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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

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

FEBRUARY 2009

Board Meeting • February 4
7:00 PM • Location TBA

Krewe du Vieux
Saturday, February 7
Parade Starts at 6:00 PM

General Meeting • February 16
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

MARCH 2009

Board Meeting • March 4
7:00 PM • Location TBA

General Meeting • March 16
6:30 Potluck • 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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
Maison Dupuy Hotel
1001 Toulouse

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET MEETINGS
2372 St. Claude Avenue
Call 616.7637

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Chris Costello

Happy New Year! And Happy Carnival Season!

Krewe Du Vieux will kick off our Mardi Gras season with its satirical and highly irreverent parade which will roll through our neighborhood on February 7, 2009. King Frankie Ford will lead the parade touting this year's theme: Krewe du Vieux's Stimulus Package. Like last year, the parade route will be car free to make the journey for the revelers and floats easier. See page 9 for more details and parade route.

Last year was challenging but it was a great year for the organization. As we closed our last general meeting of the year we had accomplished so much (see page 4). Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make it such a great year for us. We invite those who have not gotten involved to do so in 2009. Your neighborhood is what YOU make of it. Get involved.

A big Thank You to Kellye Soto, our Caroling Queen, for organizing another memorable caroling event for the neighborhood. It was a wonderful time. I would also like to thank Roland and his staff from Marigny Brasserie for providing cookies and the refreshments for the event. He and his business are an asset to our community. Please remember to return the favor and support his business. (more on page 2)

Washington Square Park is a jewel in our neighborhood that we have taken care of since Katrina. Thank you to all our trash monitors that clean the park and take out the garbage every week and to United Hardware for donating the trash bags we use for the trash receptacles. Another part of care giving to the park is to have the trees sprayed to fertilize them and rid them of the stinging buck moth caterpillars to keep them healthy. We

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are again collecting donations for our Save Our Trees program to spray the trees this spring. Please consider making a donation (now tax deductible!) to help us keep our trees healthy. (more page 5)

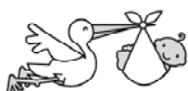
There are many projects happening in the City: the Riverfront Park, the Cold Storage Facility, and the new Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. These projects have the potential to adversely affect us. We have been diligent in making our voices heard but sometimes they fall on deaf ears. In the coming weeks and months we will need to come together to make a stand to protect our neighborhood, investments and quality of life. I encourage each of you to read up on these projects so we make sure we bring up all the issue that may affect us. (more on page 10)

The Main Street program is steadily making headway to bring back our commercial corridor. In November they held the second annual Chalk It Up to St Claude event in conjunction with the Fringe Festival, to raise awareness about our commercial corridor and get people thinking about St. Claude as a place to shop. Thank you to Robyn, our Main Street Manager for moving the program forward and to Kathy Connolly and the Good Children Carnival Club for bringing more awareness about the Main Street program. A services orientated commercial corridor is at our finger tips. I encourage you to get involved.

We have a great year ahead of us with a renewed spirit and increased opportunity to do more good. I hope I can count on you to be a part of our endeavors to continue our charge to make the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.



Congratulations to:
Deanna, Thomas & Molly Woody on their newest reason to smile: Alaya



Danielle & Michael Pizzalatta on their newest reason to smile: Cecilia Marie



MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE

Thank you to Jonnie & The Orange Couch for hosting our December Meet the Neighbors night. It was a fun event and great to see so many new faces. Thank you Jonnie and staff for hosting the event and the chocolate covered treats!

Come meet your neighbors and socialize with your fellow Marigny residents at our Meet the Neighbors night. We are on our 3rd year of monthly Meet the Neighbors night social and it keeps getting better.

Our next installment will be on February 10th. Location TBA. Check our website for current location and time.

Stop by and enjoy your neighborhood and neighbors!

A Magical Night in the Marigny

by Kellye Deel



December 14th 2008 was a great day in the Faubourg Marigny. We are proud to report that our 23rd Annual Candlelight Christmas Caroling & 2nd Annual Christmas Art Market in Washington Square Park was a great success. The weather was great and the park looked fabulous filled with local artists, live eclectic Christmas music, beautiful holiday decorations, and PaPa Noel. As the day turned to night we all rang in the holiday season together singing carols by candlelight.

We have many folks to thank – no neighborhood event is ever possible without the many of you who so graciously give of your time and energy. This year I would like to start by shouting out a special thank you to Mr. Bill Whiting who always shows up willing to do whatever is needed. From the decorating to the clean-up Bill is forever dedicated to assisting us. Bill thank you for your dedication to this great neighborhood.

Thank you to the Caroling Committee for all of your time and work on this event...Eva Campos, Robyn Blanpied, Gretchen Bomboy, Vic Brown, Chris Costello, Nelson & Linda Belou. And to all of the other many fabulous neighbors who came out and volunteered and to those of you who participated and sang with us – Thank You – TOO!

We are so very grateful for the Marigny Brassiere and their contributions each year. And Thank you to Deveney Communication for everything!

We hope you also noticed the new banners we purchased to advertise our holiday event! They really looked great with all of the Red Christmas bows covered in snow the week before. That was a neat surprise!

We were also so excited about working with the students from NOCCA this year. What a nice addition to our Holiday event! Thanks to our neighbors at NOCCA. We look forward to doing more with the many talented students!

Of course we are always eager to make each event even better the next time around. If you have any suggestions please let us know. We are always trying to come up with ideas of more lighting for the evening of caroling. Have any ideas?

A goal for next year is to have more local businesses involved. Time is always an issue. We hope in the years to come Caroling gets better and better. Nevertheless, we were all quite proud of this year's success. But please feel free to make suggestions!

THANKS again and again! Can't wait until next year!

Dues Renewal

It is that time of year again to renew our memberships.

Thank you to those that have already done so. For those who have not had the opportunity to send in their dues, please take a moment to do so. The process has been streamlined to make it even simpler to renew. How? We are asking members to renew by doing the following:

Simply cut out your mailing label, make any corrections to your name or address, write a contact telephone number and email address (or email addresses if you have a household membership) and return it to us with your dues by one of the methods below.

