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EVENTS:

- July 4th–
Fireworks
on the River,
Air show at
the USS
Kidd
- August 2nd–
6th Na-
tional Hot
Air Balloon
Champion-
ship at
Pennigton
- Sept. 8th-
first LSU
home game,
LSU vs. VA
Tech

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RBLHA Association Updates

Greetings to our new neighbors! We would like to welcome you to our neighborhood. This newsletter is published twice a year to keep you up-to-date on neighborhood events and announcements. 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.

Security Updates

Did you know that our neighborhood has an off-duty policeman who patrols our neighborhood? **Officer Charles Weary Jr.** makes rounds throughout our neighborhood to help ensure our safety. This is funded solely through our association dues, just one more example of your money at work.

If you see a suspicious act *in progress*, call **Baton Rouge Police IMMEDIATELY at 389.3831**. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Officer Weary through Todd Scioneaux at cnobmt@aol.com. If you are going out of town and would like Officer Weary to make extra rounds near your house, email Todd. He is the neighborhood contact for security.

Message from the President-David Heroman

I would like to remind all residents that Riverbend Lakes is a deed-restricted community. As such, we are bound to enforce the by-laws of the neighborhood for the protection of property values and the beauty of the neighborhood. We are in the process of formally adding the 3rd filing (Riverine) to the Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association. Though they receive all the benefits of our neighborhood association, their participation is voluntary at this time. Once the necessary paperwork is completed by the developer, the third filing will become a part of the Homeowner's Association and all 3rd filing residents will be required to pay dues. We will notify all residents when this process is completed.

Please realize that the board has **full authority and the means to enforce the bylaws**. The board is comprised of people who have busy schedules, full-time jobs and families. These are voluntary positions and the members serve because they care about our neighborhood and want it to remain the nicest place to live in Baton Rouge. There are not any "magical fairies" that put together all of the great activities of the neighborhood. The Easter Egg hunt was a big success thanks to MAKS and the Easter Egg Committee-Riverbend's Andrea Ruckman, Jen Morgan, and Riverbend Lakes' Lauren Serpas. You should thank these ladies the next time you see them. The small amount of dues that we pay cover the Easter Egg Hunt, Santa's parade, the Mardi Gras parade, Halloween party, the annual meeting and party and the Ant Eradication program. While our dues fund these great events, they wouldn't be possible without the time, effort and organization from our great neighbors who volunteer. I know I am not alone in sending out a great big **THANK YOU** to all the board members and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the next project or event, let us know through the website.

You can read the bylaws and restrictions that can be found on our website, www.riverbendlakes.org. If you are doing some remodeling or renovations in the near future, you might find a knock on a door from the Homeowner's Association requiring you to undo it all until you receive the board's approval. If you have any questions for the board, don't hesitate to contact any of the members. If you email through the website we will get it routed to the appropriate person(s).

David Heroman

Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association Board President

heromans@bellsouth.net

Neighborhood Events

Our annual Halloween party was a huge success! Thanks to Lori and David Heroman for providing their house as the meeting spot. Thanks also to Craig Ourso for the delicious jambalaya and to "Original" Heroman's Florist for helping sponsor the event. There were plenty of other treats as well, be sure to plan on attending this year! Meet your neighbors, take a ride on the train,

enjoy some great food.

Thanks to Mark Modicut who arranged for Santa to ride through our neighborhood. Mark has "arranged" Santa's visits for years and it is a wonderful neighborhood tradition. It was a fun and cold night to get to see Santa and get some goodies! Thanks to those who provided the treats.

The annual Easter Egg hunt was once again a tremen-

dous success. This event was held in the park and included egg hunts, face-painting, pictures with the Easter bunny and a great opportunity to visit with neighbors from Riverbend and Riverbend Lakes. MAKs organized this once again and special thanks to Andrea Ruckman, Jennifer Morgan and Lauren Serpas for their hard work in organizing it.

2007 Dues Update

Thank you to those residents who have paid their 2007 Homeowner's Association dues. The board voted to increase dues to \$75 per year without an early-pay discount. The dues were increased to cover the cost of the Ant Eradication program. **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. There are several homeowners who have not yet paid their dues this

year. Reminder postcards have been mailed to those who have not yet paid their dues this year. The website now reflects dues payments for 2007. 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 2007. **A lien will be filed on your house if your dues are not paid per the Acts of Restrictions.** According to our records, **the following residents have NOT paid their dues this year:**

6021 Hope Estate

6229 Riverbend Lakes

6342 Riverbend Lakes

6327 Riverbrook

6324 Morgan Bend

3818 Twelve Oaks

Contact Michael at mbluecpa@cox.net if you have any questions about your dues. The dues invoice is on page ????

Where do my dues go?

