



# Westminster Pine Park Newsletter

April 2025

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## From the President:

Welcome to Westminster/Pine Park in St. George Louisiana USA!!

We are in a new city and hopefully we will see some new and exciting changes to come.

Our annual meeting was a great success. We had many speakers from the new formation of the City of St. George. Please go and vote for the officers, the amendments, and for the Home Rule Charter for the city of St. George.

Thanks to all who participated in our Luminary display. It was enjoyed by all including the kids who got to greet Santa.

Spring is here; let's get our yards ready for the Yard of the Month. Please do not blow leaves, debris, or put trash bags in the street or gutters.

We welcome to our board new members Lynda Butler, Beau Dennis, and Sydney Andre.

Please obey stop signs and the 25 mph speed limit in our subdivisions. Have a wonderful and safe spring and summer.

John Pray

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## Neighborhood Spotlight

Did you know that Mr. Coffee lives in Westminster-Pine Park?

He spells his name C-O-F-F-E-Y but he does live in W-PP...and best of all he is married to Cooky! Cooky Coffey. It's a name that makes you want to go to CC's and get a latte and a chocolate chip cookie.

The Coffeys (Bill & Cooky) have lived in W-PP since 1973. They bought a house on S. Maiden before Pine Park was even a part of the neighborhood. Bill worked as a deputy assistant secretary for the state of Louisiana for eleven years and as the CEO of Volunteers of America for 14 years. Cooky worked as the bookkeeper at School Aids for 28 ½ years.

Bill & Cooky met on a school bus in Gibsland, LA in the late 1950's. They got married in 1962. (Cookies and coffee make such a great match!)

Bill & Cooky raised their two kids in W-PP and have always loved the location of the neighborhood as well as the friendliness of their neighbors. The pool and the school were also a huge plus!

In fact, the Coffeys love W-PP so much that when they decided to move, they bought a house a few blocks over on Blecker Dr.

We are so glad to have the Coffeys in W-PP! If you ever want a good cup of coffee, make sure to stop by Mr. Coffee's house...and don't forget to ask for a Cookie.

Steve Foster

## WPP Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Improvement District

Larry Johnson, Treasurer - John Pray, Civic Assoc. - Roy Hill, Secretary - Drew Murrell - David L. Carnes, President

Spring has sprung, and we suddenly find ourselves planted deep in the new City of St. George! Our Crime Prevention Board is pleased and proud that our board member, Drew Murrell, is now our City Councilman. After heading up the St. George Transition District, Drew has more than earned his new position—this is a big plus for W-PP.

As for crime in W-PP, it has once again been very quiet—HOORAY!! Our Deputy patrols are more visible as they now patrol with their blue lights to be more noticeable. Thefts of items from cars will never go away in W-PP and any other neighborhood. Always lock your car doors, and the same goes for house doors and sheds. If you plan to travel, let your neighbors know to pick up your paper or packages. If you see or experience crime, please realize that calling the sheriff hours or days afterwards is pointless. Call EBR Sheriff's Office (389-5000) when the crime happens. Be vigilant! Speeding and running stop signs are still a problem—report it when you see it.

Westminster-Pine Park is a wonderful, diverse, residential, family neighborhood--it is not an industrial park. We ask everyone to respect this. This is an early heads-up that the new City of St. George is pulling together a Code of Ordinances, and it will have some teeth in it. We are told by Mayor Yates and Chief of Police, Morris, that they intend to enforce zoning, litter, parking and building code violations, etc. The City Parish has given us short shrift for the past several years by not enforcing the ordinances. This is about to change for the better. Also, please don't park in your front yards or between the street and sidewalks.

Get out and enjoy these beautiful spring days. It's a perfect time to meet and greet your neighbors. Let's take pride in our neighborhood. Westminster Pine Park is (and continues to be) a great place to live!

David L. Carnes ([davidcarnes@cox.net](mailto:davidcarnes@cox.net)) 225-266-4822



### Want to join the neighborhood pool?

Search "westminster aquatic" to find us on Facebook!



The Westminster Aquatic Club (WAC) is a private, family-friendly, pool, tennis, and pickleball facility located on N. Maiden Dr. in W-PP. Dues are \$375 per year. Stock ownership (required) is a one-time fee of \$250 with payment options available. Benefits include:

- Full time certified lifeguard on duty
- Fenced in baby pool & bathroom facilities
- Shaded pavillion & picnic tables with BBQ grill
- 24/7 keyed access to lighted tennis and pickleball courts
- Reservations available for private parties (w/ lifeguard)
- Summer kick-off party, 4<sup>th</sup> of July bash, end of summer party
- Pickleball tournament and other community events

Westminster Aquatic Club



### SWIM TEAM

Kids ages 4-18 can join the neighborhood swim team for fun & exercise this summer.

Practices begin in mid- to late-May and run until the end of June.

For more information, contact Margaret Miller by email at [margaret.miller789@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.miller789@gmail.com).