The 2008 dues rates are the same as last year which are:

- Individual - \$15**
- Individual Senior (65+) - \$5**
- Household (2+ individuals) - \$20**
- Senior Household (2+ seniors) - \$10**
- Business - \$25**

You can mail your renewal to our post office box, drop it off in the mail slot at 2408 Chartres Street, 2817 Burgundy or 2101 Burgundy #1 or bring it to a general meeting. (The next one is 1/19.) NOTE: We are now accepting credit and debit cards. Only available at our membership meetings.

Thank you for continuing your membership and helping us make the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.



Buckmoth Caterpillars Are Coming

Although it is still technically winter, the unusually warm winter might signal a sooner than expected visit from the dreaded buck moth caterpillars. You might have noticed all the buck moths fluttering around mid December.

Over the last 3 years we have successfully raised the funds to spray the beautiful trees in Washington Square Park which allowed everyone to enjoy the park all spring long without fear of being stung by the caterpillars. In anticipation to their next visit we are starting the fund drive to raise the money to spray the trees yearly.

They are looking better but they are still recovering from the storm and need our help. We are asking people to either adopt a tree by donating the money to pay for the yearly buck moth spraying and fertilizing or make a donation towards the spraying and fertilization of a tree. The cost is \$55 per tree, \$30 for half a tree.

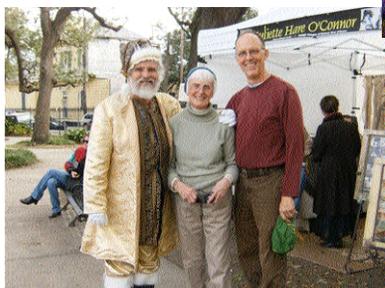
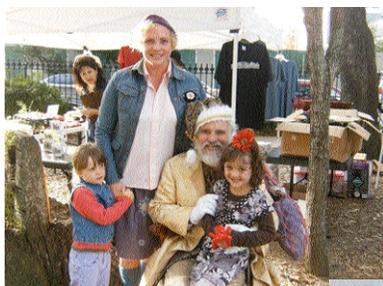
Please send a check made payable to FMIA with "Save Our Trees" in the memo. Send to:

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P.O. Box 770080
New Orleans, LA 70177

Remember, you donation is 100% tax deductible!



Scenes from
A Magical Night



ST. CLAUDE AVENUE MAIN STREET



By Robyn Blanpied, PhD.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

The Fringe Festival parade and family day (November 13) had a damper put on them by the windy weather and the conflict with Gay Equality Rally, but there was a good crowd and kids were delighted by the circus acts and puppeteers. The Fringe Festival was a good partner, and we look forward to working with them on next year's Main to Main. One of the biggest problems is the lack of affordable space on St. Claude to hold festivals. We'll work on that in the coming year.

Thanks to everyone that participated in "Lights on Main Street." This was the first year of a program to help merchants light their businesses for the holidays. We handed out 23 strands of lights donated by Entergy and City-works. St. Claude Avenue. Main Street didn't win in any of the categories, but Kajun's Pub has certainly set the standard.

Welcome to new businesses on St. Claude!

Tete's has reopened serving food and spirits with a Cuban touch.

Cowpoke's is starting the New Year with a theme change. They are working to reopen as the "Always Lounge" a sophisticated cocktail and theatre establishment.

Scooter's Chicken is also opening at the old Popeye's. They already have locations on the West Bank, and the menu looks great!

Prospect 1 has brought hundred's of visitors to the St. Claude Avenue. area, not only to Universal and Colton Art Studio, but also to the smaller galleries around the neighborhood. You have a few more days to see the exhibits and can download a pass at www.prospectneworleans.org for a free buses stop in front of Colton Art Studio.

The fate of the East Bank Navy Support facility is being decided. The three proposals all had high end condos as a centerpiece, but Mr. Ebbert, the city's Homeland security director during Katrina, is proposing the 1,000,000+ square foot facility be used as a hurricane/crisis command post and staging area. He told us there is enough space to hold recovery equipment, city vehicles and response teams, shelter people and still have room to rent out space to neighboring parishes. The BRAC committee is holding a public meeting on Monday 12 January at NOCCA. We will let you know how that turns out.

RTA is exploring new streetcar routes. Their first proposal centered on the CBD, because RTA considers tourists as residents for density statistics. They seemed receptive to considering service workers and locals needs as they determine the next street car route. They are discussing a loop that travels down N. Rampart/St. Claude with a turn at Elysian Fields back to the French Market line, a "Loyola line" that stops at the Union

Pacific terminal, and a convention center line that parallels the Riverfront line in front of the Convention Center.

14 students from MIT's Graduate School of Urban Planning arrive 25 January to begin their semester long study of the St. Claude Avenue. Main St. area. They will be here for a week and are seeking opportunities to meet with local businesses owners and residents. They will be studying the St. Claude Avenue. area and will use their research to help us in rebuilding.



SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008

- Raised the funds to spray the beautiful oaks in Washington Square Park to rid them of the buck moth caterpillars and fertilize them.
- Raised the over \$6,700 for our matching fund for projects in our neighborhood.
- Created our No More Blight Initiative to get rid of blight in our neighborhood.
- Maintained Washington Square Park for another year by coordinating clean up and weekly trash removal to keep our park open and beautiful.
- Coordinated events including Meet the Neighbors to help build our sense of community and bring sales to our local businesses.
- Created Marigny Green, a program to help beautify and strengthen our neighborhood with initiatives such as ReLeaf (trees), RePlant (Plants and gardens), ReCycle and ReLight (lighting)
- Produced our Annual Home Tour, Walking Tour and Caroling to raise awareness about our neighborhood and educate people on the unique architectural, cultural and historical significance of our neighborhood.
- Purchased accounting software and laptop, and transferred financial information for better financial management.
- Added credit card processing for organizational use.
- Monitored the City's many planning projects to put forth the community's concerns including the new Master Plan and CZO, the Riverfront, and the Cold Storage facility.



