

River Bend The Link

Riverbend Homeowners' Association
of Baton Rouge, Inc.

NOTE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

2018 was a very successful year for our Riverbend Homeowners' Association and it appears that 2019 will be just as successful. Although membership in the Homeowner's Association is not as great as it has been in the past we appreciate all residents who care enough about our neighborhood to join the Association.

The Homeowner's Association would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that as per our subdivision restrictions, repeatedly parking vehicles on the street overnight or leaving vehicles parked on the street for an extended period of time is not allowed. This is a rare occurrence, but when it does occur it detracts from the appearance of the entire street and causes potential hazards. We would also like the residents to know that our subdivision restrictions and City/Parish ordinances require that lawns be cut on a regular basis. We have notified a few homeowners that have been lax in adhering to this requirement and hope this will resolved any such situations.

We have reactivated the Architectural Control Committee. If you are in violation of the restrictions, you will receive a letter from the HOA and ACC. If you are uncertain, please visit <http://www.riverbendsub.org/architectural-control/>

The new Directory will available for distribution in July. The Directory has proven to be an invaluable resource for keeping in touch with our neighbors and we would like to make it as complete and accurate as possible. The online version has the most updated info we have available.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RIVERBEND CRIME PREVENTION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Dear Fellow Members of the Riverbend Crime Prevention and Improvement District,

As we are mid-way through our 3rd year, we can look back to several successes. On the crime prevention side, we have a crime camera/license plate reader in place and an enhanced police presence with an average of 85 hours/month of off-duty patrols. On the improvement side, we have rehabilitated the pavilion and completely updated the landscaping and signage at the entrance to Riverbend. For the upcoming year (2020), we are considering additional improvements on the Boulevard such as replacing the notification sign, trimming and appropriately reshaping the live oaks and installing driver speed feedback signage.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Sept 3rd at 6:00 at the Carver Library and I encourage every interested Riverbend Resident to attend as we discuss and help prioritize our future projects.

In closing, the Board and I want to thank you for your support as we work to preserve and improve our wonderful neighborhood.

Spring 2019

HOA Officers

Adrienne Boutté Bowser, President,
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Robert (Bob) Harper, Vice President
Barbara Goodson, Treasurer

Vacant, Secretary
Andrea Ruckman, Block Chairperson

Ed Lundin, Architectural Control

Phil Jones, Maintenance &
Beautification

Vacant, Social Events

**Crime Prevention Board of
Directors**

Robert (Bob) Harper, President

André Rodrigue, Vice President

Adrienne Boutté Bowser, Secretary

Barbara Goodson, Treasurer

David Trusty

Ed Lundin

Johnny Narcisse

WHAT'S NEW @ RIVERBENDSUB.ORG

<http://www.riverbendsub.org>

The Riverbend Directory is updated regularly on-line. Please e-mail thelink@riverbendsub.org for a user name and password.

Sign up to receive notification of things happening in Riverbend or surrounding areas via e-mail.

Remember this is your website, so all suggestions are welcome.



Social Events



The annual crawfish boil was a huge success! Pictures can be found on the Riverbend Subdivison's Facebook page. We are now looking forward to having a Holiday Party in December this year. We need a home to host the party in the neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer your home, please call Adrienne Bowser at 225.252.5334 or email socialevents@riverbendsub.org.

Leaving for Vacation?

If you know that you are going to be out of town for more than a few days, you may notify security by emailing them at: security@riverbendsub.org with detailed information. Please be sure to list important information such as how long you'll be gone, how many cars were in your driveway when you left, if there were any lights left on, if you're expecting visitors or anything else you can think of that can help security do their best job. Thank you.



Nextdoor Riverbend Website and App



Are you looking for a place in the neighborhood to sell items, look for babysitters, post news and more? If so, the Nextdoor website and app are perfect for that. You can post different listings to be seen by your Riverbend neighbors and even surrounding neighborhoods. Check out the following website: <https://nextdoor.com/>, or download the app by searching "Nextdoor" in the app or google play store.

Pet Courtesy

The Board has recently received several complaints about dogs roaming freely around the neighborhood. All dogs should be secured in your home or yard while you are away from home. There have been several instances of unleashed dogs chasing leashed animals, children and even cars. For your pet's safety and your neighborhood, please ensure that your pet is safely secured while you are gone. If you are concerned about your family's safety by an unidentified/loose dog, please contact the Animal Control Center 774-7700.

As a matter of safety to both homeowners and their pets, please abide by the leash law and use courtesy when walking your animals. Another note, please do not allow your dog to deposit its waste on your neighbors' yard. We have noticed poop being left on the street and in yards. Please bring a scooper or zip lock bag at all times when walking your dog. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood a safe and friendly residential area.



