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Helping to make the Marigny a better place to live, work and play

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

General Meeting • June 18
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pride Fest • Sunday, June 24
Noon - 5 PM
Washington Square Park

NO MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY!

AUGUST

Board Meeting • August 1
7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • August 20
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

EVERY SATURDAY

UPPER 9th WARD GREEN MARKET

1 - 4 PM • Holy Angels Convent • 3500 St. Claude

ST. CLAUDE URBAN MAIN STREET MEETINGS

Steering Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month
Promotions Committee, 3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 - 7:30 PM • Green Project • Marais and Press Streets

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Chris Costello

Congratulations (**and thank you!**) to Reg Medellin and Deborah Oppenheim on a successful Home Tour and Art Market. It was a beautiful day in Washington Square Park where we hosted more than 250 people who enjoyed the home and garden tour and art market. A big thank you to the home and garden owners and to all the volunteers, artists and advertisers that made this such an outstanding event. Without their help and support we could not have produced such a great event.

A special thank you to Sheriff Marlin Gusman who provided Deputy Kirt Harrel and the six trustees who helped us clean Washington Square Park for our Home Tour. Along with the Deputy and the trustees we had the skillful help from Connie Walker, Kellye Deal, Angela and Russ Carll, Bobbie Moffit, Bill Hyland, Heidi Lee, Lilly Rice, Deborah Oppenheim, Richard and Jim. Thank you for your time and helping us keep our beautiful park clean for all to enjoy.

I am happy to announce that Angela Carll has offered to take over the job of advertising chair. This is an important role as our advertisers help offset the cost of our newsletter which provides a place for businesses, organizations and our organization to disseminate information. Thank you Angela for taking the lead on this!

Over the last several months we have been making improvements to our newsletter to make it more user friendly and inclusive of things happening in the Marigny. We are always looking for ways to improve, so if you have suggestions please let us know.

Thirty five years ago the vision and pioneer spirit of a few dedicated individuals led to the formation of the F.M.I.A. Over the last 35 years the organization has grown to over 300 members and with the great volunteer spirit of the members many great things have been accomplished. We are planning an event for August 30th to celebrate this milestone for the organization. Be on the lookout for more information to come.

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Our June General Meeting will be our last meeting before we begin the process of preparing for the start of a new year for our organization. July is the time when we as a board look back over the past year and reflect on what we have accomplished, evaluate what still needs to be done and prepare for the new board and year ahead. With so much going on we do not have a July meeting or newsletter. We will, however, still disseminate information via our email news list and web site.

Despite the lack of a general meeting and newsletter we still have our Meet the Neighbors night. This is a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends. The next one will be 7/10. See page xx for more details.

Our next general meeting will be on August 20th. It is our Nomination Meeting for The Board of Directors. We are looking for a few good people. If you know of a member that you think would be an asset to our board and interested in helping make the Marigny a great place to live, work and play please let us know. Self nominations are encouraged as well.

Have a great two months ahead. Stay cool. And hopefully we will see you at the next installment of Meet the Neighbors and at our August meeting!



HOME TOUR KUDOS

The 2007 FMIA Home & Garden Tour on May 20th proved to be a major success - once again showing how the Marigny neighborhood is drawing not only local but visitor interest. This year showcased four homes and three private gardens and featured over twenty local artists in Washington Square Park. The success is truly a result from a collaberted effort on many fronts. However, a special THANKS is required to the following homeowners for allowing us to view their properties:

- ☆ Cleo Peletier
- ☆ Mark Stafford & Guy Woolley
- ☆ Bob & Pat Stelz
- ☆ Marshall Greis & Joe Singelmann
- ☆ Jim & Nancy O'Neil
- ☆ Stuart Anthony & Floyd McLamb

The annual Home Tour event is a major fundraiser for the FMIA and each year sparks a wave of enthusiasm and interest in the neighborhood. The proceeds from the 2007 Home Tour event grossed over \$8,000.00 and will aid in support of many neighborhood programs (e.g. Washington Square Park Project, Save Our Trees, Marigny Crime Prevention, Marigny ReLeaf/Marigny Flowers).

It is through the volunteer efforts of its residents that continue to make this event a success year after year. Therefore, thanks are in order to the many volunteers, house-greeters, businesses and attendees who gave their time and support to this event. We encourage all residents in New Orleans to get involved and help make all our neighborhoods "a better place to live and work" collectively we can make a difference.

