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Les Amis de Marigny

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

4th Annual Walking Tour
10/18 * 10 am – 4 pm
Washington Square Park

General Meeting 10/19
6:30 Pot Luck * 7:15 Meeting
2624 Burgundy St

NOVEMBER

Board Meeting 11/4
6:30 pm * Location TBD

Fringe Festival
11/11 - 16

General Meeting 11/16
6:30 Pot Luck * 7:15 Meeting
2624 Burgundy St

DECEMBER

Board Meeting 12/2
6:30 pm * Location TBD

25th Annual Candlelight
Caroling /Holiday Art Market
12/13 10 am / 6 pm

Meet the Neighbors
2nd Tuesday * 6:30 pm
See website for location

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District
2nd Wednesday * 7 pm
2372 St. Claude Ave

8th District
2nd Thursday * 5:30 pm
1001 Toulouse

**St. Claude Avenue
Main Street Meetings**
Call 616-7637

**Upper 9th Ward
Green Market**
Saturdays * 1 - 4 pm
3820 St. Claude Ave

President's Report

By Chris Costello

Congratulations to everyone who has helped make our neighborhood a great place to live, work and play. Our efforts have been recognized by being selected as one of the Top Ten Great American Neighborhoods by the American Planning Association. This distinction is the culmination of 39 years of focused efforts, thousands of hours of volunteering and a belief that we can build a great neighborhood by working together. This is a great honor and we thank Harold Katner, Eugene Cizek and the Tulane School of Architecture for lighting the spark that has led us to this great day.

We are in the start of another year for our organization. I would like to thank my past board for all their work in helping us make our neighborhood better. Without their tireless efforts we would have not been able to accomplish so much. A special thanks to Brian Frye, Stephen Fowlkes and Lisa Boudreaux for all their work on the board.

I would like to welcome to the board Ken Caron and thank Reg, Deborah and Ron for running for the board again. With these seasoned and skilled individuals, it will be another great year for our organization.

I have again been selected to serve as president. It has been a privilege to server these last four years and I look forward working with my new board as well as my fellow Marigny neighbors to make our neighborhood even better. We have never before had the opportunity to make so much positive change. Please join us as we work together to shape our future.

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October 18th will be our 4th Annual Walking Tour, art market, music in the park and kids activity area. Thank you to Lloyd Sensat and Bill Hyland for producing this tour. This year the tour will focus Come by and help us celebrates on the Marigny rectangle. In addition to the events of the day we will have a presentation to memorialize our award. (more on pg 2)

As part of the preparation for our Walking Tour we ask that everyone to set aside some time to straighten up the front of their property. We will be showing off our neighborhood and want it to look its best!

Our Main Street is sponsoring the Fringe Festival as part of the State wide Main to Main celebration which will be held in November. This event showcases the breadth of artistic talent we have in our neighborhood and the city. The side walk art chalk contest will be held on 11/15 at 2 pm. We encourage kids young and old to come decorate the sidewalk in the Marigny. (more on page 6,9)

The idea of opening our riverfront to the public was championed by all. Since that time the plans have changed such that a portion of the park will no longer be for recreation but become an outdoor entertainment venue. Although the use of the park for public and private events is smart, to rely on this revenue for the maintenance of the park is not. Our goal is to educate the public on the plans for the park and its funding so we may better understand its needs and find better solutions and mitigate the inevitable negative impacts on the neighborhood. (more on page 3)

Our success as a neighborhood is due to the creative spirit and dedication of our residents. For us to continue our success we need people to invest time into neighborhood. If we rest now we may jeopardize all the hard work we have done over the last 39 years to help stabilize the neighborhood and to make it a place where people want to live, work and play. We need your help now more than ever.



American Planning Association
Designates

Faubourg Marigny

One of the Top 10

Great Neighborhoods for 2009

*The American Planning Association
celebrates excellence in planning*

We are elated to pass along the good news.

The American Planning Association has selected the Faubourg Marigny as one of the Top 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2009. Faubourg Marigny was selected from over 200 nominations and is the only Louisiana neighborhood to receive this distinction.

Through Great Places in America, APA recognizes unique and authentic characteristics found in three essential components of all communities: streets, neighborhoods and public spaces. APA Great Places offer better choices for where and how people work and live every day, places that are enjoyable, safe and desirable. Such places are defined by many characteristics, including architectural features, accessibility, functionality and community involvement but most importantly good urban planning.

This award is the culmination of 39 years of civic involvement and demonstrates that good planning is key to a successful neighborhood. Hats off to all who have worked so hard to make our neighborhood what it is today. This award would not be possible if it were not for the leadership of Harold Katner and Eugene Cizek with assistance of the Tulane School of Architecture.

The nine other APA 2009 Great Neighborhoods are:

- Pasadena, California - Bungalow Heaven
- Lincoln, Nebraska - The Haymarket
- Kenmore, New York - Village of Kenmore
- Fargo, North Dakota - Downtown Fargo
- Portland, Oregon - Ladd's Addition
- Franklin, Tennessee - Franklin Historic District
- Houston, Texas - Montrose
- Newport News, Virginia - Historic Hilton Village
- Spokane, Washington - Browne's Addition

For more information about these neighborhoods, as well as lists of the 2009 APA 10 Great Streets and 10 Great Public Places visit, www.planning.org/greatplaces.