Annual Home Tour & Art Market

Our Spring Home Tour will be on May 17, 2009. We are in the process of locating homes and gardens and need your help. If you or someone you know would be interested in opening their home or garden, being part of the art market, helping out with the planning or volunteering the day of please contact Reg Medellin at (504) 220-7579.

Mark Your Calendars

Spring Home Tour on May 17, 2009
Fall Walking Tour on October 4, 2009
Candlelight Caroling on December 13, 2009

Orchids & ONIONS

Orchids



To Sydney Torres, Donna Robert, Jean Farr, Parks and Parkways Santa Helpers, Sheriff Gusman and Krewe, Gretchen Bomboy for organizing Washington Square Clean-Up, AIDS Memorial.



To Stephen and Rich for new landscaping



To David Wagner who helped audit the books.



To Walking Tour Volunteers, Lloyd Sensat and Bill Hyland.

ONIONS

To people who park on the neutral ground.



\$20,000 Here We Come!

We are getting close to raising our portion of the \$20,000 matching grant. We have raised \$6,700 so far and only need \$3,000 more to realize the matching funds for a total of \$20,000. Can you donate to help us get there?

The money we raise will be used for projects in the neighborhood, one of the being the renovation of our park. New benches, working drinking fountains, a working gate at Dauphine are on the list. In addition to raising money from the membership we are soliciting money from grant giving sources.

Help us make it a reality. Any and all donations are appreciated. 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 and sent to PO BOX 770080, New Orleans LA 70177. Thanks!

NO MORE BLIGHT — Join Us in Our Fight

We have been helping the City cite owners of blighted properties as part of our plan to combat blight. This is the first step in the process which will lead to the adjudication of the properties if the owners do not bring their properties out of their blight status. We will announce the dates and time of these adjudication hearings as it is important that we show a strong presence at these hearings. The Hearing Officers need to hear how these properties and the continued lack of their maintenance affect our neighborhood and our lives.



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.

Status from 1/8/09 Adjudication Hearing:

2001 Royal Street – Fined \$275

2005 Royal Street – Fined \$575

Status of Demolition By Neglect from 11/14/08 & 12/12/08 Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC) Meeting

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It's Carnival Time!

By Greta Gladney

We are proud to introduce LA Louisiane Bakery this week. The local Bakery has been around for ten years servicing the Hotel and Restaurant Industry. We especially like the sugar free sliced breads; sour dough, 9 grain and a wheat boule. And then there are the King Cakes!! Come by for a sample and order one to pick up the following week. We will have a limited quantity for sale this week.

Remember Tupperware? It's back and we have it at our market. Tupperware really is a "green" product. It lasts forever unlike the disposable containers in stores now. April Montgomery is the vendor to see on Saturday. She is also featuring King Cake Candles for the carnival season.

Mauthe's Dairy is back after the Holiday Break. We will feature his Creole Cream Cheese, yogurt, hand formed cheeses and milk; regular and chocolate.

Ms. Vivian says she is cooking some red beans this week to eat while you shop. She will have her Coconut Pound Cake (addictive!) and Cornbread.

Jennifer Moss is our Praline Lady. She even makes some of them shaped in a Fleur de Lis. Her pralines win taste tests "hand down".

Fred Schwarz Organic Citrus is the best in town. It's almost the end of Satsumas, so get them while you can.

Sally Cobb returns with her Market favorites: banana bread, humus, pimiento cheese, and jams and jellies.

Heather Champagne will be out with her special sauces and dips.

Our favorite Shrimper, Kay Brandhurst will be with us.

And, last but not least, Tim Perilloux, our vegetable man from St. Charles Parish is back with his beautiful winter produce.

We hope to see you all out at the Market this week. We are growing in the New Year.

Upcoming Events

January 17
 O.C. Haley Fresh Market • Ashe Parking Lot • 10am-2pm

January 23
 Spoken Word
 Fridays on the Roch
 Neutral Ground • 1200 Block of St.Roch Avenue. • 5-9 pm



The Food Co-op is moving forward with its plans to open up a natural foods store in our community. Whether you like natural food or not, we can all agree that another source of food in our community is a good thing and the opening of a new business will take a vacant building and bring it back into commerce and will provide needed jobs.

Joining the Food Co-op allows them to move forward at a quicker pace but if you do not want to join please take a moment to let your friends know about the Food Co-op. Membership applications can be downloaded from their website at www.nolafoodcoop.org.

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!

Beside members, NOFC is looking for volunteers to help more them forward. For more information or to volunteer visit their web site or call John Calhoun at 914-6936.

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Marigny Green Program

By Deborah Oppenheim

Since October 2008, interested residents met to create FMIA's Marigny Green Program. The goal of Marigny Green is to make resources and information available on 'living green' and inform the residents on how to get involved in green initiatives.

The Marigny Green Program is comprised of seven initiatives which include ReLeaf, RePlant, ReCycle, ReLight, Research & Information, Enforcement, Transportation and Conservation. Each initiative team designed and created goals and objectives which are outlined below.

Please feel free to work with an initiative of your interest. Also note, we will need volunteers for particular tasks if all the initiatives interest you. Please contact Deborah at (504) 319-4262.

Enforcement

- Make a list of all the things that are currently being ignored starting with the least difficult and work towards bigger issues.
- Start with litter and work up to Brownfields

ReLeaf (trees)

- To reLeaf the Marigny by getting as many new trees as possible planted in the neighborhood.
- Exploring the best options for obtaining the equipment, trees, and expertise necessary for a large-scale tree planting.

RePlant (Plants and gardens)

- To work directly with the ReLeaf Group
- To encourage use of ornamental plantings (brushes, shrubs, annuals, perennials, etc.) on streetscapes (servitude, private property, vacant areas owned by the city)
- To encourage other active gardeners to participate. Information regarding appropriate plants for our area, care/maintenance can be obtained from LA Extension Service, Parkway Planters, parks and Parkways, Master Gardeners and others active gardeners
- To establish "Plant Swaps" for spring and fall via FMIA
- Development, redevelopment of community gardens for Marigny resident
- Research information available on vacant lots and overgrown lots.

