
 POLICE JURY DISTRICT 13
 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 NEWSLETTER
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Notes from the Editor,

GARY F. RINCK
 POLICE JUROR - DISTRICT 13

Well, the Newsletter is getting more and more popular. Many calls and letters were received. The following letters seem to sum it all up:

Dear Resident,

Your newsletters have been a welcome oasis in a political desert. I have found them to be most informative and something for which other political leaders should pattern themselves after.

By now you have heard that I have withdrawn from the upcoming Police Jury race on April 1. It was a very hard decision to make but one that I think will be best for my family and myself. The "part time" job as Police Juror is extremely time consuming.

Walter L. Batiensila
 Cross Gates

While on the Jury I have met a tremendous number of fine people, and hope to continue a relationship with them. The following people are only a sampling of those who volunteered to help me with District 13; Gene Bellisario, Stan Owen, Charlie Hickman, Carl Turner, Julie Tolis, Earnie Barber, Elizabeth & D. J. Ducote, Al Howard, A. K. Wilson, Jeff Pittman, Gerard Pena, Narcille Stone, Eva Marisco, Al & Cindy Chapman, Robert & Ann Love, Sally Beshevich, Ken Bryant, Helen Tranum, Bob Burnaman, Charles Barogona, Ann Autry, Allen Lofland, Dean Suchomelly, Robert Walker, Franklin Kemp, Kathy Valicenti, Robert Tassin, Mike Landry, Dianne Lipps, Clif Mellott. Thanks.

The newsletters were especially exciting since they kept us informed and gave us a sense of unity throughout our whole district.

Al & Cindy Chapman
 Holiday Acres

Disappointing, though is that some Homeowner Associations such as Eden Isles and Kingspoint have opted NOT to deliver it. The last issue was only delivered in Kingspoint through the hard work of one individual, Mike Landry. Thanks, Mike. And in Eden Isles, STARC was paid to deliver it. It is sad that we can not all work together to improve OUR District 13.

By, Julie Tolis, Editor

It was a very rewarding experience I will never forget, and maybe even try again.

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Well, I've finally taken office fourteen months after the election. I know it sounds strange but that's the law. My first efforts will be to organize the staff in such a way that we may begin work on several projects outlined during the campaign.

First of all, and hopefully you've noticed, office hours have been expanded as follows:

Slidell Office

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday - 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Covington Office

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday - 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
3rd Sat of each month 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Second, the field staff is going to be increased and trained so we can keep up with the growth of our great Parish. More on this in latter issues.

Third, we are in the process of acquiring expanded computer capabilities to provide even better service in the future.

As you know, the Grand Jury has condemned the Courthouse Annex Building. This action will force us and other parish offices to relocate. The Police Jury is now in the process of locating space. While this may cause some inconvenience, I look upon it as an opportunity to provide an office much more suitable to the needs of the public.

All that will keep us busy for awhile, but if I can help you our telephone numbers are: Slidell (646-1990), Covington's Slidell No. (643-6323).

Thank you for this opportunity to talk about the office and there will be updates from time to time.

For the last couple of years residents of Kingspoint Subdivision have been asking, "What's going on with Drainage District #4?" The billing of a monthly service fee has appeared to have been done unfairly and the Board has provided no accountability to the homeowners.

On Monday night, February 13, 1989, the homeowners finally got their chance to voice their concerns to the members of the Board. Those in attendance at the meeting included;

- Gary Rinck, Police Juror Dist. 13
- Martin Smith, Chairman Drainage Dist.#4
- Wayne Spihler, Comm. Drainage Dist. #4
- Drainage District #4 Staff
- Pam Nash, President of KHA
- and MANY homeowners.

There were many topics discussed and the homeowners are taking an optimistic attitude that the Board will be able to get their house in order. The meeting was that necessary FIRST step and the homeowners truly appreciate Mr. Rinck's diligence in arranging this meeting. We also appreciate the effort put forth by all those in attendance of the meeting. community working together is one which can accomplish many great things.

Michael Landry
KHA District 13 Liaison Committee

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SUB-ROAD DISTRICT #2 OF 14

Over the last six months there have been many meetings to discuss the road overlay program. All subdivisions were represented at one time or another. The following is the "Official" list of the road projects that came out of your input, and that was turned into the Capital Improvement Department as of 2/28/89.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Doublon Dr. \$ 34,819

The following roads will be overlaid with a 2 inches of asphalt only. NO roadside ditching work or extra base preparation will be done.