4th Annual Walking Tour, Art Market, Music & Kid's Area October 18th, 2009

Explore New Orleans' most Creole neighborhood Faubourg Marigny, where the spirit of the Marquis Antoine Xavier Bernard Phillippe de Marigny de Mandeville still haunts this historic neighborhood which he established in 1805. Named by the American Planning Association as one of the Top 10 Great American Neighborhoods in 2009, it is the only Louisiana neighborhood to ever make the list.

The leisurely walking tour of the neighborhood will be lead by neighborhood preservationists. The tour starts at Washington Square, our neighborhood living room and continues down Frenchman Street, passing its



famous Jazz clubs and restaurants. Learn to identify the various New Orleans architectural types and styles from Creole cottages, slave quarters to Victorian shotguns. See the magnificent Germany Churches of "Little Saxony" and the historic restorations of: Sam Wilson, Eugene Cizek, Frank Masson and Rick Fifield. Stroll by the haunts of Bernard de Marigny and hear about his life and times. Highlights include: Stella and Stanley's apartment in Tennessee William's "Streetcar Named Desire" boyhood home of Bernard "Big Duke" Docusen, and George V. "Papa" Laine and current celebrity homes of James Michalopoulos, George "Blue Dog" Rodrigue, Paul Prudhomme. The tour also includes: the Krewe Du Vieux den, Homer Plessy site, Lazarus House, and the St. Rock Market. End the tour at Washington Square for the Art Mart, Musical performances, kids activities and meditate at the Aids Memorial.

The tour emphasizes history, art and architecture, landscape design and personal anecdotes of life in the neighborhood today. Faubourg Marigny is not Disneyland. It is the real thing...Experience the authentic Creole New Orleans...This is Faubourg Marigny.

Also, Washington Square Park will host an art market, where renowned local artists will showcase and sell their work. Visitors will also enjoy live, local music by Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue & the Gypsy Swing Band of New Orleans while they shop the art market.

A Kids Activity area will feature fun activities for kids during the Walking Tour.

Days Events

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Art Market & Kids Activity Area
 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.- Tour tickets available in Washington Square Park
 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Music
 11:00 a.m. – Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue
 1:00 p.m. – Great American Neighborhood Award Ceremony
 2:00 p.m. – Gypsy Swing Band of New Orleans
 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Walking Tour

Tickets for the tour will be available day of in Washington Square Park for \$15. Tours start from Washington Square Park every 30 minutes. The Art Market, Music and Kids Area are free. Visit www.faubourgmarigny.org for more information.

2009-10 Board

Congratulations to our new board members...

Ken Caron, Reg Medellin, Deborah Oppenheim & Ron Petty

And to our new executive board...

Chris Costello, President
 Reg Medellin, Vice-President
 Eva Campos, Treasurer
 Gretchen Bomboy, Corresponding Secretary
 Deborah Oppenheim, Recording Secretary

For those who do not have the time to be a Board Member you can always get involved through committees. The FMIA works best when everyone pitches in so if you have something you are interested in let a board member know. A list of committees is contained within.

Deception on the River? Update

We held a public meeting on October 6th at NOCCA to discuss the plans for our riverfront park. The New Orleans Building Corporation (NOBC) was invited and accepted the invitation but then decided the day of the meeting not to attend. We are sorry they chose not to attend as it was a very productive meeting with both sides listening to each other's concerns. We are all on the same page. We all want a riverfront park but we need to make sure it is designed and funded properly to mitigate the residents' concerns and make sure it remains the beautiful doorway to the City we were promised.

We were happy to have both Representatives La Fonta and Brossett at the meeting who both stated that they felt that the current parking and traffic plans for the park were inadequate for the neighborhood. In a meeting earlier that day with Councilperson Clarkson, NOBC and the downriver neighborhoods, Councilperson Clarkson also expressed concerns over the parking and traffic issues. The concerns of the residents we have brought up to NOBC at their five meetings are:

Parking – The plan only calls for less than 70 spaces along the riverfront wall in the Marigny many of which are already used. The plan points to the lots on Elysian Fields for overflow but these spaces are already used as well the parking in the French Quarter. The parking in Bywater is too far away from the venue. The current draft of the



agreement allows for 3 events a month for 3000+ people with the possibility of holding up to 2999 people for an event each day the remaining 27 days in the month. These events will need more than 70 spaces. So where will they park?

Access – The plan only has one access point in the neighborhood although we have asked for more similar to the Moon Walk and Woldenberg Park. A concern is how these events will affect a resident's access to the park? For the venue to set up they would have to close off the park?

Security – How many security personnel will be on duty during the day or during an event? What about security in the neighborhood for patrons leaving the event? Who is responsible for damage to homes, buildings, cars etc of residents before during and after events? (You should have 1 security person for every 100 patrons www.publicvenuesecurity.com).

