



# THE BEVIL OAKS CHRONICLE

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**Marshal:** Ray Crader  
790-0248

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Marshal:** John Jannise  
790-2257

**Next City Council  
Meeting:**

**Tuesday,  
January 19, 2010**

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at:

[www.cityofbevilocks.com](http://www.cityofbevilocks.com)

## 2009 In Bevil Oaks At-A-Glance

- ◆ **City received funding from FEMA for 100% of the repairs for damages to the City building caused by Hurricane Ike in addition to the expenses incurred during the hurricane for the Marshal's Department. The City's application for disaster grant funds was also approved in the approximate amount of \$760,000. Funding is pending the final approval of the application that required an amendment to change the request from adding onto the current building, for additional fire department space, to constructing a free-standing fire station. A search for an appropriate location for the new fire station is in progress. In addition, the recent announcement that "round two" funding has begun seems to have slowed down the entire process. We hope to have final approval of the initial "round-one" application in the near future and are currently working with our grant administrator in hopes of receiving from "round-two" the remaining balance of funds that we requested initially and did not receive.**
  
- ◆ **River Bend Drive was the target of a major clean-up and improvement this past year. With the help of volunteers and Jefferson County, we were able to get the piles of dirt removed and the grass mowed. The City installed additional street lights to improve driver safety along that stretch. For a brief period of time, River Bend was a beautiful drive. However, concrete has since been illegally dumped and we are back to having to expend tax dollars for a "clean-up". At its December meeting Council approved a bid from Lindy's Lawn Service to maintain the unimproved sections of River Bend and Sweetgum. Dumping anywhere in the City is illegal and subject to a \$2,000 fine. Please do not dump in our city and report violators to the Marshal's Department so we can prosecute and cut down on cost of maintaining these areas. Citizen assistance is critical in controlling this problem.**
  
- ◆ **Deputy Marshal John Jannise was hired as a part-time assistant to Marshal Ray Crader. John's employment began in June and he has proven to be a real asset to the City staff. He assumed extra duties, since Thanksgiving, due to the illness of Marshal Ray Crader. Marshal Crader is doing well and expected to return to full duty very soon.**



- ◆ **City signs costing over \$10,000 (paid for by FEMA disaster funds) have been installed all over the City. This project was long overdue since many of our signs had already been damaged or destroyed by vandals prior to the Hurricane. Signage is important for the safety of residents and to assist emergency vehicles in making their calls. Please report vandals and missing or damaged signs to the Marshal's department. We need to keep them replaced on an "as needed" basis to keep the project within budget.**
- ◆ **A fabulous July 4th Celebration and parade was enjoyed by young and old alike in Bevil Oaks. Events included moonwalk and water slide for the children; hot dogs, links, ice cream (BlueBell and homemade!) and, apple pie for everyone; the choir from First Baptist Church provided beautiful versions of patriotic songs; and, the pyrotechnic crew did an outstanding job with the fireworks that was enjoyed not only by those present but, by folks lining Sweetgum and the Boulevard. The City's Community Development committee and the Community Outreach Committee from first Baptist Church will begin planning the 2010 celebration early next year. Volunteers are not only welcome but are needed. We want to out do ourselves next year. Contact Jimmie Grimes at 409-880-5311 or Ricky Davis at 409-753-3581.**
- ◆ **The proposed \$3.5 million bond that Bevil Oaks Municipal Utility District (B.O.M.U.D.) took to voters on November 3, 2009 was defeated. B.O.M.U.D. officials continue to explore other sources of funding in order to proceed with repairs and/or replacement of the sewer plant. Citizens are welcome to attend their open meetings held at 7:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month. At that time, citizens may offer input and will be advised of daily operations of the district in addition to sewer project progress .**
- ◆ **Proposal to obtain a variance to Ordinance 211 (an ordinance regulating commercial businesses within the city limits of the City of Bevil Oaks), that would have had City approval to operate a business in an area that is deed restricted to single family residences only, was not approved. Deed restrictions can only be changed by a majority vote of property owners....not by City Council vote. However, City Council has the obligation to protect property rights of all property owners by not knowingly approving activity that would violate a deed restriction.**
- ◆ **Community Development activities this year in addition to the July 4th activities were:**
  - \* **City-wide garage sales—May 2 and October 24**
  - \* **City-wide clean-ups—May 16 and November 7**
  - \* **Flu Shot Clinic—October 7**
  - \* **Pet Clinic—October 13**



**Yard-of-the-Month recipients were:**

- May — Dwayne & Olivia Sellers  
7030 Carrol Lane**
- June— Don & Melinda Smith  
13525 Rolling Hills**
- July— Clarence & Jacquelyn Sostand  
13360 Alaskan Drive**
- Aug.— Rick & Linda Squires  
13535 Rolling Hills**
- Sept.—Steve & Dede Shaver  
13455 Rolling Hills**
- Oct. — Jimmy & Julia Hardy  
13325 Capital**
- Dec.— Holiday Yard of the Month  
Aaron & Mytra Grider  
13465 Chimney Rock**

**The “Yard of the Month” is chosen from three (3) finalists.. one contestant per ward. A very special “thank you” to the winners and all of the “runners up” who work so hard to make Bevil Oaks beautiful for all of us to enjoy. Great job!!**

**SPECIAL NOTICE FROM B.O.M.U.D. Water and sewer bills are due and payable on or before the 21st. day of every month. Payments received on the 22nd., or later, will have a \$10.00 late charge added to the bill. If the balance due on the account is not paid in full by the 30th of the month, water and sewer service will be disconnected. There will be a \$25.00 reconnect fee.**

**SPECIAL NOTICE FROM JCESD# It is time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.**

**Safety Warning: A citizen reported gaseous odors in her home. Further investigation showed that her gas hot water heater’s vent had not been properly re-installed when her roof was replaced. We all have new roofs compliments of one or more hurricanes. If you notice similar odors and have a new roof, this could be the culprit! We appreciate this and other helpful information from our neighbors. Another reason to love living in Bevil Oaks...we try to take care of each other.**

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Save this site as one of your “favorites” and check it frequently. You will find special notices and upcoming events that are updated to a current basis. You can check to see if there is a “burn ban” in effect; link to the national weather service for hurricane information and to DD6 for Pine Island Bayou flood levels; find upcoming events and, addresses and phone numbers of service providers in our community as well as information about flood zones and insurance in our City and a link to FEMA for claims assistance. Watch for more upgrades and items of interest to our citizens.

**Merry Christmas !  
Have a safe and  
Happy New Year!**

# **NEWSLETTER**

# **2009**

# **DECEMBER**

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