

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

- **Halloween party Monday 10/31 @ 5:00**
- **Annual Meeting and Block Party Sunday 11/20 @ 2:00**
- **Santa will visit on the fire truck, TBA**

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RBLHA Association Updates

Welcome to our new neighbors! We would like to welcome you to our neighborhood. If you have received any past due notices regarding Association dues, we apologize. There are 225+ homes in our neighborhood and it is difficult to keep up with some of the turnover. There are many benefits of our association. We will make every effort to personally contact you about the association and some of the many benefits of living in our area. Please contact Patty Glenn at 763.9291 if you have not yet received a welcome package.

**Halloween party
Monday, October
31st
5:00 p.m.**

The Homeowner's Association is hosting the annual weenie roast at the home of Lori & David Heroman, 6302 Riverbend Lakes Drive. This is a great way to meet



neighbors, check out costumes and visit ! Hot dogs, jambalaya, drinks for kids and adults, and much more!

**Annual Meeting and
Block Party
Sunday, November
20th
2-5 p.m.**

You and your family are invited to attend the annual meeting and block party being held at Juli & David Jenkins' home, 6041 Hope Estates. The annual business meeting agenda will include the 2005-06 budget, 2005 accomplishments, Treasurer's report and neighborhood & community issues. Jambalaya, drinks and other munchies provided. Space-walks, face painting and games for the kids! Bring your whole family for a fun-filled afternoon with your neighbors.

Neighborhood & Community Happenings

In the wake of the recent hurricanes, there have been many changes in our community. One of the biggest concerns to our residents is the increasing amount of traffic in our area added to the high volume from the new Brightside Developments. Robert Bond, RBLHA Vice- President, recently

attended a meeting regarding housing options for displaced New Orleans medical school students and staff. According to the most recent decisions we have heard; these students would be housed in a cruise ship while faculty members would be moved to trailers off of River

Road. These accommodations are said to be short-term, lasting no more than 6 to 12 months. Robert has also attended various meetings in regards to the housing along Brightside and River Road. Thank you Robert for your time and effort on behalf of our neighborhood.

2006 Homeowner's Association Board Members needed

Volunteers are needed to serve on the RBLHA board. Members serve for three-year staggered terms. Please consider volunteering your time to help your neighborhood. This is a great way to get involved with decisions that affect us all. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to volunteer your time. Meetings are held on the second

Tuesday of each month at the home of Kay and Robert Callander, 5831 Riverbend Lakes Drive. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact one of the board members. Nominations will be taken at the Annual Meeting on November 20th.

Dan Day is the out-going President and has served on the board for three

years. Thank you Dan for your continued hard work and dedication!

All Riverbend Lakes residents are invited to attend these monthly meetings. Do you have a comment or question you would like to bring to the board's attention? Please attend a meeting and let us know what's on your mind.



Thanks to
Parrain's
Seafood

Restaurant for providing a gift certificate to the lucky resident with stamped newsletter. Be sure to check this issue of the newsletter to collect your prize.

Landscaping is being planned for the cul-de-sac of Morgan Bend and Twelve Oaks using monies from Association dues.



Thank you to those residents who have paid their 2005 Homeowner's Association dues. **Dues are \$75 per year and are mandatory as per the Acts of Restrictions.** Payments are due 30 days after move in for new construction. Steps have been taken to file liens against

houses of those whose dues are in arrears. Please take the time to drop off or mail your check to Michael Blue, 6374 Morgan Bend if you have not yet paid your dues for 2005.

The following have not yet paid dues for 2005. Addresses marked * are unpaid for 2004 and 2005. If

you believe this is a mistake, contact Michael Blue.

- *6318 Hope Estate
- *6328 Riverbrook
- *3818 Twelve Oaks
- *3633 Twelve Oaks
- *6324 Morgan Bend
- 6133 Riverbrook
- 6215 Hope Estate

Where do my dues go?

