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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Board Meeting • May 7
6:30 PM • Location TBA

Sunday • May 18
**36th Annual Spring Home
Tour and Art Market**
Washington Square Park
10 AM - 4 PM

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

JUNE

Board Meeting • June 4
6:30 PM • Location TBA

General Meeting • June 16:30
Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR**

3rd Annual Walking Tour
and Art Market
October 10, 2008

24th Annual Candlelight Caroling
and Art Market
December 14, 2008

Meet the Neighbors
2nd **TUESDAY • 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
See Website for location

NONPAC MEETINGS
5TH District
2nd **Wednesday • 7 PM**
2372 St. Claude Avenue

8TH District
2nd **Thursday • 5:30 PM**
Omni Royal Hotel

**ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN
STREET MEETINGS**
4th **Wednesday, 12 Noon**
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

Let's celebrate! This Sunday will be our 36th Annual Home and Garden Tour. Thank you to the Home Tour committee for all their hard work in putting on this event. Besides the tour, the park will be filled with artists for the Art Market and music from local musicians. This year there will also be a Kid's Area with fun activities for the kids. Make a picnic and come enjoy the art, music and park. (see page 3)

We have less than \$5000 more to raise to reach our goal of \$10,000. Thank you to the generous donations to date. The money raised will be used for projects in our neighborhood. And our first project is Washington Square Park. Help us fix up our park. Make a donation today! (see page 4)

The New Orleans Food Co-op has been working on their membership drive and they have reached their first goal of 300 members. Now they are working on their new goal of 600. An alternative source for food is good for everyone. Please consider joining so we can make this a reality. (see page 4)

Have you seen Willie Kleppinger? She has been missing since April 24th. If you have any information such as the last time you saw her, please pass that information along. (see page 2)

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Summer is around the corner but we have our Spring Home & Garden tour as our last hurrah before the weather gets too hot to enjoy. Let's make this a neighborhood celebration. I hope to see you there!



Missing Person: Help Us Find Willie Kleppinger

Willie has not been seen since April 24th. Neither her husband nor her neighbors have been able to locate her. A missing persons report was filed but still there is no news. PLEASE, if you have seen Willie or have any information about her whereabouts, contact Dave Goodine at 237-3185.

Description:

64 year old white female, thin (approx 5'5" and 130lbs). Shoulder length grey hair. She is deaf, wears round glasses and has a blackened left eye from a fall a few weeks ago. She was last seen by a neighbor when she came home from the Mardi Gras Zone on Wednesday evening.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE

Thank you to Hooka Cafe for hosting our May Meet the Neighbors night. The food was fantastic!

Come meet your neighbors and socialize with your fellow Marigny residents at our Meet the Neighbors night. We are on our second year of monthly Meet the Neighbors night social and it keeps getting better.

Our next installment will be on **June 10th at Mimi's** from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Stop by and enjoy your neighborhood and neighbors!

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET



By Robyn Blanpied, Manager

St. Claude Avenue Main Street Office has moved! The new address is 2372 St. Claude – the 1st floor of the Universal Furniture building. Look for our banner in the open window. We are also acting as a modest bulletin board, so please stop by if you would like your community event posted in the window.

We are planning a number of events to lure people onto St. Claude Avenue and to improve the appearance of our commercial corridor. The Design committee is starting to canvass property owners to choose sites for "Paint It Up," a volunteer program to repaint, clean up and generally improve the look of the street. There are many potential properties for clean up, so one of the criteria is an agreement to actively participate in Main Street for a year. If you are interested in having your St. Claude property spruced up, please call the Main Street Office.

The Promotions Committee is planning events to highlight St. Claude Avenue. The first is a "Taco Truck Festival" which will give people the chance to try the foods available from the City's newest culinary source. Music, food, and awards are planned. The Festival is scheduled for early October.

We are also planning the 2nd "Chalk It Up St. Claude", a sidewalk art competition. It will be held as part of the Biennial Art Festival in November. Last year's competition brought out wonderful artists, and we're hoping to expand this year.

Economic Restructuring Committee is working on supporting the formation of a St. Claude Corridor Cultural District. This is a new State program, which waives State tax on original art and which offers a 25% tax incentive for rehabbing historic buildings, including commercial buildings. The tentative boundaries of the District are Esplanade Avenue, N. Claiborne Avenue, the Industrial Canal and the Mississippi River.