Traffic – There is currently no plan to address the traffic increase of 1000's of people who will come into the area.

Noise – What resources will residents who are affected by the noise of the event have? Is the City responsible? The venue's act(s)? The landlord of the park? Are sound barriers part of the building plan?

Trash – Has a trash contract been discussed with any of the local companies? How far into the neighborhood will the contract cover for post event cleanup? How soon after event will cleanup occur?

Maintenance – To date no one has publically signed on to maintain the park. Why? Of equal concern is that the operating capital of the park is generated from the rental of the venue. If the venue is not rented there is no money to do the maintenance or repairs of the park.

Use – We have understood that the space would be used for the occasional event. As neighborhoods we already live with the impact of several city functions such as Mardi Gras, French Quarter Fest, St Patrick's Day etc and are happy to contribute to the success of these events. As outlined, our park would be used 3 weekends out of the month for 3 events of 3000+ people. When would we get to enjoy the park?

Funding – The funding source for the operation (security, maintenance, repairs etc.) of the park is generated from the rental of the venue. If the venue is not rented there is no money to do the maintenance or repairs of the park. We need to have dedicated, reoccurring funding source to maintain the park.

Our goal is to move this project forward but to do so making sure all parties concerns are listened to and mitigated.

Some Accomplishments in 2008/9

- Produced and led the campaign to educate our elected officials and the Port of New Orleans to move the plant to a more suitable location.
- Worked with City Planning on the New Master Plan to strengthen our land use and zoning.
- Raised the funds to spray the beautiful oaks in Washington Square Park to rid them of the buck moth caterpillars and fertilize them.
- Raised \$20,000 for projects in our neighborhood to include repairs and improvements to Washington Square Park.
- Maintained Washington Square Park for another year by coordinating weekly trash removal, quarterly clean ups, and routine maintenance to keep our park open and beautiful.
- Monitored the progress of the riverfront project to ensure our quality of life issues are mitigated and there is proper planning and funding to guarantee the project will be a success.
- Coordinated events including Meet the Neighbors, art markets and music in the park to help build community and bring sales to our local businesses.
- Planted 100 trees in the neighborhood under our Marigny Green initiative.
- 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.

Our New Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update

The City hosted an open house at the Dryades YMCA to unveil the second draft of the Land Use plan. We were please to see that the master planning team included our suggestions which both improved our land use as well as corrected issues that have been discovered since we worked with City Planning to develop our own zoning.

The City Planning Commission (CPC) has scheduled 3 special public hearings for more public input on the Master Plan. The hearing will be held in the City



Council Chambers (1300 Perdido St.) and the dates are:

TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 4:30 – 9PM

FRIDAY, OCT. 16, 4:30 – 9PM

TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 3:30 – 5:30PM

Written comments may be submitted to the CPC via mail at 1340 Poydras Street, #900, New Orleans 70112 – Attn: Master Plan. Comments may also be faxed to 658-7032 or e-mailed to nola.masterplan@goodyclancy.com. Written comments must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5pm. The Commission is expect to take action at its Nov. 10 meeting.

The Plan may be reviewed on the project website at www.nolamasterplan.org or selected locations throughout the city. For further information on the agenda or to request assistance to participate, contact the City Planning Commission Office at 504-658-7033.

Colton School Renovation

The Recovery School District (RSD) held another meeting regarding the renovation of Colton School on October 6 at St Paul Lutheran School. The architects presented the most recent plans for the school and opened it up for questions to get feedback from the public as well as solicit help to come up with solutions to some of the issues such as traffic flow and parking for the faculty.

The school is being designed to house preschool through 8th grades, however, the actual grade levels, the operator of the school, whether public or charter, and the specifics on curriculum are not known at this time. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2011.

We will continue to monitor the progress and work with the RSD to incorporate the comments and suggestions provided at the meeting. If you would like to make a comment or suggestion please email us at info@faubourgmarigny.org.

Yours Truly in a Swamp

Below The Level of The Sea Part Two

by

Leonard Earl Johnson

Diaspora here is thy sting

Think of closing your front door one day and having all the Life you lived behind it disappear. You are not dead but the Life you lived is. The people where you drank your morning coffee are gone. The waiters are gone. Your job. The bar where you stopped on the way home. All gone.

We spent the day before Hurricane Katrina at Squalor Heights, our Faubourg Marigny garret apartment. We watched television.

New Orleans Mayor, Ray Nagin, spoke somberly in crisis appropriate but metaphorically odd phrases like, *"Get out of Dodge."*

This is the Deep South, we thought, not the Wild West.

By this time, The City had issued a mandatory evacuation order but offered no help doing so. Just the advice to *"Get out of Dodge"* if you can, pardner.

If you can not saddle up and ride off, then write your old S. S. number on your arm with one'a them indelible magic markers. Yup! *"This is the real deal,"* the big bossman reckoned.

Jefferson Parish President, Aaron Broussard, said, *"This is the 'Big One,' folks."*

A few days later, in Saint Bernard Parish -- the parish below Broussard's -- thirty-five Saint Rita Nursing Home residents drowned after days of pleading for help. One of them was Mother to Aaron Broussard's safety director.