Transportation (Bikes, Pedestrian Friendly & Safety, Carpooling, Bus Route)

- Interested in making the Marigny more bike friendly?

ReCycle

- Schedule meetings with Phoenix and the Green Project to learn more about existing recycling opportunities
- To obtain baseline number of Marigny residents currently recycling so that we can track our future progress in encouraging our neighbors to recycle
- Long Term goal is to survey businesses to learn more about their recycling needs and desires

ReLight (lighting)

- Research lighting products and companies
- Research information on recycling lights

- Develop a relationship with Global Green (resource)
- Educate residents the importance of energy efficient lighting
- Present information to residents through website, newsletter, FMIA general meeting
- Long term goal is to light up the Marigny with energy efficient outside lights

Research & Information (Resources available to the community on living Green, information to residents, and build relations with other groups)

- Make resources available to the community on 'living green'
- Inform neighbors on how to get involved in green programs
- Information tables at FMIA meetings and other neighborhood functions
- Work to build relations with other Green groups
- Research grant opportunities for programs

Conservation

We need interested people to brainstorm and create goals and objectives for this initiative.

Marigny Green: ReLeaf

Marigny ReLeaf is a program organized under the FMIA's Marigny Green Initiative to distribute and plant FREE TREES in our neighborhood with the intention of environmental enhancement, community building and improved quality of life.

We have an initial goal of planting 100 trees in the neighborhood. Over 20 species are available. The trees are free and available through two organizations: Hike-for-KaTREEna, and Parkway Partners.

Our first tree planting is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th with Hike-for-KaTREEna. We have developed an affordable method for sidewalk cutting and can help you through that process. The first step for sidewalk cutouts is to contact Louisiana-One-Call (800.272.3020) before digging. As well, free stump removal can be provided by the city.

CONTACT: Speck & Raz (948-0567), Bill Lewin, or Moose, or email us at marignyreleaf@faubourgmarigny.org ASAP! Let us know your name, how many trees and what sort you would like, and the address where they will be placed. Also, if you would like to join us in our highly rewarding and social quest, let us know. We are planning a tree mapping project, adopt-a-tree festivities, fund raisers and dedication ceremonies. It's fun, and we need your help.

Humans and trees have since ancient times had symbiotic relationships. Trees have been repositories for multigenerational community spirit. Ancient Romans and Charlemagne, knowing this, when conquering an independent tribe, would first cut down the sacred groves. In our city we have seen how this affects communities (like Claiborne Avenue). Now is a good time to reverse this trend and restore our friendship with these magnificent giants of the plant world.

Further useful information: www.hikeforkatreena.com , Parkway Partners: 620-2224, www.lsuagcenter.com



Marigny Green: Recycle



The goal of FMIA's Marigny Recycle initiative is to improve recycling rates among residents and businesses of the Faubourg Marigny and the citizens of New Orleans. Since Hurricane Katrina, the City has ended curbside recycling services, thus making recycling inconvenient to residences and businesses.

However, recycling is possible in New Orleans and Marigny Recycle wants your recycling to be easier and more common. Below are some following options for recycling your household and business waste. Please let us know your ideas for improving recycling in our neighborhood.

• **Phoenix Recycling** (www.phoenixrecyclingnola.com)

Phoenix Recycling offers convenient biweekly curbside recycling services in New Orleans. Although Phoenix Recycling has to charge a small monthly fee to support its operating costs (\$15/\$14 for neighborhood association members), Phoenix offers one of the easiest ways to recycle in the city. Phoenix accepts common household plastics, cans, paper, and cardboard but unfortunately does not take glass. Pick-ups in the Marigny and Bywater are every other Friday.

• **Recycling Drop Off Events**

(www.cityofno.com/Portals/Sanitation/portal.aspx) The City's Department of Sanitation offers monthly recycling drop off events one Saturday per month from 9am to noon. The location closest to the Marigny is on North Claiborne and St. Peter. Check the website or call 658-2299 for more information and schedules. Bring your paper, metals, paper, and cardboard, but no glass or hazardous waste.

• **The Green Project** (www.thegreenproject.org)

The Green Project is a nonprofit that promotes recycling, especially of building materials, in New Orleans. Located on 2831 Marais Street (and Press), the Green Project not only accepts cardboard, paper, and plastics, but also electronic waste (like computers, cell phones, printers) and building materials (like paint, hardware, and wood). Call 945-0240 for more information.

• **New Orleans Area Recycling Guide**

(www.thegreenproject.org/RecycleGuide.pdf) This guide is the bible of how and where to recycle in New Orleans. The guide is particularly helpful in pointing out where to recycle less thought-of materials like batteries (Wal-Mart), light bulbs (Lamp Environmental Industries in Hammond), plastic shopping bags (Whole Foods), and Styrofoam packing peanuts (Royal Mail Services in the Quarter).

• **FMIA Meetings.**

Marigny Green will accept your old batteries (not auto) and compact fluorescent light-bulbs at every general meeting of the FMIA (third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Historic St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street).



