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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

HOPE 1007 Walk/Run
October 13
www.hoperunwalk.org

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

VOTE OCTOBER 20

Be a Part of the Solution

NOVEMBER

Walking Tour • November 4
(See Page 5)

Chalk It Up to St. Claude
November 10
www.stclaudemainstreet.org

Board Meeting • November 7
7 PM • Location TBA on website

General Meeting • November 19
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Meet the Neighbors

2nd TUESDAY • 6:30 - 8:30 PM
3rd SATURDAY • 9 - 11 AM

NONPAC MEETINGS

5TH District

2nd Wednesday • 7 PM
3500 St. Claude Avenue

8TH District

2nd Thursday • 5:30 PM
Omni Royal Hotel

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

EVERY SATURDAY

UPPER 9th WARD GREEN MARKET
1 - 4 PM
Holy Angels Convent
3500 St. Claude

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

I am truly honored that the Board has again asked me to serve as President. Two years ago when I first became President the Board decided that we needed to be more proactive. Since then we have made great progress both internally as an organization and externally to make this a reality. We hope that our successes will inspire others to get involved and be a part of the solution.

As many of you know through the newsletter and updates at the General Meetings, the St. Claude Avenue Main Street program is an amazing opportunity for us to make St. Claude Avenue a commercial corridor with goods and services we need in our neighborhood. It has been off to a slow start but some exciting new developments have put the program back on track. They are looking for people to make the dream of a vibrant St. Claude Avenue a reality. Please get involved. (more page 3)

The St. Claude Avenue Main Street will be hosting its Main to Main event called Chalk It Up to St. Claude on November 10th. It will be a great community event and help us raise money to fund the beautification projects on St. Claude Avenue. Invite all your friends to join us for music, food and art. (More on page 3)

By the time you read this the replacements parts to the playground equipment will be on their way to New Orleans. We are excited that this project will soon be completed and our youngest residents can enjoy safer, cleaner equipment to play on. Thank you again all those who helped make this a reality. (more on page 3)

Our restated Articles of Incorporation have been accepted by the State and we will begin finalizing the application to obtain our 501(c)3 status with the Federal Government. Once we are accepted we can apply for grant money to fund projects in our neighborhood. We are looking for people to help us in this endeavor. Let us know if you can help. (more on page 8)

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Our October installment of our Meet the Neighbors event will be at Schiro's on 10/9. Come enjoy good conversation, discuss current issues and enjoy a drink (alcoholic or not). This is a great opportunity to meet interesting people and get involved in the neighborhood. Be on the lookout for our next morning Meet the Neighbors event. (Following this article)

We are less than a month away from our second annual Walking Tour and Art market which will be on November 4th from Noon to 4 pm. This event was produced to highlight the abundant Cultural and Architectural history we have in the Marigny as well as bring people into our neighborhood to enjoy the wonderful restaurants, bars and music. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event. (More on page 5)

The Girls and Boys Town of Louisiana will be hosting the first Annual HOPE 5K Run\Walk Fundraiser on Saturday October 13th. This is a family friendly event to help raise money to support Girls and Boys Town's mission of helping at-risk kids and families. After the race there will be live music in the park. Come and join the fun. (more on page 4)

Don't forget to vote in this upcoming election. We need real leadership and this is the only opportunity for us to make real change in our government. Please vote. You can do an absentee ballot, vote early or vote the day of. Exercise your right and help make real change in our government. More information on how and where to vote on page 7.

We have invited the candidates in the upcoming election to our October general meeting. This will be a great opportunity for us to get to know them a bit better. We will also be using this meeting as a planning meeting to chart out what we as an organization will do for the next year. Please bring your ideas to the meeting. We must work together to create a neighborhood we can all enjoy.

As our organizational year begins I would like everyone to consider how they can help to make our neighborhood a great place to live, work and play. While the City struggles to find direction we are left with the responsibility of rebuilding our City and our lives. Get involved. Be a part of the solution.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE

— Stephanie Pedro



Thank you again to Monahan's 13 for hosting our last Meet the Neighbors event. Our next event will be Tuesday, October 9, at Schiro's, starting at 6:30 PM.

