Yard of the Month Winner

By: Kevin McNicoll

Congratulations to this month’s winner of the ‘Yard of the Month’ award that goes to 17851 E. General Forrest. The owner receives a $25 gift certificate to Clegg’s Nursery, our gracious sponsor. Thanks to all of you who take pride in your property. Keep up the great work! We’ll be judging ‘Yard of the Month’ nominations every month and announcing the winner in Newswatch. Nominations can be submitted any time to our website address: beautification@shawebwatch.com.

Thank you for all the hard work making our neighborhood more attractive!

Meet Board Member Gretchen Nestler

Hi neighbors.

I am one of your newest SHA board members. I have always read my Shenandoah Newswatch and appreciated the work the board was doing. I have been a homeowner in Shenandoah Estates for over 14 years and decided it was my time to volunteer.

While I am just getting to know the board members, they are all wonderful people who have volunteered their time and efforts to maintain the quality of the subdivision. From bringing the Shenandoah Crime District from concept to reality or planting flowers, there is a lot that goes into making
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the neighborhood a great place to live and call home.

When ever someone asks me where I live and I
tell them "Shenandoah", they know exactly where I
am talking about and comment on how nice the
neighborhood is. My hope in being a board member
is to bring new ideas in maintaining the quality of the
neighborhood and to lend my time to those things
that make our neighborhood great.

I have only been on the board for a couple of
months, most of the complaints I have heard are due
to a lack of communication between neighbors. While the SHA Board helps to facilitate
communication between neighbors to settle disputes,
we all have to remember that when we decide to
make a change to our home it can and does effect
everyone in the neighborhood.

I look forward to helping my neighbors by
serving on the board.

Gretchen Nestler, Chadsford Avenue

It’s Shenandoah PTA Carnival Time

It’s almost Carnival time! The Shenandoah
Elementary PTA is gearing up for its 2013 Spring
Carnival. Features include game booths, carnival
rides, food, music and a silent auction all weekend.
Carnival dates and times are as follows:

Friday, March 1st – 4PM to 9PM
Saturday, March 2nd – 11AM to 9PM
Sunday, March 3rd – 12 noon to 5PM

Fried fish dinners will be available on Friday night,
March 1st from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Advance tickets
for the fish dinner and for $1.00 discounted ride
tickets are on sale now through the Shenandoah
PTA. On Friday, March 1st tickets will be available
in front of the school from 8AM to 12 noon.

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The Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and
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Dog and Cat Regulations

Board members are receiving an increasing number of calls regarding nuisance dogs and cats. The following article lays the basic ground rules of pet ownership in East Baton Rouge Parish.

It should be noted that these are based upon public ordinances, not homeowner restrictions. While the Shenandoah Homeowners Association expects all ordinances to be followed by all who live here, we are not the first people to notify in the event of nuisance dogs, cats or even ducks and geese. Those of you who lived on Confederate during the days of ducks and geese on and around the golf course, know what we’re talking about.

The EBR Parish Animal Control Center is the responsible agency for animal control ordinance enforcement. Their phone number is 774-7700.

If you own a dog or a cat it is very important to have your pet spayed or neutered. Millions of unwanted dogs and cats are destroyed each year across the nation because of the animal over-population problem.

All dogs and cats must be registered (licensed) with the Animal Control & Rescue Center and vaccinated annually against rabies by a veterinarian. Dogs and cats must wear a collar and license tag. There is a $50 fine for not doing so. Those owners who have their pets altered pay a reduced license fee of $11. the license fee for an unaltered pet is $16. A veterinarian will license your animal annually, at the same time the anti-rabies vaccination is given.

Furthermore, dogs must be under the owner’s control at all times and on a leash when not in a home or fenced enclosure suitable to prevent them from leaving the owner’s property. Cats are not required to be on a leash, but they must be confined to the owner’s yard or home or be under the physical control of the owner.

If your dog or cat becomes a nuisance, you may be fined. Examples of a nuisance would be running at large, attacking other people or animals, chasing cars, making excessive noise, turning over garbage cans or damaging, soiling or defecating on property other than the owner’s.

If your animal is a threat to public health and safety, it may be classified as potentially dangerous.
The close of 2012 will mark the first year of operation of the Shenandoah Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District. Shenandoah has realized some positive benefits as a result of the new crime district. Signage that designates the District has been installed including a “no solicitation” sign. License plate readers are being installed at two locations and other locations will soon follow.

The Patrol Group has provided 1,500 hours of patrol time in this area, at all times of day. As a result, 1,531 traffic stops were made resulting in 1,049 citations and 482 warnings being issued.

During these stops, deputies were able to perform 44 arrests, including 9 narcotic related issues. Eleven vehicles were removed from the roadways due to insurance violations as well.

Deputies performed 354 vacation checks were made during the 372 shifts that were covered during the year.

While no neighborhood is “bulletproof” from criminal activity, the visible presence of the Patrol Group is a major benefit to the neighborhood. Your assistance and support has been vital to the success of our security efforts.

Captain Robert Buquoi, EBRSO
Shenandoah Crime Prevention District Patrol

BABYSITTING
Haller, Catherine ........ 18 years old ............ 755-8233
Jarreau, Parish .......... 14 years old .......... 907-8525
Leerkes, Claire .......... 17 years old .......... 751-4117
Murphy, Kayleigh ...... 14 years old ........ 752-0400
Taylor, Audrey .......... 14 years old .......... 663-6612
Welch, Brook .......... 16 years old .......... 753-2384
Welch, Natalie .......... 14 years old .......... 753-2384

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Shenandoah Homeowners Association
Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013

Present: Henry Grace, President, Mike Bass, Treasurer, Diana Martin, Secretary, Tom Hirschey, Security, Kevin McNicoll, Beautification, Bill Cornwall, Board Member, Gretchen Nestler, Board Member

Absent: Keith Mitchell, Board Member, Paul Berniard, Board Member, Chester Welch, Vice President, Sandra Lambert, Board Member

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

A quorum was present.

