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*Les Amis de Marigny*

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

## WALK THE WALK

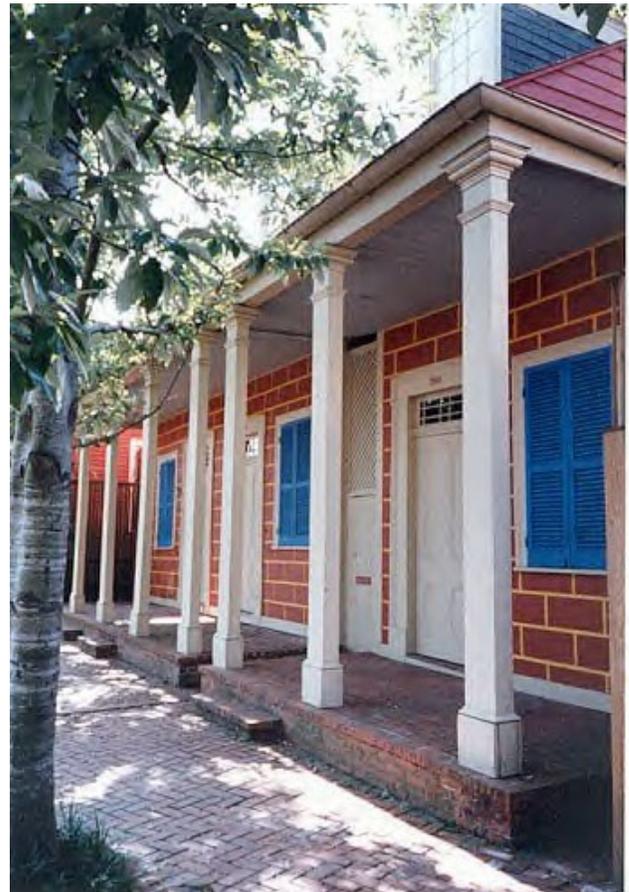
*by Chris Costello*

On the **5th Annual Walking Tour, Art Market, Music & Kid's Area** held on October 17, 2010, 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.

The leisurely walking tour of the neighborhood will be led by neighborhood preservationists. Learn to identify the various New Orleans architectural types and styles from Creole cottages, slave quarters to Victorian shotguns. See the Creole masterpieces of Jean Louis Dolliole, a free man of color, an entrepreneur, a builder/ architect. Relive the life and times of Bernard de Marigny and the saga of the Creoles vs. the "Americans". Hear the tragic stories of the slaves and the inspiring free people of color (gens de couleur libres), noting that the white Creoles and the black Creoles lived side by side in Faubourg Marigny. Highlights include: the bank robbed by Bonnie & Clyde, the location for Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire", the first Catholic school for blacks in America, the legendary Marie Laveau's father and daughter's houses, former homes of Terry Flettrich first lady of New Orleans television, Arthur Q. Davis architect for the Superdome and the famous jazz haunts and restaurants of Frenchmen Street. Stroll through Washington Square on Dauphine St. originally named "Great Men" because of the many prominent and famous people who lived there in the 19th century. 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 included is Sun Oak, which is a city landmark built in 1807 and remodeled in 1836. It is a Greek Revival galleried Creole cottage with a rusticated facade, dogtrot, and authentic period color scheme of French red, Creole putty, Amarillo yellow, Cuban blue. It is one of the most authentically restored houses in the neighborhood and has been featured in numerous books, magazines and the TV series: K-Ville. Marvel at the interior of the house with its fine antiques reflecting the grace and taste of Cre-

ole New Orleans a century ago. Tours of the house will be given by William de Marigny Hyland ( Bernard's great, great, great, great grandson) and Lloyd Sensat (the current personification of Bernard's restless ghost). To the rear of the house is the spectacular "Sun Oak" and the Father Francis Xavier Seelos Memorial Gardens.



Sun Oak, 2020 Burgundy Street

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Washington Square Park will host an art market, where renowned local artists will showcase and sell their work, including fine art, photography, jewelry, crafts, accessories, mosaics, home furnishings, wall art, tiles and more.



Lloyd Sensat as Bernard de Marigny

Visitors will also enjoy live, local music while they shop the art market. A Kids Activity area has been created that will feature fun activities for kids during the Walking Tour. After shopping at the Art Market, listening to great local music and taking the tour, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the historic Marigny neighborhood and stop at one of our great restaurants, coffee shops or bars and soak in the local flavor.

The event is on October 17th, 2010 in Washington Square Park. The Art Market, Music and Kids Area are free. The guided walking tour is \$15. Schedule : 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. - Art Market; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Music & Kids Area; 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Tour.

Tickets are available in Washington Square Park; Noon – 3:30 p.m. - Walking Tour. For more information visit [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org).

We are looking for volunteers. Day of the event volunteers serve a two hour shift of their choice and help with tasks for the day. They also get a free ticket to the tour. There is also a cleanup day in the park on 10/15 to make sure our park is the best it can be for our visitors. If you are interested in volunteering out please contact Maureen at [volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org).

## Colton School Committee

*by Michael Pizzolatto*

Many of you have heard the great news that our neighborhood school, Colton, will undergo a multi-year renovation that can provide the children in this area with a fantastic building and learning environment beginning in 2012. The unfortunate news is that the Recovery School District and their selected charter operator, KIPP, will not serve us as a neighborhood school with preferred enrollment to Marigny kids.

Over the past year, many of us have attended meetings with RSD to talk about the physical structure of Colton and the upcoming renovations. The RSD was more than willing to listen to us on design issues and incorporated some of our suggestions. However, they have been unwilling to talk with us about who will operate the school in the coming years. Paul Vallas, the RSD superintendent, told a small group of parents that the decision had already been made- nearly two years ago. If you as citizens are interested in having input on the selection of the charter operator, then please get involved now. If we intend on having an impact on the future of Colton it must take place in the coming months. We have many needs and can use volunteers in almost any capacity. If you can help, please contact Michael Pizzolatto, at [mpizz2@hotmail.com](mailto:mpizz2@hotmail.com).

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## Classifieds Now Available

The newsletter is now accepting classified ads. Personals, however, are not being accepted. Contact [ads@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:ads@faubourgmarigny.org) for prices.

## About the Newsletter

**Les Amis de Marigny** is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community. Contents, editorials and opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views of the FMIA, its Board or its members. Contents of Les Amis de Marigny are copyrighted. Permission to reprint any of the newsletter, including photographs and original artwork, must be obtained from the editor and/or byline columnist.

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The newsletter is published each month except July and December.

# President's Report

by Chris Costello

It has been a hot summer and very busy for the organization. August marked the start of our election cycle with our nominations meeting and will end with elections at our September meeting. I would like to thank those that have stepped forward to be on the Board to give their time and energy to help move our organization forward. Without volunteer support we would not be enjoying the neighborhood we have today.

With our elections comes the changing of the guard. I would like to thank Reg Medellin, Ron Petty and Brian Frye for their contribution to the organization. Both Reg and Brian have been on the board since Katrina and Ron joined as an appointee in 2009. Their time, dedication and input helped guide the organization to become better organized and in step with the new challenges we faced post storms. Thank you!

There has been significant buzz about the proposed taxing district. As the Marigny representative on the Commission, I was discouraged by the narrow minded focus on the French Quarter and the overwhelmingly biased agenda of the hospitality interests. I thought that Katrina taught us a valuable lesson that putting all our eggs in one basket, the hospitality industry, only made us more vulnerable as a city to the unpredictable whims of mother nature and the sensitive travel and tourism industry. It seems that we have not learned and are putting our resources into making New Orleans a better place for tourists rather than our residents. It has been said that the hospitality industry is the lowest hanging fruit so it is the easiest to benefit from but that is a short sighted vision that builds our economy on an industry that can be decimated overnight. We need to stop worrying about tourists and focus on the citizens that have spent their time and energy on rebuilding this city. Tourists will always come to New Orleans and if the city instead puts its resources into our infrastructure (education, roads, safety, neighborhoods, etc) it will create a place where people will move to which will create a more stable tax revenue stream. And with more people will come more opportunities for new businesses and industries to come to New Orleans and create more revenue for the city.