Thanks!!!

Reg Medellin

Farmers' **THANKS**
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Y'ALL!



MARKET
 NEW ORLEANS

Thanks to all of YOU, last week's first-ever Community Brunch was a big success. The all-volunteer CulinaryCorps

prepared a delicious meal for an enormous crowd of hungry neighbors and well-wishers. And because you helped us to raise some much-needed cash to maintain the health of the Market, we have decided to do something really nice for YOU.

Starting Saturday, July 1 and the first Saturday of every month thereafter, the Upper 9th Ward Farmer's Market will bring you a Neighborhood Lunch featuring guest chefs and made from our vendors' fresh produce, seafood, pastries, and herbs. Soups, salads, appetizers, main dishes, desserts and whatever that day's chef dreams up.

The Upper 9th Ward Farmer's Market is from 1 – 4pm on Saturdays at 3500 St. Claude Avenue. Come and enjoy fresh Louisiana food.

This space for SALE!
 Use your advertising budget wisely and let us help grow your business. See page 8 for details on prices!

MEET THE NEIGHBORS



Want to meet new people? Want to help build our community? Come join us for our July installment of Meet the Neighbors. Our next Meet The Neighbors Night will be Tuesday, July 10, at DBA (600 block of Frenchmen) beginning at 6:30 p.m. See you there!

This is a social event. No purchase necessary.



NEW PLAYGROUND ON THE HORIZON

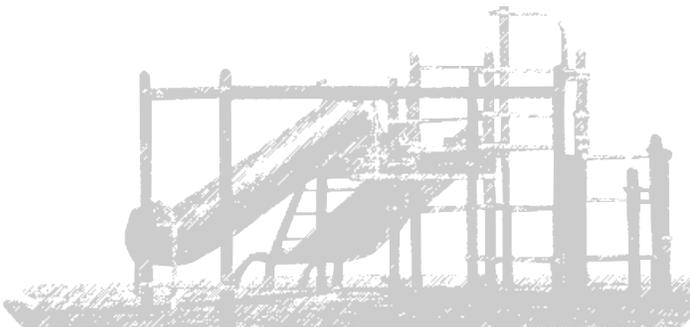
A newly renovated and safer playground is closer to becoming a reality.

We have raised more than \$5,300 for the repair of the equipment thanks to the generous donations of our members and a \$2000 donation facilitated by Councilman Arnie Fielkow.

We need help raising money! We are looking for donations of all kinds: individual and corporate donations or donations of labor from contractors to do the work. Contact Chris at (504) 710-8789 if you can help or have a donation.

Donations should be made out to FMIA with *Playground* in the memo field and send to:

FMIA
PO Box 770080
New Orleans LA 70177.



St. Claude Ave. Main Street

More Than Just a Destination...

Main Street. The term conjures images of Anytown, USA. A wide commercial avenue lined with small quaint shops and a 5 and dime.

The reality, however, is much different. Main Street communities are located across the country in a variety of settings, urban, suburban, and rural. All achieve their designation through a process involving their state and/or the National Main Street Office, a division of the National Trust.

St. Claude became a Main Street corridor through a state program, operated through the Division of Historic Preservation, with technical support from the national office.

But the St. Claude Avenue Urban Main Street Project is more than just a designation – we now have an office! We are renting two offices from the Green Project building on the corner of Marais and Press, just one block off of St. Claude.

Program Manager Kina Joshua moved into the program office a little more than a month ago. And thanks to generous donors, she secured some essential office furnishings, including a desk, a table, computer equipment, and shelves.

Now that the project has an office, most Main Street meetings are being held at this location. Steering Committee meetings, in particular, are held here on the second Wednesday of every month, at 6:00pm. While only Steering Committee members can vote, all are welcome to attend to give input and hear what is happening on the avenue. If you can't make the meeting, but you are interested in getting involved or making a suggestion, please contact Kina at kina.joshua@stclaudel.org.

Potholes

Councilman Carter's office is compiling a list of streets in District C with very bad potholes. Can you please assist them by emailing them the locations of potholes in your area?

Email Toya Smith at tmsmith@cityofno.com with the street name and an address of a home or business that is near the potholes.

Washington Square Park Clean Up

Gretchen Bomboy

With the resourceful help of Bill Hylan (Bernard D'Marigny's great, great, great, great grandson) we were able to connect with Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman's Community Service program. It is administered by Sergeant Cathy Taylor, who is most effective and friendly.