UNDER DESIGN

Belle Helene	\$ 7,035
Blackbeard	14,420
Dale	9,975
Douglas	3,325
Golden Pheasant	18,900
MIDDLE WEST PEARL BRIDGE (NEW)	75,000
Partridge	19,600
Rue Aries	9,975
Rue Brenda	8,120
Rue Burgundy	4,060
Rue Carroll	5,180
Rue Chateau	7,420
Rue d'Azur	12,530
Rue de Bourbon	3,710
Rue de Lorraine	3,710
Rue Esplanade	11,900
Rue la Mothe	7,770
Rue Piper	5,180
Rue Royal	9,975
Starling	9,975
Turkey Trot	7,070

Sub-Total	254,830
Over Budget	(15,869)
TOTAL	\$ 273,780

2 CENT SALES TAX MONEY PROJECTS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Almonaster St.	\$ 58,245
D'everaux Dr.	50,333
Hoover Dr.	95,064
Marilyn Dr.	21,621
Marlborough St.	16,417
Morrow Dr.	53,448
Old River Road	71,047
Pearl Acres Road	62,110
Sub-Total	\$ 428,285

OUT TO BID

Eden Isles Blvd.	\$ 77,364
Lakeview Dr.	209,622
Voters Road	71,613
Sub-Total	\$ 358,599

UNDER DESIGN

Avery Dr.	\$ 8,000
Blue Crane # 1	23,200
Dove	17,760
Eagle	28,320
Hawk	33,300
Herwig Bluff	40,216
Nighthawk	17,760
Rue De La Paix	24,080
Steele Road	40,300
Sub-Total	\$ 232,936

REIMBURSEMENTS

Special Road District # 15	\$ 26,400
Sub-Road District #2 of 14	273,780
Sub-Total	\$ 300,180

TOTAL \$1,320,000

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT #5 OF 14

The balance of \$181,000 should be enough to completely rework the base, do roadside ditching, and put 2 inches of asphalt over the following streets in Holiday Acres; North Holiday, South Holiday, Lynn and ALL Parish streets in Robbert Park.

SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT #15

This district only recently received additional funds of \$26,000 from the Northshore Beach Surplus and \$14,407 from the 1988 SRD 15 Budget. This \$40,407 can be spent on ANY street within Ward 9 Precinct 9. The streets in most need of repair are Beth Dr. and Rampage Loop.

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NORTHSHORE BEACH ROAD PROJECT

Z O N I N G

There have been a lot of untruths being spread around about what is going on with the rebate money and past promises by the Police Jurors. Let me try to outline the FACTS about 4 seperate issues.

1. There was an error by Parish Staff which required the only bid that was submitted to be rejected and the project rebid. The resulting low bid was about \$20,000 higher. Nothing can be done to recoup this money. An unfortunate mistake.

2. The money that was to be spent on Lopez Street will not be spent anywhere in the near future. This street is now within the city limits of Slidell and is their responsibility to maintain. But the Police Jury has taken the position that there will be NO substitutions of streets within the "VOTED ON" streets. A good policy.

3. Clara Drive will be refunded \$12.00 per linear foot. All other subdivisions voted to spend their rebate money on doing additional streets. But in the Northshore Beach Area all streets were done. Therefore this money (\$26,400 less Debbie Dr. \$7,382 = \$19,018) could be applied against the Bond Issue or put in escrow for future road improvements. I instructed the Parish Treasurer to pay the outstanding indebtedness.

4. After all bills are paid there will be a surplus of about \$26,000. This money was originally transferred from the Special Road District 15 (Ward 9 Precinct 9) in 1987. I have decided (after conferring with the parish attorneys) not to reduce the Bond Issue with this money but to return it to the Special Road District 15 from which it originally came. Now other streets which need work can get it.

I hope you can see the logic that went into the above decisions and not be lead to believe some stupid rumors.

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E. L. (GENE) BELLISARIO, H 643-8611
District 13 Zoning Commissioner

Update on previous cases:

- 1. Pirates Harbor Crane, no change.
- 2. Bordelon Lawsuit, no change.
- 3. Ray's Auto Body Shop, no change.

January & February Meetings:

- 1. Approved two conditional use permits for mobile homes off of McKinney Road.
- 2. Approved the Planned Corridor Overlay for Highway 11. This will give the Parish Staff some flexibility on zoning issues due to the problems associated with the lot sizes on the canal side of Highway 11.

The Citizens Advisory Zoning Committee Meeting was held 1/7/89. Gary Rinck, Police Juror, Mike Manteris, Violations Dept., Myself, and many Homeowner Representatives were in attendance. The lot clearing ordinance was the major topic of discussion. A Complaint Form for Unkept Lots was drawn up and sent to ALL Homeowner Associations. Each Homeowners Association is to distribute this form, receive back completed complaints, then forward to me to for control. The Violations Dept. will confirm, and then cite the property owner.

