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General Meeting -- This Monday, 5/15

At 6:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

This meeting the candidates for the run-off seats are invited to address the membership. No questions, just their vision. We will also include a discussion of the proposed changes to our bylaws and Articles of Incorporation that was tabled from the last meeting. The proposed changes were printed in our February newsletter and can also be found on our web site. For a hard copy email or call with you name and address. We are scheduled to vote on the proposed changes at our June meeting.

Bringing food is not required, of course, but if you would like to, please bring a meat dish if your last name begins with A-E, a vegetable dish if your last name begins with F-G, bread/pasta/rice (N-R), or dessert (S-Z). If you do not have time to cook, consider purchasing something from one of our local businesses. Thanks!

34th Annual Home Tour

We have an exciting array of homes, local artists and musicians who will join our 34th Annual Home Tour on May 21. The Home Tour, Concert and Art Market are part of a yearlong celebration of the Faubourg Marigny's bicentennial.

Washington Square Park is the epicenter of the Home Tour experience. The self-guided walking tour of seven of our neighborhood's most magnificent historic and post-Katrina renovated homes will begin at 12 pm. Home tour goers will get an inside look at the treasures hidden

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behind the facades of New Orleans' oldest homes. Homes on the tour are:

Triangle

2125 N. Rampart St. - Circa 1850 Greek Revival
2020 Burgundy St. – Circa 1840 triple cottage
2046 Royal St. – Circa 1890 Double shotgun

Rectangle

2319 Dauphine St. – Circa 1790 Shotgun Single
2425 Chartres St. – Circa 1850 Creole double shotgun
2401 Chartres St.- Circa 1840 Creole townhouse
2417 Royal St. – Circa 1860 Greek Revival Style

The corresponding party in the park from 11 am – 4:30 pm features musical performances by local talent:

Desoto Street Band

Washboard Chaz

Andy J. Forest

We will also host an art market, where renowned local artists will showcase and sell their work. They include fine art, photography, jewelry, crafts, accessories, mosaics, home furnishings, wall art, tiles and more from:

Jeannette Landphair	Kiki Huston
Timothy Phillips	Ze daLuz
Mitch Landry	Sea Pear
Heather Elizabeth	Chris Porche West
Stan Street	Jane Brewster
Lets Get Up	Will Smith
Susan B. Gilliberti	

Members can purchase tickets for \$10 up until our May meeting (May 15) by contacting a board member, calling 888-312-0812, emailing hometour@faubourgmarigny.org or coming to the meeting. This is a \$5 savings over the non-member advance price of \$15. All tickets are \$20 the day of the event. Non-member tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

Rose Nicaud ▪ Sound Café ▪ Marigny Perks

Cork & Bottle ▪ Cole Pratt Gallery ▪ Plum.

We are also looking for people to help. We need:

- House Sitters (volunteers who will watch a house for a 2 hour shift. 12 - 2pm or 2 - 4pm),
- Volunteers to help set up that day and

Volunteers get free admission to the home tour.

If you can help please contact Reg Medellin at 940-4042 or Deborah Oppenheim at 319-4262.

For more information about the Home Tour and houses visit our web site www.faubourgmarigny.org.

Meetings

FMIA General and Board meetings are open to the public. Committees and committee meetings are also open to anyone who is interested or would like to help.

Board meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. The next board meeting will be on June 7th, 7:00 p.m., at 2406 Chartres Street.

General meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:00p.m at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street. (There are no general meetings in July and December.)

President's Report

The election has consumed most everyone's time, the good news is that it will be over soon. The end to the election signifies the true start of rebuilding New Orleans. We are at an important point in the rebuilding process where we will need to voice our opinions on the plan(s) presented by the city to ensure our vision for our neighborhood is heard.

We are lucky in that we have had a plan that we have been refining for the last 35 years. The latest installment to the plan occurred at our February general meeting. We revisited some old topics and issues and tackled some new ones to help us plan for the next 50 years.

The work from that meeting will be presented in a report at our June meeting. A big thanks to Will Riehm and Deborah Oppenheim for organizing the meeting and to Will again, for pulling together this report.

We are less than two weeks away from our Annual Home Tour. This year's home tour will celebrate the bicentennial of



our neighborhood and the wonderful community we have built. We have a lot to be proud of and thankful for. Mark your calendars and tell your friends about our celebration in Washington Square Park. For more information see the article in this issue or go to our web site which also contains pictures of the homes.

