

The Pipeline

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You don't make progress by
standing on the sidelines, whimpering
and complaining.
*You make progress by
implementing ideas.*
— Shirley Chisholm

PTIA MEETINGS

Join PTIA for Board Meetings. Meetings are held virtually via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.. Zoom Passwords and Codes are mass emailed to all residents along with prior minutes and the agenda. If we do not have your current email address please send it to: ptia.baker@gmail.com

PTIA Meetings
October 6
November 3

Crime Prevention Meetings
September 8
December 1



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A Message From The President

Greetings and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Summer!

Caps off to our Graduates! This article features high school and college graduates. Know that your potential is limitless!

The **Spotlight on Parkwood Terrace Lifer** profiles an educator, **Dr. Raquel Square Ayles**, who is making a difference in our community.

Our **3rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration** was held on Saturday, June 14th. The program was a huge success with great attendance! Food, family, and fellowship! Our guest speaker was Metro Councilwoman **Carolyn Coleman**, District 10. Our music was provided by **Shiloh M.B.C. Praise Team**, who year after year continues to lift our spirits! The **UpStage Theatre Company**, under the direction of **Ava Brewster-Turner, Ph.D.**, delivered a memorable performance! **Leroy and Dianne Helire** served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. Other neighbors on program were **Jesse Taylor**, **Georgia Jenkins**, and **Doze Butler**. Councilman **Anthony Kenney**, District 2 was in attendance as well.

This Juneteenth event relied heavily on our **Street Captains** and **Neighbors** who volunteered. Your contributions were essential and greatly appreciated. **Special thanks** is extended to **OUR RESIDENTS! There would be no Juneteenth Celebration without you!**

PTIA had several changes in leadership. **Bridget Riley** stepped down as Treasurer effective July 1, 2025 to dedicate more time to other commitments. She previously served as chair of the Activity Committee, coordinating the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Decorations, as well as chair of the Juneteenth committee, and designing our Juneteenth T-Shirts. She brought PTIA into this "new age" of technology by introducing the use of Zelle and PayPal to pay dues. **Thank you Bridget!**

The PTIA Executive Board held a Special Call Meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025 to appoint a new Treasurer. According to Our Articles of Incorporation: Vacancies occurring among the officers shall be appointed by the President with approval of the remaining Executive Board Members. **Tasha Elbert-McClain**, our former Vice President accepted her appointment as Treasurer, and **Johnye McQuarter** accepted his appointment as Vice President. **Welcome to the team Johnye!**

PTIA is passionate about the neighborhood and committed to doing all that we can to keep it as one of the most beautiful neighborhoods anywhere. In this issue, the **Architectural Control Corner** as well as **Community Reminders** serves as a beacon, guiding our path to staying on track of maintaining our properties.

By now you should have received a letter reminding you to pay annual dues for this fiscal year (2025-2026). **Not a member of PTIA yet? We invite you to join.** Membership dues are \$50 annually. You can pay online at our website www.ptiabaker.org, or by cash, check, or money order (which you can give to your Street Captain); or mail to PTIA, P.O. Box 874, Baker, LA 70704.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the neighborhood!

- Cynthia D. Miller

CALLING ALL GRADS! 2025



Addison Rayna Clark graduated from Goose Creek High School on May 29, 2025. She plans to major in Nursing, specializing in Pediatric Care and a minor in Dance.

Addison received awards in JROTC Let 4 Completion; JROTC Battalion & Senior Staff (Upheld Leadership Offices). She was inducted into the Beta Club Organization and National Honor Society. She was accepted into the Berkeley County School of the Arts Dance Program and was a member of the Goose Creek High Dance Team. Church affiliations include Praise Dance Team, Childcare Ministry, Oratorical Ministry, Sunday School, and Youth Ministry Volunteer. She is also a member of the Girl Scouts of South Eastern South Carolina.

Addison likes meeting new friends and spending quality time with her friends playing double dutch. She was actively involved in the JROTC, High School Dance Team and Science clubs. Her hobbies include dancing, music and gymnastics; journaling and mediating (Biblical Devotional time); spending time with family (especially beach holidays); traveling and Arts & Crafts.

Words that best describe Addison are: Energetic, Positive and Spiritually Grounded.