Under the able and considerate direction of Deputy Kirt Harrel the six trustees he brought did a very hard and thorough job of raking and bagging all of the accumulated leaves.

We also found and removed all of the beer and liquor bottles, backpacks, clothes, and bags of trash hidden in the shrubbery. Pulling the many small volunteer trees and weeds that had taken root in the flower beds proved to be impossible, but we tried. All of the waste receptacles were emptied, and had to be done twice as there were so many people enjoying the lovely spring day.

The low hanging dead tree limbs that could be reached were pruned. All of the bags of litter and vegetation were brought curbside for collection by the regular daily services of S. D.T. which was quick and thorough.

F.M.I.A. provided lunch for the trustees from Hanks Seafood on St. Claude, who gave us a price break as it was for the public good. Pot O Gold also gave us a price break on the toilet that we provided. United Hardware gave us a break on needed tools. We greatly appreciate the help from our local businesses, as this is not an easy time for any of us.

We also had the help of many neighbors, too many to list out of fear of omitting someone. It is wonderful to see that so many neighbors care so much as to take a Saturday to work.

We are most grateful and appreciative of Sheriff Gusman's affording us this able and competent help. So much so, that we will be planning to avail ourselves of this assistance in the near future. Sergeant Taylor informs us that they are not limited to public parks, but cannot clean property which will profit the landowner. If anyone can list some spots in need of cleaning send an e-mail to washingtonpark@faubourgmarigny.org.

We have 3 park clean ups annually which are the Saturday before each of our community events (Home Tour, Walking tour and Christmas Caroling).

Following is a list of projects to undertake in the park. Any suggestions about how to accomplish these will be appreciated.

1. Removing the broken dead limbs that are balancing precariously in the trees.
2. Pruning the trees.
3. Fertilizing the trees.
4. Replanting the destroyed crepe myrtles.
5. Repair and leveling of the fence and gates.
6. Painting the fence.
7. Repair of the benches.
8. Eliminating the unsightly and historically incorrect benches, installed by who knows.
9. Repair and/or replace the missing trash receptacles.
10. Purchase new liners for the receptacles.
11. Digging out the remainder of the volunteer trees along with some unsightly plants.
12. There is already a group collecting funds and ideas to repair the playground equipment. Checks to be sent to F.M.I.A. with the memo "playground".

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Please note cell phone numbers of Lt. Ed Selby, 234-8072 to call about crime and Quality of Life Officer, Roger Jones, 201-1520, for urgent complaints about noise.

Everyone knows that non-violent crime should be reported to 821-2222 and emergencies to 911.

Carol Greve

SILENCE IS VIOLENCE

CITY WALKS

SilenceIsViolence is proud to announce City Walks: weekly evening strolls from one New Orleans neighborhood to another. These walks are intended to nurture connections among neighborhoods, to establish a positive, anti-violence presence on our streets, and to bring new faces to businesses around the city. The City Walks will be held each Thursday evening, with a 7pm departure. We will walk 1-2 miles each week and will have a small reception at our destination establishment. Transportation will be provided back to the departure establishment.

For more information, please visit our website:
www.silenceisviolence.org



STEVEN SPRING FOUNDATION TO OFFER FREE SUMMER BAND PROGRAM

The Steven Spring Foundation will host a free Summer Band Program for youth ages 10-18 in Orleans Parish this year. Classes will be held at the Foundation building at 3811 Chartres Street in the Bywater. The Band Program will begin June 25 and end on August 3, 2007. Students will be divided into beginning and intermediate levels. Beginning band students will meet Monday - Friday from 9 am-11 am. Intermediate students will meet Monday - Friday from 1 pm-4 pm. Class size is limited to 40 beginning and 40 intermediate students. Register before June 18 at 504-942-0495 or by email to ssf@jeffnet.org.

About The Steven Spring Foundation:

The Steven Spring Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established in 2005 to aid the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. By supplying donated instruments and free musical instruction to the musicians, music students and children of New Orleans, the SSF provides much-needed practical support to the ongoing recovery effort.



Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



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To the Police who are walking the beat.



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Connie Walker for picking up Dauphine Street and around the park.

ONIONS

Businesses who put flyers on telephone poles and signs on the neutral grounds.



Schwegmann's for not solving the issue of Robert's.



Trash Cans that are inappropriate for the Faubourg Marigny.