If you are more of a morning meet-and-greeter, then be on the lookout for our next Saturday morning Meet the Neighbors.

We are looking for someone to help organize these events. If you are interested give us a call at 888-312-0812.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS ELECTED

The FMIA is proud to introduce the following **NEW MEMBERS** who were elected at the last general meeting:

Stephen Fowlkes — Stephen is a new member to the Board and just completed a Master of Preservation Studies degree from Tulane. He has been a Marigny resident for 16 years and has just accepted a job with the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

Reg Medellin — Reg was re-elected to the Board. He served as Vice President last year and has been the Chair of the Home Tour for the last several years. Reg and his partner Ron moved to the Marigny over 10 years ago and own a B&B.

Deborah Oppenheim — Deborah was re-elected to the Board and has been very active in organizing the Walking and Home Tour. She is very passionate about our neighborhood and has been instrumental in helping preserve our quality of life.

Stephanie Pedro — Stephanie is a new member to the Board and is the youngest. She represents two important and growing segments in our neighborhood, the 20-somethings and renters. She has been in the neighborhood for over a year now and works for the Regional Planning Commission.

Finally, **Gene Cizek** will again fill the position of Past President on the board, having been elected by the other past presidents. Gene's architecture expertise is a valuable asset to organization, and is also one of the Founding Members of the organization.

NEW OFFICERS

The Board's **NEW OFFICERS**, having been elected at this month's board meeting, are:

Chris Costello -- President

Reg Medellin – Vice President

Deborah Oppenheim – Recording Secretary

Leigh Crawford – Corresponding Secretary

Brian Frye – Treasurer

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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.



ST. CLAUDE AVENUE
MAIN STREET



**ST. CLAUDE
MAIN STREET
PROGRAM NEEDS
YOUR HELP**
By Dee Boling

A great deal has happened in the last month.

First, the St. Claude Avenue Main Street program has become an independent organization separate from our fiscal agent Renaissance Project. This move is beneficial to both organizations and will allow each to better fulfill their mission. We are grateful to Renaissance Project for their support of the program.

Second, our manager Kina has moved on from the organization to seek other opportunities. We are sorry to see her go and wish her the best in her endeavors.

Third, we have hired a new manager, Robyn Blanpied. Robyn brings many years of experience to our Main Street. Most notably she was President of the Friends of Pearl Harbor Historic Trail in Oahu, Hawaii. As President she headed that community non-profit organization whose goal was the sustainable development of Oahu's Leeward/Waianae Coast through tourism and historic preservation. This was conceived as a way to stimulate the local economy of Aiea-Pearl City. The Trail's award-winning Master Plan identified ways to leverage tourist dollars from the popular USS Arizona Memorial to benefit local businesses. We are excited and lucky to have her as our manager.

Fourth, the Board has reorganized the way the Committees interact with the one another and the Board. All committees now will meet on the second Wednesday of the month following the Board meeting. The meetings are limited to an hour and are working meetings. This will facilitate better communication among the different parts that make up the St. Claude Main Street program, and allow us to move forward more efficiently.

Our next meeting will be November 14th starting at 6 pm sharp. The Board will meet right before at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please feel free to forward this notice to others who may be interested in participating.

With all this good news, we are looking forward to great things for St. Claude Avenue. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

For more information and future meeting dates, visit www.stclaudemainstreet.org.

**Saturday, November 10
CHALK IT UP TO ST. CLAUDE**

During the month of November, all 24 Main Streets in the state of Louisiana will have a MAIN to MAIN: A Cultural Road Show event. St. Claude Avenue Main Street is hosting Chalk It Up to St. Claude.

On Saturday, November 10, the sidewalk in front of Colton Junior High School will be the target area for the sidewalk art contest. With no fees to artists, the area will be assigned to participants to design their masterpieces between the hours of 9am and 12pm. From 12pm to 4pm, the art will be judged and winners announced with prizes. We will have entertainment, food, beverages and vendors.

Between the hours of 4pm to 9pm, Farrington Smith Gallery and Barrister's Gallery will be open to the public. During the course of the day, St. Claude Avenue Main Street will be collecting stories from the community on their memories and experiences of St. Roch Market.

