

South Point Homeowner's Association, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stacy S.

The No. 1 complaint in South Point is **SPEEDERS!**

Speed bumps CANNOT be installed on parish roads; the roads in South Point belong to the parish. Speed bumps would interfere with emergency vehicles, and create liability issues for the parish. If you know of a parish road that actually has speed bumps, please contact Councilman Buddy Mincey directly.

The distance of South Point Drive from Hwy. LA 16 to Whitehall Avenue is a few feet under one mile. Individuals have been speeding on this long stretch of road and the problems continue to escalate. Residents of the neighborhood have experienced damage to mailboxes and vehicles parked in driveways, almost being stuck by moving vehicles, and difficulty exiting driveways. Recently when one resident's vehicle stalled just as he was exiting his driveway, another driver approaching from within South Point decided to hit the gas, speed up and proceeded to drive through the stalled resident's yard with no consideration or regard to the vehicle or other residents outside! This is something I witnessed myself – not a rumor or exaggeration.

The speed limit was lowered to 20 mph. Our stance in 2007 is **ZERO TOLERANCE**, and we have requested that law enforcement crack down on violators during private police patrols. This is what many residents want, and we are asking for 100% enforcement of the law.

As responsible adults, we should know that the damage, injuries and deaths caused by accidents are increased at higher rates of speed. While lowering the 25 mph to 20 mph may not be a high variance or deterrent to those who feel they are above the law, this small reduction in speed could mean the difference between serious injuries from which one can recover and certain death.

These are the measures your HOA has taken. While no solution is the absolute remedy, we have not heard or received any other plausible solution. We ask that all residents and those visiting the neighborhood **OBEY THE LAW.**

People need to be held accountable and responsible for their actions - and that includes respecting posted speed limits and traffic signs.

Three children have been injured by motor vehicles in South Point, and numerous pets have been injured or killed. Did you know . . .

- Auto accidents cause a death every 12 minutes and a disabling injury every 14 seconds.
- In 2005, 43,443 people lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents. Another 2.7 million people were injured.
- More than 94% of the 11 million vehicles involved in motor vehicle accidents in 2005 were passenger cars or light trucks.

Source: NHTSA

On a similar note, another increasing problem is noise ordinance violations coming from vehicles. While each individual has a right to listen to whatever they desire in their own vehicle, it does not mean the rest of the world enjoys their same choice. When entering South Point Subdivision, **PLEASE TURN THE VOLUME DOWN!** The same stance for zero tolerance in this area has been requested

The Board of Directors (past, present or future) will never please 100% of the residents 100% of the time on all issues. We have a duty to act and respond and work to find solutions to problems.



REMINDER!

MANDATORY HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION DUES MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 31, 2007. IS YOURS PAID? IF NOT, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY. LIENS ON UNPAID 2007 HOA DUES WILL BE FILED MAY 1, 2007.

SOUTH POINT SHOPPING CENTER

Bill Arnold, the owner of the property located on Hwy. 16 adjacent to South Point Drive (at the main entrance into South Point) has posted the required sign announcing that he will build retail businesses in this area.

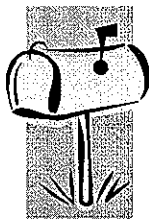
Please be assured that consideration to the residents of South Point Subdivision is high on Mr. Arnold's list. The standard, quality and appearance of the shopping center will be aesthetically appealing and compliment the exterior décor of the homes in South Point.

There will be a driveway that connects to South Point Drive from the shopping center, which is aimed for the use and convenience of South Point Subdivision residents. A driveway will also be created on Hwy. 16 for the use of non-South Point residents. We cannot stop the creation of the driveways nor control the traffic that utilizes them.

The center will house a small food mart/convenience store and three gas pumps. The occupants of the other two stores are yet to be determined. Mr. Arnold stated the store will close by 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. An eight foot fence will be erected across the back portion of the property between the center and the house on Mr. Arnold's property.

The Board may try to work with Mr. Arnold to have an equally aesthetic fence erected on the side of the property. As the property is adjacent to a public-right-of-way, SPHA has no legal authority over what is built on the land or access provided on a public right-of-way -- which is why we want to work together with Mr. Arnold, not against him, for the best interest of SPS's residents.

Mr. Arnold also anticipates that within two years, the back portion of the property will become a self-storage facility or a medical/dental office.



PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
MAILBOX LOCATION ADJUSTMENTS –
DEADLINE TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES
ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR MAILBOX IS
APRIL 7, 2007 (SEE INSERT)**

LANDSCAPING WORK TO COMMENCE IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The Developer recently donated two loads of dirt and leveled the public right-of-ways located at three of the four cul-de-sac areas in South Point. **No Parking** signs have been placed in these areas. We are still accepting bids for landscaping, as well as the routine maintenance, and hope to have the work done shortly. Please respect these areas while they are under construction.

INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT AT HWY 16

AND SIDNEY MONTGOMERY (SECOND ENTRANCE)

SPHA does not own this land (nor any other land within South Point) and therefore is not responsible for its maintenance, appearance, etc. We are, however, moving forward, with the permission of the landowner, the parish, and the Developer, along with DEMCO, to have one street light installed at this intersection at the HOA's cost. This will allow us to run electricity so that we can add spot lights to the entrance sign.

POSTING/PLACING SIGNS ON TRAFFIC SIGNS

If you place a sign on street sign posts, please remove the sign once its purpose has been served. **AT NO TIME SHOULD ANY SIGN BE TAPED TO OR POSTED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE OUTDOOR MESSAGE SIGN AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE.**

To decrease the unsightly appearance of numerous signs being placed in the ground at the front of the subdivision, we are considering the addition of a sign that will allow you to advertise your house for sale or rent or a garage sale. More details forthcoming.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

In April, after winter hibernation, SPHA's Beautification Committee will come back to life. We will restart the "Yard of the Month" contest and the monthly "Walk for Beautification." The walk is an organized effort to bring residents together to clean up the neighborhood while walking for exercise. The Walk is held the 2nd Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m., and we gather at the front entrance sign.

Residents who live in the vicinity of detention ponds may want to coordinate efforts with their immediate neighbors to clean up any trash or debris that has collected around the pond. Permission from your neighbors should be asked before traversing their property so that their privacy is not compromised and trespassing does not become a problem.

Details and specifics on the Seasonal and Holiday Yard Decorating Contests are forthcoming.

Nominations for Yard of the Month should be sent to: liz.beautificationcommittee@yahoo.com.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

"Welcome Packets" are delivered by the Welcoming Committee monthly. To help in properly welcoming new homeowners to South Point, we need your help to keep us informed. If you are selling your house, please encourage the new owner to contact us as soon as possible so we can update our records and put them on the list to receive a Welcome Packet.

If you are a business owner, maintain a home-based business, or have a company and would like to include promotional items or literature in our Welcome Packets, please contact Andy at one of the Board's addresses.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and residents may attend as guests. However, if you have an item you would like added to the agenda, you must contact the Board no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at a resident's home.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

NW meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at a resident's home. If you plan to attend, please either write or call the Board.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIP

This tip comes from a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car.

The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Test it. The alarm should go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until you reset it with the button on the key chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around for fear of being caught. Remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

UTILITY TRANSFORMERS IN YARDS

If you have a transformer in your front yard, you MUST maintain a 3' clearance on the sides and back and 12' on the front. If DEMCO has to access the transformer in your front yard and it is blocked, they are not liable for any damages to landscaping that encroaches the clearances.

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

We would like to add a page to our website to allow residents to advertise their businesses or availability for services. This is a great way for residents to find local or smaller businesses to suit their various needs. If you have a business, or know someone who performs certain types of jobs or tasks (lawn maintenance, painter, babysitter, etc.), please contact us so we can gather this information and display it on our website.

CELL PHONE

SPHA now has a telephone number 225-610-9578. Please note that the phone will be used as a repository for messages. Depending on the nature and circumstances of your call, a Board member may be delegated to return to your call. In matters that require written documentation for record purposes, a response will be provided in writing. You are encouraged to contact the Board by postal address or email.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Zero tolerance in 2007 applies to this area of concern. With the absence of volunteers to fill the spots on the ACC, the Board is overseeing the duties rather than ignore the importance of the enforcement of Restrictive Covenant. **Covenants are to be followed by everyone, homeowners and renters/lessees.** No one is exempt from following the rules.

Top Violation Complaints Received (Items Not Allowed by our Restrictive Covenants)

1. Parking vehicles, boats, campers, work and flatbed trailers in yards (e.g., not in driveway on concrete).
2. Parking RV's, campers, and travel trailers in yards.
3. Parking 18 wheeler trucks, 18 wheeler cabs, and Mack trucks in yards, driveways and streets.
4. Continuous, routine and/or overnight parking in the street.

Top Complaints Received (that are outside the realm of authority of SPHA or the ACC and are the responsibility of individuals and/or parent[s])

1. Children playing recklessly in streets with no parental supervision.
2. Pets allowed to roam freely around the neighborhood.
3. Children playing in houses or lots under construction and/or removing building materials to make skating ramps in streets, placing boards and plywood in ponds.
4. Children trespassing against private property and homeowner's property to fish or play in ponds (strictly prohibited, signs are posted and police are advised to enforce the law against violators).

- REMINDER -

2007 Dues Payment Deadline is March 31, 2007

No additional reminder, statements or invoices will be distributed. If you have lost or misplaced the "original" of your invoice, please contact the Board.

2007 Perpetual Liens will be filed May 1, 2007

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