



# LAKE CARMEL CHRONICLES

## LAKE CARMEL SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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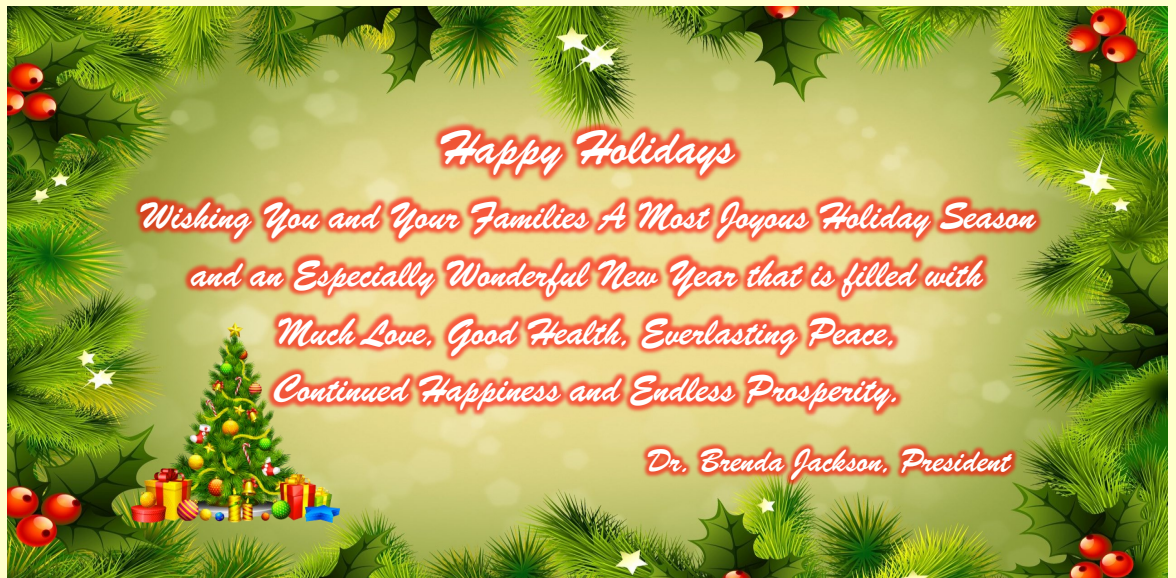
Mrs. Barbara Woods  
Commissioner



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS MY LAKE CARMEL FAMILY,

*First of all, I want to welcome all new Homeowners to our beautiful Subdivision. We thank you for choosing Lake Carmel and look forward to your working with us in maintaining the high standards that we have established for our Subdivision and we thank you in advance for being a "good neighbor." And, to all of our already established "good neighbors", thank you so very much for your continued support and extra efforts in helping to make Lake Carmel one of the best Subdivisions in the East.*



*Happy Holidays*

*Wishing You and Your Families A Most Joyous Holiday Season  
and an Especially Wonderful New Year that is filled with  
Much Love, Good Health, Everlasting Peace,  
Continued Happiness and Endless Prosperity.*

*Dr. Brenda Jackson, President*

### HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

With the spirit of the Holiday Season in the air, the Board of Directors and the Beautification Committee cordially invite you to participate in Lake Carmel's 2014 Holiday Spirit Home and Yard Decorating Contest. Judging will be conducted by the Beautification Committee, headed by Mrs. Talmadge Mead, on Saturday, December 20, 2014. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Yard Signs for each Winner will be placed on the winner's lawn.



## *Beautification Committee*

Please be reminded that whether you choose to participate in the Holiday Decorating Contest or not, we ask that you not forget to keep your grass cut and your lawns properly manicured during these cold and wintry months as well. Also, be reminded that the attention and care you put into the way your home looks on the outside is a direct reflection on you. Garden of the Month signs will continue to be posted during these months as well.