The RBLHA has given a total of \$1,500 to the Riverbend Homeowner's Association towards the \$9,000 spent annually on landscaping, maintaining the front entrance, sign-

age, etc. The Association recently removed the gas lanterns on Twelve Oaks (that were not working) and have ordered wooden "Riverbend Lakes" signs that will be installed on the column fronts. Dues also cover the cost of security patrols,

newsletter & flyer printing and distribution, the Annual Meeting & Block party, Halloween party, Easter Egg hunt, Santa's Fire Truck Ride, and other expenses. A copy of the budget will be published at the Annual Meeting held each fall.

MAKS Corner— Mother and Kids Social Group



Joseph and Gracie enjoy a popsicle

MAKS is a group that offers a social atmosphere for families in the Riverbend area (including Riverbend, Riverbend Lakes, Laurel Lakes and Laurel Estates). It's a

way for all of us to get to know each other, exercise and keep the neighborhood community alive and well. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month for moms and children to socialize. There is a mom's night out once a month and field trips for the kids throughout the year. The group supports several charities throughout town through the Charity corner. MAKS recently collected

baby clothing to donate to Katrina victims. Moms are encouraged to get involved as much or as little as you would like-no commitment necessary. Dues are \$7 per family though there is not a financial obligation. This amount covers several special events a year for children and also includes the annual Christmas brunch. A monthly newsletter is sent to MAKS members. Please contact Jen Morgan at 768.2957 or jenamorgan@bellsouth.net if you are interested in meeting other MAKS.

Have you noticed a street light that is out?

Call the Public Works Department, City South at 389.3246

Neighborhood Safety

Please observe the speed limit of 30 mph in our neighborhood. Many people are speeding and are also running through stop signs. Take a moment to slow down so we can ensure the safety of our children and pets. Many children are also driving go-carts through the neighborhood at higher speeds and sev-

eral have run into drainage ditches and lawns. Parents, please talk to your children about being courteous neighbors and being safe drivers and passengers. Go-cart and bicycle riders should also follow traffic laws and regulations. Due to the lack of sidewalks in our neighborhood, many children play basketball and other

games in driveways near streets. Please talk to your child about common sense safety precautions such as not running into streets after balls, moving out of the way when a car comes, etc. We are lucky to have so many wonderful neighbors to visit and play with, let's help keep one another safe!

Pet Corner

The board has recently received several complaints about dogs that are roaming freely . All dogs should be **secured in your home or yard** while you are away from your home. There have been several instances of unleashed dogs chasing leashed animals, children and even cars. For your pet's

safety and your neighbor's, please ensure that your pet is safely secured while you are gone. If you are concerned for your or your child's safety by an unidentified or loose pet, call the **Animal Control Center at 774.7700**. The board has also received several complaints about dog feces on their lawn.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please dispose of pet waste. Thanks go out to the many pet owners who carry plastic bags on their walks for this purpose.



Don't forget your leash!

BREC happenings



Boo at the Zoo is one of the best area attractions! The Baton Rouge Zoo is now offering this exciting, fun family opportunity on two weekends: October 29th & 30th as well as Halloween weekend, October 29th and 30th; hours are 9:30 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole families, costumes are encouraged! Take a spooky tour of the zoo

(which is decorated for the occasion), walk through the hay maze, and enjoy safe off-street trick-or-treating.

Haunted Hikes are being offered at the Bluebonnet Swamp Nature center. This will include live animal demonstrations, crafts, and treats (no “tricks”). Children are welcome to come in costume. This offers a fun alternative to traditional “scare” houses and is great

for the entire family.

Visit our own **Riverbend Park** to have fun with family or friends. We are fortunate to have such a great park in our own backyard!

Visit www.brec.org and www.brzoo.org for more information on these and upcoming events.

*Use mosquito repellent when outside! A report issued this summer found that chickens from the Farr Horse Park testing center tested **POSITIVE** for West Nile Virus.*

“Can you hear me now?”

