



# Garden District News

Roseland Terrace, Kleinert Terrace and Drehr Place Historic Neighborhoods

February 2009

## Eight New Board Members to be Elected at Annual GDCA Meeting

Sunday March 15, 2009, 2-4 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Gallery, City Park

Baton Rouge Chief Administrator, Mike Futrell, will speak about the sewer system renovations. If you would like to hear what the city parish is planning and be able to ask questions then you should attend this important meeting. Our

new councilwoman, Tara Wicker, is also expected to come and talk.

At this time there are eight nominations for the eight available board member seats. Nominations are allowed from the floor as well at the annual meeting. Nominations for the 2009-2011 term so far include; Rosary Beck, Jon Emmerson, Steve Ketcham, Pat Penton, Frank Farmer,

Willie Fontenot, Sarah Butler and Gail Cooper. There will also be a vote to amend the Civic Association Bylaws.

Be sure to pay your dues before the meeting so you can vote for the new board members. You can pay your dues online and read more about the meeting and our nominees at [www.gdcabr.org](http://www.gdcabr.org).

## A little Bit of Garden District History

The Tucker's home at 2021 Terrace was originally the Swinney residence. The Dutch colonial, built in 1936, was designed to look like a Dallas home they admired. The "S" on the chimney was placed there to represent the family name. The four columns of the home were salvaged from an old plantation.

In 1936 Mr. Swinney collected donations from his Terrace Blvd. neighbors to build sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. He and his son did all the work themselves with a rented cement mixer. A few years later he carried petitions to have the residents and the city share the cost of paving the street. The work was done. One person can make a difference.

### Climbing So High

In 1911 L.B. Gates brought his "Gates Flying Circus" to Kleinert Field so Baton Rougeans could get their first look at an airplane in operation. With him was William G. Purvis of Chicago with his plane made of canvas, wood, and bicycle wheels. On Feb. 2nd Purvis made a brief flight until his propeller broke. On Feb. 22 he reached an altitude

of 75 feet before the plane hit the ground doing somersaults. Purvis was not hurt. The plane was rebuilt so that he took off again on March 5th. Unfortunately, the plane ran into some wires and crashed killing Purvis. At that time Zadok Realty, which was the company selling lots in Roseland Terrace, used newspaper ads that said, "Buy now - The prices are sure to go up higher than the airship went."

### Great Expectations

We all watched with interest and expectation when City Park's renovations were underway. In 1981 residents also watched with great hopes as a well was drilled near the neighborhood's southern border. There were dreams of the Tuscaloosa Trend oil under our houses. Hopes were smashed when it turned out to be a water well that was being drilled.

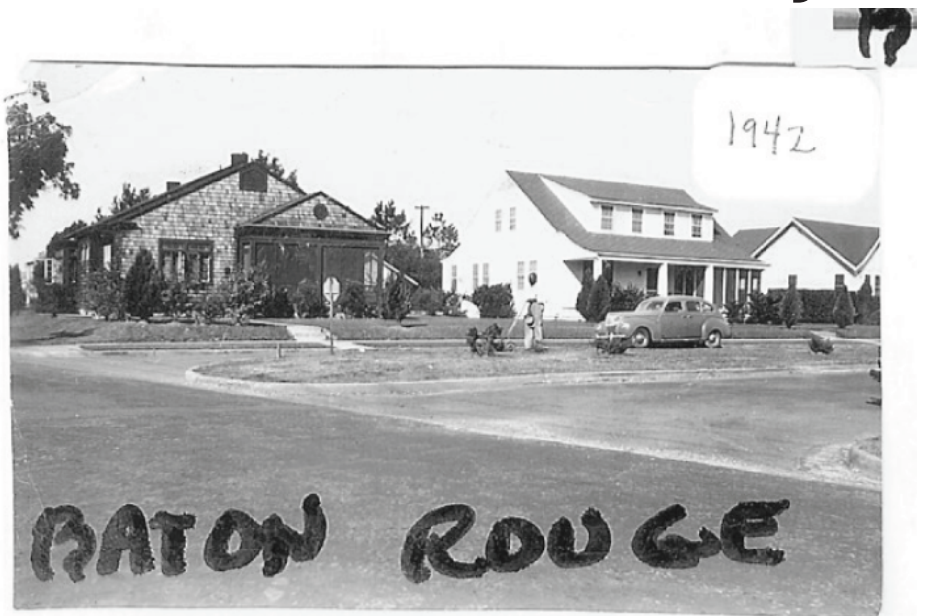
## Holiday Lighting Contest a Big Hit!