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We Need to Make a Difference

-excerpt from NOPD Neighborhood Watch Info

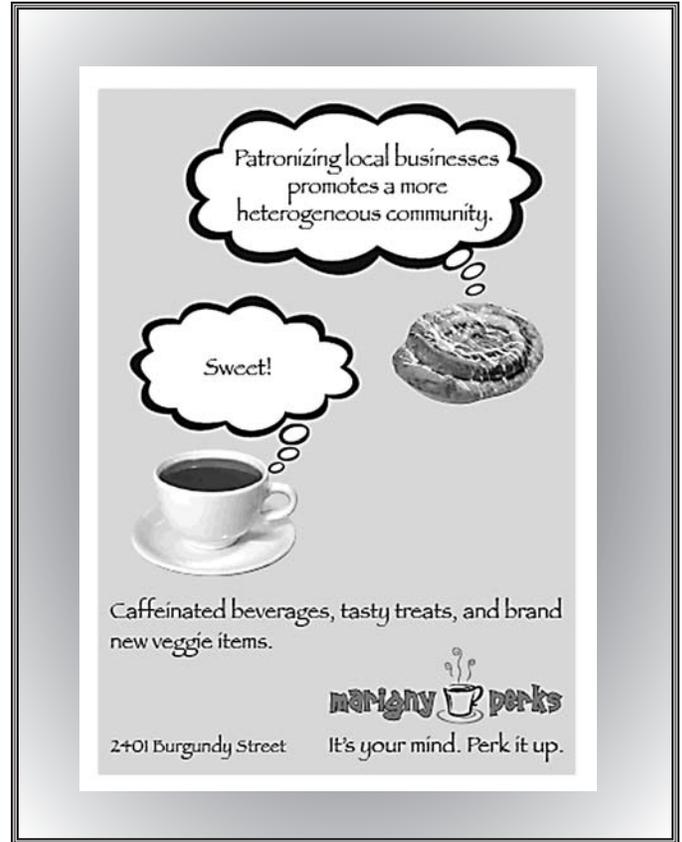
In the early 1970's Police Chiefs and Sheriffs from around the country were requesting a program that would stop the increasing crime rate across the United States. The National Sheriff's Association developed a model program for today's Neighborhood Watch or Crime Watch Programs.

Neighborhood Watch is a citizen's involvement program where citizens, in cooperation with the New Orleans Police Department, directly participate in the detection and prevention of crime in their neighborhood. Citizen's involved in Neighborhood Watch are trained how to recognize suspicious or criminal activities and how to report these activities to the N.O.P.D. Neighborhood Watch Groups are trained by District Crime Prevention Officers focusing on particular crime problems in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch works because people want to assume a more active role in making their community a safer place to live. It would be impractical to place a law enforcement officer on every street corner in every neighborhood, but very practical to utilize those residents who live there. Residents within a neighborhood are aware of who belongs there and who doesn't and what activity is suspicious. The most important reason Neighborhood Watch works is that citizens began working with, instead of relying on, law enforcement to combat crime in their community.

You can do something about crime in your neighborhood. You can make a difference. You can do this by becoming involved in NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

With so much crime in our neighborhoods, from robbery to murder, we need to say "Enough is Enough! We are going to take back our homes!" The **24th Annual "Night Out Against Crime"** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 7**. Make a point of getting to know your neighbors and helping them and you get the upper hand on crime.



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ReLeaf Marigny

By Jeff Johnson

Marigny Re-Leaf has this past week turned in 15 tree-planting permit requests to Parkway Partners for the planting of trees in sidewalk areas of the Marigny. These go before the New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways for approval, and we've been told that the expected time for approval is three to four weeks. We may expect to hear back by the end of June.

For the past two weeks Parkway Partners has sponsored a Citizen Forester Seminar in the education facilities at Audubon Zoo. This consisted to 4 four-hour classes on Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks. Subjects included in the seminar were Tree Identification, Insects and Diseases, Green Laws and Urban Soils. We were fortunate to have this presented by some of the current top Louisiana experts in their fields, including Tom Campbell, Urban Forester of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry; Dan Gill, writer, radio and TV personality and Extension Horticulturalist LSU Agriculture Center, and Keith Bleichner, Chief Landscape Architect of the New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways. The seminar was attended by about 20 people, many of them representatives from other neighborhood associations and some Master Gardeners and supervisors of the Community Gardens Projects. The Marigny Association was not only represented by me, but also by Jamie Midgely who works with the Green Project, an organization located in the Marigny.

