

Riverbend Estates Homeowner's Association Meeting - 9/17/14

Association dues

- 117 total homes
- 2 foreclosure
- 8 still waiting payment

A question was asked concerning compliance expense – compliance expense are the funds used to bring a property into compliance. These funds should be reimbursed by the bank that owns foreclosed properties. A question was asked about the Bank service charge - budgeted at 150.00, only paid 14.00

2 homes are in foreclosure – the attorney retained by Riverbend Estates is working with the bank(s)

When did we get paypal? Last year 12 -15 used it this year

Front entrance

The front entrance is looking great; a couple of plants will be replaced. The HOA will repair the divet in the street at the front entrance. A question was asked about the tall wooden post near the front entrance. It marks the property boundary. The HOA agreed to talk to Mr. Ron about it.

The work to paint the lights is complete.

A motion was made by the HOA to replace the bulbs in the lights at the front entrance with colored lights for each holiday. Everyone was in agreement.

Speeding/Parking

A complaint was registered with the HOA regarding commercial vehicles parked in driveways. As per the by-laws, this is not allowed: "No commercial vehicles may be maintained in front in driveway.....". A notice will be send. Please note that it is acceptable to park commercial vehicles in your driveway, as long as it is behind the gate.

Overnight parking on the street is NOT allowed. The problem seems to have decreased.

The board and attendees also discussed the by-law regarding signs in yards. Political and advertisement signs are not authorized. Booster signs (for schools, etc) are acceptable.

Speeding is still an issue. The group discussed speed bumps – this would require parish approval. The HOA has had the police in the neighborhood and speed limit signs have been posted. A question was raised regarding the possibility of a stop sign for Rue Landry. The idea had been discussed before – it would require councilman approval

Halloween Block Party

Last year, approximately 130 people came to the Halloween Block Party. This year, we will have prizes for *original* (as opposed to store bought) costumes. There will be stuffed animals and glow necklaces

for the kids. Tables will be set up but please bring your own chairs. Food to be served includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, nachos, cupcakes, candy and sodas. A DJ will be playing music. We need volunteers to help with: shopping, door to door hand outs/emails, setup and clean up.

Noisy neighbor

A question was raised about a neighbor whose driveway is right next to the bedroom window of another house. The neighbor makes loud noises, later in the evening. There are no by-laws that directly address this situation; in this case it's best to communicate and then elevate to the sheriff's office if it becomes a real issue.

Newsletter, social media

Riverbend Estates is on facebook – Like Us !

Sign at Entrance

A motion was made to post a decorative sign at the entrance of the neighborhood informing all those who enter that ours is a covenant protected neighborhood. The attendees were in favor. The board agreed to present designs at the Halloween Party.

Recycling

A member of the group informed everyone that there is a recycling dumpster available for everyone's use at the IMTT field.

Mowing

A member of the group asked who is responsible for mowing the area between the backs of the houses on Rue Landry and the drainage canal. The Parish is responsible – any issues with frequency, please contact the Public Works department of the Parish.