This also month marks the farewell to two neighborhood icons. David Berman and his dog Mocha. David will be leaving the Marigny to return to his roots in Providence, Rhode Island. David holds the tile for the longest presidency (seven years) and in his tenure tirelessly protected the Marigny. His departure will certainly leave a void that will not be easily filled. Best of luck David and yes, we will be calling you for help.

Exercise your right to Vote!

Voter education information about the Mayoral, City Council District C and City Council At Large candidates is available on line at www.NeighborhoodsVote.Com.

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5th District/8th District NONPAC

With criminal activity on the rise it is imperative that each of us report any and all suspicious activity to the police. Both the 5th and 8th Police Districts who serve the rectangle and triangle respectively have meetings were residents can report such activity in addition to calling 821-2222 for non-emergency issues and 911 for emergency issues.

The NONPAC meetings (New Orleans Neighbor Police Action Committee) are designed as an interface were citizens can report crimes, get updates on past incidents and generally bring up comments, concerns and suggestions for the individual police districts.

We have representatives that attend each meeting that act as our liaison and keep track for us but we encourage everyone to attend. The meetings are at the following locations.

8th District
5:30 p.m.
2nd Thursday
Omni Hotel
621 St. Louis Street

5th District
7 p.m.
2nd Wednesday
Holy Angels
3500 St. Claude Ave

If you have an incident or activity that you would like us to report you can email the information to the representative. Or you may also email the either the Quality of Life Office or Captain/Commander directly at the addresses below.

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brian.frye@cox.com

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Yours Truly in a Swamp
By Leonard Earl Johnson

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"Ain't nothing in the world time and money won't cure."
~ The late Ernie K-Doe, former New Orleans musician
& club owner, self-anointed Emperor of The World, and
-- though deceased -- 2006 candidate for mayor

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Bridge to Big Swamp City

"The Huey," as old timers call it, spans the Mississippi River at New Orleans. It is an old bridge built with two narrow lanes of highway traffic on each side, and railroad tracks down the middle.

Before it was built, all trains crossing The River at New Orleans did so aboard ferry boats that landed on the Westbank at the town of Westwego, a descriptive name given the settlement, in 1870, by the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

The Huey opened in 1935, the year its namesake, Huey P. Long, was shot and killed in the lobby of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

Incidentally, a second bridge, built later, and bearing Long's name crosses the Mississippi at Baton Rouge. Both bridges have superstructures made of high-towered steel that looks, from a distance, like the skyline of a great modern city.

Huey, the man, was only made of flesh. But he was some powerful flesh. Nicknamed "The Kingfish," for being top-feeder in the Louisiana political pond, Huey Long first ran for governor in 1924, and lost.

Four years later, in 1928, he won, and grew in office to become the era's second-most colorful politician. The first was his younger brother, Earl.

Love thy brother

Brother Earl occupied the Governor's Mansion, fittingly, after big brother Huey had moved out. And while Huey may have been something of a rounder while living there, he was fabulously circumspect compared to Earl.

The married Governor Earl openly dated Blaze Starr, a popular Bourbon Street stripper, and he was widely regarded as fully in possession of a very loose screw.

He used to say of his trysts with Blaze at the Hotel Roosevelt (now the hurricane gutted Fairmont) that he wore cowboy boots in bed, "For better traction on them hotel sheets."

That hotel, something of a forerunner of today's resort hotels, was mighty popular with both Long brothers. Huey even said he built the Airline Highway from his office in Baton Rouge, "To have a straight hard shot at the Hotel Roosevelt, in downtown New Orleans."

Nice, but not as colorful as cowboy boots on hotel sheets.

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Letters to the Editor

3/20/2006

Greetings,

The mail being transferred out of New Orleans is still a mess. I have just received the Feb. + Mar. newsletters within two days of each other. Please give information on how to get back issues. (Aug. – Jan.) It is wonderful to hear news of home. I would like to catch up on as much as possible.

FMIA Mugs? How much? Order how? Displaced, misplaced faubourgundians are interested!

Although it still give me nightmares I must include this reminder: In matters of the flood walls – the Corps hosing red dye against the area by NOCCA didn't and still doesn't change the results of their own test done previously (from the Industrial Canal area to near Audubon Park) which showed every site was leaking! Also, the Faubourg Marigny still has very many abandoned underground pipelines passing through the steel sheet-pilings which have never been addressed. No area should be left without a totally rebuilt floodwall.