Of course, our Organization Committee is always seeking volunteers to help us turn St. Claude Avenue into a fabulous place to shop and play. Please call the Main Street office, 616-7637, for information on how you can get involved.





36th Annual Home & Garden Tour, Art Market, Music & Kids' Area

A long title but there is so much to this year's event we didn't want to leave anything out.

Mark your calendars, Sunday, May 18, 2008 is the 36th Annual FMIA Home and Garden Tour. Come take a peek into six private residences – view one of the oldest buildings within all of the Creole Faubourgs, a Creole Cottage meticulously restored after a devastating fire gutted the interior, three other historic Creole Cottages and one double frame Shotgun home complete the tour. This year's selection showcases the distinctive spaces, historic architecture and eclectic personal taste that make the Marigny a truly unique and vibrant community.

The day's events start off with the Art Market where over two dozen local artists will display and sell their art. While enjoying the Art Market listen to live performances from Craig Klein with John Boutte, Andy J. Forest & Washboard Chaz.

Pack a picnic lunch or order food from one of the many restaurants and enjoy a day in the Marigny.

Homes on the tour this year include:

HOMES

- 1445 Bourbon Street
- 1410 Dauphine Street
- 720 Kerlerec
- 1457 Pauger
- 1629 Pauger
- 2036 Royal Street

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

- 2716 Royal,
- Krewe du Vieux Den

In addition to the wonderful homes, the Krewe Du Vieux will have an open house from Noon to 6 p.m. to let visitors get a taste of their special brand of Mardi Gras. Come check out the floats that made this year's parade the best ever.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Art Market
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Kids Activity Area
- 11:00 a.m. – Music starts
- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.- Tour tickets available in Washington Square Park
- 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Home & Garden Tour

TICKETS

Tickets are available in advance (on or before May 16) for \$15 by calling 888-312-0812 or at these selected locations in the city:

- Café Rose Nicaud, 632 Frenchmen St.
- Cork&Bottle/American Can, 3700 Orleans St.
- Coffea, 3218 Dauphine St.
- Sound Café, 2700 Chartres St.
- Swirl, 3143 Ponce de Leon
- Cole Pratt Gallery, 3800 Magazine St.
- Martin's Wine Cellar, 714 Elmeor & 3500 Magazine St.
- Plum Home Accessories, 5430 Magazine St.

Day-of-tour tickets are available for \$20 in Washington Square Park. When placing phone orders, please leave your full name, number of tickets and a phone number where you can be reached.



1445 Bourbon Street



1410 Dauphine Street



720 Kerlerec



2036 Royal Street



1457 Pauger Street



1629 Pauger Street

NATURAL FOODS STORE IN THE MARIGNY

The New Orleans Food Co-op (NOFC) is moving full steam ahead for a cooperative natural foods store. They have reached their first milestone of 300 members and now are working on their second goal of 600. If you have not joined please consider doing so. If you have joined please help by encouraging your friends to join as well. Membership applications can be downloaded from their website at www.nolafoodcoop.org.

Beside members, NOFC is looking for volunteers to help more them forward.

Until the store becomes a reality, the NOFC currently operates a monthly buying club where members can place on-line orders that are delivered by a natural foods wholesaler from Arkansas. Eat Healthy, Join Today! For more information visit their web site or call John Calhoun at 914-6936.



HELP US RENOVATE Washington Square Park

Thank you to Julian Doerr Mutter for the generous \$10,000 matching donation which will help us raise a total of \$20,000. And thank you to the following for donating to the campaign so far:

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Chris Costello & John Deveney

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Mathew Schwarzman and Miriam Zarsky
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Stephen Fowlkes

FRIENDS OF THE MARIGNY

Paulo and Connie Diniz

One of our first projects with this money will be the renovation of Washington Square Park. Help us make it a reality. Any and all donations are appreciated and accepted but to make it easier and to recognize different levels of donations we have come up with the following levels:

\$1000+	Friends of Bernard
\$500 - \$999	Friends of Mandeville
\$250 - \$499	Friends of Elysian Fields
\$100 - \$249	Friends of Frenchmen
\$50 - \$99	Friends of the Marigny

Donations should be made payable to:

FMIA
PO BOX 700880
New Orleans LA 70177

Save Our Trees!

Thank you to the following as well as the several anonymous donors (you know who you are!) who donated to save our trees. Without your support we could not keep our trees in such good shape and park buck moth free.