The following week, on Meet The Press, Broussard broke down and cried. He bowed his head in front of the nation and wept. Moderator, Tim Russert, had asked a weaving question laced with cool objectivity. The subject was FEMA. The transcript follows:

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Washington Square Park Renovation

We are continuing to move forward with our renovation of our park. We are still in the process of securing bids for the repairs and improvements. If you have ideas for either of these please let us know.

We could also use some help finding bids for the work. Please let us know if you can help.

Marigny Green

ReLight: During FMIA's 4th Annual Walking tour, we will be having a fundraiser to sell the stock of bug porch CFL lights for \$2.50 each. The Annual Walking Tour and Art Market is on Sunday, October 18th 10:00 – 4:00pm on the "green" in Washington Square Park. Marigny Green has invited other "green" organizations to participate, promoting additional resources available for our community, New Orleans and visitors.

Transportation: Our neighborhood is very bicycle oriented and we want to organize an interested group for a brainstorming session. Interested? Come to a Marigny Green meeting, October 12 at 6pm, 2535 Chartres Street.

Releaf: We aim to have a Winter Solstice planting, just in time to decorate for Christmas! Parkway Partners will be providing forty indigenous species to us. (See the list on our website) We are focusing on indigenous species this year, as part of our mission to restore the environment. If you need holes cut in your sidewalk we offer a service to affordably cut 30" holes. Prices will be adjusted for extremely difficult cases or for larger holes. The city provides free stump removal. (Email kbleichner@cityofno.com) If you are interested or need more information contact Speck @ 948 0567 or Moose @ 610 9884, or email us at releaf@faubourgmarigny.org. Let us know your name, how many trees and what sort you would like, and the address where they will be placed. We need to place our request with Parkway Partners soon to get the free trees. So get in touch now!!!



Meet The Neighbors Night

Come meet your neighbors, support our local businesses and enjoy your neighborhood and neighbors at our Meet the Neighbors night. We are on our third year and it keeps getting better.

Thank you to Marie's Bar for hosting our September event. As a new bar in neighborhood it was a great way for them to introduce themselves to the neighborhood. As always, it was great to see so many faces, new and seasoned, to help welcome Marie's Bar and catch up with neighborhood news and events.

Our next installment will be on November 10th. Check our website for location and time of future events.

ST. CLAUDE AVENUE
MAIN STREET



By Eva Campos, Interim Manager

The St. Claude Ave Main Street board has grown by two new members: Ben McLeish from St Roch Community Church and Jeanne Reaux from the Bywater. Thank you Ben and Jeanne for your interest and commitment in making St Claude a destination in New Orleans, we look forward to working with you.

We are working on our upcoming Main-To-Main Event, The New Orleans Fringe Fest. The event will be held November 11-15, 2009. They need volunteers to help in various areas, if you would like to help contact ben@nofringe.org or sign up on their website www.nofringe.org.



St Claude Main Street is working in alliance with the FMIA to eradicate blight in our neighborhood. SCMS is aggressively going after properties that are blighted and have received positive feedback from some owners. We will keep working on the rest.

Are we moving closer to having Robert’s Grocery on Elysian Fields opening? Earlier this month the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a \$21.6 million insurance judgment in favor of Robert Fresh Market. The court also ordered United Fire & Casualty Insurance Co. to pay them an additional \$1 million in bad faith damages for unreasonably failing to pay what was necessary to fix Hurricane Katrina windstorm and other damage on five supermarkets. We will keep you posted as news becomes available.

NO MORE BLIGHT



JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT

As part of our plan to combat blight, we have been helping the City cite owners of blighted properties. 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.

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 blight@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 Code Enforcement

- 2424-26 Dauphine Street – Case Rest for 10/7/2009
- 2604-06 Dauphine Street - Cond Guilty \$300 daily fine
- 1728 Pauger Street - Cond. Guilty. no daily fines
- 2005 Royal Street - Cond Guilty. \$400 daily fine.
- 2613 Royal Street - Case Reset for 10/22/2009

Status of Demolition By Neglect

None



25th Annual Candlelight Caroling & Holiday Art Market

We are four months away from our 25th Annual Candlelight Caroling and Holiday Art Market on December 13, 2009. This is our silver anniversary! Congratulations to all those that have helped continue this tradition.

We are in the planning stages and need your help. As with our other events we need volunteers to help plan the event as well as volunteers to help the day of the event.

The planning committees are:

- Volunteer * Art Market * Caroling * Brochure * Music
- * PR/Media * Photography * Site Logistics * Sales
- Logistics * Kids Areas.

Day of the event volunteers serve a two hour shift of their choice and help with tasks for the day.

If you are interested in volunteering out please contact volunteer chair Ron at 909-7047.



UPPER NINTH WARD
FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays 1-4 pm

By Greta Gladney

We're back, we have missed you and boy have we have been busy. First we bid farewell to our favorite market manager and rain dancer, Margery Pertuis. No doubt she will stop by every now and then to share laughs and a drink with us in the shade. Margery we love you and will miss you.

