

# S.H.I.P. NEWS

*South Highland Industrial Park Sub-Division*

## Residential Focus

- Port Drive
- Mast Drive
- Starboard Drive
- Stern Avenue

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### **DPW Upgrades Pipe Lines**

If you have noticed on-going construction on your street, it is because the Department of Public Works is upgrading the sewer pipes for future projects. DPW says that workers will simultaneously work different spots and while they are waiting for cement to dry in one area, they move on to another and then return again. Unfortunately this leaves loose gravel and dust. Please drive slowly and give workers a "break". We can expect completion in April 2010.

Residents living along Gardere Lane, east of Christian Paul, will soon see upgrading and renovations take place at the East BR Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant. Once completed, we will have the South's largest, most advanced, state-of-the-art facility! New technologies will allow the plant to limit odors and a new Administration Building will be built. The EBR WW Treatment Plant will include a sidewalk along their property line, parallel to Gardere Lane. For more information: [hmtaylor@brgov.com](mailto:hmtaylor@brgov.com).

### **Residents Ask for Sidewalks**

An overall request heard time and again is the need for pedestrian walkways through Gardere. A humongous task, this would be a great accommodation to pedestrians. It will literally keep children off the street and give parents, with baby carriages, a designated and safe place to walk. We all know that Baton Rouge has some of the craziest drivers and the 30 MPH is ignored by so many. We are working with District 3 representatives to get some type of walkway in place. DOTD statistics say that 24% of renters in Louisiana do not own an automobile and depend on walking and public transportation. To contact a District 3 representative, please call 389-5162 or email [dpourso@brgov.com](mailto:dpourso@brgov.com).

### **Monthly Litter Patrol**

Grassroots-BR continues to focus its effort in SHIP. Currently, there are work orders to clean-out ditches, drains and a regular street sweeper is scheduled. Unfortunately many residents are discarding their lawn-cuttings in the gutters, or they are hiring landscape companies that do. This practice must be stopped in order to keep proper drainage flow. Litter Patrol meets ever last-Sunday of the month in the parking lot of 1735 Mast Drive. For more information: [grassroots\\_br@bellsouth.net](mailto:grassroots_br@bellsouth.net).

### **Neighborhood Gatherings and Meetings**

In an effort to bring the community together, we are planning monthly gatherings and perhaps quarterly meetings among SHIP residents. One possibility could be a Sunday Fellowship Dinner or Saturday Afternoon Picnic in the Park. If you would like to participate in these gatherings, please contact Grassroots-BR at 293-7689 or email [grassroots\\_br@bellsouth.net](mailto:grassroots_br@bellsouth.net). Once we receive a substantial interest group, we can move on with the planning of our first get-together. Thank you.

### **Construction North of Helm Drive**

The Louisiana National Guard is undertaking a first-time-ever project and building a joint-facility in the 8000 block of GSRI Avenue-this is just adjacent to Helm Drive. Once completed, it will house several armed forces units and a gymnasium, which can be reserved for public use, for basketball or volleyball games. It is scheduled to be completed in November 2010.



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## Casino Update

Pinnacle Entertainment, out of Las Vegas, Nevada has purchased 550 acres of prime, river-front property for Baton Rouge's third river-boat casino.

The casino will be built at the intersection of Bluebonnet Blvd. and Nicholson Drive. Contrary to rumor, Pinnacle is not interested in acquiring any more land, notably in the Gardere area. After speaking with a representative we found out that they have all the property they need. For more information: Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89169. (702)-541-7777

## Community Gardens Project

With a year-around growing season and the rate of inflation, gardens have become popular in many parts of the country. With a community effort, we can determine plots of land that are available for tilling. Most complexes have a substantial amount of land where a garden can be planted. Once we have set aside an area for planting, we will need some volunteer services for plowing and weeding. For more information:



ManazelProperties@hotmail.com.

## Helpful Services

### Automotive

Burbank Tire and Car Care offer State Inspections for your vehicle. They are located on Burbank, just north of Gardere Lane. Proof of insurance, a valid driver license and registration are a must. They also carry a wide variety of tires and other automotive needs:

9210 Burbank Drive  
(225) 766-2520

### Bill Payments

Mo-Hair Salon is an authorized bill-payment center for many utilities, including Entergy, the Water Company and Verizon Wireless. Mo-Hair is located in the Burbank Crossing Shopping Center at Burbank and Gardere. They also offer a senior citizen discount:

9321 Burbank Drive  
(225) 769-2292

### Yard Work

Greenthumb Lawn and Landscape Maintenance offers residential and commercial lawn-care services. Willie Baxter, 8235 Stern Avenue Apt. A  
(225)270-9019

[greenthumbbr@gmail.com](mailto:greenthumbbr@gmail.com)

REDCO Lawnscape and Cleaning Services  
(225)241-9088

## Community Center

Efforts are in progress to acquire a location from which we can base our efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.

Given the wide-scope of things, funding is going to be the over-all factor in getting one established. Once a center is in place, there will be many services available to the public.

## Horizon CNA Training School

Located in LSU South Campus, Horizon will begin the next Certified Nurses Assistant training class on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Application for financial aid should be completed no later than November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, as it is a lengthy process for approval. For more information call the school at (225) 578-6595 or email: [horizoncna@yahoo.com](mailto:horizoncna@yahoo.com).

## Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in making a difference, please consider volunteering. Coordinators, translators and promoters are needed. There is also a need for survey-takers and organizers. For upcoming projects we will need gardeners and possibly some contractors.

For more information: (225)772-9241 or register by filling out the form online:

[www.grassroots-br.org](http://www.grassroots-br.org).

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