George Higenbotham
Alison Wells

Samuel Spencer & Jenny Takakura
Diane & Ernest Brownlee
Gretchen Bomboy
Deborah Oppenheim & Rick Fifield
Jen Blow

Mimi Zarsky & Mathew Schwarzman
M. L. Benson
Connie Diniz
Scott Hourcade
Linda Glenn
Chris Costello & John Deveney



If you wanted to support the trees in our park but forgot to donate you can still do so and help us get a leg up for next year's spraying. Send a check made payable to FMIA with "Save Our Trees" in the memo. Send to:

FMIA, Save Our Trees
P.O. Box 770080
New Orleans, LA 70177

The cost is \$55 per tree and \$30 for half a tree. All donations are appreciated and 100% tax deductible.



AIDS Memorial in the Marigny

The AIDS Memorial Committee is exploring the idea of placing the AIDS Memorial in Washington Square Park. The Board has worked with the organizers to find the best location and make sure there is enough funding for perpetual care. They will be at our next general meeting to discuss the project.

Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To NOCCA for mowing and keeping their new property on Press Street clean and manicured



To Julian Muter Doerr for adding a new rug business to the neighborhood and preserving the historical property.



To All Volunteers who help kept Washington Square Park clean.

ONIONS

To property owners that let their properties go blighted.



To those who continue to graffiti the neighborhood.



To those who do not pick up after their pets.



To businesses who do not adhere to proper zoning laws.



3 BIG EVENTS

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Friday May 16, 2008 • 6:30 P.M.

We are having a GIFT GATHERING Dinner to start the process to have a successful Auction in December to benefit ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

Saturday May 17, 2008 • Noon to 5 P.M.

Woody Keim and his workers from Trinity Lutheran Church Baton Rouge will be cooking GUMBO/JAMBAYALA for members, friends and the neighborhood, FOR FREE. We will have over a dozen tables/booths with folks there to answer many questions you may have. We will also have the OSCHNER BLOOD MOBILE to give mini exams, free Tee Shirts, WEARABLE VEGETABLE CLOTHING and many more for your pleasure.

Sunday May 18, 2008 • 5 P.M.

Dr. J. Thomas Mitts will have a VESPER, CHOIR/ORGAN CONCERT. Many of you will remember Tom Mitts. He served us for years as Organ Master, Choir Director. This is the first ORGAN CONCERT since KATRINA and since the Organ was rebuilt by Adrian Cook Organ Company.

You will just have to be there for these great events.

May God Bless all of you,
Mel Daigrepoint

NO MORE BLIGHT — Join Us in Our Fight

The hearing on April 23rd was a great success. Thank you to all who attended to help us send a message to absentee land owners that we will no longer accept blighted property in our neighborhood. The hearing officer after reading our letter outlining the pattern of neglect with this property owner and the testimony of neighbors fined James Thorick the maximum amount. In addition, the owner was given 30 days to make noticeable repairs to the building or he would be fined \$500 a day until the repairs start. We must be vigilant and keep up the pressure on City Hall to fine the owner if he does not follow the law.



This will be the first of many hearings to come on this issue and we need to stand unified. We are keeping a running list of properties so if you know of a property that has visible damage and/or is vacant; please let us know so we may add them to the list. You can e-mail us at info@faubourgmarigny.org with the address of the property, or call us at 888-321-0812 with the same information.

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.



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SPRING WEEKENDS IN THE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN CITY PARK

WHAT:

The New Orleans Botanical Garden is excited to announce three fabulous weekends of special programs including Children's Days in the Garden, Sunday Brunch with Pastries and Po-Boys, and Summer Sippin' Wine Tasting held at various locations within the Garden.

The Children's Day in the Garden program will kick-off on Saturday May 17 and will be held the following two Saturdays as well (May 24 and 31). Hosted by the New Orleans Botanical Garden, the event will be held in the Train Garden where trains pass through recreations of the famed neighborhoods of the city. Experts will talk about trains, neighborhoods, trees and plants. Other fun family activities include access to a free Spacewalk fun house, Cotton Candy from R&R Train Company, Snoballs and lemonade by Sno on the Go, face painting, small plants for children to take home, and a special 2 hour group lesson and workshop for children 8 years and older by the New Orleans Kid Camera Project teaching technical and artistic photography skills on May 17th.

