#### POLICE JURY DISTRICT 13 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER

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January 1989

Notes from the Editor,

Please do not discard. This NEWSLETTER is a refrigerator door item if I ever saw one. It will contain important phone numbers, a calander of meetings, and information on important issues, like drainage, roads, zoning & etc.

This Newsletter is NOT funded by any Parish Funds but instead is being paid for entirely by the advertisers. Please give them your business if at all possible. I want to also thank the Homeowner sociations that will be delivering the sletter each month.

We also need your Help. If you can volunteer some of your valuable time to do typing, filing, picking up ads, folding, delivering, & etc. please call.

In addition the District 13 Newsletter wants to hear from YCU. Letters to the Editor are going to be a regular part of future editions. If you have a complaint, a comment, a congratulation, an important observation or suggestion, we want to hear from you. AT LAST WE HAVE A POLICE JUROR WHO IS VISABLE, CAPABLE AND TRULY INTERESTED in what takes place in our District. Now let those cards and letters pour in. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

GARY F. RINCK
POLICE JUROR - DISTRICT 13

Dear Resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and family to you, and request that you take the time to become involved in 1989.



I am thirty-two years old, married with two children, Ingrid age 7, and Christian age 4. My wife Jane is a Registed Nurse working at Northshore Regional Medical Center. I am a Certified Public Accountant in practice for over nine years. You can reach me weekdays in my office at;

170 Commercial Square Slidell, Louisiana 70461 649-7100

or weekends and evenings at home at;

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University of New Orleans. I have lived in St. Tammany for the past two years.

My first objective after taking office was to become familiar with the problems of EACH area of the district. I did this by attending over fourty-four Meetings, which included Homeowner Associations, Community Service Districts, Road Districts, Fire Districts, Police Jury, Recreation Districts, Sewerage Districts, Water Districts, Public Works Barn Meetings, and etc. I also met with over seventy-three individuals and/or small groups to discuss their particular needs. In addition to this I responded to over 1,219 calls from individuals with requests to have streets patched, grass cut, stray dogs caught, street signs installed, speeders stopped, ditches dug, garbage cleaned up, polling station moved, zoning changed, violiations posted, trees saved, culverts installed, & etc., & etc., & etc. It has been a busy "20" weeks, but I think a tremendous amount has been accomplished.

My second objective was to establish a number of committees. Each would consist of "concerned citizens" (housewives, students, business men and women, retired citizens) of the area. The following is a brief outline of the Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) I am in the process of establishing. The committees are listed in the order of importance as I see it.

DRAINAGE - Develope a plan for all

subdivisions & review levee plans.

ROADS - Schedule overlays, & bridge repair
Improve schedule of grass cutting, pot
hole patching, grading, ditch & culvert
cleaning, sign installation, etc.

ZONING - Create senic overlays, improve
Ordinance Violiations Enforcement.

ADMINISTRATION - Organize CAC, Publish
Newsletter, Establish an office.

BEAUTIFICATION - Landscape public areas,
Litter cleanup, Power line removal.

playing fields, parks, & picnic areas.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - Develope programs for
the elderly, & a Co-Op Farming Venture.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY - Intice new "Clean"

RECREATION - Refurbish Beach, Establish

industry, & develope tourism.

TAXES - Review, Compare, & Recommend changes (Reductions!!!)

In order to accomplish much of the above a central workplace was needed, an office. Well, at this time we have an office at 168 Commercial Square, Slidell, La. 70461. Some furniture has been loaned and some expenses have been underwritten. BUT, some things are still needed. Such as a copier, typewriter, office supplies, answer machine, calculator, and TELEPHONE.

In summary, there are a lot of problems in District 13, but by working together WE can solve them, and make St. Tammany Parish a better place to live and work.

Please contact me if you can volunteer or if you have a problem I can help you with.

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Several citizens residing in the Police Juror District 13 have volunteered to Serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee For Drainage. This activity rates a No. 1 priority for a large number of residents in this district.

The volunteers listed below with their respective subdivisions have initiated efforts to identify and specify corrective action for critical drainage problems in each of their areas.