St. Claude Avenue Main Street is seeking volunteers, food vendors and arts & craft vendors for the Chalk It Up to St. Claude event. In order to ensure the success, it is vital that we have individuals assisting in the planning and implementation of these events. We need the expertise and energy of our community.

Please join us as we transition and grow! If you are interested in volunteering with any of our activities (or you have ideas of your own), please contact us at info@stclaudemainstreet.org.



**PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
TO START THE LAST WEEK
OF OCTOBER**

We are weeks away from the renovation of the playground equipment. The parts are scheduled to ship 10/10 and should be here within two weeks.

The renovation will happen in 3 stages. First, the current playground equipment will be dismantled and taken away to be sandblasted and repainted leaving only the posts behind. Second, the paint will be removed from the posts, and they will be primed and repainted. Once the posts are dry, the playground surface will be pressure washed to prepare the area for the last stage. The last stage is to bring back the repainted, reusable part as well as the new replacement parts and reassemble the equipment.

This whole process should take about 2 weeks barring any bad weather and/or unforeseen issues. We ask that everyone be patient as we go through this process.

We would like to thank all those that generously donated to help us raise the more than \$12,000 to renovate the playground equipment. We also would like to thank Calvin Rice, Robert Reddington, Jeff Becker and Chris Costello for spearheading the project and organizing all the bits and pieces to get the project done.

Any money left over from the project will be earmarked for future repairs of the equipment. If you would like to make a donation to the Playground Equipment fund please make your checks payable to F.M.I.A with the work "Playground Fund" in the memo and mail to:

FMIA
PO Box 770080
New Orleans LA 70177.

We will have a dedication ceremony and celebration once the equipment is up and running. Stay tuned for more information.



2007 HOPE 5K Run/Walk

Come join your fellow New Orleanians on Saturday, October 13, for the 2007 Hope Run/Walk to benefit Girls and Boys Town of Louisiana who help at-risk children and families. Washington Square Park (Frenchmen and Royal Streets) is the epicenter of the run/walk event with registration beginning at 7 a.m. and the run/walk starting at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Runners are urged to register online for the 2007 HOPE 5K Run/Walk at <http://www.hoperunwalk.org>.



The family-friendly event is a rolling out and back course starting at Washington Square on Frenchmen Street. Registration is \$25. T-shirts and other gifts will be provided for all advance 5K registrants and while supplies last for race day entrants. Awards will go to the top three male and top three female finishers in each of seven age groups. All proceeds benefit Girls and Boys Town of Louisiana programs supporting at-risk children and families.

There will be a post-race celebration in the park including live music.

Thank you to Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman, Honorary Chairman; Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place; Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association; and Girls and Boys Town of Louisiana children and families for putting on this event.

For more race registration information or to learn more about Girls and Boys Town of Louisiana, contact Germaine Mitchell, Development Director, at mitchellg@girlsandboystown.org or call 504-949-9248 ext. 233.

2007 Hope Run/Walk Route



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Fall 2007 City Walks schedule (all walks on Thursday evenings):

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November 1: Mid-City to City Park

November 15: City Park to Lakeview

November 29: Lakeview to Gentilly

Full routes are posted each week at www.silenceisviolence.org

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Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To all our NEW Board Members -
CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!



St. Paul for everything they have done. St. Paul has graciously donated the remainder of the money needed for the playground equipment.



Spain Street for having bags for dog poop.



Baptist Friendship House for all their work on the Pet Fair.



Welcome New Businesses: Cake Café and Bakery, and JohnPaul's (a neighborhood bar).

ONIONS

To people who do not pick up after their dogs.



To people who do not turn on their porch light(s) for safety.



To those who allow dense "vegetation" to accumulate on their sidewalks and curbs with no action taken to keep them clean.



Fall Into the Garden...

Join the New Orleans Botanical Gardens for Fall Lectures, Demonstrations and Special Tours!

A series of twenty lectures begin Monday, September 10th and run through November 7th. Our lectures touch on everything ranging from aesthetic issues, to climate-specific and sustainable gardening, with special lectures on color, growing roses and orchids, vegetable gardening, flower arranging, insect issues, garden photography, etc. A cooking demonstration and tour of "Katrina Recovery" residential gardens around town is also featured.