The first Pastries and Po-boys: Sunday Brunch in the Garden event will be held May 18 during the morning and early afternoon and will also be held for the following two Sundays (May 25 and June 1). These mouth-watering Sunday events will be held outdoors on the Plano Demonstration Garden Patio in the Botanical Garden and will feature pastries from La Louisianne, po-boys, cocktails and beer from Parkway Tavern and coffee from Fair Grinds. The events will be enhanced by local musicians' performances including the Kevin O'Day band on May 18, Groovesect on May 25 and Joe Krown on June 1.

A Summer Sippin Wine Tasting will be held on the evening of May 18 as well as the following two Sunday evenings (May 25 and June 1). The wine tasting events will be held at The Conservatory in the New Orleans Botanical Garden and will offer a flight of six wines provided by Swirl Wine Market, with gourmet cheeses from St. James Cheese Co. and the opportunity to mingle with garden experts. Music and entertainment will be provided by the University of New Orleans Jazz Combo band.

WHEN AND WHERE:

Children's Day in the Garden in the Train Garden
Saturdays May 17, 24 and 31 • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pastries and Po-boys: Brunch in the Plano Demonstration Garden Patio
Sunday, May 18, 25 and June 1 • 9 a.m. – 3p.m.

Summer Sippin Wine Tasting at The Conservatory
Sunday, May 18, 25 and June 1 • 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

WHO:

New Orleans Botanical Garden at City Park
Local food and beverage vendors
The Kevin O'Day Band
The University of New Orleans Jazz Combo band
Groovesect
Joe Krown

WHY:

New Orleans Botanical Garden, as the center of horticultural excellence in the Gulf South, hopes to acquaint regular and new visitors with these fun and informative spring events. Featuring classic staples of New Orleans culture from caf² au laits to po-boys and jazz, the events are designed to offer fun activities tailored for both children and adults. Children's Day in the Garden offers a day of fun, food, music and education in the historic Train Garden for the entire family to enjoy. Pastries and Po-boys: Brunch in the Garden offers the classic New Orleans brunch in a new and unique setting under the oaks. Visitors can enjoy Sundays at the Garden eating and listening to music with friends, family, or blissfully alone just reading the Sunday paper surrounded by natural beauty. Summer Sippin offers an innovative take on the traditional wine tasting, taking it outdoors to a relaxing and elegant Garden setting. Visitors will enjoy this early Sunday evening activity of sipping a variety of exceptional wines paired with delicious cheeses from local markets. What a great date or place to meet someone new!

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Friends of Community Library / Herb Festival

Yours Truly in a Swamp

by Leonard Earl Johnson

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The Friends of Community Library

From the Herbs & Gardens Festival's "Books Abloom," in Sunset, to the Breaux Bridge Crayfish Festival, Louisiana has been up to its neck in what it does best: Festivate!

The Professor said the Breaux Bridge Crayfish Festival was second only to Mardi Gras itself for debauchery.

Books Abloom, a Louisiana book-meet at the sweet and pure Herbs and Gardens Festival in Sunset, was a place to chat and sit in the shade. A place to buy cookies and cakes from nice ladies in Summer hats. A place to sign LOUISIANA IN WORDS and sell ice box magnets destined to save your refrigerator from the wild vermin should we have another killer hurricane.

The Breaux Bridge Crayfish Festival was something else. There we rode the Ferris wheel, bumper cars and the two-dollar 16oz Abita beer wagon till the clouds roared and crowds floated by.

The Herbs and Gardens crowd pulled their favorite plants about on little red wagons, while ageing hippies sold bath salts and perfumed soaps. I'm not sure there was a beer wagon. However, Mellow Joy gave out free yellow cups of coffee. Peace in our times.

The Professor bought herbs for his Spring "parterre," a kitchen garden, a "jardin potager," behind the little Cajun cottage on the prairie. I signed FRENCH QUARTER FICTION and LOUISIANA IN WORDS, the two best-selling Louisiana short story collections edited by New Orleans latest carpetbag savior, Joshua Clark.

On the drive down to Breaux Bridge we stopped for boudin and beer at Janice's, where we once saw New Orleans' earlier savior, Mayor C. Ray Nagin, buying boudin by the cooler full, just before Obama came to visit. No reports on how the man who would be President took to our spicy links.

We had ours on the Evangeline Freeway tossing skins out the rooftop. Once there were bumper stickers that read: "Be Alert for Flying Boudin."

Once, in the Cajun Camelot.

