



MARCH 2019

New Security Patrol Service Selected

SEAL Brings Years of Security Experience and Expertise to Lake Bullard

Lake Bullard’s new President, Bryan Jourdain, has announced the Lake Bullard partnership with the SEAL Group (Security Experts and Leaders, LLC) who began security patrols in Lake Bullard Monday, April 1, 2019.

PATROL UNIT TELEPHONE NUMBER

504-329-8023

OFFICE NUMBER

504-248-7174

The SEAL GROUP will distribute introduction cards around the neighborhood.

Please pass the word among your neighbors to give a heartfelt “Welcome” to our new security officers by introducing yourselves. The security officers want to get familiar with who lives in Lake Bullard and which vehicles belong in Lake Bullard.

DON’T BE AFRAID TO STOP, WAVE AND SAY “WELCOME TO LAKE BULLARD!”

Lake Bullard Officers

- President - Bryan Jourdain*
- 1st Vice President - Aundra Harris*
- 2nd Vice President - Vacant*
- Secretary - Alton Newton*
- Treasurer - Mtumishi St. Julien*
- At Large - Velma Johnson*
- At Large - Vacant*

Message from the President: Bryan Jourdain



Dear Homeowners,

On Saturday, March 16th, I had the honor of being sworn in as your new President of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District. I would like to personally thank our

past President, Derrick Francis, for his service and commitment to our community as well as his efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful and crime free.

My top priority as President is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the residents. In an effort to do so, the officers of Lake Bullard approved a new security company, SEAL (Security Experts and Leaders), to begin security details in our neighborhood. I encourage residents to introduce themselves to those patrolling and welcome them into our neighborhood.

We are in the process of upgrading our current security camera system as means to add more efficient video coverage of our subdivision. We will continue to work together to keep Lake Bullard safe and a desirable location to live.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Bryan

Save the Dates!

Remaining 2019 Lake Bullard Meetings

Next Meeting:

**Saturday, May 4, 2019
New Orleans East Hospital
11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Agenda:

**Vote on Security Camera Provider
Hear Crime Tips from SEAL Chief Rowe**

Future Meetings:

- Saturday, June 22, 2019
- Saturday, September 21, 2019
- Saturday, December 14, 2019

Security Experts and Leaders (SEAL) Brings Security Expertise to Lake Bullard

Security Experts and Leaders (S.E.A.L) was formed in 2013 by former New Orleans law enforcement officers with over 20 years of experience. The company provides armed, certified, licensed, insured and trained security officers.

The Chief of Security/President is Reginald Rowe. After working for 10 years in the NOPD, Mr. Rowe started SEAL to be a part of cultivating change in the security industry. Mr. Rowe's background in law enforcement included a wide range of experience. He has worked in the areas of Community Policing, Field Training, City Wide Task-Force and as School Resource Officer.

After Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Rowe worked as a part of NOPD in collaboration with Harbor Police to secure the Port of New Orleans. To add to his credentials, Mr. Rowe has Secret Service Clearance which allows him the honor to provide protection for high ranking government officials and dignitaries. As an advocate for public safety, Mr. Rowe appears on local television as a Security/Safety Expert for WWL-TV New Orleans.



Above: Chief Rowe speaks to Lake Bullard residents at the March 16, 2019 meeting.

SEAL operates a 24-Hour Dispatch and Management Service that is used to monitor and assist its employees. In addition to this system, the company operates a GPS system that tracks the location of its security officers.

Every SEAL Security Officer is equipped with a body camera and activity reports are made daily via internet and uploaded in a cloud system for immediate viewing by the supervisor.

Applicants to SEAL's security team are required to undergo an extensive background investigation, submit to a General Aptitude Test Battery and Department of Transportation standard drug screening. In addition, each security professional attends over 200 hours of paid training and professional development that includes not only state-mandated certification courses, but also customer service, criminal law, active shooter training, defensive and patrol techniques, motor vehicle and bicycle safety.

**Want to receive
Lake Bullard emails?**

**Send your email
address to
lakebullard@aol.com**



**Send News,
Events,
Contact Info,
Questions or
Concerns to
lakebullard@aol.com**

Lake Bullard Residents Elect New Officers

At the Lake Bullard March 16, 2019 meeting new officers were sworn in to serve on the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District (LBNID) Board of Commissioners. The position of President was available because former President, Derrick Francis, transferred to Dallas, Texas in January of this year. We are grateful for Derrick's service and his many accomplishments while a member of the Lake Bullard Board of Commissioners. He will be greatly missed.

In accordance with Act 247 of the 2008 Regular session of the Louisiana State Legislature, which created the LBNID, the five Lake Bullard Homeowner Association officers automatically become members of the Board of Commissioners in the LBNID. Two At Large Commissioners are appointed by the elected Board.

Officers elected at the February 23, 2019 meeting are: President Bryan Jourdain, 1st Vice President Aundra Harris, Secretary Alton Newton and Treasurer Mtumishi St. Julien. Velma Johnson was appointed to a Commissioner At Large position. Vacant positions are 2nd Vice President and Commissioner At Large.