Advance registration is recommended due to limited seating. The fee is \$10 per class unless otherwise specified. These events are sponsored by the Selley Foundation.

2007 NEW ORLEANS

BOTANICAL GARDEN LECTURE SERIES AT CITY PARK

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.
Permaculture – Charles Reith

Thursday, October 25, 12:00 noon
Holiday Decorating – Mary Ellen Miller

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. (Pavilion of the Two Sisters)
The Maturation of a Garden – Frank Cabot (donations accepted)



2ND ANNUAL Walking Tour

**Sunday
November 4, 2007
Noon - 4 PM**

We have been busy organizing our 2nd Annual Walking Tour and Art Market in Washington Square Park. We have an exciting array of local artists who will join the event and we will have live music as well.

The Walking Tour will feature the neighborhood's architecture, history and unique character, and will showcase Bernard de Marigny's contribution to his faubourg. The walking tour is being produced by William de Marigny Hyland, Bernard Marigny's great, great, great, great grandson, and Lloyd Sensat, licensed tour guide for Historic New Orleans Walking Tours and the current personification of Bernard Marigny's restless ghost. Tour goers will have an opportunity to visit with the ghost of Bernard Marigny in the beautiful Claiborne Mansion's courtyard.

Washington Square Park (700 Elysian Fields) is the epicenter of the Walking Tour experience. There, tour goers can purchase tickets for \$15 for the walking tour, scheduled to run every 30 minutes from noon to 3:30 pm.

The art market will feature renowned local artists who will showcase and sell their work. They include fine art, photography, jewelry, crafts, accessories, mosaics, home furnishings, wall art, tiles and more. **If you are an artist and would like to join the art market, please visit our web site or email walkingtour@faubourgmaringy.org.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following committees: Art Market, Music, Tour, and Volunteer. We also are looking for tour guides and volunteers to help out the day of the event. If you are interested, please contact Steve at 888-312-0812 or email: walkingtour@faubourgmaringy.org.

JohnPaul's Bar 940 Elysian Fields

If you have not been inside the bar, it is immaculately clean and comfortably lit. And if you haven't met John and Paul we are lucky to have them move into our neighborhood. They recently bought the About Time Lounge and have been tirelessly cleaning up the bar and building to make it a jewel again.

They have great plans for the building. Besides the bar, they have plans to open up a coffee shop on the N. Rampart side of the building to include a fancy tea room and the upstairs will be converted into small office space appointed with chandeliers. In addition to the great new uses, they have plans to put back the wrap around gallery and work with the HDLC to return windows on the N. Rampart side.

We are excited about their plans to renovate the building and are happy they are in the neighborhood. If you have not stopped by please do so. Patronage is what keeps businesses in our neighborhood.

PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

Sts. Peter and Paul Church (2317 Burgundy St.) – **Providence Community Housing** is planning on converting the School, Rectory and the Nun's House into senior housing as well as building a 2 – 3 story building on the parking lot at Mandeville and Burgundy. They were at our August General Meeting to introduce the project and said they will come to another meeting once their plans are more solid.

Mandeville Fire Station (718 Mandeville St.) – Gandolfo Kuhn, L.L.C., a land surveying company wants to lease the building from the City to house their business there. They are still in the negotiation stage of the project.

Gendusa Bakery (1801 N. Rampart St.) – Elizabeth and Kevin Martinez and Michael Seaman are interested in opening up a sound recording studio in the brick building of the Gendusa bakery. They came to a general meeting and board meeting to discuss the project. For this project to happen the zoning will have to be changed to accommodate their use. We are investigating the issues.

839 Elysian Fields Ave. – The project is on hold at this time. They are confident of success of this project at a later date when the real estate market and construction industry stabilize.



Hmmm! Fresh Louisiana Food

Farmers' Market



Eating healthily keeps getting easier with the Upper 9th Ward Farmer's Market. Each week new vendors come to the market to sell their fresh and tasty produce, meats, seafood, breads and cheeses. Stop by and support fresh healthy food and those that bring it to us.

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We have made great strides in identifying these properties in our neighborhood. We will soon be sending letters to the property owners notifying them that their property falls under the City's definition of blight and asking them their plans for their property in hopes that we may help them.