In Breaux Bridge, a handsome young black cop directed us into the parking lot and took the Professor's five-dollars. He said it was an easy walk to "the fest," for a "young man, like you."

I said, "He has an old coot in tow."

The cop lithely leaned in the window and said, "Hope I'm still doin' it when I'm there, too." He grinned and pointed us to a closer parking spot. Peace and Truth in our times.

Want a magnetized image of LEJ's fat face for your memory board, or to scare future storm vermin from your abandoned refrigerator?

"It'll keep them bugs out'a your icebox, next time, sugar!" ~ L. A. Norma

If you do, send a self - addressed & stamped envelope, along with \$5 to:
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Good Neighbors –

It seems that as of late many have forgotten what it means to be a Good Neighbor. Living in a neighborhood where most buildings are less than 6 ft apart, it is very important that each of us be conscious that our actions affect others.

What is a Good Neighbor? There is no definition in the dictionary but in general we can all agree on the following:

- A good neighbor understands he/she is part of a community and is respectful of those that live around them.
- A good neighbor understands that his/her actions (or inaction) might inconvenience others and is conscientious to find ways to mitigate the negative impact of their actions.

For us in the Marigny, this is even more important since residential and commercial properties coexist. Many people forget that their lives are completely different than their neighbors. You might be a night owl and your neighbor might have a 9 – 5 job where they need 8 solid hours of sleep.

So, what are the common complaints of neighbors? Loud music, blaring television sets, keeping odd hours, not cleaning up their side walk, not keeping up their home and letting their dog go to the bathroom on sidewalk or flower bed and not cleaning it up.

These are all things each of us can be conscious of and mitigate so we can all live together peaceably, respecting each other. How?

- Control the sound level of your music and/or television such that your neighbor CAN NOT hear it in their home. If you plan to have a party where noise will be heard in your neighbor's home, let them know in advance and keep the noise down after 10 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends.
- During odd hours, remember that this is when the neighborhood is quietest and the littlest noises sound big. Try to make as little noise as possible.
- Do your part to keep your property clean and presentable. Pick up any trash in front of your home and make repairs/paint when needed to protect your investment.
- Pick up after your dog. And if you see someone that has not, ask them to do so.

If we all make an effort to be conscientious about our actions we will be on the path to being a Good Neighbor.

Remember, we all want the same thing: to live peaceably, in a clean, well kept neighborhood. Do your part to make your neighbors happy and they will do the same for you.

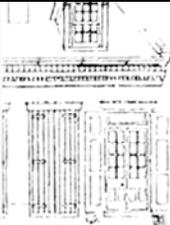
DOERR OPENS RUG & PATIO FURNITURE STORE

Doerr Furniture recently completed a full renovation of their double shotgun on Elysian Fields. The house was, for many years, unused, but now has a new lease on life thanks to Julian Mutter Doerr and his family. The 1400 square foot house is the only Doerr building that fronts Elysian Fields and is aptly named The Front Doerr. The building is of late 19th century construction, originally a double which was converted to a single for commercial use.

The store will boast traditional hand knotted rugs from around the world as well as contemporary machine crafted rugs in all shapes and sizes. In addition, The Front Doerr will also carry metal and rattan patio furniture for use in both residential and commercial settings. Accessories such as mirrors, small tables and accent items will be available for sunrooms, pool side, porches and galleries.

Richard Pendleton, known to many in the neighborhood as the maitre d' at Feelings and a painter, will be managing the store. He will display some of his art work there as well.

Congratulations Doerr Furniture on your newest venture and thank you for preserving our neighborhood and its historic character by renovating your property.



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WHEN
 May 22, 2008 • 6pm-7:30pm
WHERE
 St. Anna's Episcopal Church,
 1313 Esplanade
CONTACT
 Shawna Herbst 504-299-3439 x5461

Please RSVP by May 19

You are cordially invited to participate in a community discussion on behalf of REACHNOLA. The purpose of this event is to hear what Health and Resilience programs you would like to see in your communities and neighborhoods. Your contribution is valued.



Dear Friend of Lazarus,

We are writing to tell you about an exciting fundraiser that Lazarus is sponsoring on Saturday, June 14, 2008, Bon App²tit with Project Lazarus, and to ask for your participation.

