

July 2013

## BIENVILLE PLACE NEWS

### ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual Association meeting was held in the Ocean Springs Middle School Cafetorium, on Thursday, November 8. Officers for the Board of Directors and Architectural Review Board members were elected.

### 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ashleigh Rogers-Zelaya 424-3798  
Vice President: Tana Owen 818-9084  
Secretary: Sue Mitchell 447-3792  
Treasurer: Bebe Walls 547-5449

### 2013 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Chairperson: Troy Million 818-4661  
Member: Buddy O'Brien 875-7471  
Member: Dale Boudreaux 547-2292

### NEW MEETING LOCATION

Thanks to Greg Horshok for securing a new meeting location for the Association. Greg is a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church on Old Spanish Trail (just around the corner from the Middle School) and has obtained permission for us to hold future meetings there. When a date for the annual (4<sup>th</sup> quarter) meeting is scheduled, we'll send out a notification. The cost to meet at the Wesley United Methodist will be nominal compared to what we have been paying to meet at the Middle School. Thanks again, Greg!

### BOATS, MOTOR HOMES, & TRAILERS

Boats and trailers parked in driveways and yards continue to be an issue of covenant violations. The BPOA covenants prohibit boats, motor homes, and trailers from being stored on your property without being concealed from

view, either within an ARB approved storage facility or your garage. The Board has received numerous complaints about violations of this particular covenant. If you have a boat, motor home or trailer that is in violation of this covenant, please move them immediately to be in compliance with the covenants. Violators who continue to be in violation will be contacted on a case-by-case basis to correct their violation of the covenant.

### PET CONCERNS

There are lots of pet owners in Bienville Place. Pet concerns were addressed at the meeting – particularly about dogs. Main concerns were

(1) **Barking nuisance.** Please don't put your dog outside and leave them to bark and disturb your neighbors, particularly "early" in the morning and "late" in the evening. These are times neighbors are either sleeping or trying to enjoy quiet time with their families. Because we love our pets and can ignore their barking doesn't mean the same for our neighbors.

(2) **Cleaning up behind our pets.** It's not uncommon to see homeowners walking their dogs and not cleaning up behind them. Please respect the yards of other homeowners and clean up behind your pet.

(3) **Roaming dogs.** On a regular basis pets are seen roaming the streets and making themselves at home in yards other than their own. Additionally, loose dogs present the opportunity for someone (even your pet) to be harmed, whether intentional or not.

(4) **City Ordinance.** The City Pet ordinance requires owners to clean up after their pets. There is also a pet leash requirement.

Concerns with leash violations, noise nuisance or cleaning up behind pets should be addressed to the OS Police Department.

### **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES**

**GREAT NEWS!** The Association voted to decrease the annual dues for this calendar year from \$100 to **\$75**. Please use the enclosed form when mailing your payment and return it along with your check by **August 1st**. There are still homeowners who have not paid their calendar year 2012 fees (which are **\$100 plus a \$10 late fee**). The treasurer has contacted a lawyer to assist in the collection of the unpaid 2012 dues and late fees.

If you are not sure whether your fees for calendar year 2012 have been paid or not, you can contact Bebe Walls on her cell (547-5449), at home (818-5615), or via email at [bpoassn@att.net](mailto:bpoassn@att.net). Bebe retired from her sign business and now has more time to dedicate to BPOA administrative functions. Future changes you can expect are changes in the newsletter contents and format, changes to our website, and timely invoicing and collection of dues, just to name a few. If you have suggestions on things you'd like her to address (or recommendations on how to help make information flow better) by all means, contact her.

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Just a reminder, homeowners are required to notify the ARB about property changes. ARB approval is not needed for anything allowed by covenants, but approval is required for exceptions. When in doubt and you want clarification, you can always contact an ARB member via telephone or send an email to [bpoassn@att.net](mailto:bpoassn@att.net) and it will be forwarded to the ARB. Formal requests with drawings should be

mailed to BPOA, PO Box 71, Ocean Springs, MS 3966-0071.

### **HALLOWEEN SECURITY**

As in past years, the BPOA President will contact our alderman, Jerry Dalgo, to ask for security support to manage the tremendous traffic flow in our neighborhood.

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

Mark your calendars and start gathering your items for the annual garage sale on **October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – noon**. In the future, the annual garage sale will be scheduled on the second Saturday of October every year. That date should help avoid the high temperatures, while enjoying some of the cool weather that comes with the fall months. The Association will place a 3-day ad in the Sun Herald. We'll also post signs at the Hanshaw entrances and at the SW corner of Hanshaw and Hwy 90.

### **GRASS CLIPPINGS**

Please don't blow grass clippings into the street or into the sewer drains. Rainwater flows through the drains into the lake and grass clippings go along with the water flow. This can cause lake issues, in addition to impeding water flow and blocking the drains.

### **COVENANTS AND BY-LAWS**

Need a copy of the BPOA Covenants and By-Laws? They can be found on-line at our website:

[neighborhoodlink.com/Bienville\\_Place/](http://neighborhoodlink.com/Bienville_Place/)  
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**If you need us to send a hardcopy of the Covenants and By-Laws, write to P.O. Box 71 or email [bpoassn@att.net](mailto:bpoassn@att.net).**