We all want to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood. We are asking these neighbors to help us in rebuilding our neighborhood and City by taking care of their property.

If you know of a property that has visible damage and/or is vacant, please let us know. You can e-mail us at blight@faubourgmargny.org with the address of the property, or call us at 888-321-0812 with the same information.

501(c)3: Update

At our September General Meeting, the membership unanimously approved the changes to the Articles of Incorporation. This was a big step in the process of getting our 501(c) status and gave us another opportunity to strengthen our organization.

Since the meeting, the Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to and approved by the State. The next step is preparing the rest of the 501(c)3 application. We would like to thank Robert Rachal for all his work on the Articles of Incorporation and his help in navigating the 501(c)3 process.

Our goal is that by the next newsletter we will have our nonprofit status with the Federal Government.

Once we obtain our 501(c)3 status we will have the opportunity to apply for grants to fund projects in our neighborhood. The renovation of Washington Square Park is on our list. We need your help in identifying projects that need to be done. If you have ideas, please let us know.

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Help Rebuild New Orleans - VOTE THIS ELECTION

If we are serious about change then we need to make changes were they will impact us the most. Electing LEADERS will help us navigate the rough path ahead. If you cannot vote on Saturday 10/20 then either vote by Absentee Ballot (due 10/19) or Early Voting in person (Starts 10/6, Ends 10/13 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm except Sunday.) There are more detailed instructions below.

Besides voting yourself, consider calling or emailing your friends to remind them to vote. Let's make this the best voter turnout in New Orleans history!

You can visit the Secretary of State's web site for a sample ballot and more at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov>.

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Absentee ballots may only be obtained from the Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters Office. You may request a ballot by mail or by fax. Absentee ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters by the close of the business day the day prior to the scheduled election.

You can download an Absentee Ballot request form at http://lwvno.org/files/request_absentee_ballot.pdf

The request must include the voter's name, address of registration, date of birth, Social Security number, the mailing address, the reason the person is unable to vote in person and, most important, the voter's signature as it appears on the rolls.

If you have registered to vote by mail and have not voted in a prior election, you must vote in person, either during an early voting period or on a regular election day in order to be eligible to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

Handicapped and housebound citizens can apply for regular absentee voting by contacting the Registrar of Voters Office and requesting the forms for the Housebound Program be sent by mail. The forms must be signed by a doctor and returned to the Registrar's Office in City Hall.

Citizens that return a ballot by fax waive their right to privacy.

Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters
City Hall, Rm. 1W23
1300 Perdido St.
New Orleans, LA 70112
Phone: 1-504-658-8300
Fax: 1-504-658-8316

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

Early voting in Person is available 10/6 through 10/13, excluding Sunday. This period covers two Saturdays to accommodate out of town or working citizens. This is an option for those who know they will be out of town on election day or for personal reasons they do not wish to visit their polling site. Early voting in person is available at the Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters Office in City Hall at 1300 Perdido Street, Rm. 1W23 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Residents of the Westbank may vote early at the Registrar's satellite office at the Algiers Courthouse at 225 Morgan Street.

You must bring a Louisiana Driver's License, Louisiana Special ID or other official picture ID when you vote early in person. If you do not have a picture be prepared to bring other proof of residency such as a utility bill and be prepared to fill out an affidavit.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

POLLS WILL BE OPEN 6:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM.

Triangle Residents vote at Engine House #09 (449 Esplanade Ave.)

Rectangle Residents (to upriver side of Franklin) vote at Abundant Life Baptist Church (1800 Arts St.)

Rectangle Residents (downriver side of Franklin lake side of Burgundy) vote at Douglas High School (3820 St. Claude Ave.)

Rectangle Residents (downriver side of Franklin, riverside of Burgundy) vote at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2624 Burgundy)

Voters that are in line to vote at 8:00 pm will be allowed to cast their ballots. Voters must provide one of the following: A Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana identification card or any other generally recognized picture ID. If you do not have a picture ID, then you may present any other identification card plus further information such as a utility bill and a completed Voter Identification Affidavit.

Only one person at a time is allowed in the voting booth. If you are unable to read, an election official may assist you. If you are unable to vote without assistance because of a physical handicap, you must bring a physician's certificate with you or have one on file. Disabled voters may go to the front of the line at their polling place.