Our work over the last 5 years demonstrates that you do not need large scale projects or millions of public dollars to reinvigorate a neighborhood. By enacting simple safety and beautification initiatives

as well as seeking enforcement of the city's laws we have made our neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. As the city embarks to spend millions of dollars on projects within the city it should take a look at the simple, low budget initiatives neighborhoods have created to improve their quality of life and pass these ideas along to other neighborhoods to help them improve their quality of life. Residents must play a part in the revitalization of their neighborhoods. If they do not have a vested interest and have to work for it they will not take care of it. I would like to see the city reward neighborhoods for taking the initiative to improve their quality of life. It will not only reinvigorate them to do more but show other neighborhoods and their residents that they must create the change and be a part of it if they want to live in a better place. No good is done by giving to those who will not help themselves.

At the District C East Bank Town Hall meeting the Mayor spoke about the proposed riverfront and signing the contract with the developer within the next month. We have always been champions of opening the riverfront but have been concerned with the lack of the basic planning documents, a dedicated funding source

for the operation and maintenance of the park and lack of the access and recreation fields, courts and playground that are vital to residents and their health. We have emailed these concerns to the Mayor and await a response to our needs for the park. I hope that the administration is taking its time to plan for the success of the park and to make sure it is being made for the people who live here and not the people who visit here.

As we close the chapter on another year of the association I would like to thank our board for their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood. I would also like to thank our committee chairs giving their time and energy to improve our neighborhood as well as the numerous volunteers who help us carry out our mission to make the Marigny a better place to live work and play. I would also like to thank Parks & Parkways, Code Enforcement, HDLC and City Planning for working with us to create the neighborhood we have today. Working together we can rebuild our city better



## MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Lisa Tabb

The August Meet the Neighbors at John-Paul's on Elysian Fields turned into a hoedown for the monthly gathering. Our esteemed president emeritus, Gary deLeaumont, set the scene by offering Western dance instruction. People were lined up (literally) to participate. A good time was had by all.

It turned out to be a very large crowd, who were more than happy to imbibe and eat the wonderful snacks provided by our hosts. The atmosphere was absolutely amiable.

Our Meet the Neighbors gatherings have been one of FMIA's biggest successes, allowing members to come together and relax in a social setting. At these affairs we have no business to attend to except the exercising of the elbow. Again, thanks to John and Paul for providing us with another memorable evening.

Please join us for the next Meet the Neighbors Tuesday, October 12, 6:30 – 8:30 at The Lost Love Lounge. It is located at 2529 Dauphine St. on the corner of Franklin Ave. The building housing the Lost Love Lounge is one of the oldest—if not the oldest—continually operating locations for taverns in the Faubourg Marigny. This new neighborhood favorite serves up more than cocktails. You can enjoy Comedy on Tuesdays, Spelling Bee on Wednesdays, a relaxing massage and/or manicure on Thursday and the best TV shows on Sunday nights. In addition, a new Vietnamese restaurant, Pho King, recently opened in the rear of the lounge.



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# No More Blight

*by Alexandre Vialou*

Here, in the Faubourg Marigny, there is an average of 24 lots in each city block, and there is (in general) one lot in each corner of a block. As such, corner properties make up 1/6 of all lots in our neighborhood. Yet, more than 1/3 of the current blighted or boarded lots are located on corners. **A corner property is twice more likely to be a blighted or boarded lot than any other property in our neighborhood!**

In our fight against blight, these corner properties deserve our particular attention. Most of them have historically been stores, with their corner doorway facing an intersection visible and accessible to traffic on multiple streets. Nearby residents would make their groceries, purchase stuffs and socialize there. Now many commercial corner stores have been closed for years and even some new restorations are sitting idle (see pictures below of two properties on North Rampart between St. Anthony and Pauger).



Unused and for sale.



Recently renovated but empty.

Helping current small business is critical for our neighborhood as it fosters an important source of economic activity and neighborhood quality of life. One additional small store that fits our needs represents less car trips, reducing traffic, congestion and pollution. One additional store is one or more jobs here where we live. The rehabilitation of blighted commercial corner stores will help

develop these benefits and remedy blight.