Most of us have been frustrated at one point or another because our cell phones “cut out” or drop calls in the neighborhood. A cell tower for our area has been budgeted for our area for several years— the problem has been finding a site. After exhausting several leads, a temporary site has been set up on Nicholson near

the LSU golf course. Cingular is pursuing the use of the Louisiana Public Broadcasting site south and west of Riverbend, however, this will not happen in the immediate future. If you pull over to use your cell phone, please be courteous of other drivers and those residents who live among the boulevard. Do **not** block the entrance to Dakin Avenue.



A familiar site along Riverbend Boulevard.

Annual Meeting- Sunday November 20th

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Block party on Sunday, November 20th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and take part in decisions affecting our neighborhood. There will be spacewalks, face painting and other activities for the kids. The 2005 Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association

budget will be discussed as well as information for the 2006 budget. You will have the opportunity to win great prizes (dues paid for one year, DVD player, ipod, etc.) for attending the meeting and/or paying your 2006 dues at that meeting. This is also an opportunity for people to volunteer to serve on the board. Don't miss this

fun afternoon!



For a complete list of Architectural Restrictions, visit us on the web at www.riverbendlakes.org.

Architectural Board Reminders

Francisco Gudiel heads up the Architectural Control Board for RBLHA. You can refer to the Acts of Restrictions listed on the website, www.riverbendlakes.org for a complete list of requirements and restrictions. If you would like to get approval for something, it must be submitted to Francisco in writing. These re-

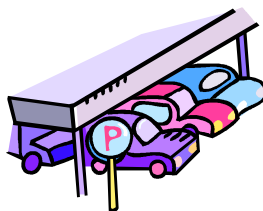
strictions help us keep our neighborhood beautiful and keep our property values rising. If you are found to be in violation of a restriction, you will first receive a friendly letter of notification. We realize that many people are new to our neighborhood and may not be aware of certain restrictions. If the problem remains uncor-

rected after this time, further action will be taken. The following violations are some of the most common (refer to Acts of Restrictions for more information): **Boats should not be visible from streets; fences are to be constructed of specified materials; mailboxes should be same design, satellites should not be placed in front of houses or where visible from street.**

Parking Courtesy

Many of us housed (and continue to house) friends and family in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes. This has led to many people parking on the streets rather than in driveways. Please be courteous to your neighbors and remind people to **park in driveways** as much as possible and leave

the streets clear for other motorists, joggers, bike-riders, etc. Thank you!



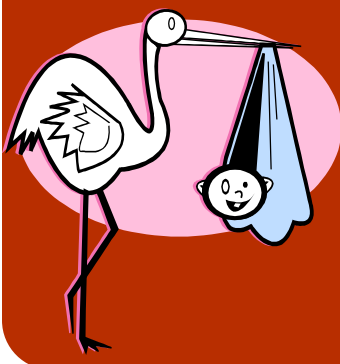
Suggestions?

Do you have **suggestions for the Board**? Curious to see what goes on in the meetings? Please join us on the second Tuesday of every month at the home of Kay & Robert Callander, 5831 Riverbend Lakes Drive. Do you have suggestions to improve the **newsletter**? Want something included in the next issue? Contact Lauren Serpas at laurenserpas@cox.net.

Who's Who on the board

(Outgoing) President-	Dan Day	danday1@cox.net
Vice-President-	Robert Bond	rbond@bellsouth.net
Treasurer-	Kay Callander	kcallander@bellsouth.net
Secretary	Michael Blue	mbluecpa@cox.net
Board Member	David Heroman	heromans@bellsouth.net
Board Member	Francisco Gudiel	tgudi@cox.net
Board Member	Todd Scioneaux	cnobmt@aol.com

Do you have a new bundle of joy? Spread the news! Call Kelli Bush, 767.3875 for a stork. Our "boy" and "girl" storks will be delivered to your yard and picked up in a couple of weeks.



