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## President's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

WHO DAT !!! Still seems like a dream when saying our New Orleans Saints won the Superbowl. Definitely been an exciting first quarter with the Saints and their Parade followed by Mardi Gras.

As many of you may remember, our special Plantation Estates Security District began in 2000, which provides off-duty police details in the neighborhood. This was approved by voters for a 10-year period and set to expire this year in 2010. The association has made the necessary steps to put this back on the ballot for renewal. We are planning for this to be on the May 1, 2010 ballot in the Municipal General Election.

It's that time for the 2010 PECA membership renewal time. You should have received your renewal notices by now and we greatly appreciate your continued support. The Plantation Estates

Community Association is one of the most active civic associations in Jefferson Parish. Many of our Board Members and homeowners donate their time to make this such a successful organization.



With your continued support, we tackled a major project to upgrade the granite sign at the Barataria entrance in 2009. Below is a list of many other things the association handles on a regular basis.

On-going Tasks the Association Handles

- Maintain landscaping and cut grass at both entrances
- Address restriction issues
- Maintaining police details for Plantation Estates security
- Handling accounting responsibilities
- Select "Garden of the Month" winners
- Host numerous neighborhood family events throughout the year such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Painting

Party, Christmas Social, and the Night Out Against Crime event

- Hold an Annual Homeowners Meeting, but we address issues all throughout the year.
- Add new content to our website
- Publish quarterly newsletters
- Keep homeowners informed by email on neighborhood and Parish news
- Have district rep's hand deliver newsletters, event notices, etc.
- Change flag banners on the light poles 5 times throughout the year
- Regularly report street light outages to get repaired
- Choose the "Best Decorated" houses for Halloween and Christmas
- Responding to emails and phone calls from members
- Represent Plantation Estates as a member of the West Jefferson Civic Coalition, which is comprised of 25 Westbank civic associations

Lastly, I hope you all had a chance to watch the Season One of The Lawman with Steven Seagal filmed in Jefferson Parish. It gave us a small sample of the kind of activities that occur in Jefferson Parish and the work JPSO does to keep us safe. Also it makes me feel better about having our patrols in our neighborhood as well. I think the part I enjoyed the most was watching our very own Col. Johnny Fortunato getting his daily exercise jumping fences and chasing the bad guys. Great job to all the men and women of JPSO for their efforts.

Thanks for your continued support.

Your neighbor,

Charles Miller, III

Plantation Estates Community Association, President

# Neighborhood News



## Do you need a copy of the Plantation Estates Covenants & Restrictions?

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>.

## BEST DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS 2009 WINNERS

By: Debbie Blanchard

|                       |               |            |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| M/M Joseph Germany    | 7 Melrose     | District 4 |
| M/M Norman Gauthreaux | 25 Shadows    | District 6 |
| M/M Bernard Gould     | 29 Madewood   | District 7 |
| M/M Marc Somme        | 46 Oak Alley  | District 4 |
| M/M Melvin Camet, Jr. | 18 Catalpa    | District 2 |
| M/M Lonnie Rodrigue   | 55 Oak Alley  | District 4 |
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| M/M Victor Brossette  | 25 Seven Oaks | District 5 |
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## Plantation Estates Community Association Membership Signs

Anyone that is a member of the Plantation Estates Community Association and needs a membership sign for their garden please e-mail [president@plantationestates.org](mailto:president@plantationestates.org) or call Beth Martin 228-9744 to order one. We would like to thank Norman Gauthreaux for volunteering to assemble the signs for us.

## Santa Visits Plantation Estates

By Beth Martin

It was a little chilly on Sunday December 20th but Santa arrived at 5:30 by Fire Engine to the home of John and Brenda Combel, # 10 Oakley Drive. Santa greeted more than 140 children handing out gifts to them all. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments donated by Brenda and John Combel and their lovely decorated yard where many pictures were taken. I would like to thank John and Brenda Combel, Candy Jensen, Beth, Lindsey and David Owens, Debbie and Danny Blanchard and Shannon Matrana for all their help before, during and after the event. Thanks to all for donating the can goods at our Christmas Social event. With your help, we donated over 400 can goods to the Visitation Makin' Groceries Ministry.

## Easter Egg Hunt

By Beth Martin

The annual PECA Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the end of March or the beginning of April watch for flyers for the exact date and location. We will once again have loads of Easter Eggs for the finding, the "Special Eggs" with special prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Hope to see you there.

## Status of Barataria Blvd. Widening Project

As of February 2010, preliminary plans are being finalized and the project is on track to begin in late summer/early fall 2010. Thanks to the efforts of Representative Pat Connick for getting this project accomplished.

If you missed the previous announcement on this, here's the information from our September 2009 newsletter - - 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.