I met with Hilary Strobel of Re-Plant New Orleans to look at the viability of a 'grow-out' station for plants and trees in the lot generously donated by Julian Mutter at the corner of Marigny and Decatur. It was generally agreed that this area was a good fit for Re-Plant to store their trees, because the lot has security and access to water. Though the live oaks, figs, and citruses, are the current plants scheduled to come into the grow-out station, it is expected that the stock will be constantly changing.

The general advice we are getting now is that we have missed the optimal tree-planting season for this year. I see no reason to hurry on the decision regarding the concrete cutter. There are several options:

- 1) Rent one in order to gain the experience, then decide whether it is worth investing in one for the entire neighborhood.
- 2) Consider the possibility of hiring one knowledgeable expert for one major project, and have several people learn from it.

Then consider investing in a cutter that can be both shared by Marigny and the Green Project (they have expressed an interest in chipping in).

Even though we are past optimal tree-planting season, there's no reason we can't continue to accumulate permits (they don't expire) and even continue proceed with the sidewalk cut-ins. The trees can still be planted later. Parkway Partners and Re-Plant New Orleans will probably have a better selection of trees in the Fall.

Would you consider planting a tree (or trees) in front of your house? Sign up for the Marigny ReLeaf program! If you can help, email Jeff at releaf@faubourgmarigny.org.

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ALVAR ARTS SCHEDULE



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 July 3 • Willie Birch
 July 13 • Gila Rayburg

Meet LEJ

When: Sunday, June 24 from Noon – 5pm

Where: PRIDEFEST 2007, Washington Square Park,
 Frenchmen St. at Royal St.

What: FAB Writers Table featuring: Paul J. Willis,
 Greg Herren, Julie Smith, Joshua Clark, Leonard Earl
 Johnson, Michael Holloway Perronne, Jack Beach,
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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 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00
 PM. Location TBA (see www.faubourgmarigny.org)

General Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month and begin
 with a potluck at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2624
 Burgundy Street. The meeting starts at 7:15 PM. (There are NO
 general meetings in July and December.)

ADS AND ARTICLES

Ads and articles for the monthly newsletters are due by the
 Friday following the Board Meeting.

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If we can be of any assistance with your ad, please send a
 request for info to the website at www.faubourgmarigny.org. We
 will handle your request as quickly as possible.



FMIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA – May 2, 2007

Old Business (Active)

Approval of minutes from 4/4 Board Meeting and 4/16 General Meeting Approved

Projects

None

Relief Marigny – Looking for volunteers to remove concrete Marshall has offered to volunteer and use of truck PM only, Robyn offered to help when available First 10 trees planted behind Colton.

Neighbors 4 Neighbors – Next one. 5/8 Cow Pokes 6:30 – 8:30 Banner e-mail to Stephanie

Issues

- About Time Lounge – Status? Deferred.
- 2100 Burgundy (Fred Morgan) No status
- Playground Equipment. Status? Need a fundraiser and businesses to sponsor. FMIA will donate 10%.
- 501(c) 3 Status. – Need Financial Reports. Chris sectioned out parts and Bob will work on financial reports.
- Change Bank Accounts to Whitney. Status. Paperwork done. Need Final Signatures.
- Historic Districts Management Authority – Revising Bill. Only includes “entertainment” part of the Marigny triangle. French Quarter wants a clean and safe area limiting the district to only the entertainment part of the Marigny. This means legislation would allow 1% collection for management. Gene said that the trash and crime has improved. He suggested that stats become available. Historic Districts Management Authority is working on the final version of the Bill.
- Home Tour - Status? 4 HOUSES, 3 GARDENS Polly is leaving and Ron will take over advertising. Deborah will be in charge of artists and volunteers. Chris and Reg will work on Home Tour Booklet. The T shirts will be a reproduction of the old design and mugs will be cappuccino style. We will have a Pot of Gold for the park plus a Saturday clean-up.
- Riverfront Development Committee – Report on meeting at Holy Angels. Reinventing the Crescent Group 4/26 Riverfront Alliance which is a group of neighborhoods to get a seat at the table May 25 is the next meeting . The Committee is talking about for the Marigny Green Space and sculptures at Wharf Gov. Nicholas and Mandeville Wharfs, at Poland Avenue a high rise and a band shell. Their plans have slated Standard Coffee’s lot. Chris will send a letter to Standard Coffee asking them the right of first refusal and possibly donating the land. Trust for Public Land might be interested. Board approved.
- Circle K Store – Sign. Called HDLC Elliot said they have a certificate of appropriateness and the neighbors are ok.
- Bellsouth and the Digital Loop Carriers, 2601 Burgundy – NO Status They are now the new AT&T

Leigh will write a letter re gas meter on the outside of the fence.