To learn your polling site for your address visit <http://69.2.40.209>



PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET

Below is the proposed budget for our next organizational year. This will act as a guide by which the board will allocate money to run the organization and fund project and initiatives. We will update this after our October meeting where we will make our yearly calendar so that it more accurately reflects the projects for the year. We will vote on budget at our November meeting. Questions? Comments? Let us know.

INCOME

Home Tour (1)	\$7,500
Membership	\$4,000
Newsletter Ads	\$2,200
Walking Tour (1)	\$1,500
Caroling (2)	\$1,000
Merchandise	\$1,000
Donations	<u>\$ 100</u>
Total Income	\$17,300

(1) Ticket Sales + Ads
(2) Ads

EXPENSES

Newsletter (3)	\$3,000
Home Tour	\$2,500
Community (4)	\$1,500
Merchandise	\$1,000
Administration	\$1,000
Walking Tour	\$ 500
Supplies	<u>\$ 250</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,750

(3) Printing + Postage
(4) St. Paul, Fire & Police Depts

Net Income \$7,550



What Does The Green Project Do?

The Green Project operates a WAREHOUSE STORE that resells high-quality, salvaged building materials at low cost to the community. The store is dedicated to helping the environment by reducing the amount of usable materials placed in landfills or disposed of improperly.

The Green Project also SALVAGES AND DECONSTRUCTS damaged or collapsed buildings by hand, in a way that saves between 45 and 70 percent of the materials. This preserves New Orleans' unique architectural history and benefits New Orleans' residents by returning their ruined building materials to use elsewhere in the city.

The Green Project store also serves as a local RECYCLED PAINT resource by reclaiming, combining, and reselling surplus paint. This keeps paint out of the region's landfills and water system while providing affordable paint to the community.

The Green Project warehouse serves as a RECYCLING center. We currently recycle cardboard, newspaper, regular paper (plain and colored), aluminum cans and household e-waste (electronic equipment like computers, stereos, printers, monitors, cell phones, etc). We can NOT take plastic or glass because no one in the city can pick it up. We also can NOT accept scrap metal - please take it to a scrap metal yard.

Our GARDEN is blooming. Through our gardening workshops you can learn how to make the most of a small space, recycle your yard and kitchen waste into compost and improve your soil.

RECYCLE FOR THE ARTS merged with The Green Project in 2003. R4A provides art materials to individual artists, schools, art programs, galleries, and other non-profit groups at minimal cost, as well as offers monthly recycled art workshops.

THE GREEN ROOM is an interactive community space that promotes using garbage and salvage as artistic material. The space is used to display the work of local artists and is available for workshops and community events. Contact us at nfo@thegreenproject.org if you'd like to rent The Green Room for your next event.

The Green Project is also involved in GREEN BUILDING & SPECIAL PROJECTS like our solar panels, biodiesel and community outreach.

→ ANOTHER FYI...

311 to report problems to Public Works within our neighborhood.

Pot holes, missing street signs, etc.

Brian Frye
Information Technology
Cox Communications - New Orleans

1st Annual Crescent City Pet Fair **FUN FOR ALL**



A great time was had by all at the 1st Annual Crescent City Pet Fair. The highlight of the fair was a talent and fashion show that showcased the extraordinary talents of our four legged friends.



The fair also featured an LASPCA station with adoptions and information, pet toy giveaways, a photo booth and a kids' station with face painting and crafts.

Besides the pet toy giveaways there was a raffle with a signed print from Gallery Rinard (galleryrinard.net), adoption certificates from LASPCA(www.la-spca.org) and the gift certificates from Chi Wa Wa Ga Ga (www.chiwawagaga.com) in the French Quarter.

*Thank you to
Baptist Friendship
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co-organizing the
event with us.*



The 2nd Annual Crescent City Pet Fair is scheduled for November 4th, 2008. Mark your calendars.



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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 6:30 PM. Location TBA (see www.faubourgmargny.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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**A New Season of Programs Showcasing
the Creative Talent
from our Neighborhood**

Alvar Library
903 Alvar Street

Time: 7 - 9 PM
A reception follows each program

Alvar Art Night is funded by the NOPL Foundation with contributions from the Bywater Neighborhood Association.