Dean Suchamelley - Abney Country Air
Tam Schug - Cross Gates
Les Bradberry - French Branch
Earnest Barber - Frenchmen's Estates
D. J. Ducote - Howze Beach
Charles Hickman - Pearl Acres
Carl Turner - Quail Ridge/The Settlement
Franklin Kemp - River Crest
Tam Couturie - Robert Park

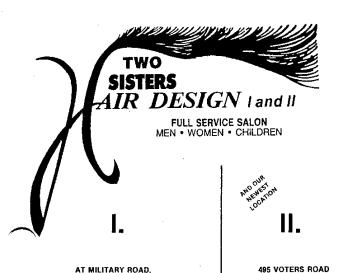
The primary objective of each of the volunteers listed above is to identify and recommend corrective action for problems unique to their particular subdivision which are created by frequent heavy rain all which can not readily flow from the problem area and creates a threat to residential home flooding. The majority of the problem areas have existed for some time but continue to deteriorate with increased development in this police jury district and adjacent areas.

The drainage committee is confident that many of the drainage problems can be alleviated with prompt action by the Parish Maintenance Department. Our Police Juror, Gary Rinck, has also shown a high level of interest in the many drainage problems and a willingness to devote effort and Parish Funds to correct these problems.

One criteria that we are using in studying these problems and recommending corrective action is that we do not solve one subdivisions problem by creating a more critical problem in another adjacent subdivision. This criteria also applies in solving problems within a subdivision. We don't want one residents problem solved at the expense of his neighbors.

Six members of the committee have already submitted recommendations to the Police Jury for their particular subdivision. These recommendations are currently being studied and reviewed by the Parish Engineer and other members of the Parish Public Works Department. Some action has been undertaken by the Parish to solve some of these problems, others will require additional engineering work prior to physical equipment activity.

A major drainage ditch between Quail Ridge and The Settlement has been cleaned along 1500 feet or approximately one-half its



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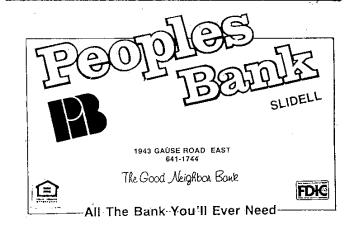
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Survey work was recently completed for two outfall ditches along Pearl Acres Street which should relieve Holiday Acres and parts of French Branch Subdivisions. Within French Branch, larger culverts will be installed across Rue Acadian and Rue Esplanade. The drainage ditch will also be improved between these two new culverts.

We all look forward to having much of the recommended drainage work being completed in the next few months before the heavy Spring rains occur.

Residents in the District who have encountered drainage problems should contact your subdivision representative or Carl Turner, Chariman of Drainage Committee, and bring these problems to their attention.

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3056 E. Gause Bivd. Slidell, LA 70461 E. L. (GENE) BELLISARIO, H 643-8611 District 13 Zoning Commissionor

Update on previous cases:

- 1. Mr. C. Bordelon has filed suit to orerturn the Zoning commission and Police Jurors denial of his petition for a conditional use permit, to place a mobile home in Abney Country Air. Case is pending.
- 2. Pirates Harbor Crane Service is in the process of complying with the agreement reached at the May 17, 1984 Police Jury meeting, i.e., they are installing an 8 ft. privacy fence and have removed an 18 wheeler which was stored on the property.
- 3. Ray's Auto Body Shop was denied their rezoning request by the unanimous vote of the Zoning Commission, but it was subsequently overturned by the Police Jurors at their November 17, 1988 meeting. Ray's is required to meet certain conditions before the rezoning is to become effective. At this date they have not met all of these conditions.

Our next meeting on Zoning and Violations will be on January 10, 1989, at 6:30PM.

