

# LAKE NEWS

Riverbend Lakes Quarterly Newsletter  
August 2003 Issue

<b>2003 Homeowners Association Board</b>	
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## Homeowners Dues Update

### Note to New Residents

Welcome to our new neighbors. The Board Members would like to extend our apologies to those of you who may have been offended by the past due notices received via mail for association dues. As we work to serve approximately 200+ homeowners, and the number is growing each day, we find it difficult to keep up with all turnover accurately. The methods of collection may have been wrongly addressed to some of our newest homeowners and for that we apologize. Please pardon the oversight. We will make every attempt to have someone personally contact you about the association and the benefits of our area.

### Notes from the Treasurer

Dues collection for 2003 began in January. Assessments and operating the budget requires all lot owners per the **Acts & Restrictions of Riverbend Lakes** section 6.1 **to pay \$75**. This amount was proposed and voted on at the annual meeting November 2002.

All 2003 payments were due January 31st or 30 days after you move in for new construction in our area.

Please make checks payable to:  
**Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association**

Mail/drop payments to:  
**Ernie Hill**  
**5811 Riverbend Lakes**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70820**



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

**Have you paid your dues?**

**40 unpaid homeowners**

**Look on the web site to see.**

<http://www.riverbendlakes.org>

*Home Owner Information / Resident Directory*

*Username: \**

*Password: \**

The next newsletter will publish the names and addresses of those who have not paid the required 2003 dues. If you do not wish to be published, you are encouraged to submit your \$75 payment as soon as possible. Feel free to use the invoice on the back of this newsletter. If you have questions about dues payments please contact Ernie Hill, Treasurer. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Treasurer Summary

Breakdown of accounts has been requested:

Checking balance as of June 30, 2003  
Breaks into 2 funds as follows:

<i>General Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$10,962.76</i>
<i>Lake Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ 2,653.67</i>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$13,616.43</b>

#### July Expenses

Security	\$ 480.00
Mailing costs	\$ 37.00
Landscaping Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Newsletter	\$ 86.00
Mailing costs	\$ 37.00
<b>Estimated balance</b>	<b>\$12,926.43</b>

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# Calendar of upcoming events

## August

8/13 - Board Mtg 7:30 pm (Jenkins Home)

## Sept

9/10 - Board Mtg 7:30 pm (Jenkins Home)

## October

10/8 - Board Mtg 7:30 pm (Jenkins Home)

T.B.A. - Annual Meeting for RBLHA

10/31- Halloween Bonfire Festivities

## November-

11/12 - Board Mtg 7:30 pm (Jenkins Home)

Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Board Meetings

The 2003 Riverbend Lakes Homeowners Association (RLHA) meets monthly to address the concerns presented by our homeowners. We are working toward solutions to these concerns in effort to make the neighborhood a desirable place to live and entertain family and friends. Thank you to all the Board members and their families for their time, assistance, and dedication to our issues. It is appreciated!!!

***Please join us - your input is important!  
Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday  
of every month  
They will be held at 7:30PM  
at Jenkins residence.  
6041 Hope Estate Drive***

## Brightside Development

We continue to work closely with a group of folks that monitor and take great interest in smart development along the Brightside corridor. As many of you may recall we were unable last year to block the development taking place along River Road that will back up to Riverbend Lakes. The good news is that it may have laid the groundwork for a solid argument to oppose the development of the 11.5 acres next to Heatherstone town homes. The metro council voted to reject the developers plan to turn that space into a high density living community. We are excited about this vote in our favor. We continue to work with groups that have all of our property values in mind as we wish to promote smart growth in our area.

## Easter in the Park

We had a delightful turnout for Easter in the Park this year. I want to personally thank all the committee members who assisted in the coordination of the Easter festivities. Kelly & Dan Day, Traci Soileau, Shannon & Steve Farho, Tania Gudiel, David Jenkins, Beth Scioneaux, Lana & Patrick Goldsmith, and Robin Pardue your help was greatly appreciated. To all those who contributed baked goods for the day - we say thank you as well. We had lots of kids, eggs and fun. Peter Cottontail, Golden Eggs, lots of other eggs, delicious treats, face painting and more - what more can you do on a Sunday afternoon? Hope you can all join us again next year!



## FIREWORKS

The Board is respectfully requesting the residents in our area to be sensitive to their neighbors, many of whom have small children in bed at early times in the evening. It is also common for household pets to be frightened by the sound of fireworks. If you still have left-over fireworks from the Fourth of July, please find an alternative location to enjoy them.

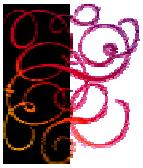


## Need-a-Stork?

New addition arrived? Let us share the news with the neighbors. Our adorable stork is available. Please contact Troy & Cathy Sicard at 769-8774. They will deliver the stork to your yard.

## Pet Courtesy

We continue to take complaints on some of the pets and the lack of upkeep of those pets in our area. There are currently too many dogs roaming with no supervision or leash. This is a violation of the leash laws. We also request that pet owners adhere to the standards set forth by Animal Control. A pet's fecal material should not be offensive in odor or sight to someone in close proximity. We respectfully request that everyone care for their pet's surroundings and extend courtesy to your neighbors by handling these matters in a timely fashion.