We want to once again applaud Mrs. Mead and her team for maintaining our front entrance and adding the very attractive and seasonal touches. The other homeowners who are a part of this committee include Ms. Robyn Braggs, Mrs. Barbara Woods, Mrs. Irene Brooks, Mr. Lionel Carmouche, Mrs. Jackie Robinson. I hope that you and your visitors are proud of the way our front entrance looks. I am! Keep up the good work Beautification Committee.

### NOVEMBER GARDEN OF THE MONTH



The Garden of the Month Sign for November was placed at:

**12611 N. Lake Carmel Drive  
Mrs. Patricia Arnolie**



### VEHICLE DECALS



The new vehicle decals are in. Block captains are going from door to door to deliver them to you. In case they miss you, you may stop by the Security Guard Station at the entrance of the Subdivision and provide the guard with the required information and you will be able to pick yours up from there. Whether from door to door or from the guard station, you will need to show proof of residency and provide the vehicle license plate number for each decal you receive. The required Decals, for Lake Carmel Residents ONLY, are numbered and distributed to match the License Plate. Immediately place your decal on the driver's side of your front window. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

## *Holiday Celebration in the Park*

The Friends of Joe W. Brown Memorial Park & Louisiana Nature Center is sponsoring its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration in the Park on **Saturday, December 13, 2014** and you are invited. According to its Executive Director, Ms. Tangee Wall, there will be many fun activities, i.e. Toy Give-a-Ways, Games, Prizes, and Photos with Santa. The Entertainment will include Youth participation, Caroling and Christmas Tree Lighting.

This is a non-profit organization and any support to assist in providing this much needed opportunity for the community by contributing to the happiness of children through sponsorship is welcome. Please contact Tangee Wall at [tangeyon@yahoo.com](mailto:tangeyon@yahoo.com) for more information.

## East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) Christmas Extravaganza

You are most cordially invited and strongly encouraged to come out, support and celebrate with ENONAC at its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Extravaganza on Friday, December 19, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight at the Crystal Palace (10020 Chef Menteur Hwy). There will be Live Entertainment featuring Michael Ward, James “Twelve” Andrews, New Birth Brass Band and other entertainers plus a Christmas Buffet, Spirits, Door Prizes, and Raffles. Tickets are \$75 each and good tables are going fast. Homeowners’ Associations and Subdivisions are asked to purchase tables. Help us to be represented by coming out and joining in the fun. To reserve a seat at the Lake Carmel Table and get your tickets, contact me at [brendajackson24@gmail.com](mailto:brendajackson24@gmail.com) immediately.

For those of you who may not know, ENONAC is a legislative and city approved organization for eastern New Orleans. It is the unified and recognized “voice” that is continuously fighting for and protecting the rights and property values of the



homeowners and residents of all New Orleans East. The monthly meetings of ENONAC are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Maria Goretti Church Community Center at 6 pm. and are open to all of you. The organization receives no city funding and depends upon donations and fund raisers such as the Christmas Extravaganza to cover operational costs.

The Executive Board, who are all non-paid members, includes: Mrs. Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, a retired college professor of Biology and a successful realtor, serves as President/Chair; Mrs. Ramona Baudy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Dr. Brenda Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Mrs. Lydia Leon, Secretary; Mr. Karol Sanders, Treasurer, Mr. Edward Blouin, Member at Large and Mrs. Joan Heisser, Member at Large. The members who serve as Commissioners and make up the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission include all certified East New Orleans Homeowner Associations/Subdivisions Presidents and/or designated representatives.

### NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NORA) LOT UPDATE

As many of you may already know, we have been working on acquiring the four plus acre lot at the front of our Subdivision (I-10 Service Rd.) for a few years now. And, in the last two years we have been in final negotiations and have made substantial progress with NORA, who is the owner, and who will be leasing the land to us. We have had many very positive meetings with the NORA representatives, i.e. Mr. Lemuel Hancock, Dr. Jerry Graves, Ms. Brenda Breaux, Ms. Jasmine Haralson, and Mr. Kevin Hanna, and we are expecting to be in possession of the lot very soon. In addition to the lot lease at a nominal fee, NORA will be financing the landscap-

ing and the walking trail for us. Is this fantastic or what! We are most grateful to NORA for their assisting in this major and worthwhile endeavor. Also, we will be installing a steel fence, at our own expense, around the perimeters of the lot and are very excited about this as well.