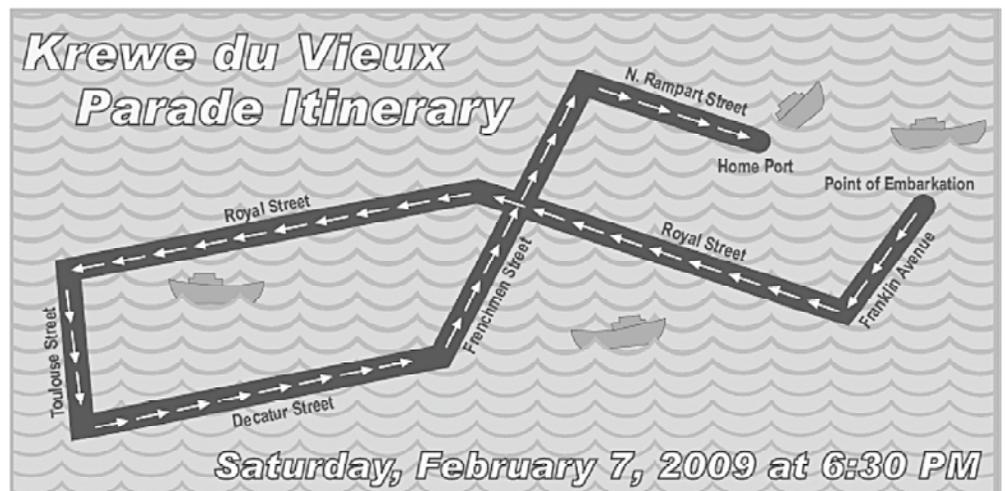
Krewe Du Vieux 2009

Krewe Du Vieux rolls Saturday, February 7, 2009. This year's theme is Krewe du Vieux's Stimulus Package. The parade starts at 6:30 pm so get all your ducks lined up in a row early on Saturday. This year's King, the only Grammy winner from Gretna, the New Orleans Dynamo: Frankie Ford and his wonderful wife Barbara will escort the 17 sub krewes on a new route through our neighborhood and ends up at CANO (2400 St.

Claude Avenue) for

their ball. For those that want to be in on the fun, tickets are \$25 and available from Krewe members, Mardi Gras Zone, Louisiana Music Factory, Miss Claudia's Vintage Clothing, and Petcetera. Door open at 9 pm. **Tickets are NOT available at the door.** Music by Eric Lindell, the Zydeponks and Brass Band Revue.

The Department of Public Works will be posting No Parking Signs along the route. Please be prepared to move your car off the parade route or it will be towed! Also, the parade will close some streets such as



THE Cold Storage FACILITY



At the last meeting, the design team presented the work to date. The work consisted of more detailed renderings of what the concept for the project.

The Port of New Orleans initiated the riverfront development process and has contributed a number of former maritime sites to be available for public access to the river. Additionally, the Port has supported riverfront access in the past through its involvement in projects such as the Moonwalk, Woldenberg Park, Spanish Plaza, the Riverwalk Shopping Center -- all of which were located on former maritime sites.

In an agreement between the Port of New Orleans and the City of New Orleans that started the Reinventing the Crescent Process, the Gov. Nicholls & Esplanade Wharves were excluded from the area to be re-developed. The New Orleans Building Corp, the Mayor and the City Council agreed in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that Gov. Nicholls and Esplanade wharfs would remain as maritime facilities and the Reinventing the Crescent design team was aware of this from the start of the project.

The Port of New Orleans has put forth a plan to use this space as a cold storage facility which will allow unfrozen products to be brought to the facility and flash frozen for export. The plan calls for the removal of the current warehouses and in its place a new state-of-the-art building.

There are many issues that have come up that may adversely affect our neighborhood: the increase in truck traffic (18 wheelers), the air quality, and the large quantities of ammonia (use as the refrigerant) to name a few.

We encourage residents to become informed about this project so that we can have all the issues on the table so that we can make the best decision for our neighborhood. You can view the proposed project on the Port's web site at www.portno.com.

If you have any concerns please send them to info@faubourgmarigny.org.

The concept is to create a linear park along the riverfront from the end of the Moonwalk to Poland Avenue. In general, people like the idea of more park space. There were, however, many comments about inadequate access & parking and use of the space that is inconsistent with a residential neighborhood.

Another concern was from a letter from the Public Belt Railroad stating that all access to the park would have to be elevated for the safety of the public when using the park as the railroad tracks are still used for commerce.

We look forward to the Reinventing the Crescent team addressing the concerns of the neighborhood and those most affected by this project as well the issue with the railroad crossings.

We encourage residents to read up on this project at www.newsriverfront.com. Please send comments and concerns to info@faubourgmarigny.org.

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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.)

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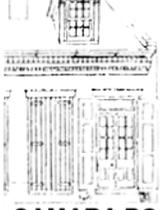
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**FMIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 3, 2008**

The meeting was called to order on December 3, 2008 by Chris Costello, President and present were Gene, Stephen, Reg, Ron, Brian, Gretchen, Chris, and Deborah. Lisa was absent.

Guest: Jean Farr Parkway Partners: jfahr@parkwayspartnersno-la.org 504-620-2224. New Orleans lost 70% of the canopy and will take awhile to recuperate and not happen quickly. Without trees, it is harsh on our health. Trees remove carbon and particulates from the air. Parkway Partners is very supportive of the Marigny's incentive to plant trees and want to help us plant trees.

Q: Our biggest problem is finding a contractor. A: What about purchasing a diamond saw?

Q: Do you have information on the varieties of trees that are good choices for the Marigny? A: This information can be found on Park and Parkways' website and also contact Speck Green, FMIA Marigny Green Coordinator for information. She suggested selecting a few species that are appropriate and network the neighborhood.

Q: Is there a plan (replanting trees) for the city? A: No.

Q: Speck said that Marigny's Green ReLeaf goal is to plant 100 trees and already have 25 interested people. A: That is ok. Speck is mapping places that had trees. It is easier then cutting holes. She said the stump has to be ground out. Jean said that the city has a program to remove the stumps. Weed eaters are very bad for trees. Joana Albrecht is ReLeaf New Orleans and the program is called "10 for the hood". There are other free trees available such as Hike for Katrina, The Green Project, and Parks and Parkways.

Q: What month is appropriate to plant trees? A: Oct- March and she would like to start now

Q: We need to find out about stump removal? A: Speck will look into the city's program. Speck wants to push smart trees for the neighborhood and be a library of resources. She can be contacted by e-mail marignyreleaf@gmail.com.