## Café Hope will soon open at the historic Hope Haven Campus

*A restaurant that provides for at-risk youth a path to self-sufficiency through job readiness training and job placement*

The purpose of the Cafe Hope located in the Madonna Manor building at 1101 Barataria Blvd. in Marrero is to build a community by offering our youth 16-21yrs a path to self sufficiency through our 12 week job skills and life skills program called Seeds of Success. The project was put together for over a year with the efforts of many people. Father Mike Kettenring at Visitation of our Lady has been one of the pioneers in this effort. The Cafe will be open to the public for lunch M-F and we will offer a menu for special events and in-house catering. The concept for the restaurant is to use local products, cook healthy tasteful foods and strive to be green-friendly tied to our garden. Lastly, we are also developing a farming component called Hope Farm that will support the Cafe. They just plowed up over an acre and partnered with Cullier Career Center and LSU AgCenter to handle vegetable plants. In February, they just held the first planting event that was Citrus Planting Day. If anyone has any questions about the Café, you can contact Don at Café Hope by calling (504) 756-HOPE or email [don@cafehope.org](mailto:don@cafehope.org).

**CAUTION**

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

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## Edward Jones

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## Restriction Committee

By: Candy Jensen

On behalf of the Plantation Estates Restrictions Committee, we feel it necessary to once again address existing and reoccurring issues with our homeowners.

**BOATS/MOTOR HOMES:** We continue to have homeowners park these items in their driveways or worse yet, on the streets in front of their residences. This is very dangerous for other drivers, walkers, and even our security people. Please follow the restrictions information on our website.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING:** This issue continues, including across from other driveways and too close to the corner of the street.

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLES:** No commercial vehicles, except those used in making deliveries to or providing services for a residential dwelling shall be visible. Magnet door business advertisements must be removed from visible vehicles that are not making deliveries or providing services.

Thanks to those homeowners who have complied with our notification/request letters and contacts. A few of these homeowners have even joined our force to help keep tabs on their own area and to talk to some of the homeowners who have to be reminded of their restriction infractions.

This is an "everyone" has to work together effort for success. Please share with new homeowners our website to review the restriction.



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## Catalpa Court Drainage Improvements



Earlier this year, I had some calls asking about the coring work being done at the front of Burleigh Court North. The Parish authorized this geotechnical work by Crescent Engineering for the improvements needed to address the Catalpa Court flooding issues. I wrote about this topic in some past newsletters as well. Some even find it hard to believe any house in Plantation Estates would have water closely approaching the front door when we're suppose to be higher ground in Jefferson Parish. The problem is Hermitage and Burleigh Ct. North slant downwards to Catalpa Court causing a bottleneck to get the water back to Oak Alley Blvd, then eventually all the way to Cousins Canal. As you go further down the streets, you can see the yards are built up higher and higher as

the street slopes down near Catalpa Court. This is unlike any other street in the neighborhood as the majority of yards in the rest of the neighborhood have just a slight elevation to the street for drainage purposes. For those that asked in the past or wondered about this project, below is photos to show just how high the water gets on this street with hard rainfalls throughout the year, especially in the month of May and during hurricane season every year. Councilman Byron Lee is helping to get the improvements moving forward to solve this very old problem on these streets.

**Wayne's World entertainment center in Marrero is project of Reggie Wayne of Indianapolis Colts**  
(34 Bowling Lanes, 100 Arcade Games, Laser Tag, Party Rooms)



The official ground breaking ceremony was held on January 12, 2010 on the former Belle Promenade Mall site. As you can tell, the foundation has already started and estimated to take 11 months. The family entertainment center in Marrero is estimated to cost \$16 million. The 58,000-square-foot complex will feature a bowling alley, a two-story laser tag complex, a video arcade and restaurant on nearly six acres of the former Belle Promenade mall site. The development is expected to employ 140 people. Brice Building Co. of Birmingham, Alabama is the project contractor.

Please complete the following form and return it to your district representative or mail to:

**PECA, P.O. Box 683, Marrero, LA 70073-5084**

Please include your check to cover the yearly dues of \$60/year)

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(If you don't know the District, Lot and Square #, leave it blank)

\* 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.



# Security

By: Colonel John Fortunato, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

Hello again,

As your Vice President of Security in Plantation Estates, I wanted to update you on a couple of incidents that have occurred in PE that I thought you may be interested in knowing the status of the investigations. We had several vehicles that were burglarized in the neighborhood after being left unlocked. This was a problem that occurred primarily on the Westbank during certain time periods in 2009. In most of the incidents the circumstances were the same; vehicles were left unlocked and the valuables were stolen. The JPSO has made numerous arrests charging suspects with multiple counts of vehicle burglary in many of the incidents. No one has been arrested thus far or has confessed to being involved in the incidents here in PE.

During the Christmas holidays we had two incidents of Simple Criminal Damage to property after someone drove onto an empty lot on Oak Alley and also on Asphodel. In this investigation, one of our residents provided the JPSO with video depicting a pick-up truck traveling West on Oak Alley Blvd. and going out of view. The vehicle was not

actually seen in the lot causing the damage, however it was picked up on a subsequent camera turning onto a nearby street and additional camera view of this same pick-up turning into the a driveway of a home only a block away. JPSO investigators were provided the video along with information gathered on the suspect vehicle by one of our security patrol officers. Upon contacting the suspect believed to be the driver of the pick-up, he admitted to committing the offense on Oak Alley, but denied knowledge of the incident on Asphodel. He also offered to make restitution for the damage he caused. Coincidentally, he had no prior run-ins with the police before this incident. This individual will be issued a misdemeanor summons for the offense.