#### ASSOCIATION OF HIGHWAY 11 BUSINESSES

There will be an organizational meeting on Monday January 23, 1989, at Joseph's Restaurant for all business owners along Highway 11. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. The adgenda of the meeting is:

- 1. Get organized & work together
- 2. Plan the cleaning up of Highway 11
- 3. Improve enforcement of violations
- 4. Rejuvenate business and tourism
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Roads are near and dear to all of us. Over the next few months I will try to explain how they are being paid for and intained. It is complicated.

First, let us divide all road work into NEW and OLD. The NEW road work is the Overlay of Blacktopping of roads through special tax raising measures.

1. Capital Improvement (Sales tax Money)

2. Sub-Road Districts (Milleages & Assessments)

The OLD road work is done through the Public Works Department and is strickly repairs, such as pot hole patching, grading, ditch cleaning, & etc.

Now, let us review what money has been spent and how much is left in the Capital Improvement Fund. Of the initital \$25,000,000 only \$22,000,000 is to be used for actual road work. Of this amount District 13 will only receive "6%" or \$1,320,000 because of the present distribution of the road money within the parish between the 14 Police Jury Districts. This allocation is based only on road miles within a Police Jury District and has NO adjustment for pulation or usage of those roads. Not

ery fair when you look at the amount of taxes that are generated from District 13 residents as compared to the where the money is spent. But, for now, back to the discussion of roads. The following roads

were listed in the Sales Tax Bond Issue.

PRIORITY I ROADS

Connector routes between state and federal highways and other main arteries.

Apple Pie, Avery, Carr, Eden Isles, Herwig Bluff, Hoover, Indian Village, Lopez, Morrow, Northshore Rd, Old River, Pearl Acres, Rue Holiday, Service Rd, Voters, & Yaupon. (16 streets 17.67 miles)

#### PRIORITY II ROADS

School bus routes.

Almonaster, Belle Cherie, Blue Crane No 1, Cayo, Cheshire Ct, Chinchas Creek, City Dr, Clara, Covey Ct, Cross Gates, D'Evereux, Dove, Eagle, Hawk, Hayes, Heathermist, Hooper, Howze Beach, Interpid, Kingspoint, Marilyn, Marlborough, Melody, Moonraker, Nighthawk, Palm, Panther, Park, Pinehazel, Rama, Ranch, Rio, Rue Acadian, Rue Charlemagne, Rue de la Paix, Rue Esplanade, Rue Royal, Seicshnaydre, Steele, Vaultz, & Windward Passage. (41 streets 18.73 miles)

No Priority III Roads (all other Parish roads, streets and bridges) were listed to be improved. Of the above list there will be a few changes for roads no longer in the unincorporated part of the Parish or for roads that just do not need any work.

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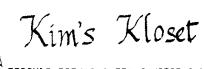


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The total projected cost to complete all roads in the above list is \$3,670,571. We just will not have enough money to do all of them.

The following is an Update of where we are

Original Allocation Less Reimburesments	\$1	,320,000
		OMO 9000
1. Sub-Road Dist 2 of 14	(	273,780)
2. Special Road Dist 15	(	26,400)
Less Projects Under Construction	on	
1. Pearl Acres Road	(	62,110)
<ol> <li>Almonaster Street</li> </ol>	(	58,245)
3. Marlborough Street	(	16,417)
4. Marilyn Drive	(	21,621)
5. Morrow Drive	(	53,448)
6. Hoover Drive	(	94,254)
Less Projects Under Design		
l. Avery Drive	(	8,000)
<ol><li>Northshore Road</li></ol>	(	209,622)
3. Voters Road	(	75,000)
Less Projects Bid Accepted		-
1. D'Evereux Drive	(	52,318)
2. Old River Road	(	65,695)
3. Eden Isles Blvd	(	65,315)
Remaining Balance	<u>\$</u>	237,775

There will probably not be another allocation of funds for three years.

Now Sub-Road District 5 of 14 (Robert Park and Holiday Acres Areas) have \$159,130 left in its seperate fund. We will start to select streets at the January meeting to be blacktopped.