OPENING:

1. Approvals by email
 - a. Use of Stage & Tent by Main Street - Yes
 - b. Use of 2 tents by Deborah Oppenheim - Yes
 - c. Possible dates Lazarus Garage Sale, 3/21 or 3/ 28/2009 - Yes
 - d. Letter of Support for 530 Franklin Property BZA - Yes
 - e. Letter of Support for Roberts for grant - Yes
2. Approval of minutes from 11/5 Board and 11/17 General - Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Reinventing the Crescent:** Sent by e-mail on Nov 20th re the railroad, parking, and Community Benefit Agreement and there has been no response. FMIA will send the e-mail again.
2. **Visibility of Marigny/ Banners:** Chris met two people at Meet the Neighbors who are graphic designers and would like to design the banners. Stephen said Steven Blake is another contact.
3. **Riverfront Alliance:** No movement
4. **Conflict of Interest Committee:** Deferred
5. **AIDS Memorial:** The dedication of the Aids memorial on November 30th was a beautiful ceremony. Washington Square Park is a public park and FMIA has been taking care of the park for three years. Fundraising for the Aids Memorial was limited to the circle around the monument. It was noted at the ceremony

that more benches were available. FMIA has been put into a precarious situation what to do with the 10 other sold benches. A working solution is that the benches will go in the park and the memorial plaques would go in the monument area. Susan Livingston said it was a good solution. A plan to develop a recognition area, history, and donors will be established. There will be a Community Benefit Agreement. Q: Who chose the benches? A: Mark picked two and Gene chose another. The benches should be black and have arms. MOTION: Chris 10 benches that already sold will go into park and there will be a bronze plaque with the donors listed adjacent to the AIDS memorial plaque. The money raised from these 10 benches will be transferred to the Friends of Washington Square Park fund held by FMIA. They can continue to sell benches under the same guise. Second: Ron VOTE: Unanimous

6. **Historic Markers:** Stephen said he checked with someone from the State. To alter the markers will cost \$50 per character and there are 30 characters plus shipping each way \$300 (SeWah Studios). The new plaque would cost (1 ? letter size) cost \$1700 - \$2300. MOTION: We will purchase two new markers and Gene will write the wording Second: Gretchen VOTE: Unanimous .
7. **Board Member responsibilities:** This is on the agenda for the January meeting.
8. **Office Space:** Deferred
9. **Mandeville Fire House:** Deferred
10. **Art in WSP Guidelines:** Deferred
11. **Cold Storage Facility at Elysian Fields:** Meeting at 12/11/08 and please attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Email response regarding Crime Alert:** Deferred
2. **Nighthawk Diner:** Received formal complaints from neighbors and residents re noise and live music. What is FMIA's role? We are the vehicle for residents to make complaints and FMIA can guide and assist with information. Motion: Send a letter to Nighthawks Second: Reg
3. **519 Frenchmen St:** Is under new management and is being marketed as Time Share. Neighbors have formally complained regarding the noise. The zoning is also questioned. MOTION: Move that we send them a letter Second: Gretchen VOTE: Unanimous
4. **SDT Letter:** Motion to give him an orchid re painting building Second: Stephen Vote: Unanimous
5. **Draft Rental Agreement:** Sent to lawyer and will have it for the next meeting.
6. **Master Plan:** Dec. 6 PRC We need to be pro-active and be involved with the Master Plan. It will be a real tug and pull because the zoning could be changed that would impact our neighborhood. We discussed passing out flyers with information about our neighborhood to all the Marigny residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Treasurer's report:** Brian will print a balance sheet and a profit/loss statement dated and period covered.
2. **Caroling:** The park was beautifully decorated thanks to all Santa's helpers. The Art Market December 14th will have a string duet, choral music with NOCCA's students, and Papa Noel. Sheriff Gusman and trustees are coming to Washington Square Park for clean-up on December 13th. Please call Chris to volunteer.
3. **Marigny Green:** Chris MOTION: I move that we give FMIA MarignyGreen/ ReLight permission to pursue the initiative with Green Light to provide energy efficient porch lights to FMIA members Second: Ron Discussion: To have Deborah do some research on dust/dawn lightning. This would be a grant and donations could be made to the project. VOTE: Unanimous



4. **Blight:** Letters re blight
5. **Zoning:**
 - 1) RDO changes were in question and the list of allowed uses is the same. Chris MOTION: I move that we ask city planning to explore a text amendment for structures that are greater 2500 sq. ft. and less than 4000 sq. ft. for conditional use under the RDO Second: Reg VOTE: Unanimous
 - 2) 2106 Chartres: There is still having the same issues and formal complaints have been made.
 - 3) 531 Frenchmen – Dec. 18th at City Council.
 - 4) Orange Couch: Welcome letter and information.
6. **Crime**
 Crime Collaborative
 5th District Staffing
 Policy for emails that deal with Crime Alerts and Forwarding Information
7. **Grants:** In process are three grants Stephen has been diligently working on for Washington Square Park.
8. **Walking Tour:** Follow up
9. **Thank you notes** to speakers
10. **Welcome Packet** for businesses and home

FINISH:

1. **Orchids and Onions:** Orchid Sydney Torres Donna Robert Jean Farr, Parks and Parkways Santa Helpers Sheriff Gusman and Krewe, Gretchen Bomboy for organizing Washington Square Clean-up, Aids Memorial
2. **Next Board Meeting:** where? January 7th Deborah
3. **General Meeting:** Ideas for speakers and agenda: Master Plan, Good/Clancy, Zoning, Blight, Marigny Green, Reinventing the Crescent and Committees for people to join
4. **Master List** of what is printed for each **newsletter** - Ideas: Article about the Master Plan, Marigny Green, List of Phone nos. for the City, Reinventing the Crescent, Cold Storage, Different Committees, Cartoon (Dan, please), Recipes, Educational Tips, Zoning information, Meet the Neighbors, Issues

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Meet the Neighbors- Next at Orange Couch, 12/9
2. December 14th Art Market and Caroling

UNRESOLVED ISSUES (if there is time):

1. Yearly agenda – January Board Meeting
2. Marigny Advertising/Brochure
3. T-shirt ideas

ENDED: 10:37pm

**FMIA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

Meeting began at 7:10pm. Present: Reg ,Ron, Gene, Gretchen, Brian, Stephen, Deborah, and Chris. Absent: Lisa

GUESTS:

1. **Jezelle Hebert from Lazarus** jhebert@projectlazarus.net : Neighborhood Garage Sale : Lazarus has a large parking lot which can be entered from Royal St .and a great place to have a neighborhood, residents, and Bywater garage sale. Jezelle is thinking the participants could pay a set fee and sell their wares. Eric's idea is to partner with FMIA to share expenses and profits. He said together we could use joint e-mail list, flyers, TP classified and share the expenses and the profit. Q: Stephen: Is the parking lot big enough? A: It could accommodate a ? of a sq. block and could use the grounds if necessary. The participants

could bring their own tables. There was a suggestion that a participant could rent a table. Q: Do people want to pack up all their belongings and unpacked? A: It does have an advantage of one stop shop. Q: This could be a place that people could donate their things and the leftovers? A: Bridge House or VOA could pick up the leftovers items. Q: Budget A: Not yet Q: Guidelines? A: Kind of like a flea market. Q: Date? A: Not yet. Q: Annual? A: TBA things need to be ironed out and maybe scheduled for the spring. Chris: Motion to ask Jezelle to come up with the logistics such as date, guidelines, and details for discussion at the next Board Meeting. Second: Deborah

2. **John Deveney:** Completed FMIA'S temporary art guideline packet and followed all the instructions. "The Street Car Named Inspire Project " was created by YLC, a non-profit organization. The streetcar that Deveney purchased is a Marigny artist and resident. It is a temporary sculpture for 6 months. Stephen reiterated that we need guidelines and policy for art in the park.
3. **Howard:** There is noise from bars such as MiMi's , advertising from bands, and resident complaints . FMIA will not pursue the process unless we receive formal complaints from the residents. Then we can pursue this. If there is loud music, call the police and ask the dispatcher's number, document the time, and keep a journal.

OPENING:

1. Approvals by email: none
2. Approval of minutes from 10/1 Board and 10/20 General

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Reinventing the Crescent:** Meeting Dec. 3rd. Some of the issues are: Parking, traffic, Community Benefit Agreement, safety, and access to the park. The Public Belt RR wants access to be up and over the tracks. The railroad parks a mile ? train and wants the area to be fenced off for safety issues. Q: Did Blakely give \$30 million without any public hearing? A: There were no public hearings. Q: Community Benefit Agreement? A: They want to back out of the Community Benefit Agreement. Motion: To create a Riverfront Committee Second: Reg VOTE: Unanimous Committee: Gene, Gretchen, Chris,
2. **Visibility of Marigny:** Banners: Deferred
3. **Riverfront Alliance:** The Riverfront Alliance met last week to discuss what is going on with the riverfront and they have the same concerns. The Riverfront Alliance is flagging all the issues and informing the Council of these concerns. They are working with the State office of Preservation, 106 review process, and SHIPO.
4. **Conflict of Interest Committee:** Chris: Motion is to create a COIC to perform a conflict of interest review and to be examined and approved by our attorney. Second: Reg VOTE: Unanimous
5. **AIDS Memorial:** The Mayor has signed the papers and will be sent to FMIA. The dedication is on Nov. 30 at 2pm. Q: Who holds the endowment? A: The endowment is being held by Greater New Orleans Inc. and earmarked for the fund. Memorial names are available for the granite blocks only.
6. **Historic markers:** Two historic markers that read 'Surburb' should say 'Faubourg'. Gretchen said, "We should find out the cost for two new castings." Stephen will check into who made them, cost, can they be altered, and other recommendations.
7. **Board Member Responsibilities:** Trying to divvy up responsibilities for Board Members. Deferred
8. **Office Space/Mandeville Fire House:** Chris spoke with Sarah at CANO. They do not have space for us until P.1 leaves. Michael Pizzo said he would be the driving force for Mandeville Fire House to become a community center. What do we want?
 - 1) Keep the conversation open with CANO but as of now, they have the space till May. Stephen has this concern. This would be a temporary place and supports CANO.
 - 2) St. Claude Avenue to check available
 - 3) an opportunity re Mandeville Fire



House., Community Center and office space. The Committee Chairperson is Gretchen. She will research the Fire House Community Center Program and other pertinent information. Interested in helping? Contact us at www.faubourgmarigny.org.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES (if there is time):

1. Yearly agenda
2. Marigny Advertising/Brochure
3. T-shirt ideas

Meeting ended at 10:13pm

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BZA letter for 530 Franklin:** Deferred till plans are received.
2. **Art in Washington Square Park Guidelines:** Public Park: Responsibility and rights? If FMIA wants to continue being the shepherd of Washington Square Park, we should define our relationship. We will have a meeting with Parks and Parkways. Motion: Moved to put together an Art Committee to explore art in Washington Square Park. Second Brian Committee: Deborah, Reg and Brian
2. **Marigny Economic Development Questionnaire:** Ron suggested that everyone write answers which are due November 11th to Chris to be compiled.
3. **E-mail response regarding Crime Alert:** Deferred
4. **Cold Storage Facility at Elysian Fields:** The Port said it is a transfer point. The chickens are frozen and are shipped out from the Esplanade Wharf. They estimated a 100 trucks a day and 3 ships docked there. They will tear the existing warehouses down and build a brand new facility. Facts are needed.

**FMIA General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2008**

Chris opened the meeting at 7:10pm and welcomed new people: Rita of "Salon Marigny" and Speck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Caroling:** December 14, 2008 at 6pm in Washington Square Park
- b. **Art Market December 14th 10:00am to 4:00pm**
- c. **No Meeting and newsletter in December** Happy Holidays
- d. **Please pay dues early**