Here's our October calendar:

October 24 Market Grand Re-opening; Treme Brass Band performs; Sankofa Saturdays youth reading group sponsored by Guardians of the Flame Mardi Gras Indians

October 29 November 1 – The Renaissance Project hosts our 2nd Annual Gardening Convening Regrowing Communities: People Nurture Plants Nurture People

Fringe Festival 2009

This year's Fringe will be a extraordinary week of theater of all types, featuring over **45 groups** and over **100 shows** from New Orleans and around the country. Opera buffa, drama, cryptic revival, physical clown-theater, dark comedy, cabaret, romance noir, overhead projector shadow puppetry, butoh, hip hop, dance theater, environmental performance, puppet aerial musical....and many other innovative, original, provocative, beautiful shows. There is something for everyone. Set aside **November 11-15** to catch as many as you can.

Try the *Fringe Pu-Pu Platter: Tiny Festival Tastes* October 24, 8 pm

Come sample Fringe shows that will be at the Fringe Festival in November. Ten shows will present short pieces... enjoy drinks and food and Fringe. At the **Sidearm Gallery at 1122 St. Roch on October 24, at 8 pm. FREE!**

This program is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council. This program is supported in part by a Community Arts Grant made possible by the City of New Orleans. The grant is administered through the Arts Council of New Orleans. This program is supported in part by the Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation.

www.nofringe.org

Walk the Beat 2009

Join us on October 17, 2009 at Lafayette Square for the 13th annual Walk the Beat which raise essential funds for training, technical equipment and crime fighting supplies for our police officers. The need for these crucial supplies has only increased as most were either destroyed or washed away in Katrina's flood waters. Effective crime fighting requires 21st century equipment. We need your help to insure that our police are using the most up to date and state of the art supplies to help deter and stop criminal activity in our city.

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Yours Truly in a Swamp
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Mr. Russert: Jefferson Parish President Broussard, let me start with you. You just heard the director of Homeland Security's explanation of what has happened this last week. What is your reaction?

MR. AARON BROUSSARD: We have been abandoned by our own country. Hurricane Katrina will go down in history as one of the worst storms ever to hit an American coast, but the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will go down as one of the worst abandonments of Americans on American soil ever in U.S. history.

I am personally asking our bipartisan congressional delegation here in Louisiana to immediately begin congressional hearings to find out just what happened here. Why did it happen? Who needs to

be fired? And believe me, they need to be fired right away, because we still have weeks to go in this tragedy. We have months to go. We have years to go. And whoever is at the top of this totem pole, that totem pole needs to be chain-sawed off and we've got to start with some new leadership.

It's not just Katrina that caused all these deaths in New Orleans here. Bureaucracy has committed murder here in the greater New Orleans area, and bureaucracy has to stand trial before Congress now. It's so obvious.

FEMA needs more congressional funding. It needs more presidential support. It needs to be a Cabinet-level director. It needs to be an independent agency that will be able to fulfill its mission to work in partnership with state and local governments around America.

FEMA needs to be empowered to do the things it was created to do. It needs to come somewhere, like New Orleans, with all of its force immediately, without red tape, without bureaucracy, act immediately with common sense and leadership, and save lives. Forget about the property. We can rebuild the property. It's got to be able to come in and save lives.

We need strong leadership at the top of America right now in order to accomplish this and to -- reconstructing FEMA.

MR. RUSSERT: Mr. Broussard, let me ask--I want to ask--should...

MR. BROUSSARD: You know, just some quick examples...

MR. RUSSERT: Hold on. Hold on, sir. Shouldn't the mayor of New Orleans and the governor of New Orleans bear some responsibility? Couldn't they have been much more forceful, much more effective and much more organized in evacuating the area?

MR. BROUSSARD: Sir, they were told like me, every single day, "The cavalry's coming," on a federal level, "The cavalry's coming, the cavalry's coming, the cavalry's coming." I have just begun to hear the hoofs of the cavalry. The cavalry's still not here yet, but I've begun to hear the hoofs, and we're almost a week out.

Let me give you just three quick examples. We had Wal-Mart deliver three trucks of water, trailer trucks



of water. FEMA turned them back. They said we didn't need them. This was a week ago. FEMA--we had 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel on a Coast Guard vessel docked in my parish. The Coast Guard said, "Come get the fuel right away." When we got there with our trucks, they got a word. "FEMA says don't give you the fuel."

Yesterday--yesterday--FEMA comes in and cuts all of our emergency communication lines. They cut them without notice. Our sheriff, Harry Lee, goes back in, he reconnects the line. He posts armed guards on our line and says, "No one is getting near these lines." Sheriff Harry Lee said that if America--American government would have responded like Wal-Mart has responded, we wouldn't be in this crisis.

But I want to thank Governor Blanco for all she's done and all her leadership. She sent in the National Guard. I just repaired a breach on my side of the 17th Street canal that the secretary didn't foresee, a 300-foot breach. I just completed it yesterday with convoys of National Guard and local parish workers and levee board people. It took us two and a half days working 24/7. I just closed it.

