

South Point Homeowner's Association, Inc.

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September 2008 Quarterly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stacy Scott

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TOWN HALL MEETING

When: Monday, November 10, 2008

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Gray's Creek Elementary School – Cafeteria

Address: 11400 La. Hwy. 1033 (1 mile down LA 16)

This meeting is open to all homeowners to discuss the upcoming proposed 2009 budget, homeowner's dues increases, additional and increased responsibility, legal obligations of SPHA and the associated costs, hiring a community association property management company to handle the administrative duties, and the Neighborhood Watch Program. This meeting is a prelude to the Annual Meeting held in January.



HURRICANE DAMAGE?

If you sustained roof damage during Hurricane Gustav, or are unsure if a few lost shingles caused sufficient damage, please contact your insurance company to have the roof inspected. Various residents who had multiple shingles lost or loosened by the hurricane have learned that the roofing structure did in fact sustain more extensive damage, and future problems can arise if the entire roof is not replaced.

PONDS



The various ponds within the subdivision are not lakes and were not intended for recreational purposes. They were created for water retention as part of the neighborhood drainage system. Even so, there is a need to maintain the water quality with bi-monthly treatments

and with the addition of fountains. Fountains are not only functional, but aesthetically pleasing, enhance the neighborhood, and increase the overall value of our homes.

While each and every home is not located near a pond or a cul-de-sac area, the landscaping work and the fountains in the ponds are a benefit to everyone.

Some homes are located next to or back into wetlands. Other homes are located by open fields.

Both the land on which the ponds are located and the wetland areas will become the responsibility of SPHA within the next couple of weeks. The Developer has prepared the legal documentation, which has been reviewed by SPHA's attorneys, to turn these areas over to SPHA.

The fields are **not** common areas, nor are they areas of land that have been transferred to SPHA for maintenance or as our legal responsibility. These areas of land are owned by the Developer, and are open lots that are designated in the original plat plans for the subdivision.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



This year SPHA will be hosting a door/house/yard decorating contest and will award Wal-Mart Gift Card prizes in the following categories:

Best Decorated Door - \$25.00

Best Decorated Yard - \$50.00

Best Overall Design - \$75.00

Volunteers are needed to help in the judging. Contact Liz at liz.beautificationcommittee@yahoo.com to sign up.

Judging will commence Saturday, December 20, 2008. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, December 21, 2008. Please note that Board members are exempt from participating in the contest.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
TIPS FROM SERVICE MAGIC

The 9 Ways to Perfect Landscaping

We all know that nice siding and a new roof will help sell a home. New windows are stunning, and a freshly painted front door will do subtle work. But landscaping is truly the piece that brings it all together. Landscaping has more color and more texture than these other pieces, and it smells better, too.

Sloppy front yard landscaping-or none at all-reduces the beauty of your property, and may even lower the value of your home. However, with a well-planned design, a little legwork, and these nine tips, landscaping can make a typical lawn into something stunning from the street.

Not Much Effort

Use local plants as they will require less maintenance after planting because they already thrive in your climate.

Mulch beds provide texture above the grass while creating less weeding over time.

Planters are easy to maintain and plant, not to mention the fact that they come in a variety of sizes to fit nearly any space.

The Standard Improvement

Frame your home. Install solid roots-bushes, shrubs, tall grasses-at the corners of your home to provide a visual frame for the street view.

Cover the ground. Make sure to invest in ground covers of any stripe as they will provide added texture to the ground giving a solid feeling to the yard and keeping weeds away.

Flowers create vibrant color. Flowers or flowering plants are the showpieces of any landscaping. They grab the eye and add a pleasing aroma to the visual experience.

Going All the Way

Trees. A great deal of work up front, trees provide an anchor to your landscaping, not to mention shade and aboveground color. Small species, like Japanese maples, add color and spindly texture without having to wait years for maturity.

Contact a landscape architect. If you're going to go big, you should go smart, too. They will know your soil type, your budget limits, and how best to work in your space.

Get closer to the street. Build the landscaping toward the eyes in the street, not just toward the property lines. Making your landscaping deeper rather than wider gives

guests something to walk through, not past, while visually drawing them closer.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER UPDATES

For those who are in our email database, a monthly update is provided via email to advise as to the status of current projects or matters on which the Board is working. For those who do not have email access, copies of the monthly updates can be picked up in one of the two boxes located on either side of the front entrance sign on South Point Drive.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and residents may attend as guests. If you have an item you would like added to the agenda or wish to have an appeals hearing on a Restrictive Covenant Violation, you *must* contact the Board no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at a Board member's home.



**SPECIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Steve and Dana Romeo welcome their first child, a baby boy, born April 8th.