UPDATES

1. **New T-shirts & Mug \$10 / \$5**
2. **Caroling:** 11/30 Decorating at Noon – 2pm
12/13 Clean up 8:30 noon Sheriff Marlin Gusman's trustees will help plus volunteers
12/14 Art Market Day 10:00am -4:00pm NOCCA will sing Christmas Carol during the day, 2-3 string ensemble , Papa Noel, Kids' Tent and at night traditional Caroling. Volunteers are needed.
3. **Blight:** Howard's report from Jim Thorick's Hearing that there is adjudication on the same property. There are illegal people living on Franklin/Dauphine and he was supposed to secure the property, put a roof on, and clean up the property. Howard said we need help because he gets the fines taken off. The city has placed a lien on his property. Another property on Decatur/Port was illegally demolished by the owner. Chris went to the meeting and said the owner will renovate the property. We are trying to walk all these properties through the proper steps but it seems that there is a missing link. We have complaints forms(important to fill out) and please fill them out so the property can be placed on the list.
4. **Meet the Neighbors:** Tuesday, December 9th at The Orange Couch 6:30 pm.
5. **Newsletter corrections:** It is Jonnie from the Orange Couch & The NOCCA Art Piece is called Junction
6. **AIDS Memorial Status:** Dedication of the AIDS memorial is on 11/30 @ 2 pm and an invitation is extended to all.
7. **Krewe du Vieux:** Mark your calendar for February 7th .
8. **Operation Hyward:** St. Roch Neighborhood: Mel Chin, the artist came up with the concept of adding a huge bank vault door to the abandoned building on North Villere St. The concept is called a Safe House. Visitors are asked to take the template of a 100 bill and color it to be placed on the walls of the safe house. The plan is to take the safe house's bills to Washington DC and hopefully exchange it for real money to help eradicate toxic lead. Acorn has a program if you have younger children that will test your house for lead. Vic said that he has a lead test kit. This area has high lead content.
9. **Andy Gallagher:** ReInventing the Crescent is closer to a final plan and one of the issues that affect our neighborhood is parking. ReInventing the Crescent said at the last meeting that our neighborhood will have meters and parking permits. Please attend the meetings.
10. **Prospect 1:** The biennial of contemporary art organized in the US is like an art treasure hunt. It is a gift to the residents and the city. There are 81 International Artists, 12 local artists, candid of other creative artists, numerous satellite sites, and an

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VP will coordinate the Committee Reports and send all the information to the Board before the Board Meeting...

- a. Reg will learn the credit card machine
1. **Caroling:** Meeting: 6:00pm at the Orange Couch Mandeville/Royal
2. **Marigny Green:** Jean Farr will attend our next Board Meeting
3. **Blight :** none
4. **Zoning:** Gene Chris and Stephen's recommendation: Text amendment to the RDO that buildings that are larger than 2500 sq. (conditional use) and not larger than a designated amount appropriate for the neighborhood and follow the RDO guidelines. If the building is not used then it reverts back to original zoning. More information is needed.
5. **Enforcement:**
2106 Chartres – Jericho/s Lazziza: Chris met with the owner and he said he made changes re smoking. Complaints are still made re noise. He is trying to work with the neighbors. He is serving food and still is playing music.
6. **Crime**
Crime Collaborative.
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Policy for emails that deal with Crime Alerts and Forwarding Information
7. **Grants:** Stephen 1) Glad to pursue other things for Washington Square Park. There are opportunities for funding but Stephen is concerned that we do not have a fundraising plan and a list of priorities. Fundraising Committee : Chair Stephen Chris
8. **Walking Tour:** Nov 13 Wrap Reg at 7:00pm
9. **Officer Jones** wants to discuss Frenchmen St. MOTION: To discuss Frenchmen Street with Officer Jones. Second: Gene

FINISH:

1. **Orchids:** Stephen and Rich new landscaping and Onions David Wagner helped audit the books Walking Tour Volunteers Lloyd Sensat, Bill Hyland
2. **Next Board Meeting:** 12/3 - Stephen will host at Deborah's
3. **Next General Meeting:** Suggestions: Cerasoli Inspector General , Port/ Cold Storage

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Meet the Neighbors: Next at American Aquatic Gardens: November 11th 6:30



array of programs throughout the city. Prospect 1 long-term primary goal is to, "Redefine the city as a cultural destination where the visual arts are celebrated and can once again thrive. Prospect.1 New Orleans aspires to initiate a new category of cultural art tourism for the city." Please make an effort to go before January 18th because it is so important for our vision of New Orleans' future.

11. **November 14th** weekend is action packed featuring 7th Annual Book Fair, St. Claude Main Street, 'Chalk it Up', and New Orleans Fringe Festival. Everyone is invited to support our businesses, buy local, and see why our neighborhood is a great place to live, play, and work.

SPEAKERS

- a. **Marigny Green:** The ReLeaf Marigny Initiative has a goal to plant 100 trees in our neighborhood. Speck has information on the types of appropriate trees applicable to your location. There are flyers at various coffee houses and businesses or contact Speck at marignyreleaf@gmail.com for more information.
- b. **Port of New Orleans:** Kathy Dunn, www.portno.com 504-522-2551 said there is a second information meeting on Dec 11 at NOCCA, 2800 Chartres St. 6 – 7:30pm to discuss plans for building a Cold Storage facility at Governor Nicholas Wharf. It is not part of ReInventing the Crescent. Mr. Blanchard of NOCS, Jourdan Road Terminal operates the export side of frozen chicken distribution business and wants to move his operation to Governor Nicholas Wharf. Ms. Dunn said that there will be 30 –100 trucks operating most days traveling Elysian Fields to the wharf. These trucks will be staged off site and called to unload. Other pertinent information was not answer; send e-mail questions to Kathy Dunn, Port of New Orleans and attend the December 11th meeting.
- c. **Inspector General Cerasoli:** rcerasoli@aol.com spoke at our General Meeting and gave a brief history of his recruitment for the job. He was offered the job without knowing the salary. It has been a tumultuous fight for what he needed to do the job. He now has \$3.4 million to operate his office. What does an Inspector General do? The office does investigations and audits of city entities. There is an independent attorney and police monitor. Inspector General Cerasoli is on the radio (6.90 am) every Wednesday at 5 pm and can be reached at 504-681-3200. He feels that his job is to be efficient and effective to make changes. When asked what can we do to help, he replied be supportive and patient. He said he will take himself out of the mix if his reputation is jeopardized. Thank You Inspector General Cerasoli for attending our meeting.

Candidates running for office on December 6, 2008 came to speak are:

- J.P Morrell - running for State Senator District 3
- Sean Barney running for State Senator for District 3

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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General Meeting • Monday, January 19

NEXT GENERAL MEETING • Monday, February 16, 2009

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