

# LAKE NEWS

Riverbend Lakes Quarterly Newsletter  
March 2002 Issue

2002 Homeowners Association Board  
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## Urgent Message from the Board

We want you to know of a vote going before the Metro Council Wednesday, March 13th at 4PM and respond accordingly. Members of your board have formed an alliance with other parties along Brightside with a vested interest in minimizing the impacts to our infrastructure along this corridor. There are many concerns that surround the Lake Beau Pre Development:

- 1) **Drainage** - increased potential for flooding in our area. We can all recall how Tropical Storm Allison tested this area. With this proposed additional development we would not have fared so well. If one house in this area floods, we all know that our property values will be in jeopardy.
- 2) **Sewage** - they are proposing a privately owned above ground facility that will be the responsibility of the builder of that Homeowners Association. The history of this type of sewage facility is very poor over time and being a privately owned facility, it becomes the problem of those around it and it could quickly become ours.
- 3) **Traffic** - we can only imagine the increased traffic flow on Brightside when a High Density Residential area is added on River Road with Brightside being the main corridor into the city. To better understand the magnitude of the scope, there are 129 zero lot line homes and 208 additional town homes proposed in this development. We have all been victims of the impact the University Apartments have had just at the intersection of Nicholson & Brightside.

Now is the time for you to take action and protect your investment. What can you do? **Make many calls** Monday through Wednesday to our councilman, Pat Culbertson and express your opposition to this development. Pat can be reached at home 753-4206, office 389-5162, pager 388-3784. Feel free to email to his office as well: [council-dist3@ci.baton-rouge.la.us](mailto:council-dist3@ci.baton-rouge.la.us)

**Last BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS TO PERSONALLY ATTEND WITH YOUR FAMILY at 4PM** promptly on **Wednesday, March 13th** located on the 3rd floor of Gov't Bldg 222 St. Louis St.

## Notes from the Treasurer

Dues collection have been favorable for 2002. However, a few lot owners remain unpaid to date. As you may recall assessments and operating the budget requires all lot owners in 1st & 2nd filing per the **Acts & Restrictions of Riverbend Lakes** section 6.1 to pay **\$75**. All unmade payments **are now past due**.

Please make checks payable to:  
**Riverbend Homeowners Association**  
Send/drop payments to:  
**Ernie Hill**  
**5811 Riverbend Lakes**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70820**



Please see last page for invoice slip to submit with dues payment.

## Go Carts/Off Road Vehicles

The members of the Board have taken numerous complaints of the many Go Carts, dirt bikes, & 4-wheelers that are not being properly operated on the streets in our area. Reckless operation and complete disregard for traffic signs will no longer be tolerated. Our patrol man will be writing fines to all those they find "improperly operating" these vehicles. Your neighbors are going to be encouraged to take matters to the Sheriff office's traffic division at 389-5000 if this matter persists. Parents, these young drivers are reaching speeds on these vehicles that could result in a fatal accident if there is a wreck. Odds are increasing that there will be one sooner than later if we do not address this matter quickly. Know this is both for your children and ours.



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Feel free to provide your comments, contributions and suggestions to make our newsletter better via email: [julindavid@cox.net](mailto:julindavid@cox.net) or call 766-5710. (no calls after 8PM please - do not want to wake the baby)

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## February -

**2/20 Metro Council Mtg 4PM**  
(final vote on proposed High Density Development)



## March -

**3/24 Easter Egg Hunt for RBLHA**  
at Brec Park - 2PM (we need volunteers)  
Stay Tuned - More information to come



## June-

**6/30 July 4th Red White & Blue Parade**  
Stay Tuned - More information to come

## September-

**9/8 End of Summer/Back to School Party**  
at Brec Park - (we need volunteers)  
We plan to join the ants for a picnic



## October-



**TBA - Halloween Bonfire & Food Drive Collection**  
at the home of Ernie & Kathy Hill

## November-

**TBA - Annual RBLHA Meeting on LSU Campus**

## December-

**TBA - Santa visits RBL by fire truck**



## Restriction Highlights

Our goal is an aesthetically pleasing neighborhood with property values being retained by all who live here. This means that we need to revisit and insure that we all adhere to our Subdivision Restrictions. If you have an issue or need a copy of the restrictions please call Francisco Gudiel, RBL President at 769-6269.

### Per Article 3.2- Improvements

No resident, building, fence, wall or structure shall be erected nor changed or altered in any kind until the plans and specs reflecting the kind, shape, height, materials, floor plan, elevations, exterior color schemes, etc. . . have been submitted and approved in writing by a majority vote of the Council.

### Per Article 3.22- Mailboxes

All mailboxes must be of the same design, material & paint color. Specs, prices and place to purchase is available from the Council.

### Per Article 4.2- Trailer, Storage Building, Shack

These types of buildings or equipment shall not be used at a residence, on a temporarily or permanent basis.



## Peter Cottontail???

Easter is quickly approaching and we all need to pull out those Easter baskets soon. We are working to give our kids one more chance to use them. We hope that you and your family will join us in the BREC park for an early Spring picnic & Easter Egg Hunt.