My heart and prayers are with the City and the Faubourg Marigny\Bywater neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Boutwell
1906 N. Market St., Shreveport, LA 71107

5/7/2006

Dear Editor,

I was not surprised that find that when the Corps of Engineers finishes shielding the Lower Ninth on June 1, that everything west of the Industrial Canal will be left in a more dangerous position than before the storm.

So that means the historic Bywater, Faubourg Marigny and the French Quarter will be more vulnerable to flooding than ever.

I take this news in stride only because the very same agency that could not build the levees right in 40 years now has to do the job right in nine months. Think about it. Since the levee breaks of August 29, 2005, no heads have rolled, no one has been fired, and there has been no shake-up at the New Orleans District of the Corps.

Several expert engineering studies have found that during the past four decades, the Corps chose the wrong Standard Project Hurricane, used an inappropriately low safety margin, selected projects based on a terribly flawed cost/benefit formula, ignored critical subsidence data, did not plan for overtopping of levees, had no sense of urgency, and operated in secrecy. On top of all this, the engineering of what they built was fatally flawed.

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The plain fact is this: the Corps does not view the protection of the City of New Orleans, its people and their property as job number



one. And while it is true that New Orleans could have been destroyed by a direct hit from a Cat 4 or Cat 5 Katrina; it wasn't. New Orleans was destroyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Levees.Org is a non-partisan non sectarian grassroots group that holds the Corps of Engineers accountable for the New Orleans Flood. The group has over 4000 members, and their website www.levees.org has hosted over 23,000 unique visitors this year.

Sandy Rosenthal
Founder, Levees.org

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New Members

We would like to introduce and welcome our newest members:

Lauren Denny
Robert DeJean

Steve Campell

If we left you out, please drop us a line and let us know.

Orchids & Onions

ORCHIDS

- To David B. for his years of service to the FMIA
- To Kay Vereen for her support of Washington Square Park
- To the 5th District Police for getting the cars off the neutral ground
- To the 5th and 8th District's increased patrols of our neighborhood
- To Councilmember Clarkson's office for responding to and clearing up our problems with abandoned cars and Waste Management.

ONIONS

- To those that disregard the laws governing our historic neighborhood
- To those still parking on the St. Claude neutral ground and causing a safety hazard

Joke, Stories etc.

The last six months in New Orleans have been painful and strenuous, but post-Katrina life has also been fertile ground for humor. In future issues, I'd like to publish jokes or stories about life in New Orleans. If you have heard one, or have one to tell, please send it to newsletter@faubourgmarigny.org. (Submissions should, of course, avoid offense, but need not necessarily be squeaky clean.)

Volunteer

We are looking for people to help us carry out our mission: which is to protect, maintain and support the Faubourg Marigny.

What would you like to see changed in the Marigny? With your interest and our support we can make it happen.

Please consider giving as little as 2 hours a month. Call 888-312-0812 or email outreach@faubourgmarigny.org and let us know what you would like to help with.

Washington Square Park Repair – Saturday, May 13th

A big thanks goes to United Ace Hardware, Wilson Bourg Lumber and Sal's Plumbing for their continued support of the park. Without their support we would not have the necessary supplies to fix and maintain the park.



We will be continuing our repair of Washington Square Park tomorrow, Saturday May 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our main focuses will be to repair and paint the rest of the benches, paint the jungle gym and rake up the last leaves on the ground.

Please stop by and lend a hand. If you cannot physically help out, please consider making a donation to the Friends of Washington Square Park Fund. Call 888-312-0812 to leave a message about your intent to donate.

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Yours Truly in a Swamp continued from pg 5

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The Longs built their political dynasty at a time when most Americans thought government should solve problems by direct action, not through secondary problem solvers. No trickle-downers, these two.

HMO medical care and private health insurance would have struck them as laughingly overpriced and inefficient for the ones receiving the care -- and casting votes.

When Huey took office the state of Louisiana was mostly illiterate, had few public schools, school books, hard roads, or hospitals. The Kingfish set out to remedy that.

He was an American seat-of-the-pants socialist who taxed business, including the sacrosanct oil industry, to pay for public schools, roads, hospitals, and more. In return, citizens voted for him in droves each election day.

