



Spring Lake Neighborhood Association

March 2011

Rebuilding Eastern New Orleans One Home at a Time



A Message from the PRESIDENT

Ryan Rochon

Greetings Fellow Homeowners of Spring Lake,

It is my esteem pleasure to serve as your President for the 2011 year and I look forward to overcoming the challenges which the current Board has been working very hard to resolve. I believe that we have seen considerable improvement this year but still have a far stretch to go in regards to the security and beautification of our neighborhood. In the efforts of providing better security we have ensured that the Levee Board Patrols are more visible and not staying in one area stationary for an extended period of time. In addition, a partnership has been formed with the New Orleans Police Department to provide supportive services which affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. Traffic Officers will be patrolling Spring Lake and will be issuing citations to individuals who are found to be in violation of speeding and traffic laws. This does include our residents as well, so please obey the traffic laws as there will be no exceptions.

Council Lady Hedge Morrell and her assistant Tina Metoyer have provided the SLNA with great support from the City and have been very helpful with ensuring that we have all resources at our disposal when needed. Many thanks are extended to them, as well as Sgt. Dupre, Eddie Dema, Marsha Thompson, all of NOPD, and Lt. Polk of the Orleans Levee Board, all of which are working hard to ensure our safety as well as the safety of our families and property.

*In closing, we would not be SLNA without the hard work and dedication of the neighbors. While I know we all have busy schedules, which may minimize available free time, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please do your best to attend the general meetings and possibly volunteer to help with one of the committees. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and I will do my best to ensure that we remain vigilant and on a rapid course of recovery.*

Appreciation to Outgoing and Newly Elected SLNA Officers

Thank you to our neighbors who served SLNA untiringly during the 2010 calendar year. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and commitment to rebuilding Spring Lake.

A special gratitude is extended to **Bunny Vallon** who served as president over the past five years and **Brenda Joseph** who served as the secretary for the past three years. Thanks also to **Wesley Bishop**, and **Deline Williams** who served as vice president and chief of security, respectively.

Fay Wooten, treasurer of SLNA association, continues to serve in this capacity for the 2011 calendar year. Fay has served as our treasurer for the past four years. Along with Fay, we welcome and wish success to our new officers: **Ryan Rochon**, president, **Mike Bevrotte**, vice president, **Dana Walters**, secretary and **Kerry Llopis**, chief of security.

Please visit the SLNA's website (springlakenighbors.org) to see a list of all board members.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The Orleans Parish curbside recycling program is scheduled to begin soon. To participate, homeowners must request a curbside cart by calling the Department of Sanitation at 504-658-3800 or by registering for a curbside cart at recycle.nola.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All residents are invited to attend and participate in the general membership meetings, held in the Monsignor Gauthreaux Center at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church. Meetings begin at **10:00 a.m.**



We need you to share ideas and to serve on committees. Resident volunteers are needed for the following committees: Security Patrol, Finance, Beautification, Communication, and Special Projects.

Reminders of meetings are placed on the marquees which are located at the Mayo exits of Spring Lake subdivision. The dates of the 2011 General Membership meetings are:

May 14, 2011 **July 9, 2011**
September 10, 2011 **November 12, 2011**
December 10, 2011 ~ Christmas Social

Councilperson Hedge Morrell and Assessor Errol Williams Meet with Spring Lake Residents

January 8th General Membership Meeting

Councilperson **Cynthia Hedge Morrell** and citywide Assessor **Errol Williams** attended our first general membership meeting for the 2011 calendar year. The first general membership meeting was held January 8, 2011. Both elected officials offered a wealth of information and answered questions posed by Spring Lake residents.

Councilperson Morrell provided updates about Methodist Hospital and street lights, in addition to responding to numerous questions. Ms. Tina Metoyer, accompanied Councilperson Morrell to the meeting and returned with updates at our March general membership meeting. If any resident has any concern or information he/she wishes to share with Councilperson Morrell's office, e-mail messages may be sent to Ms. Metoyer at tmetyoer@nola.gov. Ms. Metoyer may also be contacted via telephone (504-658-1040 ~ office or 504-606-7859 ~mobile).

Residents asked **Assessor Williams** about the collection of our Homeowners Association dues. Assessor Williams explained that his office does not collect property taxes, fees, or dues for special taxing districts. He indicated that no special taxing district has any legal authority to impose consequences for unpaid fees. However, the City of New Orleans-Finance Department is the official tax collector for real estate taxes imposed by special taxing districts such as Spring Lake Special District (tax \$200.00). If a property owner's taxes become delinquent, interest charges accrue on those taxes that are delinquent, including the Spring Lake Special District Taxes.

A lien may be placed on a property for delinquent real estate taxes and/fees if delinquent. Assessor Williams stated that all unpaid Spring Lake Special Taxes are paid to the Spring Lake Improvement District when collected at a tax sale of the said property by the city's tax collector.

If residents would like to view their tax bill, they may view the tax bill online at www.nolaassessor.com and press the "tax information" tab which links them with the tax collectors database.

General Membership Meeting May 14

Guest Speaker from Sewerage & Water Board will greet SL Residents

The next general membership meeting will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011 (10:00 a.m.) at the St. Maria Goretti. A representative from Sewerage and Water Board will be our guest speaker and will address any questions or issues you may have.

Welcome to our new neighbors. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new neighbors to Spring Lake subdivision. Please take time to attend our general membership meetings so that you can stay abreast of news in our community, get an official SLNA decal for your vehicle, and receive a copy of the SLNA bylaws. **We would love to meet you!**

Stay connected @

springlakeneighbors.org

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Levee Patrol ♦ 283-9800

NOPD Dispatch ♦ 821-2222



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Road Home & NORA

To inquire about Road Home and other New Orleans Redevelopment Authority properties please visit noraworks.org or call 504-658-4400.

NOPD & Spring Lake

If any **Quality of Life** issues need to be reported, please contact **Officer Dema** at 504-658-6586 or for **crime prevention** efforts contact **Officer Thompson** at 504-658-6587. Also please keep President Ryan Rochon and/or Security Chief Kerry Llopis informed of all the issues being reported.

DO YOU HAVE A SLNA VEHICLE DECAL?

Identifying your vehicle helps our law enforcement and neighbors provide stronger awareness. Be a good neighbor....get a Spring Lake decal for your vehicle. Get a SLNA auto decal at our next general membership meeting (**May 14, 2011**) or by contacting **Mike** at **390-0051**.