- FMIA’s 35th Birthday Press Conference and celebration– Approved and date to be discussed. We will install two markers Frenchmen St and Franklin. Marshall has researched street poles for FMIA banners. There are 21 poles on Elysian Fields. Pricing is an issue. The Board voted on double sided signs. Once we have the total cost, then FMIA can look for sponsors.
- New T-shirt Design / Mug Design – Email out to membership to collect old t-shirts Chris will take old shirt and do the same with mug
- Joint Reception for New 8th Captain w/ NOHC – No Status Kerrie will handle this.
- District 7 CDC EDAL is working pro bono and a meeting will be arrange to discuss the details.
- Riverfront Meeting no status
- Roberts Fresh Market Petition on our website and go to James Carter City Council.
- Doerr Furniture Opening debuted. Chris and Julian said that they want to help the community
- Blighted/Vacant Property Howard is doing this
- Pet Fair at Baptist Friendship House on Saturday, June 2. Letters to the Baptist Friendship House stating it is ok to sponsor and call for volunteers with options for locations. A letter to Ann McDonald of Parks and Parkway not wanting this event in Washington Square Park.

Old Business (In-active)

Q & A with Guardian Angels – No news to date
 Survey of District 7 via Tulane School of Medicine - No Progress
 Visibility of Marigny No Status
 Jazz Series in Park – Deb O – no Status.

Projects:

- 839 Elysian Fields having party on the property for groundbreaking
- 1017 Touro (Friendly Touch Bar) No Status
- 801 Frenchmen No Status

New Business

Next Board Meeting? Where. Marshall May 30
 Go through committee reports:
 Treasurer – CD renews on 3/29
 DD. Newsletter – New Layout Person. What do you think?
 EE. Membership – Status? Missing Members. (see paper)
 FF. 501 Mandeville St. Chef Paul wanted to tear this building down and he said make a community garden. FMIA will write a letter stating 13 years of neglect. He has maintained his other properties in the neighborhood. There are many willing buyers for this property and/or put back into light economy.
 GG. Trash Cans - This issue is critical. Chris said a let-



ter needs to be sent enforcing the inappropriate size and stating the size is a fire hazard.

HH. Flora – The sidewalks outdoor furniture is not allowed. They need to follow the ordinance. A letter will be written to J. Carter to follow the law and fine if needed. Board approved.

II. Sheriff M. Gusman and the Trustees will be available to clean WSP, neutral ground, and streets around the park . FMIA must provide a meal and bathroom. FMIA is checking on supervision of the Trustees. Board approved.

JJ. Robyn Blanpied is looking into having the Marigny in one zip code and will contact Juan LaFonta and James Carter. The Historic district Boundaries of the Marigny are confusing. This issue has created a lengthy discussion. The federal and state and local all have differences.

Orchids / Onions, Questions, Ideas?

Onions - Businesses who put flyers on telephone poles and signs on neutral grounds

Schwegmann's for not solving the issue of Robert's.

Trash Cans – inappropriate for Faubourg Marigny.

Orchids - Polly Brown and Ron Petty for advertising .for the Home Tour

Police who are walking the beat

Marshall Greis and Tim Dubois are added to the clean-up for WSP.

Connie Walker for picking up Dauphine Street and around the park.

Meeting is over 10:00 PM

Submitted by Deborah Oppenheim

FMIA General Meeting — May 22, 2007

Chris Costello, opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Home Tour – was a great success and comments heard that everyone loved our neighborhood. The Home Tour is an opportunity to showcase what we have here and discussed issues such as the Riverfront. Two people who worked with Chris to make this a successful Home Tour are Reg Medellin and Deborah Oppenheim . A big thanks to the generous people who opened their homes and gardens and St. Paul Lutheran Church. The Home Tour can no have happened without our house sitters, ticket sellers, and helpers. Thanks to the Clean-Up Krewe for the cleaning Washington Square Park. Thank you Gretchen Bomboy and Bill Hayden for organizing Sheriff Gusman's Trustee's to help our volunteers at Washington Square Clean Up Day. Such a collected effort by all makes is why we choose to live in the Faubourg Marigny.