When he left the Governor's Mansion, in 1932, before his term expired, it was to move up to the United States Senate.

In the Senate he launched his "Share-Our-Wealth Society," complete with its own theme song, "Every Man a King," while maintaining control of the

Democratic party back home. (Louisiana had no Republican party in those days.)



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Long had set his cap for the presidency occupied by another American seat-of-the-pants socialist, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, scion of the family from whom Huey's favorite hotel took its name.

Taxing oil and challenging an incumbent president can make one enemies. Huey had his, then and now. He ended up, after all, assassinated in the lobby of the new skyscraper State House his taxes had built.

Some crotchety opponents are said to have honored vows to never cross any bridge named Huey P. Long. (Such vows, though befitting their times, were more bombastic than practical, I expect. In any case, the bridge was so popular that every few years since it opened Louisiana has built another one.)

Thousands loved The Kingfish, and came -- even walked -- to Baton Rouge, from all over the state, to attend his funeral.

Today, his life-sized statue stands on the state grounds where he is buried, in front of the Capitol building he built. Another statue of him stands under the dome of the United States Capitol, in Washington, one of two sent by the people of Louisiana to represent the spirit of their state. (Edward Douglass White, Confederate veteran and, later, U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice, is the other.)



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Another Spirit

Brother Earl spent time in the state looney bin during his term in office. Being governor, he cured himself by firing the institution's director and hiring a new one who released him.

That tops anything Huey ever did. For color, anyway.

Earl once strapped a crate of Texas grapefruits to the grill of his car. He had purchased the fruit while at a looney bin in the Lone Star State. He was there at his wife's behest, and against his will.



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Of this incarceration, Fort Worth columnist, Molly Ivins, last year, told an audience at Tulane University, "Texas authorities took one look at Earl and said, 'Looks like a fine and fit governor to us,' and released him."

With those Texas grapefruits strapped to the front grill of his black Cadillac he drove back to Louisiana stopping along the way to give sweet grapefruits to grateful voters. This parade included his aides, the press, police and his wife, who wanted to lock him up again. I have never learned where Blaze Starr was that day, but I like to think she was in the Cadillac with the governor and the grapefruit.

Back to the Kingfish

Huey's construction projects, like the afore-mentioned bridge and State House, still stand.

The oil taxes, however, from offshore drilling -- negligible in Long's day, but huge today -- now go to finance the good causes of the federal government in Washington.

In other states, offshore oil revenues are split with the state.



Big Charity

Charity Hospital in New Orleans was founded in 1736 by the Sisters of Charity, and derives its name from them, not the universal medical care initiated by Huey Long. It is - *was* - the second-oldest hospital in the United States.

Huey set out to build Charity into a skyscraper housing a model hospital, and making it the flagship of his statewide health system. The skyscraper opened four years after his death. And there is now a Charity Hospital in most every Louisiana city, but post-Katrina New Orleans.

Huey's twenty floor high-rise still stands, but as a dark hulking ghost towering over The Big Uneasy.

After two hundred and seventy years, and countless "conservative" plots to shut it down, Charity Hospital was felled by hurricane winds, faulty levees, and an unwillingness of the good people from Washington to spend Louisiana's offshore oil revenue to reopen it. But that is another story, maybe.

Arriving on the Sunset Limited

We are riding into New Orleans aboard Amtrak's Sunset Limited, crossing over on the Huey P. Long Bridge to attend the twentieth annual Tennessee Williams Festival.

The Huey, like much else in The City, is dark. It was never festooned with lights, like the pair of newer matching bridges down river. We can see this pair strung with electric lights burning brightly, as we chug through darkness into Town. The first of these new bridges opened in 1954, as the Greater New Orleans Bridge. Construction on its mate began around the time of the 1984 World's Fair. The two were then christened with the modern day drug-deal sounding name, Crescent City Connection.

As we come down off The Huey, passengers on the train close their laptops and turn off their cell phones. They reach overhead and extinguish the reading lights above their seats. They stare out their windows. No one speaks.

We pull away from The River and roll into neighborhoods of massive destruction. We see street lights, but only a few lights are seen in the windows of some houses. We seldom see two lighted homes in a row. This is because the houses are still empty, eight months after the storm.

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"I like the old bridge," L. A. Norma says, breaking the silence. We are backing up, passing the dimly lighted Louisiana Superdome, its famous tragedy ignited in memories by the huge scar on its roof.