# Riverbend Lakes

## WEB SITE NEWS

Our web site address is:

<http://www.riverbendlakes.org>

*Look for current updates online.*

A limited directory is available on-line, but it is password protected and should be used by our residents only. The site will allow you to sort the information by one of the following: lot number, street name, or last name. The information includes your last name, first names of you and your spouse if applicable, phone number, lot number, street address, and email address.

**username:** \*

**password:** \*

This is required to access this section of the web site.

***We are always working to keep this updated and your help is greatly appreciated. There are many new residents and we would like your information to be included in our directory.***

Please email your information to the Riverbend Lakes webmaster contact on the web site or drop a note to the Jenkins' home at 6041 Hope Estate Dr.

## What's new Online

### Within the Directory Section:

It has been enhanced to show the residence annual dues status by lot owner as of the date indicated on the web page. We encourage you to review the list and if you have any questions please contact our Treasurer, Ernie Hill, immediately.

The colored map of our area with the current development has been revised and posted as well. The number of remaining lots in our area decreases on a weekly basis. This is a desirable place to live and has enjoyed healthy development over the past year.

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

## Security Update

As summer draws to a close and you plan a few last minute trips out of town, be reminded that you can contact Todd at 761-1641 to have the patrolman pay close attention to your home while you are away. Call Todd prior to your departure and give him basic information such as the dates you will be gone and your address. This will allow you to enjoy your vacation with a little more peace of mind. In addition, we hope you and your family have seen our patrolman going through the area randomly and you feel comfortable to pull him over to report anything you feel is out of the ordinary.

The board has voted to increase security patrol in our area. We tend to see an increase in activity when football begins.



## 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 visit our web site. Call Dan, RBLHA President, to discuss questions or concerns you may have.

### Per Article 3.12- Fences

All fencing material must be wood, brick, stucco, or wrought iron, unless otherwise approved by the Council. This article includes materials used to construct fences for dogs or other pets. Fencing using any other materials will require board approval prior to installation.

### Per Article 3.2- Improvements

No resident, building, fence, wall, or structure shall be erected nor changed nor 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, and paint color. See contact information on back page of this newsletter.

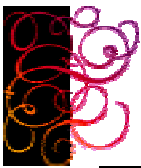
**Special Note:** For Architectural Control matters please contact Francisco Guidel. The committee meets only once per month and all items for review need to be submitted by the 1st Wednesday of the month or they will be reviewed the following month.



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## Annual Meeting

We are quickly approaching Annual Meeting time. This means re-elections. Are you interested in volunteering your time to serve your neighborhood. Please contact any board member if you are interested in serving on the board in some capacity. Everyone is welcomed to participate. We continue to grow and we would like to make sure that all areas are represented on our Board. This will take participation from homeowners in the various filings of Riverbend Lakes. Call any of the board members for more information.

## Newsletter Writer??

I hope some of you enjoy the quarterly newsletter brought to you by your homeowners association board members and dues. It is a way to keep up with what is going on in and around your neighborhood. If anyone has interest in writing the newsletter for the coming year please contact Juli Jenkins for more information.

## Riverbend Boulevard

Fred Raiford of the DPW, stated we can expect resurfacing of the Riverbend Blvd in next 6 months to a year. We have been working with the board from Riverbend's Homeowners Association where certain issues can benefit from joined forces of all homeowners in our area.

## BOARD REFERENCE

All Board Members and others are volunteers for the Association. When you contact these residents, please remember they are volunteering their time to serve Riverbend Lakes residents.

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Secretary	<b>John Pardue</b>	<b>761-1916</b>
Other Members	<b>Robert Bond</b>	<b>761-2836</b>
	<b>Kay Callander</b>	<b>767-7087</b>
	<b>Steve Farho</b>	<b>819-8989</b>

### Committees:

Arch. Control	<b>Francisco Gudiel</b>	<b>769-6269</b>
Security	<b>Todd Scioneaux</b>	<b>761-1641</b>
Security Back up	<b>Joey Nolan</b>	<b>769-2460</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>

### Block Chairpersons:

	<b>Kelli Day</b>	<b>763-9207</b>
<i>New</i>	<b>Meredith Moe</b>	<b>761-4064</b>
<i>positions to</i>	<b>Debbie Scott</b>	<b>763-6290</b>
<i>welcome our</i>	<b>Patrick Goldsmith</b>	<b>766-0330</b>
<i>newcomers</i>	<b>Kay Callander</b>	<b>767-7087</b>

## New to the Neighborhood?

If you are new to the area and need a copy of the welcome package from your Home Owners Association, please contact Kay Callander at 767-7087 or visit our web site for more information. Valuable information and coupons inside!



## 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>
Streetlight Repairs	<b>389-3246</b>
Integrity Mailboxes	<b>763-9400</b>



## 2003 RIVERBEND LAKES HOME OWNERS DUES INVOICE

Annual dues for 2003 assessments and operating budget requires all lot owners per the **Acts & Restrictions of Riverbend Lakes** section 6.1 **to pay \$75**. All payments **were due by Jan 31st**. If you have paid your dues we thank you and others are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

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

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

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

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

Send/drop payments to: **Ernie Hill 5811 Riverbend Lakes Baton Rouge, LA 70820**