Addison is the daughter of Ray and Genesis Abernathy-Clark
Her Grandmother is Gladys G. Abernathy



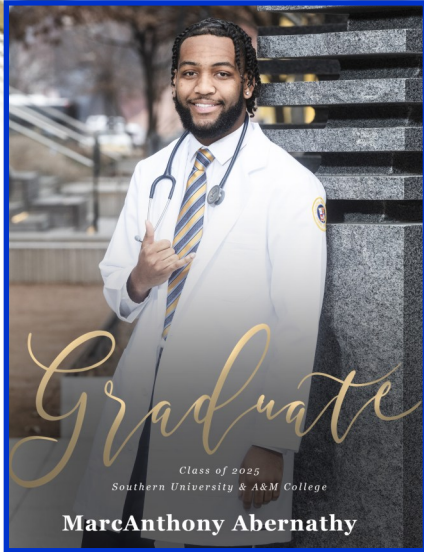
Cree J'Adore Rogers, a resident of Zachary, Louisiana, graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Accepted at Rutgers University, Cree will pursue a Master/Doctorate degree in Biomedical Science.

Her hobbies include reading, cooking, Pinterest, Modern Family and cats.

She describes herself as being Independent, Focused, and Busy.

Cree's parents are Jim Terrell Rogers & Robin Montgomery Rogers. Robert & Cheryl Forbes Montgomery are her grandparents.

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Jackson Abernathy is a graduate of North Garland High where he earned EKG and Medical Assistant certifications as well as obtained his Associate of Science in Biology from Dallas College. He will attend North Carolina A&T State University, majoring in Nursing.



Marc Anthony graduated on Friday, May 9th from Southern University and A&M College's School of Nursing. MarcAnthony will serve as an Emergency Room Nurse in Dallas, Texas. In the future, he plans to earn his Doctor of Physical Therapy.



MarcAnthony and **Jackson's** parents are Antoine Mark & Kimberly Abernathy

Their Grandmother is Gladys G. Abernathy



Morgan Lily Washington graduated from Friends Academy in Long Island New York. She was the Commencement Speaker at her graduation, held on June 14, 2025. Morgan will attend George Washington University in Washington, DC.

She is the recipient of the National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, National Spanish, and the National African American Recognition Award. Committees - Diversity Committee Co-Clerk, and Art With Friends Co-Founder/Co-Clerk.

Morgan is the granddaughter of Mary Washington



Nathan Horton Hampton is a recent graduate of Charlotte Engineering Early College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Nathan plans to attend South Carolina State University majoring in Mechatronics Engineering.

His favorite thing about school was meeting new friends and learning. He thinks about ways to invent products that can help he and others heal from foot and ankle injuries. An avid Scout, he loved serving his Scout Troop, hiking with other Scouts and friends and reading leadership courses. Nathan is an Eagle Scout, a Youth Leader at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and President of the Teen Jack and Jill of America-Charlotte Chapter.

He is best described as being Resilient, Confident and Caring.

Nathan's parents are Carnelle and Holli Horton Hampton
His Grandfather is Harry D. Horton, Jr.



Parkwood Terrace Lifer

Dr. Raquel Square Ayles

Dr. Raquel Square Ayles has been named the Associate Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The announcement was made during the Southern University Board of Supervisors meeting on May 8, 2025.

Ayles, who currently serves as the SU Ag Center's Youth Development Program Leader and STEAM Specialist, officially filled the position on June 1, 2025.

As the Associate Vice Chancellor of Extension and Outreach, Dr. Ayles will develop and oversee high-impact educational and outreach programs; manage and oversee the Extension program evaluation and accountability process; facilitate trainings and professional development related to evaluation, impact, and reporting; identify the most efficient and effective means to deliver timely research-based information; support and lead efforts in budget planning, grant management, personnel management and fundraising; represent the Ag Center on University councils and committees, and continue her duties of a program leader.

Prior to her employment at the Southern University Ag Center, Ayles served as the Chief Academic Officer of the Algiers Charter School Association, Regional Director and Superintendent of Charter Schools USA in Louisiana, and Principal at both Bains Lower Elementary School and Scotlandville Elementary School.

She is also a member of the Board of Directors at New Schools for Baton Rouge (NSBR).

Dr. Ayles earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy, all from Southern University. She also received the Educational Specialist in Louisiana School Turnaround certification from Xavier University.

Raquel is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Square and the late Mr. Robert Square, Sr.