Secretary Report – Diana Martin - The December meeting minutes were published in the Newswatch Newsletter. There were no corrections to the published report. A Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Bass and Seconded by Tom Hirschey. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report – Michael Bass – The budget report through December 2012 was presented. The number of Association members stands at 762. The Association came in $2903.78 over budget for 2012. Motion to accept report made by Kevin McNicoll and seconded by Diana Martin. Motion carried.

Security Report – Tom Hirschey – The year 2012 resulted in some positive results due to one complete year of the Shenandoah Homeowners Crime Prevention District. Signage was established at each entrance noting “no solicitation”. License plate readers are being installed at two locations with other locations to follow.

The patrol group provided 1,500 hours of patrol in the area resulting in 1,531 traffic stops with 1,049 citations and 482 warnings being issued. 44 arrests were made including 9 narcotic related arrests.

The full detailed report is posted in the Newswatch Newsletter for all residents to peruse.

Architectural Report – A homeowner on Chickamauga addressed the Board concerning a boat port on his property that was brought to the Boards attention last month. The structure is 11 foot tall and 30 foot long and faces the street. It is on the property line. The owner is requesting a variance. Henry and Tom will meet with the homeowner at the property to discuss options.
A resident on Wilderness presented a proposal to the Board on building a 8 foot by 12 foot storage building behind the carport. This building does not face the street. Motion carried.

Legal Issues – The attorney is writing a letter to the homeowner selling the house that now has an apartment. Since this neighborhood is zoned for only single family dwelling, this is against the restrictions. The Board will aggressively address this issue.

Newswatch Report - The postage rate is going up about $17.00 per month. Eldon Ledoux takes care of doing certification every 90 days to get SHA the lowest postage rates. He requested that the Board and/or residents send articles to be printed in the newsletter.

The Christmas decoration contest was a success again. In addition to winners next year it is suggested that there be some “honorable mentions”. There were many beautiful nominees to choose from this year and only three winners.
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**Beautification Report** – Kevin McNicoll – Yard of the month for February is 17851 East General Forest. They win a gift certificate from Clegg’s nursery. Congratulations!

**President’s Report** – Henry Grace – Metro 9 will meet January 16th. The website is being checked to keep it updated. The next Crime District Meeting will be January 22 at 6:30 P.M. at the library.

**New Business** – The Library will be closed February 12th due to Mardi Gras so the next Shenandoah Homeowners Association meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Martin, Secretary

Editor’s Note - We are saddened to announce the passing of former Board member Jimmy Gray. Jimmy died on January 6, 2013 from complications of a stroke suffered over a year ago. Jimmy was 69 years old.

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dangerous or vicious. Strict requirements for continued ownership are then required. Failure to comply may result in misdemeanor summons and court action.

If your animal bites another person, you or the person bitten must report the bite to the Animal Control & Rescue Center, the police department or the Sheriff’s Office with 24 hours. The animal will be impounded and observed for rabies for 10 days, either at the shelter, a veterinary clinic or your home depending on the circumstances of the bite.

You must provide proper food, water, shelter and veterinary care for your dog or cat. It is illegal to abandon or abuse your dog or cat.

If your animal is impounded by the Animal Control & Rescue Center, for any reason, and it is wearing a collar and tag, the Center is required to inform you of the situation and let you know how to redeem your dog or cat.

If your dog or cat impounded, it can be redeemed only: upon payment of a fee of $8 for each day it was impounded, plus an impoundment fine of $40 for the first impounding, $80 for the second impounding and $160 for each subsequent impounding within two years, if your pet is fertile (not spayed or neutered); or, upon payment of a fee of $8 for each day it was impounded, plus an impoundment fine of $30 for the first impounding, $60 for the second impounding and $120 for each subsequent impounding within two years, if your pet is not fertile (has been spayed or neutered).

Being a pet owner comes with responsibilities to the animal and to your neighbors, particularly in a subdivision. Be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbor; know the rules and follow them.

**SHA MEETING MOVED FROM 12th TO 19th**

Ad space is available in the March NEWSWATCH. Call Linda at 753-8574 for details. Rates are on page 2.
December Sheriff’s Office Call Report
From EBRSO.ORG

Zone 9A2 includes all the area east of Jones Creek Rd, south of George O’Neal Rd, and north of Tiger Bend Rd and Babin Rd.

This area includes not only our subdivision, but a number of other major subdivisions and also all the developments and apartments off George O’Neal, and the businesses on the east side of Jones Creek Road.

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Shenandoah Homeowners Association
REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By: Janie Fowler, CRS
EXIT Real Estate Group

During the reporting period, only two homes were placed on the market in Shenandoah Estates. The average new listing price is $323,450 with a living area of 3617 square feet and a price of $89.80 per square foot.

There are currently 25 homes available in Shenandoah Estates. The average listing price is $191,541 with an average living area of 2203 square feet, for an average listing price of $86.95 per square foot. The average home has been on the market for 141 days.

There were two homes reported sold by an MLS Realtor during the reporting period. This does not include any sale by owner activity. The average sale price was $195,000 with a living area of 2572 square feet, for a sale price of $75.82 per square foot. The average house sold was on the market for 121 days.

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