Tyson & Cassie Barnett welcomed their first baby boy, in July, 12 weeks early!

Charlie & Michelle Richmond welcome a baby girl, Savannah Paige, born June 10th at 9:58 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 2 ounces and 20 inches long.

Trevis & Tikeleana Dutton welcomed a baby boy, Tanner, on July 23rd. Tanner was welcomed home by his big brother, Tyren.

Israel & Sonia Cecchini welcome a baby girl.

INSPIRATION QUOTES

"Never lose the childlike wonder. It's just too important. It's what drives us." – *Dr. Randy Pausch*

"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else." – *Les Brown*

Neighborhood Watch

What Is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their communities. Neighborhood Watch **does not require frequent meetings; only 2 per calendar year.**

The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch Program is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods.

How Does It Work?

- Neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance;
- Citizens being aware of, and knowing how to recognize and report, suspicious activities in their neighborhoods;
- Implementation of crime prevention techniques, such as home security, Operation Identification, and others.

Why Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch sends a message to potential intruders that:

- Homes in your neighborhood are not easily accessible to potential burglars;
- Your neighborhood is organized and actively involved in preventing crime in the area.

How To Develop the Program...

- Talk to your neighbors to determine their interest and willingness to attend a Neighborhood Watch function. Ask about convenient times to schedule your functions. Be sure to mention that Neighborhood Watch does not ask that anyone take any personal risk to prevent crime; and Neighborhood Watch leaves the responsibility for apprehending criminals with your local law enforcement agency.
- A Block Captain and one or two assistant Block Captains will be expected for each block.
- To accomplish the goals of the Neighborhood Watch program, we do require **50 percent participation** of your block.
- To schedule a presenter for your meeting, call our office **at least three weeks in advance**. Presentations are scheduled Monday through Friday during the day, and Monday through Thursday evenings.

- REMINDERS-

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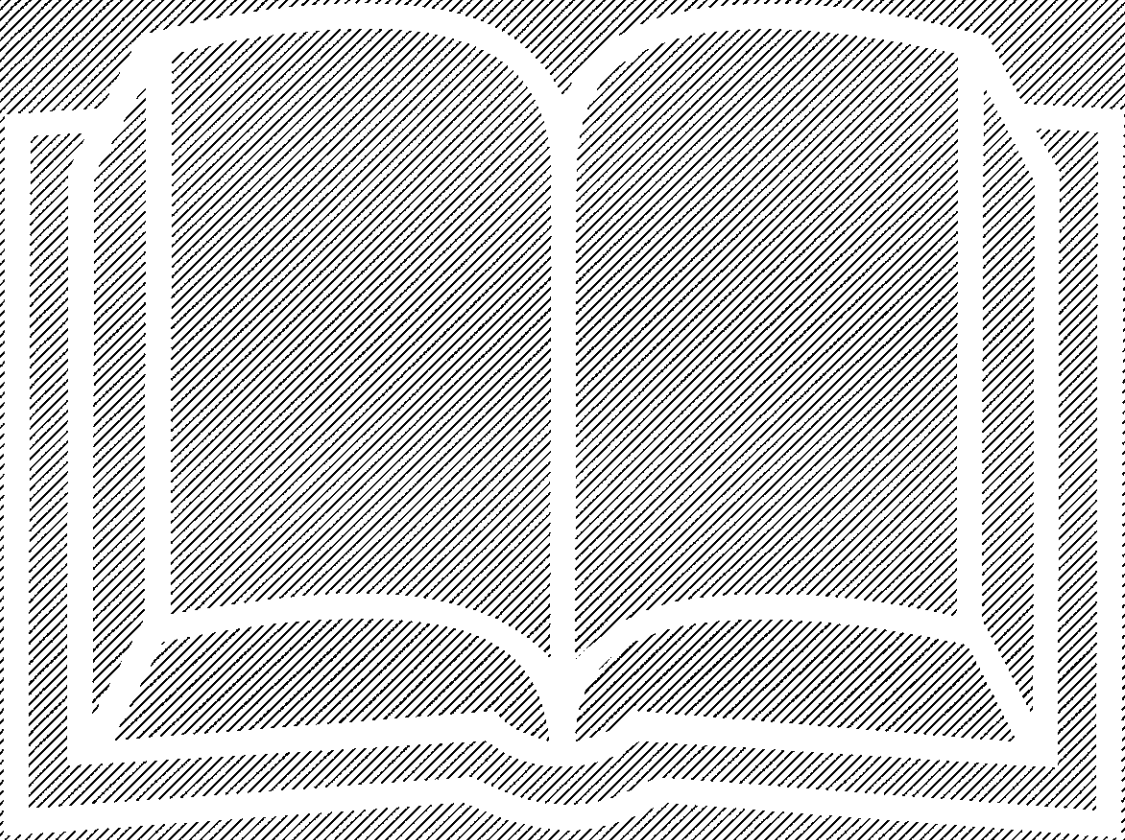
SOUTH POINT HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
P O BOX 1496
DENHAM SPRINGS LA 70727-1496

“South Point Subdivision – Building Not Just a Neighborhood but a Community.”