For more information, including membership options & days/hours of operation contact Tori Finley at 682-330-0920 or [WestminsterAquaticClub@gmail.com](mailto:WestminsterAquaticClub@gmail.com)

## Phone Tree

If you want to receive notifications of crimes, emergencies, and neighborhood-wide events, be sure your phone number is registered in our W-PP phone tree. Cell phone numbers will receive notifications via text while home numbers will receive a recorded phone call. Steve Foster is our phone tree coordinator. Please submit requests to be added to the system or to remove or change a phone number to Steve.

If you have been the victim of a crime we would like to warn our neighbors, but you must inform us before we can do a broadcast. You can contact Steve Foster (coordinator) at 225-328-8424 or email [stevenliz91@gmail.com](mailto:stevenliz91@gmail.com) or David Carnes (Crime Prevention) at 225-266-4822 or email [davidcarnes@cox.net](mailto:davidcarnes@cox.net).

When you receive a call or text from our phone tree, the call will be identified as coming from 877-565-8456 and the texts from 225-317-7992. Put those numbers into your contacts so you will not think they are spam. For lost pets or other general announcements, please use Nextdoor or Facebook. If you call the 877 number from a phone that is registered in our system you will hear a replay of the most recent message (if it is within seven days of the broadcast). The system will attempt to call your phone three different times. If your line is busy or you have no answering machine, you will not receive the phone tree message. We generally do not do a follow-up message, but if a crime has occurred someone on the crime prevention board usually does a post in Nextdoor.com with more details and follow-up.

Thanks! Steve Foster

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Welcome to the following people who have moved into the neighborhood since October:

9070 Baker Drive	4074 N Maiden Drive
4644 S Maiden Drive	4335 S Maiden Drive
8836 Norfolk Drive	3936 Drusilla Drive
4365 Blecker Drive	4224 Blecker Drive
4238 Fleet Drive	4145 Pine Park Drive
4431 Fleet Drive	4188 Fleet Drive

We're glad you chose Westminster-Pine Park. If you haven't yet received an Information Packet for New Neighbors, please contact Aimee Rasche 225-369-3562 (text or voice) and she will get one to you.

## Halloween Contest Winners

1st Place - 3804 Pine Park Dr.  
2nd Place – 4394 Fleet Dr.  
3rd Place – 4465 Pine Ridge Dr.

## Christmas Contest Winners

1st Place Best Lighting – 3945 Strand Dr.  
2nd Place Best Lighting – 4244 Drusilla Dr.  
3rd Place Best Lighting - 4065 Strand Dr.  
Best Door – 4411 Blecker Dr.  
Best Wreath – 4365 Chelsea Dr.

## Jefferson Highway Project Info

Work on the outside lane of Jefferson Highway in front of the W-PP subdivisions has started. They are doing the same process they did for the inside lanes. It will be more meticulous since they have to tie in the driveways and fix the curbs. It is estimated that they will be done in late April. As they come to each road they will have to shut down some of the entrance/exit points during their work. They will return a year later to finish the outside lane on the other side of Jefferson Highway. Their final project will be another finish layer on top of the whole surface, which will make the highway extremely smooth. Have patience!

## Street Light Outage Reporting

Street light outages can be reported either by calling 800-968-8243 or by going online at [www.energylouisiana.com](http://www.energylouisiana.com) and navigating to Residential Customers->Products and Services->Report Street Lights Out->Report a Lighting Issue->Street Light->Continue. Then enter the address, choose the light, enter your name, and submit the report

## Yard of the Month

Hey neighbors! Get ready! Your yard could be the next "Yard of the Month." We will begin the awards in May and continue through September. Judging will be done the first weekend of the month.

We judge by neatness, overall appearance, color, and new landscaping. So get ready, your yard may be next!

Westminster-Pine Park Civic Assn.  
4220 N. Maiden Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809



Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook. Search for Westminster Pine Park.

Check out our website for zoning restrictions and other info: [www.w-pp.org](http://www.w-pp.org)

**Parking regulations:** Available at <https://www.municode.com/library/la> under Baton Rouge Title 11 Chapter 28.

Here are some highlights:

Vehicles must be parked in the direction of traffic within 18 inches of the curb.

Vehicles cannot be parked on the street for more than 9 consecutive hours.

Vehicles cannot be parked on the sidewalk or the grass between the house and street.

Vehicle can't block mailbox or driveway.

Please contact Aimee Rasche at 369-3562 for a W/PP sticker for your car to help the sheriff identify non-neighborhood cars.

### W-PP Civic Association Board

John Pray (Pres/CrimePrevDistrict/Beautification)	933-9253
Steve Foster (Vice Pres/Secretary/Phone Tree)	328-8424
Steve Long (Treasurer/Crime Prev District Rep)	445-2437
Rick Martin (Newsletter/Social/Fundraising)	924-5680
Darren & Aimee Rasche (Publicity/Welcome)	369-3562
Alicia Elam (Public Works)	235-2768
Brendan Rush	202-6586
Roy Hill	329-5325
Lynda Butler	975-7366
Beau Dennis	200-8850
Sydney André	200-8850

### W-PP Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Improvement District Board of Directors

David L. Carnes (President)	266-4822
Larry Johnson (Treasurer)	937-6575
Roy Hill (Secretary, W-PP Representative)	329-5325
John Pray (W-PP Representative)	933-9253
Drew Murrell	938-3559