number of programs working to reduce the current trends. Chief Taffaro discussed the use of STAR (Survey, Target, Arrest, and Rejuvenate) units in which you survey everyone in the neighborhood to find out who the bad guys are, target those individuals, then make an arrest and rejuvenate. Another program is Project Safe Neighborhood that deploys narcotic detectives and uniform officers in high-crime areas. Conn Regan discussed programs such as Code 6, which identifies career criminals while currently in the jails. The Code 6 program is predicated on FBI data that shows 6 percent of the population is responsible for 56 percent of the crime. Everyone is encouraged to report any crime to the police so it can be tracked in the CompStat Program, which is incident-based software that helps to locate the highest concentration of activity. Other ideas include organizing Neighborhood Watch Programs and participation in the annual Night Out Against Crime, which both encourage citizens to take an active role in helping to protect our communities.

Honorable Councilman-at-large John Young awarded a Certificate of Merit to both the West Jefferson Civic Coalition and the Civic League of East Jefferson for outstanding service to Jefferson Parish. Other special guests included Col. John Fortunato, Tony Digerolamo with President Broussard's Office, Terry Talamo with Council-at-Large John Young's Office, Bill Townsend with Councilman Roberts Office, Roy Juncker Jr. with the Jefferson Parish Dept. of Juvenile Services, Darlene Cusanza with Crime Stoppers, members of the Victims & Citizens Against Crime, Chuck Whitmer with the Gretna Police Department.



“Fight the Bite”



We need your help and vigilance this summer in eliminating standing water around your home and our neighborhood. Standing water is a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes and some of these could possibly be infected with the West Nile Virus. The disease is spread when infected mosquitoes bite birds; and, other mosquitoes bite those birds. State and Parish officials will be working very hard this summer to control and hopefully eliminate this deadly threat.

Do your part. Be vigilant of any standing water around your home and eliminate it. Standing water in empty lots after heavy rains, swimming pools and ponds not being maintained properly, birdbaths not being kept up and open containers are areas we all can watch for in our neighborhood. If you see a problem, call the JP Dept. of Environmental Affairs first, they will dispatch an inspector to investigate the complaint and resolve it if necessary.

Residents who find birds dead from a cause that isn't obvious call the JP Health Dept. in Marrero. They have a watch list of certain birds. If you find a dead bird, put it into a sealed plastic bag and call them. They will most likely ask you to bring it to their office in Marrero for testing.

Please cut out and save the following phone numbers:

To Report Dead Birds:

Jefferson Parish Health Dept: 349-8802 Marrero Office (Monday – Friday)
Press 2 for Environmental Health Services

Louisiana State Officials: 1-800-256-2748 (For night & weekend reports only)
Press 3 on the menu and leave a message

To Report Standing Water:

Jefferson Parish Dept. of Environmental Affairs: 736-6102 (Monday – Friday)

Mosquito Control Inc: 366-0084 (For weekend reports only)

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT WANTED

Pick up some extra money and work when you want. I live in Plantation Estates and need occasional help doing odd jobs. Ask for Sheryl 347-9197 or 473-3951

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE by Latricia Jackson

Our membership is currently 282 homeowners, which is 70% of the 409 homes in our subdivision. The District statistics are listed below:

<u>District</u>	<u>Homes</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Percent, %</u>
1	46	28	61
2	64	29	45
3	56	37	66
4	57	37	65
5	65	54	83
6	61	47	77
7	60	50	83
Total	409	282	70

The \$60 per year dues is one of the cheapest in the entire New Orleans area for our type of subdivision. As you look around the subdivision and read our newsletters, you understand that the dues are well spent on projects that enhance the value of your home.

Planned Projects

Refurbishing of the Barataria Blvd. Entrance Sign – The long term plan is to replace this sign with a new granite sign that matches the new sign on Parlange Drive. This project will involve removing all of the electrical equipment attached to the back of the sign, laying a support foundation that will elevate the sign to a more visible height from the street and installing proper lighting for the sign. Since we are planning to allocate funds in the future to this project, we want to minimize our refurbishing costs at this time. We are going to organize a small group of volunteers to paint the letters and PE oak tree logo. This will enhance the look of the sign in the short term and keep our costs down.

Lights for the New Parlange Entrance Sign - Currently no electrical power is available near the new sign. It would be extremely costly for us to run power to the sign at this time. When the corner of Parlange Drive and Lapalco Blvd is developed we hope to be able to have access to a closer electrical power source. This should entail electrical power access at a more reasonable cost. Only then can we entertain the thought of providing light for this sign.

Message Sign Board – Our plan is to replace the magnetic signs we currently use to post information and announce meetings. We have found several designs that will suit our needs from a functional standpoint yet offer attractive styling.

Termite Baiting System – The long term plan is to install a termite baiting system along the Oak Alley Blvd. median where we planted our 19 live oak trees. Protecting these trees from termites will enhance their growth and value and not add to the current termite problem of nesting in and around trees.

2005 PECA Schedule & Events

May 3	PECA Board of Director's Meeting, Marrero Estelle Firehouse
May 19	Plantation Estates Homeowner's Meeting, Hosanna Fellowship
May 21	Holiday Banner Change to U.S. Flags
July 15	Holiday Banner Removal PECA Newsletter, last week of the month
August 2	National Night Out Against Crime
September	PECA Board of Director's Meeting, date TBD Plantation Estates General Membership Meeting, date TBD



Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Fund Balances
Plantation Estates Community Association
For the Year ending December 31, 2004

	Membership Fund	Security Fund	Total
Revenue			
Member Dues	\$17,010.00	—	\$17,010.00
Newsletter Advertising Revenue	1,400.00		\$1,400.00
Special Assessments	—	111204.85	\$111,204.85
Total Revenue	<u>\$18,410.00</u>	<u>\$111,204.85</u>	<u>\$129,614.85</u>
Expenses			
Association Expenses-Holidays & Awards	\$1,268.38	—	\$1,268.38
Association Expenses-Banners & Flags	5,759.07	—	\$5,759.07
Bank Service Charges	178.60	—	\$178.60
Dues, Subscriptions, and Membership Fees	25.00	—	\$25.00
Insurance	—	11,412.50	\$11,412.50
Landscaping Maintenance	9,524.01	—	\$9,524.01
Legal Fees	726.95	—	\$726.95
Licenses and Tax Assessments	21.31	—	\$21.31
Meeting Expenses	597.22	294.50	\$891.72
Postage	319.20	—	\$319.20
Printing and Stationery	1,152.63	538.90	\$1,691.53
Security	—	116,926.90	\$116,926.90
Telephone	—	455.48	\$455.48
Utilities	831.12	—	\$831.12
Website Expenses	175.00	175.00	\$350.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$20,578.49</u>	<u>\$129,803.28</u>	<u>\$150,381.77</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses (Expenses over Revenues)	(\$2,168.49)	(\$18,598.43)	(\$20,766.92)
Fund Balances, December 31, 2003	<u>\$23,772.67</u>	<u>\$40,035.66</u>	<u>\$63,808.33</u>
Fund Balances, December 31, 2004	<u>\$21,604.18</u>	<u>\$21,437.23</u>	<u>\$43,041.41</u>

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.

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