

BONNABEL BULLETIN



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Learn How Trees Protect Your Property

Our upcoming meeting on Thursday, April 20 will feature several speakers on the topic of “Natural Mitigation”. Over the last few months, there has been significant discussion regarding tree preservation and the rules regarding tree removal, new construction with limited open spaces, and flood mitigation. This meeting will provide valuable information on these and other topics.

Joining us from Jefferson Parish are Seamus Riley and Maggie Talley from Floodplain Management.

Resident volunteer Shelley Ferro will discuss the economic benefits of trees in protecting our homes and maintaining home values. Joining Shelley will be David Baker, a well-known local botanist, who will discuss natural disaster mitigation with trees and open space. He will also discuss the best and worst trees for this area.

Jefferson Parish Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation representatives:



Seamus Riley,
CFM



Maggie Talley,
CFM

Representing the Natural Mitigation Committee:



Shelley Ferro,



David Baker,
Botanist

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday
APRIL
20

Lakeshore Playground
1125 Rosa Avenue

SPEAKERS

Seamus Riley, CFM

Floodplain / CFS Specialist

Maggie Talley, CFM

Director of Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation

Shelley Ferro, Resident

Ferro Financial, LLC

David Baker, Botanist

Environmental Curator, Lower Coast Field Station—Tulane University

Jan 12 Keynote Speaker



Liza Caulda, Director of Property Maintenance and Quality of Life for Jefferson Parish was our keynote speaker at our January general meeting. Her office was once part of Code Enforcement but has been established as a separate department due to the size and scope of property management and zoning. Her department handles violations such as trash and debris on properties, parking on front lawns, running commercial businesses out of a resident, structures that are in need of repair, vacant properties, and short term rentals. Generally, violation notices provide 10 days to clear the violation. At 15 days, a hearing date is set. If a hearing officer determines a violation exists, the violation must be cleared within 30 days. If it is not, contempt proceedings are enacted.

Citations are often issued to insure that property owners cut their grass, clear lots of weeds or other debris, move vehicles to proper parking areas, and remove illegal structures. Residents were reminded that areas between the sidewalk and curbs are parish right of way.

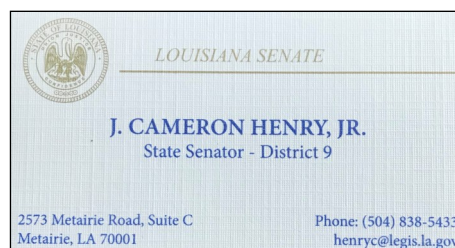
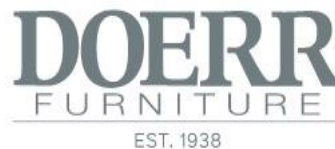
More information and numbers to call are listed on their website, <https://www.jeffparish.net/departments/property-maintenance-zoning---quality-of-life>.

JPSO Updates BCA at January Meeting

Typically, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Organization provides an update on activities at each of our meetings. At the January 12 meeting, Captain Andrew Walsderf and Deputy Anthony Cannatella discussed crime in our area. JPSO is hiring but was staffed with approximately 1300 officers at the time. JPSO is seeing some trickle-over from other parishes. There has been a lot of activity in the Lakeview area and there is cooperations between parishes to resolve these crimes. Since October 12, the following crime statistics were reported.

Suspicious Activity	49
Auto Theft	4
Battery	2
Burglar Alarms	108
Kidnapping	1
Shoplifting	10
Traffic Accidents	67
Break-Ins (Auto)	5
Weapons Violations	2

Captain Walsderf encouraged residents to continue to report suspicious activity and cautioned gun owners to be sure they know the law when carrying a gun and to be sure not to leave them in their cars. Many vehicle break-ins are in search of guns. For emergencies, continue to call 9-1-1. JPSO can be reached at 504-363-5500. Their website www.jpso.com contains a lot of valuable information.



Are You Our Neighbor? JOIN US!!

The Bonnabel Civic Association was organized in June, 1971 by residents in the area bordered by I-10 and Bonnabel Boulevard. The original Bonnabel area is bounded by Metairie Road to Lake Pontchartrain and Hesper to Homestead Avenues. We have increased the area over the years which is now recognized by Jefferson Parish. It now includes West Esplanade South at Bonnabel, east to Lake Avenue (parish line) and south to the North I-10 Service Road. Membership is not limited to our defined boundaries and we welcome those who would like to join.



2023 MEETINGS

BONNABEL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

All meetings are at 7:00 P.M.

January 12, 2023

April 20, 2023

July 19, 2023

October 12, 2023

Location:

Lakeshore Playground
1125 Rosa Avenue
Meeting Room #3



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Election of Association Officers - July 2023

2022-2023 BCA Officers

PRESIDENT

Robert Evans

VICE PRESIDENT

Vacant

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Marilyn Malone

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Vacant

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Terry Almon

MEMBERSHIP

Jacqueline Graff

ZONING

Jennifer Duplantis Thibodeaux

SOCIAL MEDIA

Jeanne Renton

BOARD MEMBER/ADVISORS

Judy Stilwell

Byron Almquist

Elections will be held at the July 14 meeting for officers of the Bon-nabel Civic Association's 2022-2023 term.

Only members of the organ-ization in good standing are eligible to hold office.

All positions are open for nominations.

The officer positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Additional appointed committee chairpersons constitute the Board of Directors who manage various

duties, such as the newsletter and notices, membership list and emails, social media, zoning matters, mem-ber-ship, sponsors, etc.

Bonnabel Civic Association is an organization managed by members of the community for the benefit of our commu-nity.



If you have ideas and are motivated to effect positive change, we want to hear from you.

If you are interested in running for office, please email Bob Evans at rbevans@cox.net.

Check payable to and mail:

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2023 Annual Dues (January 1—December 31, 2023)

New Member: or Renewal: Family Household: \$15.00/yr or Sponsor*: \$100.00/yr
Or Individual: \$15.00/yr

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Preferred Phone: () _____

Occupation: _____ Spouse Occupation: _____

Please indicate if any interest in helping the Bonnabel Civic Association (check all that apply).

Zoning Socials Newsletters Membership Website Social Media

Other (please describe): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All memberships are good for one calendar year. January 1 through December 31 and are non-refundable.

*Sponsorships consists of ad insertions in all BCA Newsletters, website, and your business logo on meeting posters.