The brainchild of an AIDS organization in Charleston, South Carolina, and introduced to New Orleans by Project Lazarus, the event is as follows:

- Parties are hosted by supporters in a location of their choosing
- Hosts are responsible for supplying all food, drinks, etc.
- Hosts request a donation from their guests for Project Lazarus.
- Everyone gathers at the "Dessert and Champagne After Party", where hosts, guests, and volunteers meet to celebrate the success of the evening.

We are celebrating our second Bon Appetit event. Co-Chairs are previous Lazarus Board Member and long time supporter, Wayne Christenberry, and Board Member Warren Backer, Jr. Warren served as Co-Chair last year, and along with Wayne, and the staff at Lazarus, we are all eager to make Bon App²tit 2008 an even bigger success.

We are asking that you, as an advocate of Lazarus, sponsor a party for your friends, family, or co-workers. Please contact Jezelle Hebert at 949.3609 ext. 505, or jhebert@projectlazarus.net if you have questions or need more information. Otherwise, she will be in touch with you to discuss your participation.

Thank you for your support of Lazarus. We are looking forward to working with you, and to making the second annual Bon App²tit 2008 an even bigger success than last year.

Sincerely,

Warren Backer, Jr. Wayne Christenberry
 Event Co-Chair Event Co-Chair

Eric Oleson Jezelle Hebert
 Executive Director Fund Development

PROJECT LAZARUS MISSION STATEMENT

Project Lazarus was founded out of compassion and service to all people. Project Lazarus provides service to all people living with AIDS who can no longer live independently, or whose family and friends can no longer take care of them.

The primary purpose of Project Lazarus is to provide continuity of care in a homelike environment. The highest goal of Project Lazarus is to enhance the quality of life of those it serves.

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FMIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2008

Approvals by email – approved by consensus
1. None

OLD BUSINESS (Active)

A. Approval of minutes from 3/5 Board Meeting & 3/24 General Meeting

B. Projects –

- a. Mardi Gras Zone Rezoning - all know the City Planning Commission denied the application. We will be advised by City Council if there is an appeal.
- b. Holy Trinity – Conditional Use for Recording Studio –Jonathan Wallick , the owner of Holy Trinity said that the Lenny Kravitz people pulled out.

C. **Relief Marigny:** An e-mail was sent inviting any member interested in volunteering.

D. **Meet the Neighbors:** DBA April 8th 6:30pm. Thanks to Leigh who is acting as our substitute Chairperson. If you are interested in this Committee, please contact Chris.

E. **Visibility of Marigny Banners:** We discussed the design, lettering, and what information will be on the banners. We voted to use one of the posters from a previous home tour. It was approved by consensus.

F. **Historic Markers:** None

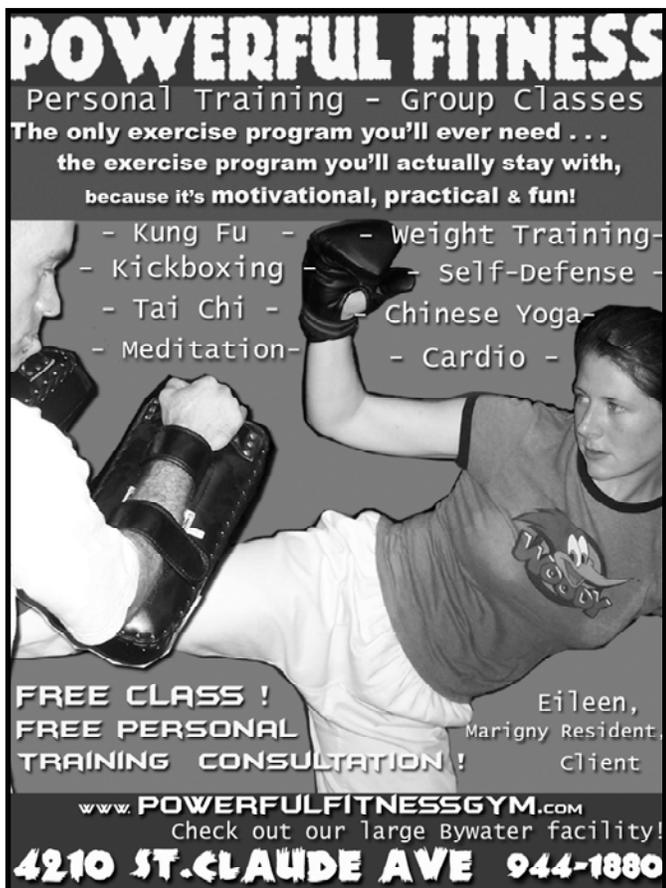
G. **Blighted/Vacant Property:** Howard encourages all to attend the April 23rd hearing at 10:00 am regarding the properties owned by Jim Thorick. Reverend Goodine through (Operation Restore) has offered to help clean properties.