Committees & Block Chairpersons

Arch. Control-	Francisco Gudiel, 769.6269	Kelly Day	763.9207
Security-	Todd Scioneaux, 761.1641	Meredith Moe	761.4064
Security Backup-	Joey Nolan, 769.2640	David Vice	766.8670
Website-	David Jenkins, 766.5710	Patrick Goldsmith	766.0330
Newsletter-	Lauren Serpas, 757.8594	Kay Callander	email only
MAKS-	Jen Morgan, 768.2957	Patty Glenn	763.9291
Need-a-stork-	Kelli Bush, 767.3875		

2005 Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Dues Invoice

Annual dues for 2005 assessments and operating budget **requires all lot owners** per the Acts of Restrictions of Riverbend Lakes section 6.1 **to pay \$75. All payments were due May 31st, 2005.** If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Please make checks payable to: **Riverbend Lakes Home Owners Association**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Lot Number _____

Email address _____

Mail or drop payment to Michael Blue, 6374 Morgan Bend, Baton Rouge, LA 70820. email mbluecpa@cox.net if you have any questions.

2005/2006 Budget

According to our bylaws, the 2005 Annual budget must be distributed before the annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 20th. Please look over this copy before the meeting.

Riverbend Lakes Homeowners' Association

Financial report as of
September 30, 2005
(4th quarter projected)

	through 9/30	(projected) balance of year	Projected total
Dues collected	14,945.48	-	14,945.48
Expenditures:			
Security	1,540.00	600.00	2,140.00
Landscape and sign- age	2,949.76	1,751.00	4,700.76
Newsletter and website	455.42	150.00	605.42
Service charges	60.68	18.00	78.68
Meetings	630.46	1,000.00	1,630.46
Legal	1,583.00	1,500.00	3,083.00
Lake	250.00	3,300.00	3,550.00
Other	121.58	-	121.58
Total	7,590.90	8,319.00	15,909.90
Excess of expenditures over dues collected			(964.42)
Total amount in bank at 9/30/05			19,130.71
less: expected expendi- tures for 4th quarter			<u>(8,319.00)</u>
Projected amount in bank at 12/31/05			10,811.71

Riverbend Lakes Homeowners' Association

Budget
year ended December 31,
2006

Dues collected (241 lots @ \$55, assuming all pay by 1/31/06)	<u>13,255.00</u>	
Expenditures:		
Security	4,800.00	
Landscape and sign- age	3,264.00	
Newsletter and website	500.00	
Service charges	80.00	
Meetings	2,000.00	
Legal	1,000.00	
Lake	500.00	
Other	<u>100.00</u>	
Total	12,244.00	
Excess of dues over ex- penditures		1,011.00

Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Fire, Rescue	911
Police	389.3831
Poison Control	1.800.256.9822
Animal Control	774.7700
Entergy	1.800.368.3749
BellSouth	577.6111
Parish Water	925.2011
Cox Cable	615.1000
Citizen Services	389.3090
Integrity Mailboxes	763.9400
Allied Waste	778.3800

(formerly BFI)

Neighborhood Tidbits

Are you interested in home delivery of the **New York Times**? Riverbend resident Carole Jurkiewicz has contacted a courier service about delivery options to our neighborhood. If several residents participate, the cost would be less expensive than purchasing it at a grocery store, etc. Contact Carole at fcater7@cox.net.

Allied Waste News

Allied Waste, formerly BFI, anticipates January of 2006 to begin the new pick-up with automated trucks. Each household will receive a large, heavy-duty garbage can at that time which should be used in lieu of multiple, smaller garbage cans.

Reminder-Allied Waste is not responsible for disposing of debris piles generated through a privately-contracted tree or lawn service. Those service providers are responsible for debris pick-up.

We're online!
www.riverbendlakes.org

Update your contact information online

The Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association maintains a website that is for residential use only. The website address is www.riverbendlakes.org. This is a great resource which includes the Acts of Restrictions, Filing Maps, dues status, announcements and a resident directory. The directory and dues status can **only** be accessed with the username and password. Click on Home



owner Information, then Resident Directory. The username is **rbl** and the password is **resident**. Please take a moment to access the website and verify that your contact information is accurate. You may send as much or as little information as you would like. If you are a new homeowner or your contact information is incorrect, please email the webmaster through the link on the website.



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