"How'd you like to be the corporate sponsor of that," Norma asks, "your name painted on the dome and splashed around the world during the flood?"

"Be OK if your name was Drano," a man behind us says. The man wears a beard and tells us he has been on the train since Los Angeles. We are pulling into New Orleans more than five hours late.

"Bush bumlbers can't even run the trains on time," he growls, gathering his bags. "Even fascism has gone to the dogs under these dangerous fools."

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In front of the station, Norma lights up a Camel. We wait for a taxi to Squalor Heights and count the plywood covered windows in the tall buildings downtown. We are home.

- to be continued -

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April 5, 2006 FMA Board Meeting

Present: Chris Costello, Brian, Frye, David Seymour, Robert Reddington, Gary DeLeaumont, Reg Medellin Polly Brown, and Deborah Oppenheim. Absent was Tom Loesch.

Chris Costello called the meeting to order @ 7:00, Wednesday, April 5th, 2006 at Rick Fifield's studio. The minutes from 3/1/06 Board Meeting and 3/17/06 General Meeting were approved by consensus.

Next Meeting is May 3, 2006 at Gary de Leaumont's house.

Old Business

1. 2112 Burgundy Street – A stakeout was conducted by 8th district and there was no activity. There is a possibility that the people residing there knew about the stakeout. The property was sited by Safety and Permits and there is a time frame that the owner needs to resolve the issue.

2. Home Tour - Monday meetings are being held to work on the Home Tour. Discussion included advertising with Robert's Market, water sales for the event, general advertising and discounts offered, the art space size. We have four houses and many more leads.

3. Washington Square

- The Buckmoths are back and it costs \$55 per tree for spraying and we estimated the Square has about forty trees. Chris is calling to find the price for other sprayers such as Bayou Tree and asking Parks and Parkway if they will spray for \$35 per tree.
- Benches and jungle gym needs repair and painting. We are planning another Washington Square clean-up.
- Big thanks to all who clean the park.
 - Trash bins cost \$450 for metal frame.
 - Trash bins are needed at every gate.



- It is hard to get the plastic bag to stay on
- Need about 7 volunteers to pick up the perimeter of the park
- An idea from Chris suggested that Christopher Inn resident might help.
- A thank you letter to the residents who do help is needed. It was suggested to post a note at the Christopher Inn inviting them to participate.
- Four rainproof signs at the entrances of Washington Square Park were discussed with kudos to suppliers and recognition to FMIA for maintaining the square. It was noted that Par and Parkway Partners needed to be contacted regarding the signs.
- The grass needs to be cut for the Home Tour which is May 21, 2006.
- Ask Doerr Furniture to mow the grass on Elysian Fields was suggested.
- Large quality waterproof banners for Washington Square Park were discussed. These banners will be adding information as needed to announce meetings and special events. A suggestion of underwriting was mentioned to defray the cost. It was approved to have the banners.

4. Neighborhood Brochure - We will begin working on the Neighborhood brochure in May and June with ads and text. The circulation of the Brochure will be approximately 3500.

5. Outreach for Spring

- Deborah researched the ins and outs of having an Art Market at Washington Square Park. It involved a lot of details such as coordination, commitment, time, and personal. The artists she talked to felt it would be too many markets

but were interested in three times a year.

- There will be artists for the Home Tour. Leigh Crawford is coordinating with Deborah the details for the market.
- It has been suggested to have a walking tour of the Marigny possibly in the fall involving volunteer tour guides from the community. An art market would be an added attraction.
- December caroling could include an Art market as well.

6. Blight - Will Rhiem is out of town.

7. Bylaws - The bylaws have been printed in the newsletter and the website. It will be announced at the April meeting that we will have a vote on the Bylaws at the May General Meeting. Gary will give a quick synopsis at the general meeting.

New Business

1. Juan LaFonta's bill – The Board had questions which we will be forwarded to Michael Malec and Nathan Chapman for information and interpretation. We can legally support an issue but FMIA cannot hire a lobbyist to support our issue.

Q: Does the bill strengthen the enforcement for zoning issues?

Q: We need to find out about the noise violation, who to call and police arrest.

Q: Who is enforcing, what agency?

Q: Should FMIA support these Bills?

Q: Civil and criminal violation enforcement.

Q: Ten year prescriptive law removes and allows action?

2. Politics – a political candidate wants to advertise in our Newsletter. As an Association we cannot support a political candidate.