Dues cover the cost of security patrols, newsletter & flyer printing and distribution, common area landscaping and maintenance, the Annual Meeting & Block party, Mardi Gras parade, Halloween party, Easter Egg hunt, Santa's Fire Truck Ride, and other expenses. A copy of the budget is published at the Annual Meeting which is held each fall. This year our dues will pay for an Ant Eradication treatment program. This program has proved to be very effective and several area neighborhoods have used this with great results. The ant treatment was distributed June 23rd. If you did not pick up your treatment that day, you must contact David Heroman, 768.7860 or heromans@bellsouth.net, to schedule a time for pick-up.

MAKS Corner— Mother and Kids Social Group

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 moms to get to know each other, exercise and keep the neighborhood community alive and well. Meetings are held during the school-year on the second Tuesday of each month, it is a chance 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. 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

Michelle Lofland, 766.5537, loflandm@bellsouth.net, if you are interested in meeting other MAKS. While there are not formal meetings during the summer, there are several opportunities to get together for Splash days, play dates and moms-night-out. MAKS is open to working moms too, join us for a night out! Are you new to the neighborhood? Need names of babysitters, stores, and other information? Get the scoop from us!

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 several 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 Issues

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.



BREC Happenings

We are fortunate to have access to one of BREC's best parks right in our own backyard! You are encouraged to take advantage of the playground equipment, wide open spaces and tennis courts. **Reminder- all BREC parks close at sunset.** Our security officer recently apprehended someone vandalizing the park after dark. Parents, please remind your children that the park closes at sunset.

Bill Palmer, BREC acting superintendent, would like to remind people that, "**Four-wheelers and other ATV vehicles are NOT ALLOWED on BREC property.**" This causes damage to the area and is also against insurance policies. This has been a recent problem in the property behind the Morgan Bend/Twelve Oaks area.

The Baton Rouge Zoo and BREC are both offering summer day camps. BREC has six pools open to the public, most of which offer swimming lessons. They also offer League sports and activities for people of all ages, visit their website for more information!

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

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HELP NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering your time to help distribute newsletters and/or flyers. This only occurs 2-3 times a year. If you are willing and able to distribute on a few streets, please contact Lauren laurenserspas@cox.net. Thanks to Marcia & David Vice and Kay Callander for your continued help in newsletter distribution.

Cellular Service update

Many of our residents continue to have problems with poor cell phone reception. One of our neighbors recently called Cingular about this problem and was told that the tower that services our neighborhood (on Lee and Ben Hur) indicates a "good" though not great service area.

The best way to notify them about our continued problems is to send a detailed letter to Cingular/AT & T which includes the name of the neighborhood, cell number, specific problems (such as dropped calls, low signal

strength, etc.). You can send this information to:

Cingular/AT & T
P.O. Box 772349
Ocala, FL
34474

Or fax to 352.285.4031.

Thanks to Jessica Antilley for getting this information together.

Reminder- If you pull over to use your cell phone near the main Riverbend entrance; 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.

Block Chairpersons Needed

Our block chairpersons provide a wonderful service to the neighborhood. They act as liaisons to the board, letting us know concerns, compliments, complaints, as well as help deliver welcome packages and newsletters. Thanks to David & Marcia Vice, Kay Callander, Patrick Goldsmith, Patty Glen and Meredith Moe for their past help with this. A few of these hard-working volunteers are stepping down at this time, so **we would love some help**

from you! Please consider serving your neighborhood in this wonderful capacity. If you are interested in serving as a block chairperson, please contact a board member. There are many wonderful services our Association provides, but we need the help of our neighbors to get it all done. This is a great way to serve without committing a large amount of time. **If you are interested, send us your name and contact information. Thank you!**

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

Architectural Board Reminders

Ricks Bowles 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 Ricks in writing**— for your convenience, you may send an

email through the website. These restrictions 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-

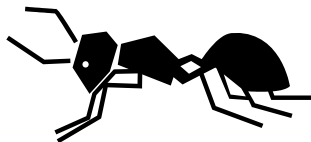
rected after this notice, further action will be taken. The following violations are some of the most common (refer to Acts of Restrictions for more information):

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.

Ant Treatment

The ant treatment was distributed on Saturday, June 23rd. If you did not stop by to pick yours up, contact David Heroman, 768.7860 or heromans@bellsouth.net.

The treatment has proved to be very effective. If you missed the emails about the distribution date, please register your email address



with the website so that you will receive neighborhood emails and notices.

EVERYONE WILL NEED TO REAPPLY THE TREATMENT THE WEEK BEFORE THANKSGIVING. Stay tuned for further details.

Suggestions?

Do you have **suggestions for the Board?** Curious to see what goes on in the meetings? Please join us at the home of Kay & Robert Callander, 5831 Riverbend Lakes Drive. Check with a board member or on the website for meeting dates and times. The board meets once a quarter on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Do you have suggestions to improve the **newsletter** or want something included in the next issue? Contact Lauren Serpas at laurenserpas@cox.net.

