

March 2012

BIENVILLE PLACE NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING

Due to a scheduling conflict, we had to cancel the annual meeting scheduled in November 2011. It was rescheduled for December 1. There was not a quorum at the December 1 meeting so we could not conduct business and it was cancelled. The meeting was rescheduled and held on February 2, 2012, at the Ocean Springs Middle School Cafetorium. Thanks to all who attended or provided a Proxy Vote to meet the quorum requirements.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A special meeting will be held May 3rd at the OSMS Cafetorium. Positions for officers and ARB members for calendar year 2012 will hopefully be filled at that meeting. Budget issues and covenants will also be addressed at that meeting, in addition to street light posts. Mark your calendars.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Positions available for the 2012 calendar year are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Architectural Review Board member (3 members). The Treasurer, Bebe Walls, and Secretary, Tana Owen, have agreed to stay on in their respective positions. However, there were no volunteers at the February meeting to run for President, Vice-President, or ARB members. Please identify yourself to one of the Board of Directors if you are interested in filling one of the positions.

COVENANT CHANGE REQUESTED

Further research into changing covenants revealed a change to the covenants requires the signature of the majority of lot owners, not the majority of those in attendance at meetings. We'll address this issue at the May 3rd meeting.

STREET LIGHTS

The existing light poles are fiberglass and were initially gray when the Association had them painted black. The poles are beginning to look bad because the paint is peeling off. The Association is responsible for painting the poles if they are repainted. We've talked with Singing River Power Association and they now have fiberglass poles that are black. They are willing to absorb the cost to change out the posts, if the Association purchases the poles. The poles cost around \$150 each. Purchasing these would eliminate future painting and maintenance.

BOATS, MOTOR HOMES, & TRAILERS

Just a reminder -- the 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 within your garage.

2012 ANNUAL DUES

Dues were not collected for calendar year 2011 because a meeting was not held and dues were not approved. The dues for calendar year 2012 were approved in the amount of \$100 per lot. Enclosed you'll find a form for submitting your dues. Dues should be paid by **April 15** to avoid late fees and possible lien action. The Board contacted an attorney to represent us in lien actions for unpaid dues. The lien action will include late fees, a \$50 administrative fee, plus attorney's fees.

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/pages

If you need us to send you a hardcopy, write us at P.O. Box 71 or email us at bpoasn@att.net.