3. Outreach

- Invite Pastor Bruce Davenport of Gentilly to come to a general membership meeting and possibly speak.
- The Washington Square Concert on Thursday May 4, 2006 has been cancelled.

- 508 Frenchmen Street (HMC2) are asking for an ABO license posted March 30, 2006 for a seafood restaurant. He is building a stage for music. According to the FSACOD, a restaurant cannot have a stage, a maximum of three musicians during restaurants hours, and not more than 15% of the floor to area up to 300 square feet can be a holding bar. If they want more, they have to go through the conditional use process. They also have to apply for a waiver for parking. A letter will be written to Jackie Clarkson Office, Safety and Permits, and Zoning.
- The Sukho Thai restaurant building is for lease. It was suggested that a letter be written to the owners of the building reminding them of the zoning so future tenants are not misdirected.

4. Treasure Report

- Money owed to Chris Costello for Washington Square Park, newsletter, papers was paid in the amount of \$836.
- \$1000 was placed in an account for website programming.

5. Newsletter Simon Hand, Editor

- Orchids - Friends of Washington Sq. Park, Residents of Christopher Inn who help clean the Sq., businesses who supply the park, Pot holes that were fixed
- Onions - leaf blowers who are spreading Katrina dust, crayfish not placed in bags and placed in the trash cans at the Sq., neutral ground parking

6. Website - Chris has found a new volunteer web designer. He will take the website to the next level.

7. Frenchmen Street - Board recommended asking Ottis to help with the Frenchmen Street Committee.

- Trash - The Association received a written document from Veronica White, Director of Sanitation stipulating the amount of trash that the City will pick up for businesses. Businesses are only allowed 32 gallons of trash and will need to get a private trash service if it is over the amount.



Who is responsible for enforcement is the question? Chris suggested writing a letter to let the businesses know about the rules and regulations. River Parish Trash haulers are working in the Marigny and this could be a contact for them.

8. Advertising

- Brochure - All ads must be approved by editors, and no political ads.
- T-shirt - Will order a variety of sizes and colors. It will cost \$13 a shirt with set up charge

9. Home Tour - Reg and Deborah are doing a great job and have four definite homes and are securing many more. Volunteers are needed to house sit, work tickets, and drink sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim

April 17, 2006

FMIA General Meeting

Chris Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements

1. Questions, Comments, Concerns for FMIA? Call 1-888-312-0812 and/or FMIA's website www.faubourgmarigny.org.

2. Polling places:

You are located in: / Polling Place:

Marigny Triangle / Fire Station #9
Marigny Rectangle / NOCCA
(Elysian Fields to Franklin)
Marigny Rectangle / St. Paul Lutheran
(Franklin to Press)

3. Home Tour is May 21, 2006. Volunteers are needed for House Sitters and miscellaneous jobs needed for the Marigny's bicentennial celebration. There will be a special discount of \$10.00 for FMIA members until May 15th. After May 15th the tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 the day of the event.

4. Washington Square Park Clean-up and Repair on May 13th from 9:00 – 2:00pm. Volunteer to help paint the jungle gym, repair benches, buck moth eradication, and general clean-up.

5. Crime Prevention - Ellennitta Hellmer has organized a meeting on May 19th at Marigny Perkins for 6:00 pm.

6. Articles of Incorporation and By-laws discussion is tabled until the May General Meeting so members may watch the Mayoral debate.

7. Alvar Library - Tania Tetlow, Chairperson for the libraries discussed the need for money and ideas for fundraising for the Alvar Branch Library in the Bywater. The Library Journal has donated money to create a state of the art library. The city owns the building and is need of

repairs that are which amounts to appropriately \$350,000. The library will be ready for the first convention since Katrina which will be a convention for librarians. On Sunday, June 27, 2006 will be the ribbon-cutting event. Tania can be reached via email at taniatetlow@yahoo.com or by phone at 427-4688.

Speaker

Nicole Hobson of Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism discussed tax credits for Louisiana homeowners.

- The tax credit is a dollar for dollar reduction in the amount of money a taxpayer must pay in state income taxes in a given year.
- It is effective through December 31, 2009..
- The credit will be granted on a first come, first served basis.
- It is administered by the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation and the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

Nicole handed out a packet with all the information. For further guidance and information contact www.louisianahp.org or call 225-342-8160.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim

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