The Riverbend Directory



The Riverbend Directory is updated based on info we are aware of to date. If you are a new resident, please contact thelink@riverbendsub.org with your updated information. You must have a user name and password for access. If you are in need of a user name and password, please e-mail The Link @ thelink@riverbendsub.org.

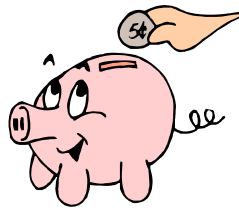
Also, if you are interested in or know of someone who is interested in advertising in *The Link* or the Riverbend Directory, please e-mail thelink@riverbendsub.org. Advertisements are a way to cut the cost of printing the Directory and The Link.

Notes from the Treasurer

Your dues allow us to keep the neighborhood secure and well maintained! The Riverbend Crime District and HOA Financial Statements for 2019 are provided below for your information.

**Riverbend Crime District
2019 Income Statement
Fiscal Year is Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2019**

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| Prior Year Carry Forward | \$ 8,497.69 |
| Maintenance Dues Income: | \$ 69,943.50 |
| Interest Income: | \$ 15.32 |
| Cost Sharing/Subdivision | .00 |
| Total Income: | \$ 78,456.51 |



**Riverbend Homeowner's Association
2019 Income Statement
Fiscal Year is Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2019**

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| Income: | \$ 4,425.00 |
| Interest Income: | \$.82 |
| Reimbursement from District | \$ 20,140.00 |
| Total Income: | \$ 24,564.82 |

Expenses:

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| Entergy | \$ 354.03 |
| Water | 234.35 |
| Security | 10,860.00 |
| Security Camera | .00 |
| Landscaping (including crepe myrtles removal) | 4,400.00 |
| Front Entrance | 16,390.00 |
| Maintenance | 329.00 |
| Website Maintenance | .00 |
| Misc. Bank Charges | .00 |
| Legal Expenses | .00 |
| Mailbox Rental | 360.00 |
| Liability Insurance | 866.00 |
| Misc. Bank Charges | 00.00 |
| Savings Account | .00 |
| Misc. | .00 |
| 1% Collected by Sheriff | 699.44 |
| \$1.00 per parcel to Assessor | .00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 34,492.82 |

Expenses:

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| Website & Other | \$ 87.00 |
| Directory Printing | 0.00 |
| Quarterly Newsletter Printing | 0.00 |
| Association Dues | \$ 75.00 |
| Maintenance & Landscaping reimbursed by Taxing District | \$ 20,140.00 |
| Secretary of State Fees | 0.00 |
| Misc. | 0.00 |
| Bank Fees | \$ 24.00 |
| Legal Fees | \$ 35.00 |

Social Dues Income: \$6,056.78

Expenses:

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| Crawfish Boil | \$ 2,602.62 |
| SOCIAL CLUB BALANCE | \$ 3,453.16 |

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| Checkbook Balance (as of June 8, 2019) | \$ 46,916.52 |
| Savings Balance (as of June 8, 2019) | \$ 14,259.77 |

**Membership Report
Current Dues Collection 38%**

2019 Dues are currently due — please forward payment to:

Barbara Goodson
2941 Rene Beaugard Avenue,
Baton Rouge, LA 70820

**2019 Riverbend Homeowners' Association
Dues Notice**

HOA - \$25.00 Social - \$50.00 Total = \$75.00

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Year Moved Into Riverbend: _____

Please help your neighborhood to be the best it can be by paying your dues!

Block Chairperson

We are in need of several new block chairpersons. Below are the streets we still need chairpersons for:

5433-5639 Riverbend Blvd.

5999-6123 Belle Grove Ave.

6001-6154 Destrehan Dr.

3246-3334 Westervelt Ave.

6205-6358 Destrehan Dr.

3344-3456 Westervelt Ave.

Duncan Kenner Dr.

3117-3313 Twelve Oaks Ave.

The Link



Like what you see? Have suggestions or comments? This newsletter is intended to inform Riverbend neighbors of what is going on in and around our neighborhood. If there is something you would like to see included in the **The Link**, please contact Adrienne Bowser at 252-5334 or e-mail her at thelink@riverbendsub.org.

Riverbend Crime Prevention and Improvement District News

Riverbend Crime Prevention and Improvement District Camera Policy

- It is the policy of the District that all electronic monitoring and data derived therefore is for the sole use of the Baton Rouge Police Department for official law enforcement purposes, only on behalf of the residents of the Riverbend Crime Prevention and Improvement District and members of the Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association, the Laurel Lakes Homeowners Association and Laurel Estates Homeowners Association.
- No member of the District's Board of Commissioners nor anyone else shall have access to the data from the cameras unless specified by this policy.
- Data from the cameras will be accessed by the Baton Rouge Police Department Officer responsible for coordinating the Riverbend off duty neighborhood patrols and one alternative Officer associated with patrols designated by the coordinating Officer. In addition, there shall be one additional officer designated by the Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association law enforcement coordinator.
- In the event of an emergency the District chairman or vice chairman may authorize an additional Baton Rouge Police Officer temporary access to data from the cameras.
- The vendor for the cameras shall comply with this policy.
- The specific Officers designated for camera access are named in the attached addendum
- Security can be reached at 389-2000 and emailed at security@riverbendsub.org.