Peter Cottontail and his volunteers are planning to drop eggs for kids of all ages. Please plan to come to the park

**Sunday, March 24th 2PM - 5PM.**

Peter is looking for volunteers to get eggs ready and to assist in hiding prior to the hunt. Please contact Juli Jenkins ASAP to volunteer any services. Home #766-5710 or email to: [julindavid@cox.net](mailto:julindavid@cox.net)  
This is not a job Peter can do alone and he realizes that. Goal is to make this fun for our kids and the adults as well. We are open to ideas. Feel free to share those you have seen that work in other organizations. Your input is greatly appreciated. Happy Easter and Welcome Spring time.



## Another Urgent Reminder

We need your presence to support our opposition at the Metro Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 13th at 4PM sharp on the 3rd floor of the Government Building  
222 St Louis St

**This is the vote that counts.  
Have we done all we can do?  
Lets ask that of ourselves  
now and not after the votes  
are cast. Please do what  
you can and know that it  
will make a difference.**



# Riverbend Lakes

## WEB SITE NEWS

The web site is coming soon for Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association. In effort to save everyone time & money we want to go fully electronic very soon. What does this mean to you??? We need your EMAIL addresses so that your family can be notified when updates occur. Please send your updated email information to: [julindavid@cox.net](mailto:julindavid@cox.net) (David Jenkins - email)



Our new web site address will be:  
<http://www.riverbendlakes.org>  
**SITE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
 AT THIS TIME**

## Highlights

We are making a limited directory available on-line through the web site address but it will be password protected for only resident use. We ask that we all protect our neighbors privacy by not sharing this as a mailing list with any businesses. The site will allow you to sort the information by one of the following: lot number, street name or last name. This should allow you to get to know some of those neighbors down the street. We want everyone to be aware that we are placing this information on a restricted basis on the web site unless you specify otherwise. The information includes your last name, First names of you and your spouse if applicable, phone number, lot number, and street address. We will be sending out information at a later date on the username and password that will be required to access this section of the web site.

## Night Jogger Alert



This is a special request to those who enjoy an evening jog. Please wear light colored clothing or invest in a reflective vest for your safety and those drivers who have almost collided with you. Your kind and immediate attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.



## Need-a-Stork?

New additions arrived?? Let us share the news with the neighbors. Our newly painted stork is available by contacting Troy & Cathy Sicard 769-8774 They will deliver the stork to your yard.

## What you will see online

### Home Owners Info

- Calendar of Events
- Resident Directory
- Helpful Contacts
- Newsletters
- Filing maps
- Acts of Restrictions

### Association

- Board Members
- Annual Home Owners Meeting
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasury report
- By Laws

### Information Center

- Links you may enjoy exploring

**Please remember this site  
 has been designed for personal use of the  
 residents of Riverbend Lakes.**



We are nearing the end of our construction phase.

We look forward to seeing you on the web real soon. Stay Tuned.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Filing Update

Hip Hip Hooray - We are pleased to share that Hartley Vey & RBLHA are in final stages of transferring the 4th filing to the Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association. Very soon we hope to have those residents in the 4th filing join us. We still have some paperwork details to work out and then we will be in contact with everyone. We would very much like to continue gathering information from all of you to be included in our directory, flyers, and other email correspondences for the coming year. Please furnish your information to **Juli Jenkins** or **Beth Foust**. See contact information below.



## DIRECTORY Welcome to RBL

If you are new to the area and need a copy of the neighborhood directory and a welcome package from your Home Owners Association please contact Beth Foust 767-3043.

## Word of THANKS



Big Thanks to Robert Bond for all his hard work of diligently & actively following the developments along Brightside. He has played an integral part of the combined opposition on many of these proposals. Thanks for your hard work. We appreciate you keeping all of our property values in mind. Lets show him how much we appreciate his efforts by showing up to the Council meeting this Wednesday. This is a fight Robert can not win alone.

## BOARD REFERENCE

All Board Members and others are volunteers, not paid employees of the Association. When you contact these residents, please remember they are volunteering their own time to serve Riverbend Lakes residents.

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Secretary	<b>Arlene Coreil</b>	<b>767-8014</b>
Other Members	<b>Jeff Mire</b>	<b>767-5640</b>
	<b>Seth Dawson</b>	<b>757-1948</b>

### Committees:

Directory Info	<b>Beth Foust</b>	<b>767-3043</b>
Web Site	<b>David Jenkins</b>	<b>766-5710</b>
Newsletter	<b>Juli Jenkins</b>	<b>766-5710</b>
Need-A-Stork	<b>Troy Sicard</b>	<b>769-8774</b>



## OTHER NUMBERS

### Local contacts you may find useful:

Fire, Rescue	<b>911 Emergency</b>
Police	<b>389-3831</b>
Animal Control	<b>774-7700</b>
Poison Control	<b>1-800-256-9822</b>
Call before you Dig	<b>1-800-272-3020</b>
Entergy	<b>1-800-368-3749</b>
BellSouth	<b>1-557-6111 residential</b>
Waste Management	<b>389-3254</b>
Parish Water	<b>925-2011</b>
Cox Cable	<b>1-800-794-2635</b>

## 2002 RIVERBEND LAKES HOME OWNERS DUES INVOICE

Annual dues for 2002 assessments and operating budget requires all lot owners in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> filing per the **Acts & Restrictions of Riverbend Lakes** section 6.1 **to pay \$75**. All payments **are now past due**. This is the 2nd notice. Please make checks payable to: **Riverbend Homeowners Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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