The Garden District Civic Association is pleased to announce the following winners of the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Thanks to all the neighbors who decorated and made our neighborhood sparkle.

Most Original	2561 Terrace
Best Children's	2231 Cherokee
Most Religious	2015 Oleander
Best Door	2623 Kleinert
Best Lighting	1938 Wisteria
Judges Choice	909 Park

The GDCA Holiday lighting committee would like to thank all of the businesses who answered the call and helped to make this year's Holiday Lighting Contest a success

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2nd from left, originally the Swinney residence - Dutch colonial built in 1936.

# Lighting Contest

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by donating prizes! All of the following businesses are either owned and/or operated by present or former Garden District neighbors, or are located in or near our neighborhood. Please browse the list, go to their websites, support their businesses, and let them know that you heard about them here and appreciate their prize donations to the Garden District Civic Association Holiday Lighting Contest!

### **Billy Heroman's Flowerland**

1946 Perkins Rd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: 383-4414  
www.billyheromans.com

### **Bistro Byronz**

5412 Government Street  
www.bistrobyronz.com

Emelie Alton & Brock Kantrow,  
managing partners

### **Dishes are Done**

Prepared Meals to Go  
www.dishesaredone.net/  
Kevin Black, owner/chef

### **Gail Cooper, Interior Decorator**

GLC Lifestyling Concepts  
Artistic Interiors/ Exteriors &  
Green Environments, Window  
Treatments, Furniture, Rugs & more  
Phone: 336-0720  
E-mail: GLCLifestyling@gmail.com

### **Jewelry by Katherine**

Special designs, repair work, "LSU  
Light" jewelry  
2151 Wisteria  
www.myspace.com/  
designedbykatherine  
Katherine Martin, owner/ artist

### **Margaret Bach, MBA, CRS (Realtor)**

C. J. Brown Realtors  
7414 Perkins Rd., Suite 200  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

E-mail: mbach@cjbrown.com  
Phone: 763-3297

### **New Orleans At Home**

2931 Government Street  
Baton Rouge, La. 70806  
Phone: 387-5848  
www.neworleansathome.com  
Karen Depp, owner

### **Salon 1857**

Hair and Nails  
Located in the Circa 1857 building  
1857 Government St.  
Phone: 485-5562  
Laurie Angelle, owner/stylist

### **Sharmooz**

Premium Satin Gifts for the Family  
www.Sharmooz.com  
www.DontRockThatBaby.com  
Ann Tillage, owner/artist

### **The Tiger District**

Your LSU Store with More  
3340 Highland Rd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
www.tigerdistrict.com  
Jared Loftus, owner

# News in Brief

## Annual dues due!

Use the Garden District website at [gdcabr.org](http://gdcabr.org) and pay through Pay Pal or send your check to: Treasurer, Garden District Civic Association, P.O. Box 4113, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

The rates are: Quarterly: \$25 per quarter; Annually: \$90. More people joining means more money for security patrols - it's that simple!

## Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars on April 5th for the 2009 Easter Egg Hunt. Watch for details in a flyer, on the list serve and at our website: [www.gdcabr.org](http://www.gdcabr.org).

## St. Patrick's Parade

Rolling March 14th at 10am - please remember your oak tree etiquette. Do not let anyone park on the medians. It compacts the soil and hurts the oak trees that help make this neighborhood special. Do not saw off branches that seem to be in the way. The floats can back up and maneuver around them if need be. Take care of our neighborhood and have a great time.

## Please keep alleys clear

Residents are responsible for keeping the alleys behind their houses clean and clear of debris and overgrown plants. Allied Waste needs the alleys to be clear for 11 feet width, 12 feet height, and have a 12 foot length where they turn a corner. Please clean your alley.

## Dog etiquette

Many of us in the Garden District love our dogs and enjoy having so many terrific canine neighbors. But please, let's keep in mind our basic responsibilities as neighbors and citizens. It is illegal in East Baton Rouge City/Parish to allow your dog to run free off a leash. It is also illegal to allow your dog to defecate on property other than your own. Dogs should not be allowed to use our boulevard neutral grounds, neighbors' yards, or alleys as latrines. Please always be responsible and bring plastic bags with you when you take your dog for a walk and clean up after him or her.

## To join the e-mail list...

Send your full name and street address to Carolyn Schwarzhoff at [gdca\\_br@hotmail.com](mailto:gdca_br@hotmail.com). You must be a resident of the Garden District. All messages are checked for appropriate more information visit our website at

[www.gdcabr.org](http://www.gdcabr.org).

## gdcabr.org

The Garden District Civic Association website could be one of your favorite destinations - check it out today!

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Greta Corona		379-7866	gretacorona@cox.net

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