Welcome New People - Stacy, Patrick – visitor to our hood, Phil Goddard, Pam Dean, Debbie Schneider and Louisa Benischen ,and Angela Carl.

Our Second Annual Guided Walking Tour will be in October 2007. Chris said, “ Many hands make light work., “so please volunteer.

NEW T-Shirts : It is FMIA 35th Birthday and to celebrate we have new T-shirts a recycled design by Gene Cizek . This year the sizes include kids size for \$10. The New cappuccino mug is the same design

Neighbors for Neighbors was at Cowpowkes. Gary deLeaumont taught line dancing. It was so much fun. This social event is second Tuesday of the month organized by Stephanie Pedro at Mimi – June 12th 6:30 pm.

Kerrie Ramsel – She is working hard on the camera initiate with the NOPD. The city has installed some cameras and she is investigating which cameras actual works. Her work is multi layered 1)survey the neighborhood for who has cameras 2) work with NOPD to coordinate the owners to be able to use footage from them 3) education component and 4) Web base cameras evaluate efficiency and low cost for more to be purchased.

5th District - Officer Schubert and thanks to the 5th district from Walking the Beat which is interacting and reconnecting.

Silence is Violence – There is a walk each Sunday from one neighborhood to another. The schedule is on our Web Site.

FMIA's Anti - Crime Programs

Marigny Releaf – sign up for the program

Marigny Flowers – We will schedule a weekend day to organize and plant flowers in front of residents' houses.

Light the Marigny - Ask to install the Dusk/Dawn photosensors in outdoor lights which United Hardware will sell at cost. Volunteers will install them if you can't.

Speaker:

Gil Benedict Neighborhood Partnership Network – 9-5 M-F 2401 Esplanade Ave. FMIA has a lot to teach and a lot of neighborhoods would like to hear from us. There is an E-Newsletter and a printed version called Triumph. There are Wednesday forums and please come. NPN can direct Volunteers to a FMIA project.

Q: During UNOP plan – issues will be after the City Plan – nothing has related to the UNOP plan - Neighborhoods were not heard. When do we get heard? A network is needed and would benefit. We need a hearing before anything done. The vote is June 26 on the UNOP Plan.
A: BRING IT UP at NPN forum, attention to James Carter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Main Street - The planning aspect has begun. All meetings are open. Ideas to get people involved and promote the street and to have a viable St. Claude.



Playground fundraising – Calvin Rice and Bob Reddington - Donations are needed to repair the equipment. Businesses and a companies will be contacted to donate the money.

Tree restoration is needed for Washington Square Park (WSP). Chris will contact Parks and Parkway to see their plan.

WSP cleaning – There are five volunteers who empty the trash containers, carry the bags out, and replace new bags. There are other volunteers who pick up trash daily. The question is what to do with the people who liter? Dianasuggested that you can say to someone, “You dropped this.” Many volunteers have developed methods of educating those who liter.

VOLUNTEERS - Polly Brown has been our super star and we miss her very much. She was responsible for Advertising in our newsletter. We need someone to do this and please let Chris know if you are interested.

Volunteer Chair - need an organizer - e-mail list –

NO MEETING IN JULY

Elections – If you are interested in being on the Board, four people are needed and contact Chris.

Riverfront Alliance – We have a seat at the table in discussions about developing the Riverfront.

Jennifer Cooper from the **American Red Cross – Access to Care** - initiate by the Red Cross \$2000 for mental health - psychiatric care, social work, counselors and non-tradition ways To be eligible a pre Katrina zip code is required. Enroll thru the website or phone It is pretty flexible - works with insurance and/or without insurance. Good for children - individual and transferable wherever you are. Flexible program.
1-866-794-hope
www.a2care.org

Blight - Howard – has taken over the toughest job - blighted, burn out and vacant properties. He is taking photos of these unfortunate buildings. Howard has over twenty properties and Will is looking up the owners. There are five burned out houses and nothing is being done. FMIA will write to the owners of the burn out houses and offer help.

May 30 will be our Board Meeting this month for June.

Next meeting is June 18th

Meeting ended at 8:40 pm

Deborah Oppenheim

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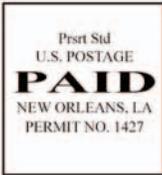
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General Meeting, Monday, 6/18

NO MEETINGS IN JULY

Next General Meeting, Monday, 8/20

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