Who's Who on the board

HELP NEEDED-
 The RBL Homeowner's Association has a wooden stork that is placed in the yards of new parents. We are looking for a new home for this stork, are you interested in helping house it or in giving it a fresh coat of paint? This is a great service to our neighborhood, please consider doing this! Contact Lauren, laurenserpas@cox.net if you can help out. New moms and dads-if you would like the stork to be placed in your yard, contact Lauren.

President	David Heroman	heromans@bellsouth.net
Vice-President	Robert Bond	rbond@bellsouth.net
Treasurer	Michael Blue	mbluecpa@cox.net
Secretary	Kay Callander	kcallander@yahoo.net
Board Member	Rick Bowles	theoldcoach@cox.net
Board Member	Todd Scioneaux	cnobmt@aol.com
Board Member	Lauren Serpas	laurenserpas@cox.net

Committees & Block Chairpersons

Arch. Control-	Ricks Bowles , 757.9369	David/Marcia Vice	766.8670
Security-	Todd Scioneaux , 761.1641	Patrick Goldsmith	766.0330
Security Backup-	Joey Nolan , 769.2640	Kay Callander	email only
Website-	Lauren Serpas , 757.8594	Patty Glenn	763.9291
Newsletter-	Lauren Serpas , 757.8594		
MAKS-	Michelle Lofland , 766.5537	*We need volunteers for several open block chair people positions!!	
Need-a-stork-	Lauren Serpas , 757.8594		

2007 Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Dues Invoice

Annual dues for 2007 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 January 1st, 2007.** 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**

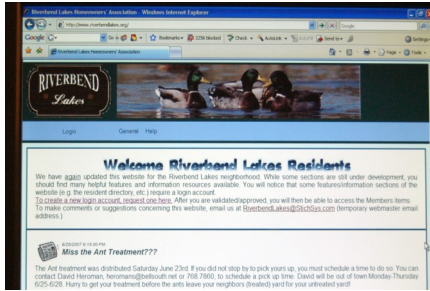
Name _____ Phone Number _____

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.





Website News and Updates

Please update your contact information online
at www.riverbendlakes.org

Riverbend Lakes has its own website with much information...visit www.riverbendlakes.org. Anyone visiting the website can access these pages: home/news, archived newsletters, filing map, and the Acts of Restrictions. To access the member directory, dues paid page, email, etc., you must be a registered user. It is easy to register, visit the website for more information. You will be asked to provide some basic information, and then will submit your request. Once your request is submitted, it must be approved by the website manager. When the request is approved, you will receive an email informing you that you are a registered user and you can access the site immediately.

It is very important to register your information on the site; we are no longer mass-printing newsletters.

The board has decided to utilize the website and bulk email to keep everyone informed about meetings, neighborhood programs such as the Ant Treatment, security concerns, etc. Your email addresses **cannot** be accessed by anyone who is not a registered user of the site; it is for neighborhood use only! Please respect that and do not use the directory to email people about your business, items for sale, etc. If you have a neighborhood concern that you would like emailed to all of the neighbors, contact Lauren Serpas, laurenserpas@cox.net.

The RBL website directory is provided to our neighbors as a convenience, this is a voluntary process. We are not responsible for the contents or ensuring that the names and numbers of residents are current/correct. The only way we know of new neighbors or names/emails/numbers that are no longer valid is if we are notified. If you need to change your information or are not listed on the site, email Lauren to submit your correct information. If you forget your password, you will need to select "member services." There is not a master list of passwords; a new password will be issued to you.

It is our hope that the website is user-friendly and contains all the information you need. Let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to see other information included.

RBL — FYI

The Riverbend Lakes Homeowner's Association sponsors/co-sponsors several events a year— Mardi Gras parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween party, Annual Meeting and Santa's fire truck ride. **We do not sponsor any other neighborhood events.** If you are hosting a block party or something else for friends and neighbors, please do not include the neighborhood name as part of your event. The board has had several emails/questions about times and dates for other activities and we are not affiliated with any other events.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency, Fire, Rescue	911	Integrity Mailboxes	763.9400
Police	389.3831	Allied Waste (formerly BFI)	778.3800
Poison Control	1.800.256.9822	The Advocate	383.1111
Animal Control	774.7700	Streetlight Repairs	389.3246
Entergy	1.800.368.3749	Call before you dig	1.800.272.3020
Bell South	577.6111	_____	_____
Parish Water	925.2011	_____	_____
Cox Cable	615.1000	_____	_____
Citizen Services	389.3090	_____	_____

Reminder-Ant Program

The ant treatment was distributed June 23rd. **ALL RESIDENTS** will need to reapply treatment again in the fall, we are currently planning to distribute the treatment the weekend before Thanksgiving. If you have not yet put out

the treatment, contact **David Heroman ASAP** to schedule a time to pick it up. You can reach David by phone or email, **768.7860** or **heromans@bellsouth.net**.

Notes: _____

Community Corner

*Riverbend Lakes family with 3 1/2 and 8 1/2 year old kids looking for a fun and loving babysitter for weekends. If interested, call Jessica Antilley, 615.8024