MR. RUSSERT: All right.

MR. BROUSSARD: I'm telling you most importantly I want to thank my public employees...

MR. RUSSERT: All right.

MR. BROUSSARD: ...that have worked 24/7. They're burned out, the doctors, the nurses.

And I want to give you one last story and I'll shut up and let you tell me whatever you want to tell me. The guy who runs this building I'm in, emergency management, he's responsible for everything. His mother was trapped in St. Bernard nursing home and every day she called him and said, "Are you coming, son? Is somebody coming?" And he said, "Yeah, Mama, somebody's coming to get you. Somebody's coming to get you on Tuesday. Somebody's coming to get you on Wednesday. Somebody's coming to get you on Thursday. Somebody's coming to get you on Friday." And she drowned Friday night. She drowned Friday night.

MR. RUSSERT: Mr. President...

MR. BROUSSARD: Nobody's coming to get us. Nobody's coming to get us. The secretary has

promised. Everybody's promised. They've had press conferences. I'm sick of the press conferences. For God sakes, shut up and send us somebody.

MR. RUSSERT: Just take a pause, Mr. President. While you gather yourself in your very emotional times, I understand, let me go to Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi.

"We had tons of good times (at Saint Rita's), and we had one bad time. We had everything one day, and the next day it was gone," Saint Rita's owners, Sal and Mabel Mangano told reporters.

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ORCHIDS

-  To Ken Caron for stepping up to join the board and make the neighborhood a better place.
-  To Deborah, Reg and Ron for their countless hours of service and for continuing on the board.
-  To the American Planning Association for recognizing the planning efforts the residents and neighborhood have put forth to create a livable, walkable neighborhood.
-  To Representatives LaFonta and Brossett for recognizing the issues with the proposed venue and opposing it.

ONIONS

-  To the New Orleans Building Corporation for backing out of attending the public meeting on the riverfront.
-  To homeowners who do clean up the sidewalk and gutter in front of their homes.
-  To dog owners that do not pick up after their dogs.



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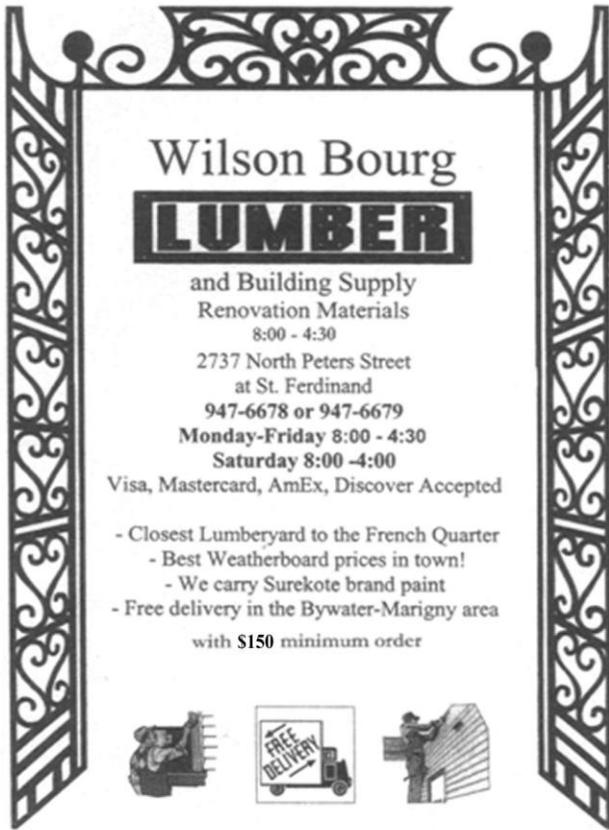


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White Elephant Sale & Auction

November 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Auction, Yard Sale, and Raffle — something for everyone. Some of the best French Quarter businesses, restaurants, hotels, art galleries and shops donate gift certificates and auction items for this event. The yard sale items are all donations from members and friends of The Patio Planters du Vieux Carré, and include jewelry, books, clothing, and plants. Baskets of Cheer full of wine and spirits are raffled off throughout the day. This November fund raiser takes place at the corner of Royal and St. Philip Streets in the parking lot of the Little Red Schoolhouse (McDonogh 15). Donations and auction items are accepted year-round by The Patio Planters of the Vieux Carré. Admission: free and open to the public.



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Presented by Artist Inc, and sponsored by Old New Orleans Rum, Abita Beer and the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, Elysian Fleas launches October 11 in the shady, tree-lined courtyard next to Michalopoulos Studio at 527 Elysian Fields on the corner of Chartres St. Hours are 11 am to 5 pm.

Elysian Fleas will host holiday markets on November 21 and December 19. For more information, and to inquire about vending, contact creemccree@gmail.com



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Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2009

Postponed to next issue.

General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

Chris opened the meeting at 7:15pm and welcomed everyone.

Announcements:

1) Recovery School District: Colton School is slated to be restored to accommodate pre-school – 8th grade. Oct 6 is a public meeting at 5:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran. If you live in the area, please come to this meeting. Please invite everyone.