(Resource: Southern University Ag Center/News)



Carolyn Coleman
Guest Speaker
Metro Councilwoman
District 10



Shiloh M.B.C. Praise Team



Actors
UpStage Theatre Company



Leroy & Dianne Helire
Master & Mistress of Ceremonies



Dr. Ava Brewster-Turner
Founder/CEO
UpStage Theatre Company



Cynthia D. Miller
PTIA President



Photos Courtesy of
Tasha Elbert-McClain
Vallory S. Hills



Architectural Control Corner

The **Neighborhood Canvassing** has proven to be quite effective. This process ensures that any changes are in line with community standards, preventing individual properties from negatively impacting the overall look and value of the neighborhood.



Since November 2024 over 27 Friendly Phone Calls have been made, and 13 Letters have gone out to homeowners regarding rule violations. The vast majority of individuals have been very cooperative.

However, we would like to remind everyone about the compliance process.

First, a “**Friendly Phone Call**” is made. Usually, that is all it takes to rectify a situation. In many cases, the weather has been a hinderance, especially when residents are on a maintenance schedule with their lawncare provider. The ACC takes all of this into consideration.

Second, the **1st Violation Letter** is mailed citing the infraction whether it is a PTIA Restriction or a City/Parish Ordinance.

Third, the **2nd Violation Letter** is mailed certified/return receipt. If no action is taken by the Homeowner at the time specified in the letter then the **City of Baker Code Enforcement Process will be initiated**. Fines and penalties imposed by the City/Parish Ordinances far exceed that of PTIA.

When residents ignore our repeated requests it gets difficult and expensive, and these costs are all shared by homeowners.

The Committee is asking, please open your mail. Please open your e-mails. Please read our governing documents (which are posted on our website www.ptiabaker.org). Please take care of your house.

Let us work together to resolve these minor issues before they become big issues.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Several neighbors are in need of having their bushes cut back or trimmed. If you would like to volunteer your services contact:

Cynthia D. Miller at cmiller5905@gmail.com

or

Vallory S. Hills at vhills1559@gmail.com

Community Reminders

Loud Noise - Being cognizant of the level of noise coming from one's home which could potentially carry throughout the neighborhood.

Picking up after our furry four-legged friends - Please use doggie waste bags and always clean up after your pet. Also, with the increased number of residents taking walks throughout our community and riding bicycles, please ensure to keep dogs leashed when in public spaces.

Speeding - The speed limit is 25 mph for a reason. You never know who is crossing the street on their walk or riding their bike. Please be mindful of the safety of residents and guests.

Debris & Bulk Waste Items – WastePro – Residents must make individual telephone calls to schedule pickups for Yard and Bulk Waste. This is for any trash NOT put in your trash can. **There is no longer a scheduled day of the week for debris and bulk waste items.**

Did you know that proper landscaping not only increases curb appeal but it can give real estate properties an increase in value by up to 15%?

Maintenance of Landscape – Each Owner is responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping on their Lot and for maintaining their Lot, residence, and driveway in a clean and orderly fashion at all times.

Overgrown bushes up to the eaves of the house or covering the sidewalk or street; Crepe Myrtle Trees or hanging limbs from trees that obstruct the sidewalk or street fall under the category of Maintenance of Landscape.

Weeds – Summer rains have been much needed, but it results in a weed problem again. Please keep your yards and lots cleaned up. Rather than waiting until the weeds get a strong foothold, try spraying when they are small. Some lots already have weeds that are 8-10 inches high. Please take care of this Immediately (weather permitting).

Owner Lawn Maintenance - Owners shall be responsible for keeping the Property mowed at all times and free from rubbish, trash, debris, and Noxious weeds. Occupied or vacant Lots shall be maintained and cut every two weeks during the grass-cutting season (weather permitting). If weeds or grass are allowed to grow more than eight inches (8") or if rubbish or trash, etc., is allowed to remain on any Property in such amounts as shall be considered unsightly, the Committee shall notify the Property Owner in writing of the condition. PTIA Violation procedures will be enacted.

Drainage / Grass Clippings - Impeding drainage on streets; obstruction of gutters, ditches, and drains. No person shall impede or obstruct the passage or flow of water over or on any street, gutter, ditch or drain, or on any property.

Did you know that pressure washing the exterior of the home at least once a year helps protect the paint and keeps our community looking beautiful?

De-Clutter Outdoor Spaces – Each Owner shall maintain the outdoor spaces around the Property to enhance the beauty and appeal of residences and community. This includes spaces on the front porch, stoop, and entryway to the Owner's home.

(Items sited above are PTIA Restrictions and/or City/Parish Ordinances)