Regarding the fencing, I also want to applaud Ms. Emily Bullock of Spackman Mossop Michaels, who has really helped us in locating a more reasonable and reputable fencing company to install the fencing and another company to remove the overgrown trees, weeds, etc. from the area so that the fence can be placed properly.

### BLIGHTED PROPERTIES

Mrs. Barbara Woods, along with Mr. Willie Jefferson and Mrs. Merial Walker are leading the way to reducing the blight in our Subdivision. They have attended meetings with the City’s Blight Office and have resubmitted the list of blighted properties with pictures to them. Mrs. Woods has also partnered with and gotten assistance from Ms. Dawn Hebert, who heads this Committee for ENONAC. Through these efforts, much progress has been made in solving the blight property in Lake Carmel – the lots with extremely high grass are being regularly cut and several of the abandoned and blighted houses have been sold.

## NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The Night out against Crime Event, held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, was a success. Mrs. Barbara Woods filled in for Mr. Bertrand Brickham, chair, who was out of town for this year's event. Mrs. Woods and the Committee



members ---Mrs. Vickie Davenport, Mr. Lionel Carmouche, and Mrs. Deborah Cato as well as the entire Board of Directors and several other homeowners (Charlie Booker, Jackie Robinson, Merial Walker) who came out and assisted, did a fantastic job.

A very special thanks goes to Mr. Howard Washington for always allowing us the use of his electricity so that we can play our music. Also, spe-



cial thanks to Mr. Darren Scieneauz, a Lake Carmel homeowner and Manager of the Winn Dixie on Chef Menteur Hwy near Press Drive, for donating water to us; to Kent-

wood for donating water also and to Wendy's on Read Blvd for coupons for a Free Frosty.

Some of our special guests included: Sheriff Marlin Gusman; Representative Austin Badon; Councilman James Gray; Dr. Jerry Graves of NORA; April Davenport of the Office of Mayor for Neighborhood Engagement, and several 7<sup>th</sup> District Police Officers.



## SECURITY AND SAFETY

Lake Carmel's Security is provided by New Orleans Security, Inc. (Mr. Kevin Johnson, owner). The 24 hr. telephone number for New Orleans Security is **(504) 736-7800**. You may use this number to report any non-emergencies. However, in case of emergencies, i.e. when you see someone committing a crime (on person or property) or participating in any illegal activity in



our Subdivision, please do not close your eyes or ears to it and say that it is not your business because it does not involve you. Call the New Orleans Police Department and report it immediately to **(504) 658-6070** or **(504) 821-2222**. Remember that we in Lake Carmel are family and are our brothers' keepers, so do your part in helping to keep all of our families safe.

## KUDOS

Congratulations to former 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Michael Harrison, who has been promoted to New Orleans Police Superintendent and congratulations to Commander Lawrence Dupree who now replaces Superintendent Harrison in our district. Many good wishes are extended to both of these fine men.

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS** **VOTE VOTE VOTE!!** **Saturday, December 6, 2014** **VOTE**

If you have not already voted for the upcoming Election, please--please go out and exercise your RIGHT to do so. This is another CRITICAL election. Your VOTE and every VOTE does count.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**DECEMBER**  
 Pierre Pierce (5)  
 Charlie Booker, Jr. (9)

**JANUARY**  
 Linda Brickham (20)  
 Talmadge Mead (23)  
 Dr. Brenda Jackson (24)  
 Willie Jefferson (25)

## Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church Community Center, unless otherwise informed. Notices (24-48 hours) are always posted at the Security Guard station.