QUICK GUIDE TO LOCAL & COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Community Contacts

SOUTH POINT SUBDIVISION

South Point Homeowner's Association, Inc. 610-9578
Board of Directors and/or Architectural Control Committee
 P. O. Box 1496
 Denham Springs, LA 70727-1496
southpointboard@gmail.com
www.southpointsubdivision.com

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police 911
 800-443-7681
Fire Department 911
Police, Non-Emergency 686-2241
 Option 1, After 4:00 p.m.

OTHER CONTACTS

AT&T 866-246-4852
 Formerly BellSouth
City of Denham Springs 667-8330
 Billing - Water & Gas
 New/Disconnect/Transfer Service 667-8340
Gas Department 667-8346
 Nights/Weekends/Holiday
Water Department 667-8351
 Nights/Weekends/Holiday
Cox Communications 615-1000
 T.V. Cable Service
DEMCO (Electricity) 261-1177
 Billing & Service Department
 24 Hour Outage Reporting 261-1160
 Report Street Light Repairs 665-8932
Direct T.V. 800-481-6907
 T.V. Cable Service
Livingston Parish
 Telephone Directory 664-8242
Mo-Dad Utilities 305-1000
 Sewage
Waste Management 667-7000
 Garage Pick-Up
U. S. Army Corp of Engineers 504-862-2201
 New Orleans District (Wetlands)

DENHAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Mayor: Jimmy Durbin
 City Council Members:
 Arthur Perkins, Sr.
 René Delahoussaye
 Jerry Denton
 John Wascom
 Lori Lamm-Williams

Municipal Office 665-8121
 941 Government Dr., Denham Springs, LA 70727 or
 P. O. Box 1629 Denham Springs, LA 70726

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homeowners can apply for homestead exception at the parish assessor's office in the Livingston Parish Courthouse in Livingston.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SERVICES

Parish Courthouse 686-3070
Parish President 686-2266
Councilman - District 5
Albert "Buddy" Mincey 665-6504
Sheriff
Willie Graves 686-2241
Clerk of Court
Tom Sullivan 686-2216
Assessor
Jeff Taylor 686-7278
Coroner
Ron Coe 791-1152
District Attorney
Scott Perrilloux 686-3070
Register of Voters
Delmas Taylor 686-3054
Senator
Dale Erdey 686-2881
State Representative Dist. 6
Don Cazayoux 929-7711
County Agent 686-3020
Address & Permit 686-3021
 All of these parish offices are located at the Livingston Parish Courthouse Complex, 20180 Iowa St., Livingston, LA 70754, except for the Coroner's office, which is located at 140 Aspen, Suite E, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

SCHOOLS

School Board 686-7044
School Board Member - District 5
Albert "Buddy" Mincey, Jr.

ELEMENTARY

Seventh Ward Elem. 665-5815
24495 La. Hwy. 16
Principal: Belinda Watson
Grades K-5

Gray's Creek Elem. 667-1808
11400 La. Hwy. 1033
Principal: James Richardson
Grades: K-5

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH

Southside Jr. High 664-4221
26535 La. Hwy. 16
Principal: Alan Joe Murphy
Grades 6-8

HIGH SCHOOL

Denham Springs Freshman High 665-7890
940 Range Avenue N.E.
Principal: Ken Magee
Grade: 9

Denham Springs High 665-8851
1000 N. Range Avenue
Principal: Kelly Jones
Grades: 10-12

LOCAL PARKS

Parks and Recreation 665-5405

Denham Springs - South Park

Located on Vincent Road, ½ mile west of South Range Ave. This park features baseball, softball & football fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and a horse show arena. Covered picnic pavilions are available for rent for functions.

Denham Springs - North Park

Located at the intersection of Eden Church Road and Lockhart Road. This park is a large, first-class public park with recreation center, softball & baseball field, golf driving range, running track, soccer fields, playgrounds, covered picnic pavilion, tennis & basketball courts and other facilities. The recreation center is available for rent for meetings, reunions, seminars, banquets, dance and other events. This park is used by the Denham Springs Park and Recreation Department for various sports and recreation programs for children.

CAMPGROUNDS

KOA Kampground 664-7281
 1628 Vincent Road