2) Oct 17 at Lafayette Square is 'Walk the Beat' for 8th and 5th Districts. FMIA supports both Police Districts through a donation.

3) Meet the Neighbors at Schiro's on October 13th from 6:30 to 8:30. Chef Julie will be cooking some of her yummy Food. See ya there.

4) Marigny mugs (\$5) and T Shirts(\$10) are great gifts and retro Poison Port T-shirts are available.

5) Charity Hospital: This is an ongoing struggle in lower Mid-City. The residents were not notified that their property will be seized to build the VA and LSU hospital complex. They are facing the wrecking ball. The city suspended the rule of law and a lawsuit has been filed. You are invited to a public meeting Wednesday, October 7th 6:30pm at Grace Episcopal Church 3700 Canal St. (parking lot in back of church). For more information contact Brad Ott 504-269-4951 bradott@bellsouth.net or Derrick Morrison 504-908-5310 dmorrison33@cox.net

6) Elysian Fleas - Reese Johanson a Marigny resident came to talk about the new Elysian Fleas market on October 11th at 527 Elysian Fields corner of Chartres featuring multi arts performances, food and vendors, vintage, and fashion designers. For more information contact Reese at reese@artistinc.org

7) New Orleans' Most Endangered Sites 2009 is a project of the Landmarks Society. The purpose of the program is to build awareness of architecturally and historically significant places in New Orleans that are in danger of being lost. New Orleans' Nine Most Endangered 2009 list included the New Orleans Center for the Education of Adults 1815 St. Claude, 400 Block of North Rampart Street, and Downtown Riverfront Neighborhoods. FMIA wants to say Thank You for recognizing our plight.

Elections: A Board Member is elected for 2 years and four positions are needed. At the General Meeting in August, the Membership Committee nominated Ken Caron, Reg Medellin, Deborah Oppenheim, and Ron Petty. There were no nominations from the floor. Chris moved by acclamation to accept the nominees for 2009-2010, Gene second, VOTE: Unanimous. Chris thanked past Board Members Brian Frye, Stephen Fowlkes and Lisa Boudreaux for their work on the Board. Chris gave a special thanks to Brian Frye the FMIA's past treasurer who did an amazing job for FMIA by taking us out of the dark ages with our accounting



system. He diligently typed into the accounting software every transaction for the past seven years in addition to his other responsibilities of treasurer. Thank you Brian for all your hard work on the Board and all his work as treasurer. Brian is juggling work and studying at UNO for a MBA. Brian is a supporter of FMIA and we know he will always help us out. A round of applause for Brian and a big THANK YOU!

UPDATES:

1) October 18, 2009 is our 4th Annual Walking Tour (guided) featuring the Marigny rectangle. The tour begins at Washington Square Park with music, Art Market, Kids and Marigny Green Areas. We need volunteers before, the day of, and clean-up. VOLUNTEERS can get a free ticket to the tour. The shifts are 2 hrs. If you are not a member you can volunteer. The Walking Tour inception was to have an educational tour for the bicentennial year. Lloyd Sensat, Bill Hyland, and Gene Cizek have collaborative to create a wonderful historical and educational tour of our neighborhood. Come and enjoy the event and the activities in Washington Square Park.

2) Marigny Green Update: Marigny Green will be part of FMIA's 4th Annual Walking Tour and Art Market. This is Marigny Green first designated area on the 'green' in Washington Square Park. Marigny Green has invited other 'green' resources to participate promoting additional resources available in New Orleans for our community, New Orleans and visitors. Marigny Green ReLight will sell the stock of bug CFLs light for \$2.50 as a fundraiser. Speck said Marigny Green/ ReLeaf are gearing up for the next season and for more information contact Speck at marignyreleaf@gmail.com. Marigny Green ReCycle has found out that Radio Shack does not take alkaline batteries. We are researching other possibilities. Our neighborhood is very bicycle oriented and we are ready to investigate this initiative. Marigny Green's meeting is the second Monday of the month at 2535 Chartres St. 6pm and everyone is invited. For more information contact deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org.

3) Gene Cizek, Studio Program has 27 students focusing on our neighborhood, new Marigny, and the riverfront. They have access to the data collected by FEMA. The students will create visual images from what we would like to see happen in the neighborhoods. The students have toured the

Marigny (triangle and rectangle, 7th Ward, and St. Claude's Main Street. They are working with the 7th Ward and the Porch, Main St. Each student has a group and each student also has an individual topic to explore. They are trying to get articles, information and photographs (will digitalize and returned). If you have information to share, please contact Jeanne Marquez jeanne.marquez@gmail.com. All the data will be put together in a book about the area. Gene said a wise professor told him to look at the Marigny and that it could be a 'new' historic district when he studied at Tulane. Thus, the Marigny started as a Tulane Project and from that study Marigny zoning became a reality. Gene introduced his teaching assistant Jeanne Marquez a Marigny resident, teacher Mark Thomas, and Casey, teachers' assistant.

The students' focus areas are:

1) St. Claude Avenue: This group will work with Main Street, HRI, and few other realtors and thinking about what should be on St. Claude, real estate values for the past two decades, and RTA (revitalizing the St. Claude streetcar).