October 16: Shawn Hall — The multidisciplinary artist will give a visual presentation on her work in painting, installation, set design, photography and more. Musician Mark Bingham will perform.

November 20: Literature/ Discussion and book signings featuring: Ken Foster, Kyle Bravo (Hot Iron Press) Brad Benischek (Press Street), Joe Longo, Sarah Inman (NOLA Fugees)

December 18: A special musical evening produced by Mark Bingham of Piety Street Studio.

January 15: Film Shorts presented by NOVAC (New Orleans Video Access Center)

February 19: Fashion Design and the Industry by designer Alton Osborn.

March 18: A Night of Poetry with Lee Grue

April 15 TBA

May 20: TBA

Elizabeth Shannon
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CORRECTION

We would like to apologize for the error in our August 15 Board Meeting Minutes. Under Old Business, Section R, Subsection A, we erroneously stated the the business "appears to be illegal" which should have read "their status is unknown."

FMIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 5, 2007

OLD BUSINESS (Active)

A. Approval of minutes from 8/15 Board Meeting & 8/20 General Meeting

B. Projects –

- a. St. Paul Lutheran Church – None
- b. Mandeville Fire Station - Has not gotten to the point of the leasing. They are trying to get support of neighbors and neighborhood. Chris spoke to the guy who is in charge of NORD and they do not know anything that is happening. The group interested would need a zoning change and want support of the neighbor. The question asked by Gene is do they really need a zoning change? The Board's position is that we do not have an issue with renovation but we would like the building to be revert back to community use after a certain period of time.

C. Releaf Marigny – No Status

D. Meet the Neighbors – Status Sept 11 at Monahan's 12 6:30-8:30 pm

E. Issues:

- a. Frenchmen Street Kimberly Parker, Director of Legislation and Communications, District C of James Carter's office called a meeting to discuss Hookah's application for a cocktail lounge license. They were very clear that enforcement is an issue and discussed a realistic time frame to get all the businesses on board. Hookah is withdrawing their application at this time. FMIA is happy to work with her and expressed that through a letter reiterating the Board's position which is to enforce the Frenchmen Street Overlay.

F. Playground Equipment – Ordered the equipment first week in Oct. 2 weeks to install. Can announce 35th FMIA birthday too.

G. 501(c) 3 Status – Waiting for the September vote on the Articles of Incorporation. Need to work on

the application and Chris will tackle the treasurer's part of it. We will have to get an account software program such as Quick Books. Motion: Deborah made a motion to purchase QuickBooks. Reg second. Approved

H. Riverfront Alliance – Decision was made to send out a press release to get more exposure for the Riverfront Alliance. Letters to the various writers correcting the incorrect facts will be sent. Lots of answers are needed for the many questions asked by residents. We agreed to utilize the plan agreed upon such as the UNOP PLAN.

I. FMIA's 35th Birthday – Incorporate the celebration to other events.

J. Joint Reception for New 8th Captain w/ NOHC – No Status

K. District 7 CDC – Status?

L. Visibility of Marigny: Banners – Need to vote on purchase. Marshall will send the information on the banners. Motion: FMIA will be the first banner and a design is needed and verification of price. Second by Leigh. Approved

M. Blighted/Vacant Property – Howard is still collecting properties. Gene and Brian will check the triangle. Chris will have the properties checked before sending a letter to the owner.

N. Pet Fair at Baptist Friendship House – Postponed until 9/15. Event is shaping up.

O. Main Street – FMIA has an invitation to setup a booth for Rock on St. Roch which is the first Friday of the month.

P. Voting Locations – This election we will not be back to the old location but next election will be back in 2008. A big thank you to Diane Lease, Dan Harris, John Luckett and Chris Costello for working on this important issue.

Q. BellSouth and the Digital Loop Carriers, 2601 Burgundy –Chris spoke with Kimberly Parker. BellSouth was told that they needed to have a building on the site. There is an issue with the lot and placement.

R. Issues:

- a. About Time Lounge – FMIA welcomes John



Paul's Lounge to the neighborhood. They have expressed interest in hosting a Neighbor for Neighbors night.

