

January 2002 Newsletter Article

On December 12, 2001 we had a very productive annual meeting at the Ocean Springs Singing River Hospital Library. The main topics included: setting the budget and dues assessment, election of officers and review of accomplishments during 2001. A summary of the work efforts of the Officers, volunteer committees and Architectural Review Board opened the meeting.

The next order of business was a review of the 2001 budget to-date and the consideration of the 2002 budget and annual dues assessment. The proposed budget was reviewed. With projected finances of \$8000.00 remaining at the close of 2001, the annual dues were voted to remain at \$75.00. The 2002 budget is presented for your reference.

The proposed budget for 2002 reflected the increase costs projected in lawn care, maintenance, and liability/property insurance. The Landscaping/Enhancement Fund was also increased to reflect the interest expressed in acquiring street signs similar to Magnolia Bayou. The proposed budget was increased from \$12,850.00 for year 2001 to \$15,850.00 for year 2002. The deficit in the proposed budget will be made up from the excess funds in the BPOA checking and saving accounts.

The next order of business was the election of officers and ARB representatives. None of the incumbent officers or ARB reps ran for re-election. David Oswalt was elected President, Bobby Wineski was elected Vice President, Ann Utterback was elected Treasurer, and Dana Wineski was elected Secretary. The Architectural Review Board members elected were Mart Windham, Gary Freeman, and Don Smith. Our association once again shows healthy signs with the newly elected Board and ARB members -these are many of the individuals who volunteered their time and knowledge during the past year to enhance our Association.

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Several BPOA members have: mentioned how much they want: Bienville Place to update its appearance and to continue the: trend started last year of neighborhood events. **We are looking for volunteers** for the Welcome Committee, the Neighborhood Events Committee, and the Garden/Landscape Committee. Henry Wilson has

offered to head the committee that will explore the feasibility of new street signs.

We need everyone's help to make Bienville Place the Neighborhood everyone wants to live in! Volunteer to help on a committee by contacting David Oswalt at 872-1266. Let's start the New Year right.

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The [2002 Dues Assessment coupon](#) can be found below for your convenience. Remember, all dues are to be remitted to the Bienville Place Owners Association before January 31, 2002.

All persons who own real estate in Bienville Place are members of the Association and are responsible for the upkeep of the common property. Annual dues are currently set at \$100 and due by January 31. A delinquent account more than 30 days late will be assessed a \$10 late charge.

Make Check Payable To: Bienville Place Owners Association

**Mail To: Bienville Place Owners Association
P. O. Box 71
Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0071**

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

INCOME/ASSESTS

Income					
	1997	1998 (11/20)	1999 (11/14)	2000 (10/31)	2001 (10/16)
Dues Collected	3200.00	5350.00	7650.00	7620.00	
Interest	70.98	28.40	43.05	0.00	
Total	3270.98	5378.40	7963.05	7620.00	

Assets					
	1997	1998 (11/20)	1999 (11/14)	2000 (10/31)	2001 (10/16)
Checking	210.66	728.02	7650.00	1205.46	1538.75
Savings	2041.77	3246.67	43.05	7198.02	11315.10
Total	2252.43	3974.69	7963.05	8403.48	12853.85

BUDGET EXPENSES

2002 Expenses Thru January 1			
Category	Budget	Year-to-Date	Spent
Property Taxes	150.00	0.00	0.0%
Lawn Care	4000.00	0.00	0.0%
Landscaping/Enhancement Fund	5000.00	0.00	0.0%
Water	200.00	0.00	0.0%
Repairs	750.00	0.00	0.0%
Postage/PO Box	300.00	0.00	0.0%
Newsletter/Flyers	350.00	0.00	0.0%
Meetings	50.00	0.00	0.0%
Welcome Committee	50.00	0.00	0.0%
Attorney and Legal Fees	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Dues/Covenant Enforcement	2000.00	0.00	0.0%
Liability Insurance	2500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total	15850.00	0.00	0.0%

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Jerry Dalgo has pledged his assistance along with the Chief of Police in trying to stop speeding in Bienville Place. If you see a "speeder", try to get the color and make of car along with the tag number. This information will be turned over to the OS police dept. Notice: The police are patrolling Bienville Place so wear your seat belt, watch your speed, and come to complete stops!

With the holidays over, you may experience a greater amount of trash at your home. Remember, BFI will pick up trash placed to the left of your driveway. This includes household waste and yard debris. If you have a major yard clean-up or a large amount of tree limbs, contact the city for pick-up at 875-3955.