Even though Eden Isles Subdivision had no representative at the meeting, Mr. Rinck felt our first emphasis should be there, because of the large number of unkept lots. Robert Tassin, Eden Isles, has since sent a list of 31 unkept lots. To join this Citizens Committee, call me.



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CONGRATULATIONS

At the February 1989 Police Jury Meeting, Mr. Rinck appointed the following individuals as Commissioners for their respective Boards;

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #2 - Ward 9, Precinct 9
Taylor Casey
DRAINAGE DISTRICT #4 - Kingspoint
Ben Aiken
John Desport
Michael Landry
RECREATION DISTRICT #9 - Northshore Beach
Narcille Stone
SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD - Parishwide
Carl Turner

We wish these people luck and success with their new positions. We need more devoted people like these.

Also, of extreme importance is the appointment of Gene Bellisario to The Planning Commission. As you may know each of the 14 Police Juror appoint one person to the Zoning Board, therefore there are 14 Zoning Commissioners. All PJ Districts are equally represented. BUT, the Planning Commission is only made up of individuals. The very unfair distribution in the past was 7 people from the 7 West Police Jurors and only 2 from the 7 East Police Jurors. (The Power of the Block Vote) Last month one of the Western positions became vacant and Mr. Rinck was able to maneuver the appointment of Gene Bellisario. Now the distribution is West 6, East 3. Better, but needs work. Good luck, Gene, and stay with it.



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If you think this newsletter served a purpose and should be continued, please contact your new Police Juror, Milton Gibson, (641-6971) and let him know. Mr. Rinck was the driving force to get this one started and it will now be Mr. Gibson's responsibility to keep it going.

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FUTURE MONTHS...

Comments from Milton Gibson, the NEW
 Police Juror District 13, and his plans.

Eden Isles should soon see the
 construction and operation of a second
 guard house at the new I-10 entrance.
 This was recently approved by the PJ. The
 guard house will house a private security
 service on a Public Right-of-Way.

Quail Ridge will soon see a new street
 name on Egret Drive off of Blue Crane #1.
 The new street name is Pelican Court.

Willow Wood will soon see the closing
 off of two streets in order to keep
 individuals from dumping and setting
 fires. The two streets will be closed at
 the following locations:

1. Cross Gates Blvd. about 1000 ft past
 the intersection of Willow Wood Dr.
2. Corner of Willow Wood and Silver Wood.

The Homeowner Association will supply the
 materials for the barricades, the
 developers consented, the Police Juror
 approved the plan, and the Public Works
 Dept. will complete the work. This is a
 perfect example of how government can work

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March 30, 1989

Dear Unit 4 Property Owner,

We are a committee of volunteers associated by our common interest in Unit 4 of Eden Isles to improving the use and value of our property.

The Unit 4 Architectural Covenants currently limit the main structure of a dwelling to a 30 foot setback from the rear canal bulkhead. This committee would like to change this rear setback from 30 feet to 20 feet.

The original setback was established by Eden Isles, Inc. when they were liable for the bulkheads for the first 10 years following their construction. This time has passed and property owners are now responsible for maintaining their own bulkheads. The deadmen securing these bulkheads are within 10-15 feet of the bulkhead and do not represent an obstacle to greater use of our backyards.

The existing setback has been circumvented on technicalities in the past. It is acceptable to build a pool and totally enclose it as long as no part of the enclosure touches the main structure. The Architectural Control Committee permits the attachment 2"x6" lumber for use as an awning to the eave of an existing property as long as no roofing material other than canvas or lattice panel is used to cover it. Many property owners wish to cover their decks and patios with compatible roofing material as is used on their main structure in order to facilitate it's use during hot summer days and the rainy season and this cannot be done at this time.

Many people wishing to build in Eden Isles search for property elsewhere because they cannot build a house of sufficient size on one lot with the given 30 foot rear setback. The additional 10 feet will permit a 10'x50' addition on a single story house situated on a standard 60'x120' lot. A 10'x50' foot addition is equal to 500 square feet which at \$45.00/sq.ft. would produce a \$22,500.00 increase in property value to a single story home. This change will increase the value of vacant property within Unit 4 and allow property owners in Eden Isles to compete with the larger lots being offered in the new Oak Harbor development.

If you are in favor of changing the existing rear setback requirements in Unit 4 from 30' to 20', please vote in favor of this change by approving the enclosed ballot and returning it as soon as possible. You have one vote per lot and 51% of the property owners need to be in favor of approval for a change to be enacted. The postage on the enclosed postcard has been paid. Please complete the card and return it as soon as possible. Thankyou.

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