Upcoming Events

4th of July is coming up. We are asking our residents to put an American Flag up by your mailbox in celebration of Independence Day.

We are also currently looking for a chairperson for the upcoming garage sale.

Every September 11 residents can bring baked goods to the Firefighter House in celebration of Firemen Appreciation. The firefighter house is located directly across from the neighborhood entrance.

Be on the lookout for announcements posted on the bulletin at the first cul de sac in the neighborhood.



Riverbendsub.org E-mail addresses

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| Adrienne Boutte Bowser | President | president@riverbendsub.org |
| | The Link (Riverbend Homeowners' newsletter) | thelink@riverbendsub.org |
| Adrienne Boutte Bowser | Webmaster | thelink@riverbendsub.org |
| Adrienne Boutte Bowser | Social Events | socialevents@riverbendsub.org |
| Barbara Goodson | Treasurer | treasurer@riverbendsub.org |
| Off duty Baton Rouge Police | Security | security@riverbendsub.org |
| Andrea Ruckman | Head Block chairperson | anjeyoung@yahoo.com |
| Ed Lundin | President, ACC | ed@lundinroof.com |

Dues Last Reminder!

Friendly reminder that dues paid after June 1 are now considered late. Paying your Annual Riverbend Homeowners Dues is essential in maintaining our neighborhood and keeping up the value of our homes and community.

Your payment is anticipated and appreciated. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues, you can check the website: www.riverbendsub.org or email thelink@riverbendsub.org to verify.

To pay your dues, simply visit www.riverbendsub.org, login with your username and password and click pay dues. If you would prefer to not do it online, you can send your payment to:

Riverbend Homeowners Association
c/o: Barbara Goodson
2941 Rene Beauregard Ave
Baton Rouge, LA 70820.

Thank you!

PAY DUES



Architectural Control Update

Please be informed that the Riverbend Homeowners Association (HOA) will be sending letters in the coming weeks to a number of residents regarding covenant violations. As an established neighborhood with very few new homes -- there is a tendency to disregard the importance of the subdivision regulations. Please, keep in mind that consistency in adherence to these regulations is very important in preserving Riverbend's reputation and character. The HOA website provides filing guidelines to homeowners to assist in complying with the various building, remodeling and property restrictions. Here's the website link: <http://www.riverbendsub.org/architectural-control/> .

In closing, the upkeep of our property has the potential to attract more professionals and families to our neighborhood. This not only helps toward improve our quality of life, but also works toward increasing the neighborhood's property values. This we believe, is something that everyone should be willing to support.

Ed Lundin, President, Riverbend Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
Adrienne Boutte Bowser President, Riverbend HOA



Garbage & Recycling Tidbits

Recently we have had problems with garbage and recycling in our neighborhood. While placing several calls to Republic and the City it is apparent that this is a city-wide problem and they are addressing it. Below are a few helpful tips that will aid in the process.

A few helpful tidbits:

- Separate your items that need to be picked up. Bulky waste items should be separate from yard waste items.
- Reminder- recycle and trash pickup for items such as large piles of brush are only **once a week**, not twice a week like the garbage pick-ups.
- There is a substantial increase in the volume of residential garbage during the summer months when children are home from school. Please keep in mind that many times garbage trucks must make more trips to pick up these extra loads which sometimes lead to later pick-ups. Your understanding and patience are appreciated.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 311.



Helpful Contact Numbers

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| Fire, Rescue | 911 |
| Police | 389-2000 |
| Poison Control..... | 800-256-9822 |
| Animal Control..... | 774-7700 |
| Entergy..... | 800-368-3749 |
| AT&T | 800-288-2020 |
| Call Before You Dig..... | 800-372-3749 |
| Parish Water | 925-2011 |
| Cox Cable | 794-2635 |
| Waste Management | 389-3254 |
| Mayor's Office | 389-5100 |
| Recycling Office | 389-5194 |
| Public Works | 389-3158 |
| Mosquito Abatement & Rodent Control | 356-3297 |

Riverbend Park



The Riverbend Park is all new and up-dated with a new playground, tennis and basketball court and walking paths. Spend a day outside with family or friends. The address is 5800 Riverbend Lakes Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70820.

Streetlight repairs

Have you noticed a street light that is out or that is not working properly? Please contact Entergy at 800-368-3749.

