



Garden District News

Roseland Terrace, Kleinert Terrace and Drehr Place Historic Neighborhoods

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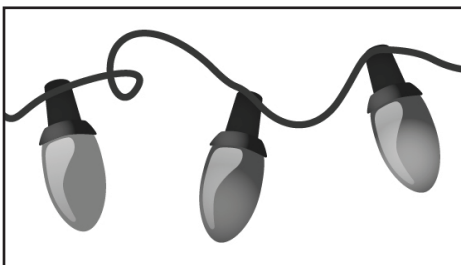
Dress up your house and win big this year!

Wednesday, December 17th

Are you planning your holiday decorations yet? It's almost time to go back in the attic and pull out those lights. Or maybe you are adding to your collection. The judges will be riding through the Garden District on December 18th from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

There will be prizes for Judges' Favorite, Most Original, Most Religious, Best Children's, Best Door, Best Lighting. Get in the spirit and let's light up the neighborhood and deck the halls.

For more information contact Heather Westra at hjwestra@cox.net or 344-5634.



Garbage pick-up in alleys



Some alleys are getting garbage service now and we're hoping to have service restored throughout as soon as possible.

To get there we all need to measure the alleys to make sure we have 11 feet width, 12 feet height and 12 feet of space for the smallest truck to turn. This includes weeds and branches, which get pushed by the truck, only to bounce back and hit the men on the back of the truck.

The city said that you may trim your neighbor's trees and bushes if they hang into the alley. Cox and the telephone company need to do work in some alleys, which is also a delay.

Please clean your alley and then call Allied Waste at 614-9155 to let them know that it meets specifications.

Christmas Caroling: Friday, December 12th

Get those voices ready and mark your calendars. The gathering will start at Willie and Mary Fontenot's, 632 Drehr (corner of Oleander) at 6pm with sandwiches, desserts, hot cider, etc. and merriment.

From there Carolyn Schwarzhoff will lead us in our singing. Children

and adults are welcome. Don't let a bad singing voice keep you away. I never have.

If you would like the carolers to come to your house or someone else's please let me know. Mary Fontenot, mufont@cox.net or 288-1950.

Would you like to help your neighborhood and meet new people?

Run for the Garden District Civic Association Board.

The annual meeting of the GDCA is planned for Sunday, March 1, 2009. At that time there will be

elections for new board members.

Right now we know of several openings. Being on the board is a fulfilling experience. Come give it a try.

Nominate yourself or someone else by contacting Mike Schexnayder at mike.schexnayder@cox.net, 344-4431 or Alex Tucker at c.a.tucker@cox.net, 267-5408.

Visit our improved website for news, notices and more!

The Garden District's website has a new look and is adding new features all the time. Check out www.gdcabr.org for the latest news that involves the Garden District, a calendar of upcoming events, photos, and much more. We will soon have free classifieds too!

Remember to pay your dues soon

We know that association dues are voluntary, but everyone benefits from police patrols, so in all fairness, everyone should pay. Tardy dues notices are being sent out now.

Thanks to those who have paid in the past, now, and will pay for 2009. You can now pay through Paypal at our website. If you don't receive a bill in January please contact Sonya Pickens at sonya.pickens@cox.net or 383-1966 or just pay online at http://www.gdcabr.org/board_join.php.

Save your stuff for the Garage Sale!

The Garden District Civic Association is planning a huge April garage sale to help fund our off-duty patrols. For more information, to be on the committee, or to volunteer to help, contact Ray Mack at rayberyl.mack@yahoo.com or 382-0609.

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This is what 1951 Tulip Street looked like in 1922. Love the Car!

Fall Picnic Fun

The November 9th picnic in City Park was delightful. The weather was perfect with no mosquitoes. The park turned out to be the perfect venue. The food was good. Our children enjoyed the playground equipment. It was quite festive. We look forward to more activities in the park.

Many thanks to Ellen Alderman and Anna Hanks for all of their hard work organizing the event.

How do you join the e-mail list?

Send an e-mail message requesting to join to the list administrator at: gdca_br@hotmail.com Make sure to include your

(1) name and (2) street address to confirm that

you are a Garden District resident.

This is a closed list; only Baton Rouge Garden District residents or landowners may sign on. The list is FREE and hosted by Yahoo Groups.

For more information visit www.gdcabr.org/hood_emailist.php.

Security Notes

1. In an emergency call police dispatch at 389-2000 or 911.

2. The security patrol cell phone (315-7012) and Sergeant Don Stone, office (389-5247) or cell (571-7244) may be called about ongoing, general security problems, not crimes in progress, emergencies, traffic, or parking.

Always start messages with your name, phone number, and address.

Safety tips for the holiday Season

1. Consider having your chimney checked before lighting fires in the fireplace.

2. Remember that most fires start in the kitchen. Don't get distracted.

3. Don't leave candles burning unattended.

4. Bacteria Kills - Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, not on the countertop!

5. Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree.