



# Westminster Pine Park Newsletter

October 2022

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## From the President

Hello Fall,

We have had a quiet year so far. Crime is at a minimum and we have had no storms. Lets hope it continues.

My most common complaints are from neighbors about speeding and running stop signs. One neighbor told me someone passed them on Drusilla going at least 45 miles an hour. Please obey the speed limits and come to a complete stop at all stop signs.

We welcome new board member Brendan Rush. He will replace Bill Roger. Brendan works for the Department of Transportation. He informed us that D.O.T. will be taking bids on the Jefferson Highway project. They are planning on tearing up and replacing the road and sidewalks. He stated that two lanes will remain open at all times. What a nightmare!

We approach fall and the holidays. Lets get ready for our annual luminary display on Sunday December 18. We will have hot chocolate stands where Santa will stop. Let's make this one the best!

Wishing you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

John

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## Neighbor Spotlight

Do you love LSU sports? Then you have probably read some sports articles written by Glenn Guilbeau. In fact, Glenn just finished a book on LSU baseball's legendary coach: Skip Bertman. The book is entitled *Everything Matters in Baseball: The Skip Bertman Story*, and is available at the website [acadianhouse.com](http://acadianhouse.com).

Both Glenn and his wife Michelle love sports. In fact, they met in Omaha, Nebraska, when they were both covering LSU and Louisiana-Lafayette games at the College World Series in 2000 for the Baton Rouge Advocate. Michelle was a news reporter covering the atmosphere and crowd in Omaha while Glenn was covering the LSU baseball team.

Since that time, Glenn has worked for USA Today and is currently covering the SEC on [Outkick.com](http://Outkick.com)/Fox News. Michelle, in the meantime, has served as the communications director for Senator John Kennedy and is currently the communications director for the state teachers' retirement association and teaches Political Science at the LSU Journalism School.

Glenn and Michelle have lived in W-PP since 2006. They love the friendliness of their neighbors (the Coffees brought them some fudge on their first day in W-PP!) and the beautiful Christmas luminary display every year.

We are so glad to have Glenn & Michelle Guilbeau in W-PP! And Geaux Tigers!

## WPP Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Improvement District

**W-PP Crime Report** -- Fortunately, there has been very little crime over the past six months! We have 6 off duty deputies who patrol W-PP. Their presence is an effective crime deterrent. Remember to LOCK YOUR SHEDS and YOUR CARS and keep your things like bikes and mowers secure, as a few minor thefts have occurred. A homeless group sometimes stays under I-12 on the opposite side of Wards Creek, and a couple of homeless men have walked across the Creek to enter W-PP through backyards on Drusilla. Our patrols are watching this closely. Secure your backyard fences on Drusilla as much as possible to keep these folks from trespassing through your yards. Check security cameras and Ring doorbells if crimes occur. Report it to the Sheriff's office (389-5000), post it on Next Door, and place it on our Phone Tree (Steve Foster-328-8424 or David Carnes-266-4822). Keeping others informed prevents other crimes. Also, the Sheriff and BR Police are cracking down on go carts and golf carts in some neighborhoods - it's illegal to drive them on public streets.

**Crime Cameras** – Our FLOCK cameras were installed this summer on Drusilla Dr. and Pine Park Dr. New cameras are planned for Chelsea Blvd. and Fleet Dr. Our patrol coordinator, Lt. Chad Jones of the EBR Sheriff's Office, has helped us with these cameras, and the Sheriff has installed 40 FLOCK cameras in and around the parish. It is important to note that none of us on the board have access to the film or the information. These cameras feature a high-resolution License Plate Reader that is networked into the Sheriff's Real Time Camera Center as well as other law enforcement agencies. It's not required, but it will be helpful for us to put Westminster-Pine Park stickers on our vehicles. Please contact me if you would like a sticker.

**Group Homes, Jefferson Hwy Boarding houses, vacant homes:** There are 3 homes on Fleet that we have had issues with (1 condemned home - 4400 block, 1 group home - 4300 block and an unoccupied home in the 4100 block). There is also a vacant home at 3945 Drusilla. Vacant homes are an invitation to crime. Owners of these properties have all been contacted to advise them of concerns, especially when the yards are unkept and overgrown.

**Speeding and running stop signs** If you see any speeders or folks running stop signs notify the Sheriff (389-5000).

**David L. Carnes**

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225-266-4822

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## New Neighbors

Welcome Home to all of our new neighbors!:

4336 S Maiden Dr.

4644 S Maiden Dr.

9225 Baker Dr.

4544 S. Maiden Dr.

3836 Drusilla Dr.

4029 Pine Park Dr.

4368 Chelsea Dr.

4238 Fleet Dr.

4624 Downing Dr.

8581 Norfolk Dr.

9078 Baker Dr.

9062 Baker Dr.

3936 Drusilla Dr.

3903 Blecker Dr.

4189 Fleet Dr.

9249 Baker Dr.

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.

## 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. Put that number into your contacts so you will not think it is spam. If you call that 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

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## Miscellaneous Info

Please don't blow grass in the street. And keep the neighborhood looking nice by edging the sidewalk and curb in your yard.

Pick up your dog's poop when walking in the neighborhood. And ensure your pets have tags with a phone number in case they get lost.

Don't put any signs about lost pets, garage sales, etc. on stop signs or light poles. These will be removed for safety and aesthetic reasons. Take down garage sale signs after the sale is over.

As a reminder, 80% of the crime prevention district dues are used to pay the Sheriffs patrolling our neighborhood. EBR Sheriff: 389-5000 or 389-5511 (Burbank Station Direct)

**CALL 311** about messy houses/yards, drainage problems, trash in the yard, limbs blocking sidewalks, burned out street lights, etc.

## Halloween Decoration Contest

It's that time of the year again: Halloween decoration contest time! Skeletons in the grass, graveyards on the front lawn, witches hanging from the trees and spiders crawling on the driveways. Let your creativity out and decorate your yard for our contest. Judges will be driving around the evening of Saturday, October 29.

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## Luminary Display

The annual Westminster/Pine Park luminary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Supplies will be available at the pool Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday, December 18 from 1:00 to 3:00. Any money raised over expenses funds projects that do not fit within the scope of the crime prevention and neighborhood improvement district or that do not fit within the CPD budget for the year. Hot chocolate stands will be set up at several locations in the neighborhood, and Santa will be riding around.

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### Civic Association Calendar:

Halloween decoration judging, Oct. 29

Christmas decoration judging, Dec. 17

Luminary sale: Dec. 17 (10 am - 2 pm)

Dec. 18 (1 - 3 pm)

Pictures with Santa (free), Dec. 18 (afternoon)

Luminary display, Dec. 18 (6 - 8 pm)

Annual mtg. Jan. 23, 2023 (6:30 pm @ Jefferson Baptist)

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## Yards of the Month

May - Rayner Residence - 4536 Blecker Dr.

June - Rhodes Residence - 3913 Blecker Dr.

July - McKee Residence - 9094 Baker Dr.

Aug - Hall Residence - 4524 Pine Park Dr.

Sept - Aaron Residence - 3804 Pine Park Dr.

Congratulations to the YOM winners, and thank you for making our neighborhood a nice-looking one. We all appreciate it.

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
Glen Guilbeau	907-8701
Brendan Rush	

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

David L. Carnes (President)	266-4822
Larry Johnson (Treasurer)	937-6575
Steve Long (Secretary, W-PP Representative)	445-2437
John Pray (W-PP Representative)	933-9253
Drew Murrell	938-3559