Pictured Above, left to right: Commissioners Alton Newton, Bryan Jourdain, Velma Johnson and Aundra Harris are sworn in by Mtumishi St. Julien, as residents look on.

Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District Fee Passes

In the November 6, 2018 election, residents approved an increase in the existing LBNID parcel fee by a vote of 214 to 180, with a voter turnout rate of 63.5%. The funds collected will provide for security patrols (supplemental to services provided by the New Orleans Police Department), security cameras, and beautification of the neighborhood.

The \$350 fee is being collected for each improved parcel of land in LBNID, which covers the area within the boundaries of Bullard Avenue, Dwyer Road, Berg Canal, and Lake Forest Boulevard. The new fee began January 1, 2019 and will end December 31, 2026, and is expected to generate approximately \$98,000 annually, less a 1% collection fee by the City of New Orleans Board of Liquidation.

Lake Bullard to Revamp Resident Communications

In an effort to ensure that residents are regularly informed of activities within the subdivision, the Lake Bullard Commissioners will soon make changes to insure that all residents receive important information.

The Commissioners have historically relied upon street signs, emails, or placing information on each household door. These methods can be problematic if residents do not provide email addresses initially, or update information when it changes. Because there is currently a need for Block Captains, it is often difficult to obtain volunteers to place the information at each residence.

For these reasons, Commissions have determined that the most effective way to contact residents is to mail postcards to each household informing residents of critical information that can be found in detail on the website at lakebullard.org.

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Welcome, New Neighbors!

Tiffany Lam and Quang Lam

Notaway Lane

November 2018

Lee Recognized by Loyola University

Congratulations to Kaylen Lee (Waverly) on being named the Loyola University New Orleans Young Alumna of the Year for 2018! Kaylen is the daughter of Calvin and Karen Lee.



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Use of postcards has several benefits. At approximately \$300 per mailing, postcards are a less costly option than printing and/or mailing newsletters. Postcards can also be safely and legally delivered to each household (since mailboxes are considered federal property, it is illegal to place materials without postage into a mailbox). The March postcard mailing was essentially a test, and provided lessons to be used going forward.

The Lake Bullard website and Facebook page may also be used to house important information like covenants, the Act creating the district, the revised Act to change the fee, election results, newsletters, requests for proposals, Commissioner information, links to other websites, etc.

Lake Bullard may also utilize a text service to notify residents of meetings or emergency situations and

Jordan Retires



Aaron Jordan (Asphodel) recently retired after 38 years of a fruitful and rewarding career at McDermott.

McCorkly Celebrates Milestone Birthday



Tammie McCorkly, shown above with husband Kevin, recently celebrated her Fabulous Fifty Birthday

provide crime tips; however, residents would have to sign up for this service, and could opt out at any time.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Lake Bullard website (lakebullard.org) to update contact information.

A Reminder About Neighborhood Covenants

Residents are reminded that Lake Bullard has covenants in place regarding resident activity and behavior. Keep these topics in mind to ensure that Lake Bullard remains a peaceful and beautiful neighborhood in which to live.

if you experience a noise problem, please contact our [Security Patrol at \(504\) 329-8023](tel:5043298023). Violators of the noise ordinance could be fined.

Control Noise

The City of New Orleans (https://library.municode.com/la/new_orleans) has noise ordinances in place. We are moving into that fun time of year when residents frequently have outdoor gatherings with friends and family. Please ensure that these gatherings maintain a reasonable noise level and end at a reasonable hour, especially on week nights.

Yard Signs

Lake Bullard covenants restrict yard signs for commercial or political purposes. The City of New Orleans also restricts signs in public areas without a permit required. If you see “bandit” signs on or near Lake Bullard streets, you are encouraged to remove them to ensure that a clutter-free appearance is maintained.

Lake Use

After an inquiry from a non-resident regarding kayaking in Lake Bullard, it was noted that the lake within our subdivision is restricted to Lake Bullard residents who live on the lake. As Lake Bullard Officer Mtumishi St. Julien explained, this is because “each of the properties around the lake extend into the lake creating private access. The servitude is a service of the lake and it too is therefore not legally acceptable to the public.” Guests of lake residents may use the lake but must follow the land restrictions which include restrictions on motorized boats or toys in the lake.

Lake Bullard Covenants Summary

- No lot shall be used except for one (1) single family dwelling and accessory buildings and private garages and carports. No trailer, tent, shack, barn or other buildings of a temporary character shall be placed, erected or permitted to remain on any lot, nor can they be used as a residence temporary or permanent.
- No trucks, trailers, automobiles bearing advertisements or other commercial vehicles shall be parked or stored on the streets, except when making a delivery.
- Passenger vehicles and automobiles owned by a resident shall be stored or parked on the lot and not on the street.
- No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one (1) sign of not more than six (6) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent.
- No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose.
- No lines or hanging devices are allowed for the drying of clothes or other purposes, unless in an enclosure not visible to another property or from any street.
- The only boats permitted to use the lake shall be sailboats, row boats, canoes and paddle boats. No motors shall be used for the propulsion of boats.
- No buildings or structures shall be erected until the construction plans and specifications have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee.
- No obnoxious, offensive activity shall be carried on, on any lot described herein, nor shall anything be done thereon which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood or adjoining property owner.