Sub-Road District 2 of 14 (Military Road Area) has about \$273,780 in which to do road work. The only current work now being done is on Doubloon Estates Drive, at a cost of \$34,819. The remaining \$238,961 has got to be spread between t. following "46 promised roads";

Partridge, Golden Pheasant, Turkey Trot, Dale, Bobolink, Swallow, Sandpiper, Woodcock, Chickadee, Jackson, Sparrow, Flamingo, White Stork, Diamond Dove, Egret, Blackbeard, Lafitte, Barbary, Live Oak, Shady Lane, Doubloon Dr. R. O., West Pearl, East Pearl, Provosty, Rue de la Pais, Rue D'Azur, Rue de la Moth, Rue Chateau, Rue Aries, Belle Helene, Dover, Combden, Briston, Milford, Camborne, Trenton, Durham, Spring, Winter, Essex, Norfolk, Leeds, Blue Ridge, Red Mill, Surrey, & Belle, and Middle West Pearl Bridge, which is estimated to cost \$150,000 to replace as

Northshore Beach Paving Project is all but complete at a cost of \$251,659. Clara, Evella, Debbie, Terry, and Jacqueline Streets were all included in this Special Assessment Paving Project. The bonding attorneys have not made a decision as he to handle the reimbursement on Clara Drive, but a decision is coming soon.

of December 12, 1988 Engineer's Report.

I hope this information addresses some of your questions regarding road money.



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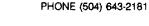
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	WEEK 2	
JANUARY 1989	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
_7 Sat.ll:00am	Citizens Advisory Zoning Comm.	168 Commercial Square, Slidell
9 Mon. 5:30pm	Public Works Committee of P. J.	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
⊿ Mon. 6:30pm	Commerce & Industry Comm. of P. J.	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
9 Mon. 7:30pm	Solid Waste Committee of P. J.	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
9 Mon. 7.00pm	Eden Isles Comm. Service District	Abney Elementary School, Slidell
10 Tue. 6:30pm	ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
10 Tue. 7:00pm	Fire Protection Dist. #1	1570 West Hall, Slidell
10 Tue. 8:00pm	Planning Commission	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
11 Wed. 6:00pm	Finance Committee of P. J.	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
11 Wed. 7:00pm	Administrative Liaison Comm. of PJ	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
11 Wed. 7:00pm	Public Hearing Ord. #1160	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
12 Thu. 7:00pm	Parish School Board	212 West 17th. Ave., Covington
WEEK 3		

16 Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (	Observed, Parish Holiday
18 Wed. 3:30pm	Drainage District #2	Slidell Council Chambers, Slidell
18 Wed. 6:00pm	Sub-Road District #5 of 14	168 Commercial Square, Slidell
18 Wed. 6:30pm	Sub-Road District #2 of 14	168 Commercial Square, Slidell
18 Wed. 7:00pm	Lighting District #5 (French Branch	
18 Wed. 7:00pm	Lighting District #7 (Eden Isles)	168 Commercial Square, Slidell
18 Wed. 7:00pm	Mosquito Abatement Dist. #2	2800 Terrace Ave., Slidell
18 Wed. 7:00pm	Sewerage District #7	4676 Pontchartrain, Slidell
18 Wed. 7:30pm	Military Road Alliance	Village Acadian Clubhouse, Slidell
19 Thu. 4:00pm	POLICE JURY REGULAR MEETING	Police Jury Chambers, Covington

#### WEEK 4

یر Mon. 6:30pm	Special Building Code Meeting	Police Jury Chambers, Covington
23 Mon. 7:00pm	Highway 11 Business Meeting	4879 Pontchartrain Dr., Slidell
25 Wed. 7:30pm	Levee Board	168 Commercial Square, Slidell
26 Thu. 7:00pm	Parish Library Board	310 West 21st. Ave., Covington
30 Mon. 6:00pm	Recreation District #9	Northshore Beach Fire Station



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Mosquito Abatement District #2 will give a report along with the procedures in which to file a complaint.

Comments from our new Assessor, Kirk Wascom, as to what his plans are.

Status of signs & report on road overlays.

Status report on repairs of Middle West Pearl Bridge and Moonraker Bridge.

Levee Board Report as to the time table, funding, and location.

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