H. **Issues:**

- a. 525 Frenchmen: None
- b. 2705-7 Decatur: No work has been done.

I. **Insurance Policy:** Thank you Russ Carl for helping with this matter.

J. **Office Space:** We are still looking for office space.



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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.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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OLD BUSINESS (*In-active*)

K. Yearly Agenda: Chris and Ron will tackle this laborious task adding all information from the brainstorm session.

L. Donation: A generous donation was given to FMIA from Julian Doerr. Each board member is asked to make a donation for our fund drive.

M. Riverfront Alliance: Sean has presented his plan to the general meeting.

N. AIDS Memorial for Washington Square Park: Mark Thomas is working on the design. Discussion: Some board members felt that Washington Square Park should be left as green space. It is an important memorial but it opens the door for other things that want to be placed in the park. Deborah suggested a model be made for the general membership to view. Chris agrees that the primary purpose of the park is to have green space but the new design addresses that issue by being placed in an existing circle. Mark said that the plan is still in its conceptual stage. Perpetual care is another concern. MOTION: Chris –Could a model be made and presented at the general meeting? The donor has an endowment for perpetual care which will be managed by FMIA. Second: Deborah VOTE: Consensus

O. Grant Writer: Leigh informed the Board that there is a grant available to hire a grant writer.

P. T-shirts Idea: Steven from Cake Caf² is interested in having T-shirts with his logo and FMIA logo. Chris is working on a mock up.

Q. Marigny Advertising: NO STATUS

R. Tree Spraying for Washington Square Park: Please notice that there are no buck moths in the park because Friends of Washington Square Park and FMIA had every tree sprayed. Angele Crawford is soliciting donations for Save Our Tree Fund.

S. 5th District Police Staffing Chris: Letter to Police Chief and CC City Council, Mayor, NYTimes, 5th District...

A. Bellsouth and the Digital Loop Carriers, 2601 Burgundy: No new information

B. Issues:
a. 2100 Burgundy: No Status (Fred Morgan)

C. Projects:
· 801 Frenchmen: No Status
a. 839 Elysian Fields: Project on Hold per owner
b. Mandeville Fire Station: No Status
c. 1017 Touro: No Status (Friendly Touch Bar)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Board Meeting: Deborah's on May 7th

B. RDO: Julian Doerr purchased 2300 Chartres Street, formerly the Body and Soul and wants to put this building back into commerce. The building has always been commercial and the previous owners let the commercial status lapse. Julian said it is a good building and could fit within the guidelines of the RDO except for the sq. footage. He has been approached by people who are interested in having a yoga studio. Discussion included: Expanding the sq. ft. would not cause problems and the RDO is very specific. It was suggested that we first catalog all the buildings. Chris made a MOTION: We catalog all buildings that fit into this situation and come up with the appropriate sq. footage so a text amendment for the RDO be inclusive of all properties that fit the criteria and to create a RDO Committee Second: Stephen VOTE: Consensus

C. April 9th Social: Bywater Neighborhood Association has invited us to sip wine and plant exchange on April 9th. Since it was short notice, we unfortunately could not put the invitation in the April Newsletter. We sent the invite to our e-mail news list. THANK YOU BNA and let's do it again.

D. Crime Issues: Ed Cherrie's wife was mugged on Royal and Marigny. The police were contacted and a discussion was given. FMIA will write letters to the 5th and 8th District Police and City Council regarding the truancy issue

E. Board Member Responsibilities: Mandated by



FMIA By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, each Board has certain responsibilities. Additional, Chris asked each Board Member become responsible for additional duties which were discussed and assigned

10:20 ended the meeting

FMIA GENERAL MEETING

April 21, 2008

Reg Medellion welcomed everyone to our General Meeting.

Announcements:

1) **Home Tour:** Our Annual Garden and Home Tour is May 18, 2008. We are having an Art Market, Music, and a Kid's Tent. Volunteers are always appreciated and needed.

2) **Den of Krewe du Vieux** – Den of Muses: Ray Kern has invited participants of the Home Tour an to see the floats that paraded at this year's Krewe du Vieux. Thank you Ray.