Block Captains Needed

Residents who are interested in serving as Block Captains should email lakebullard@aol.com. Block Captains are responsible for coordinating efforts among volunteers to gather or disseminate Lake Bullard information for residents on their street.

We are very appreciative of the following residents who signed up as Block Captains at the March 16, 2019 meeting:

Debra Adams (Fernley)
Bertha Maulet (Notaway)
Aaron Jordan (Asphodel)
Donald Bacot (Stillwater)
Demi St. Charles (Stillwater)
Lisa Stafford (Midpoint Drive)

Streets still needing Block Captains are:

Beaver
Bullard Drive (from Lake Forest to Midpoint)
Lake Forest Drive (from Stillwater to Bullard)
McKendall Place
Waverly Drive
Winrock Drive

Multiple Block Captains per street are allowed and encouraged.

PARKING GUIDANCE

PLEASE:

DO NOT BLOCK MAILBOXES

DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS

DO NOT PARK LARGE VEHICLES ON STREETS

Security Committee Convenes

At the February 23, 2019 Lake Bullard meeting, the Security Request for Proposals (RFP) for security patrols was discussed. The RFP was advertised in the Times-Picayune and posted on the Lake Bullard website (lakebullard.org). Five responses to the RFP were received and evaluated by the Security / Crime Committee, which made a selection.

The Security Committee is currently composed of the following residents: Aundra Harris (Committee Chair), Darlene James, Debra Adams, Sametta Brown, Craig Keys, Iola Graves, and Alton Newton. Additional residents are encouraged to join the committee.

Committee members may attend the monthly New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meetings at the NOPD 7th District station at Dwyer and Read on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 pm and every Wednesday at 1 pm.

In addition to ensuring security patrols, increasing security cameras in the neighborhood is also a goal of the Security Committee. Companies like ICAMS, which has already placed several cameras throughout the neighborhood; ProjectNOLA, a nonprofit organization that supplies security cameras throughout the city; and SafeCamNOLA, a public/private partnership to install and connect cameras with the City of New Orleans Real-Time Crime center are current options for cameras.

Volunteer residents are needed to allow Lake Bullard-owned security cameras to be installed at their homes. Volunteering does not guarantee a camera. Lake Bullard-owned cameras are strategically placed throughout the neighborhood, as recommended by security experts. Residents interested in volunteering or purchasing a camera of their own should contact a Lake Bullard Commissioner or email lakebullard@aol.com.

Important Information

Website: www.lakebullard.org

Security Patrol Unit (504) 329-8023

Security Office Number (504) 248-7174

Emergency

Fire, Police & Ambulance - 911

FEMA (800) 621-3362

American Red Cross (800) 733-2767

Poison Control (800) 222-1222

Safety

NOPD 7th District (504) 658-6070

nopd7thdistrict@nola.gov

Police (non-emergency) (504) 821-2222

Louisiana State Police - 511 or (800) 469-4828

Road Closures *577

Before You Dig - 811

Homeland Security (504) 670-2404

Quality of Life Concerns - 311

Streetlight outages * Pothole problems

Blight complaints * Traffic signal malfunction

Government

Mayor LaToya Cantrell (504) 658-4900

District E Councilmember Cyndi Nguyen (504) 658-1050 / Cyndi.Nguyen@nola.gov

At Large Councilmember Jason Williams (504) 658-1070

At Large Councilmember Helena Moreno (504) 658-1060

State Rep. District 100 John Bagneris (504) 243-7783

State Senator District 4 Wesley Bishop (504) 242-4198

Congressman Cedric Richmond (504) 288-3777

US Senator John Kennedy (202) 228-0447

US Senator Bill Cassidy (202) 224-5824

Community

SPCA (504) 368-5191

New Orleans Public Library - Read Blvd. (504) 596-0200

U.S. Post Office - Lake Forest Blvd. (504) 240-8695

New Orleans East Hospital - Read Blvd. (504) 592-6600

Wildlife & Fisheries (504) 284-5269 or after hours (800) 442-2511

Wildlife Removal, Trapper John (504) 415-5504 / (860) 444-7378

Utilities/Services

AT&T (Telephone, Internet, Cable) (800) 288-2020

Cox (Telephone, Internet, Cable) (504) 304-8444

DirecTV (Cable) - www.directv.com (888) 238-7177

Entergy (Electricity) (800) 368-3749

Sewerage & Water Board (504) 529-2837

Metro Disposal (Garbage Pickup) (504) 368-4333

For a full list of covenants and restrictions, please visit

www.lakebullard.org