S. Projects:

839 Elysian Fields – Condo Project on Hold per owner

Historic Markers – Chris has all the approvals from the City however, we are awaiting approval from Entergy and then it is digging the holes. Franklin Ave. has to have special footing. MOTION: Have a contractor place the post where they suppose to be. Leigh seconded. Approved *Walking Tour* – November 4th. Gene and Lloyd are in town. We are in need of volunteers and tour guides. This will continue our birthday celebration for FMIA's of 35 years. We will have an art market and music.

T. Jazz Series in Park – Music in Washington Square Park for 6 Saturdays was such a renewal for the neighborhood. It was enjoyed by residents, tourists, and other New Orleanians. We graciously thank the other sponsors: Jazz and Heritage Festival, NOMCVB and the other sponsors.

OLD BUSINESS (*In-active*)

U. Q & A with Guardian Angels – No news to date

V. Survey of District 7 via Tulane School of Medicine – No Progress

W. Issues:

a. 2100 Burgundy (Fred Morgan) – No Status

X. Projects:

1017 Touro (Friendly Touch Bar) - No Status
801 Frenchmen - No Status

NEW BUSINESS

Y. Next Board – Leigh's on Oct 3rd

Z. SideWalk Table – We have to be inclusive of all businesses. Motion: To write a letter and discuss the general complaints and handicap needs. The FMIA supports tables/chairs if they follow the City sidewalk guidelines. Reg second. Approved

AA. NPN – top three priorities for Faubourg Marigny. Send them the data from the meeting where we

have already look at our neighborhood's top priorities.

BB. Committee reports:

Treasurer – CD Status? Ron will audit the books.
Newsletter – Ideas for newsletter- There has been a void of not reading articles by Nora Marsh and cartoons by Dan Harris. Nora will return, thank you. We are encouraging Dan to draw a few of his cartoons for the newsletter. Dan?

Orchids/Onions, Questions, Ideas

- To all the Uptown people who came to Washington Square Park and listened to the music, stayed and helped pick up the trash.
- To the spirit of the Marigny residents who banded together to help create our fabulous neighborhood.
- St. Paul for everything they have done. St. Paul has graciously donated the remainder of the money needed for the playground equipment. Please remember that St. Paul has social services and medical advocacy available.

GENERAL MEETING
September 17, 2007
7:15 PM

OPENING:

State Senator - Derrick Shepherd
Spoke about defeated insurance bills
504-371-0263 office

Election 10/20

Virginia Boulet: running for At-Large City Council
Require the mayor to be accountable
Experience includes 23 years as a lawyer

Chris:

Last meeting of our FMIA fiscal year
Election of new board members
35 years of FMIA, and the new year to include "Smart Development"
Asking all members to help maintain the neighborhood we enjoy so much.



NEW Board Members introduced:

Stephen Fowlkes, currently lives on Spain, 16.5 years in the neighborhood

Stephanie Pedro, also lives on Spain, coordinates the "Meet the Neighbors"

CURRENT:

Deborah – on vacation, but assists in numerous ways including our home tour and authoring Frenchmen Street Overlay.

Reg – home tour, helping on numerous FMIA projects

Gary: made motion to adopt those four candidates running for four seats on the Board.

Sean Barney: running for Senate, District 3

Platform includes:

Challenges with the future turn-over of legislature

New Governor

Frame agenda for new mayor in 2010

Voting locations in Rectangle remains unchanged.

Oct. 8-13 early voting at City Registrars office, 1W23

Robert Rachal: Voting on changes to Articles of Incorporation

Changes in our Articles affect our 501c3 status, which include adding structure to satisfy IRS needs with our organization.

Maurice made motion to adopt Articles of Incorporation

Howard: collected addresses so we may send a letter to the owners in order that they make changes to their property. You may send blighted home addresses to: blight@faubourgmargny.org. We will send resources to owners of blighted property for assistance.

Steve Himelfarb opened the Cake Café and Bakery, at 2440 Chartres.

Gary: sale on dog signs and bi-centennial shirts.

Bar at Franklin / Dauphine, Lady D's, operating illegally. Please contact Safety & Permits along with our Councilman for assistance.

Meeting Ended: 8:00pm

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