3) **Howard:** People are fixing up their houses and work appears to be happening.

4) **New residents:** Welcome Rachel Smith and Lauren Tucker to the Marigny.

5) **House Tour Ads:** The Home Tour is FMIA'S biggest fundraiser. Angela and Russ Carll, have sent out over 100 inquiries to neighborhood businesses regarding advertising in our Home Tour Brochure. Contact Angela or Carl for more information.

6) **Meet the Neighbors** at the Hookah: May 13 6:30 PM

7) **Matching Donations Funds:** FMIA has received a matching fund pledge for neighborhood projects from Julian Doerr. We are trying to raise \$10,000. Any and all donations are appreciated and are 100% tax deductible. Donations should be made payable to FMIA and sent to PO BOX 700880 NOLA 70177

8) **Membership** : We now are able to mail the newsletters and any paid member who did not receive a newsletter please let Gary knows.

9) **St. Paul's:** Is having a Gumbo and Jambalaya event on May 17, 2008

F. Washington Square Park: Want to volunteer? Washington Square Park needs a Chairperson. We discussed the involvement of FMIA from manpower, fundraising, and maintenance. Thanks to our FMIA members who pick help the trash daily, more help is needed to maintain the park. Suggestions were made to have signage for picking up trash, and a plaque on the playground equipment for the restoration, kiosk for flyers, and the City to focus on Washington Square Park since they are promoting the area.

G. Home Tour: 36th Annual Home and Garden Tour, May 18, 2008 - Reg, Chairperson, invited all FMIA members, residents, visitors, and friend to spend a day in the Marigny. The Art Market begins at 10:00 am in Washington Square Park while listening to live music, and purchasing the Home Tour tickets to see 6 homes and gardens in the MarignyTriangle and Krewe DU Vieux has opened their den. We are pleased to announce our first Kid's Tent Co-Chaired by Thomas and Deena

H. DRAFT POLICY FOR VISITOR/OBSERVER Attendance at FMIA: Board is doing research into this matter.

I. Board appointments: Chris has appointed Ron Petty to the Board to fill Stephanie Pedro position. According to the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, the President can appoint if there is a resignation by a Board Member. Motion: Leigh - We accept Ron Petty as our Board Member. Second: Deborah VOTE: Consensus

Treasurer : Our records are in top notch condition thanks to Brian for all his endless hard work. He walks to Whitney Bank at least 3 times a week to handle FMIA business.

Newsletter

Orchids Julian Doerr for opening his rug business on Elysian Field Officer Jones
Onions Proper zoning Property owners that let their properties go blighted Those who continue to graffiti the neighborhood Dog poop that has not been picked up



10) **FMIA Store:** We have mugs and great colored FMIA T-Shirts

11) **NOCCA** purchased Press St corridor from St. Claude to Chartres.

SPEAKER: Lauren Tucker from Green Light New Orleans

Lauren Tucker from greenlightneworleans — www.greenlightneworleans.org — 504-324-2429. Lauren discussed the importance of using energy efficiency light bulbs. These bulbs reduce the amount of CO 2 . Green Light New Orleans will change out all incandence bulbs for free. The household can save approximately \$300 if you have 30 bulbs. She would like to schedule an event to do this all at once and is thinking about May 10th.

Q: Recycle incandence light bulb? A: There is a recycle plant out of Hammond and the cost is .25 per bulb

Q: Light bulb on porch flashes a blast of light that blinds you. (Deborah mentioned that if everyone uses energy bulbs on their porch and Light up the Marigny the effect would create a blast of light).

Q: Different wattage? - A: Yes 75% more efficient

Q: Dimmer switch compatible? A: For more information contact GreenLight New Orleans. There is an alternative a website; please contact GreenLight for more information.

Q: Manufacture? A: TCP

Q: Termite lights and motion detector? A: Could bulk order

Q: Do they have stem base, candelabra base and other bases? A: Green Light carries the standard but maybe could be bulk ordered.

Q: In the standard florescent bulbs what about disposing the mercury? A: The mercury is 1% of what is in the old thermometer or two cans of tuna fish. WalMart recycles the florescent. Green Light is working with City Council for drop off places.

Meeting ended at 8:15pm.

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General Meeting, Monday, 5/19

June General Meeting, Monday, 6/16

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4. Willing to volunteer? ___ Yes ___ No

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