2) St. Roch Avenue: Looking at the St. Roch's corridor, the linear walk area, and St. Roch's Market.

3) Franklin Avenue and Almonaster: What is vacant, what was the past and current usage and ideas for infill.

4) St. Bernard Avenue: Investigate the controversy of FEMA district and the effects of the elevated interstate and Circle Grocery. They are asking for images to digitalize and will be returned.

5) Riverfront: Reviewing the Riverfront Vision 2005, the current proposal by New Orleans Building Corporation, and how the area will be developed.

6) St. Claude: This group by respecting the past and present culture will examine this area and the juxtaposition of past to present.

7) Elysian Fields: This group will explore economic development.

8) Franklin Ave Corridor: To revitalize the area focusing on blight including the new Marigny.



Topics:

1) Cold Storage: We won! Chris said it is an incredible journey and he is so proud of how hard we and all the other neighborhoods worked together to make our city great. We were able to educate the Port and show them why the location was not appropriate. We were going to have a fundraiser but now we will have a celebration. There will be a silent auction and a fun party. Check our website for more details. It was a concerted effort by elected officials, behind the scenes people, our residents, FQ, Bywater, city wide support, and out-of-towners. It took lots and lots of people to make this happen and we want to say THANK YOU.

2) New Master Plan: We have a good relationship with Goody Clancy. There are some mistakes which are being discussed such as density and blight. The mistakes will be corrected. The Master Plan will become a comprehensive ordinance which gives the City recourse to enforce the laws.

3) Engage NOLA: Chris four years ago was on a panel to interview mayoral candidates. It was a question and answer forum. They are asking us for good questions. Please send some of your questions which we will post to the e-mail list and website news@faubourgmarigny.org.

4) Riverfront: Everyone wants the Riverfront Park and not a venue. Mandeville Wharf will be turned into a venue with continuous events. This is totally out of character for the neighborhood. Since 2006, we have had numerous discussions with New Orleans Building Corporation (NOBC) to discuss our quality of life issues such as parking, trash, noise, and park access. Chris insisted that the operator of the park enter into a Good Neighborhood Agreement (GNA) with the Marigny. We received the draft copy and all they said was that they will follow what the rules of the city! According to the GNA, the venue can have three, 3000+ person events a month plus they can ask for more if they send a letter. They can also host events the other 27 days of the month for crowds of up to 2999 people. Who is counting the numbers? Council-at-Large Jackie Clarkson has scheduled a meeting on October 6th with Councilperson Carter, city agencies, New Orleans Building Corporation and other pertinent groups.

Q: Parking spaces?

A: This is a problem. We certainly want the Riverfront Park not a venue. Parking is difficult on regular days in our neighborhood and this compounds the problem.

Q: Access to the Park?

A: Our only access is on Mandeville and the others are in the Bywater. Our park area would not be opened if there is an event.

Q: Maintenance?

A: There is no budget for perpetual care. Maintenance is critical to the park so it won't become an eye sore.

Q: Why can't they use some of the \$30 million for perpetual care?

A: It seems that they are focusing on making this a beautiful place and not what is needed. We would prefer a good foundation and down the road gradually add the architectural aspects. Presently, there is a Section 106 for the Riverfront.

Q: How would the Riverfront Park happen if Mandeville wharf is not a venue?

A: They would need a millage to help with maintenance plus some appropriate events with ample parking. Quality of life issues would have to be addressed.

Q: Is Audubon Institute going to manage the area?

A: New Orleans Building Corporation told us that they were involved. Chris had a meeting with the Audubon Institute and they said this was not true.

Q: If there is an event, would we still have access?

A: The Riverfront Park would probably be closed. A ramp is projected going/coming by the Mint.

Speakers:

1) Officer Matthew Alsina Sr. 504-658-6557 is our Quality of Life officer for 5th District. He talked about the HOT SHEET. A HOT Sheet is used by the NOPD to identify these areas where illegal activities have occurred or potential problems exist. Pick up a HOT SHEET Fifth District Station 2372 St. Claude Ave. 70119 or download from our website. There are important numbers on the back of the HOT SHEET. He is assigned to the 5th District two days a week but since there have been so many complaints, he is allowed 4 days for awhile. NONPAC meeting is every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at 2372 St. Claude Ave. Officer Alsina said that people do not like to give their name and therefore there is no one for them to contact. Please come to the



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2) Office of Recovery, Charles Belonge: This is now called Office of Community Development, email cbbelonge@cityofno.com 504- 658-438. There are 5 people in the unit. Their responsibilities are to hear concerns and report back to the City. Mr. Belonge said that NOCA is working to expand and add a culinary program on Press St. The Universal Building is working on the Healing Center. They have \$1.1 million into St. Roch market. They are looking for a developer. He stated they have had public meetings. A question was raised what was done with the \$1.1 million for St. Roch Market; it is boarded up. All the work that has been seen is four (4) guys cutting weeds. He said he was referring to the inside of the building. Mr. Belonge mentioned improvements to Armstrong Park.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

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