Also, we continue to have issues with speeding. Several of our police details gave warning and in one case last year issued a speeding ticket. Please consider the safety of our homeowners and children in the neighborhood that are outside and pass this message along to our teenagers in the home as well.

As a reminder, our Security Renewal will appear on the May 1, 2010 ballot.

Continue to stay vigilant as you go about your normal routine.

ABOVE ALL, IF YOU ARE VICTIMIZED, REPORT IT TO POLICE IMMEDIATELY.



## Garden of the Month

By Debbie Blanchard

### December 2009

|                    |                |            |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| M/M Warren Buffone | 44 Seven Oaks  | District 5 |
| M/M Eric France    | 32 Rosedown    | District 3 |
| M/M Daniel Dufrene | 1 Millwood     | District 3 |
| M/M Kent Pierson   | 58 N. Burleigh | District 2 |

### January 2010

|                        |             |            |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| M/M Hector Nieves      | 15 Oakley   | District 6 |
| M/M Irvin Grinder, III | 31 Melrose  | District 6 |
| M/M Jose Aldaya        | 26 Nottoway | District 7 |

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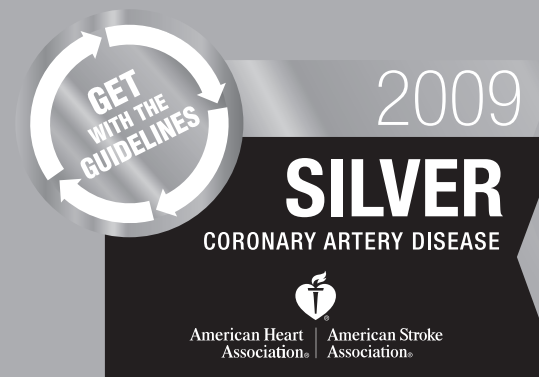
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| M/M Sal Saputo           | 24 Gainswood E        | District 7 |
| M/M Ander Pellerano, Sr. | 22 Nottoway           | District 7 |

The Gardens of the Month are featured with photos under the "Members Only" section of the website.

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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

## 2010 PECA Membership Drive Underway

By Wynona Witkovski

The Plantation Estates Community Association annual membership drive for 2010 is underway and all Plantation Estates homeowners should have received an invoice for the 2010 PECA membership dues. New members should have received a membership form along with their invoice.

If you did not receive your invoice, please remit your membership dues of \$60.00 to:

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

*New members or current members who need to update membership information are asked to fill in the attached membership form and return it with your dues.*

The PECA board extends special thanks to members renewing their membership and a warm welcome to all prospective new members. The board appreciates the support your membership provides, which this past year included funding for the new granite entrance sign. Membership dues also provide support for seasonal banners, increased security patrols, garden of the month awards, representation in the West Jefferson Civic Coalition, landscaping and maintenance of the Oak Alley and Parlange entrances, the annual general membership meeting, maintenance of the PECA website, four PECA-sponsored neighborhood events each year and protection of property values through oversight and enforcement of the restrictions and protective covenants.

If you have any questions concerning your membership or would like membership information, please contact me at 504.606.9759 or by email at [wynona@tulane.edu](mailto:wynona@tulane.edu), PECA President Charlie Miller, or your district representative (see listings in this newsletter).

### REMEMBER...

**T**he Plantation Estates Community Association (PECA) works year round to strengthen our community.  
**E**very member has something to offer – whether through volunteering with the PECA board and its committees or by becoming a member of the Association.  
**A**ll residents of Plantation Estates are encouraged to join PECA to share ideas and provide support for the Association through their annual dues.  
**M**embers' generous support of PECA and our volunteers' generous donation of their time and efforts make our community a great place in which to live and raise our families.  
**W**e know the importance of **TEAMWORK** for the volunteers who comprise the PECA board and its committees, but none of their work would be possible without the support of PECA members who pay their membership dues, attend annual meetings and let their voices be heard. You are an integral part of the **TEAM**.  
**O**ver the course of the year, PECA sponsors events such as Night Out Against Crime and "Santa Visits Plantation Estates" and so much more, all of which are funded by membership dues.  
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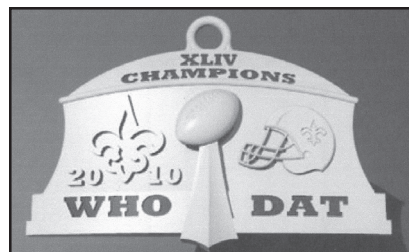
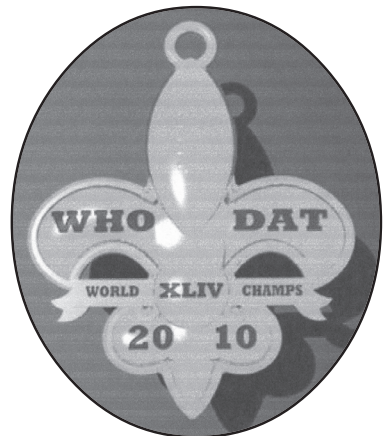
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