Steps have already been taken in the right direction. In 2002, the Faubourg Marigny was the first neighborhood to become a Residential Diversity Overlay District, which facilitates the relocation of small businesses to corner stores. The FMIA Blight Committee has started a new effort toward identifying blighted commercial buildings. The City has recently inspected one such corner, the industrial structure at 501 Elysian Fields, and a first hearing should be scheduled soon. The cost of a new building is often the major fixed cost to the establishment of a new business. When a building is officially cited as Blight, it puts pressure on the owner to renovate or sell. This can bring down the costs entrepreneurs would have to pay to start a new business in our neighborhood. The Blight Committee will soon create a list of all blighted properties that are for sale.

Please contact us directly at [blight@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:blight@faubourgmarigny.org) to let us know of any properties that you would like some assistance with. You can also send us comments and suggestions. Thanks.

### Hearing Results and Upcoming Case Resets:

1030 Port Street. Conditionally Guilty: Proof of repairs needs to be submitted by 9/25/2010.

2230 Chartres Street. Conditionally Guilty: Proof of repairs needs to be submitted by 10/20/2010

1119-21 St. Anthony (Pool). Case Reset to 09/15/2010 at 9:15AM

1518 Pauger Street (Accessory). Case Reset to 09/22/2010 at 1:15PM

# Neighborhood Security

*by Donna Wakeman*

### SECURITY CAMERA INVENTORY

The NOPD is attempting to establish an inventory of security cameras in the neighborhood. If you have security cameras please email the following to [bwkelly@cityofno.com](mailto:bwkelly@cityofno.com) :

The address where camera is located.

A contact person who may be reached to arrange viewing of video as it relates to criminal activity in that general location.

From this information, the NOPD can create a map that they can reference when a crime is committed, to identify if there were cameras in the area to help them apprehend the suspect(s). This information is for the NOPD only and will not be distributed.

If you know someone who has security cameras please forward them this article.

### 9-1-1 CHANGE

Superintendent of Police Ronal W. Serpas announced the following policy concerning use of the NOPD 9-1-1 Emergency System:

If you wish to report a non-emergency issue, such as a property crime or suspicious persons report, call 504-821-2222

If you wish to report a situation involving immediate danger to yourself or someone else, such as an assault or shooting, call 9-1-1

Chief Serpas stressed that calls to both numbers are categorized and prioritized in the same manner, and that callers may request anonymity when speaking with an operator at either line. However, only incidents involving a threat to "life and limb" should be reported to 9-1-1, so as not to overwhelm the system's resources.

## FRENCH QUARTER/ MARIGNY TAXING DISTRICT

*by Chris Costello*

The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) had declined in 2009 to participate in the French Quarter-Marigny Historic Area Management District (FQMHAM). We held an emergency meeting on May 17, 2010 to reassess our position and gather additional feedback from some of the Frenchman Street business owners who reside in the proposed taxing district. We voted to uphold our previous decision not to participate in the FQMHAM.

The following is a recap of those issues that the FMIA first stated in 2009 which needed to be resolved before we would consider our endorsement. We never received any response.

1. We asked that the entire of Marigny should be included, which is from Esplanade to the Press Street railroad tracks and would include all properties on the lakeside and facing St. Claude Avenue.

2. If all of the Marigny is included, as we have asked, it would encompass 45% of the land area, therefore entitling us to 45% representation on the Board, other than the public officials. We believe the one-man Marigny vote on this Board is purely cursory.

3. The FMIA requested that some assurances be made that the taxing proceeds levied on the residences and businesses in Marigny be disbursed for improvements in Marigny

4. Half of the Board should be represented by people who are residents of the taxed properties, proportional to the population between the French Quarter and Marigny. The business portion of the Board should likewise be proportioned between the two entities.

Further, it is our belief that with the election of Mayor Landrieu and City Council members we would like to forge a strong working relationship so that we can all work toward successfully addressing these quality of life issues -- that should be provided to ALL residents of this city under our current taxing situation.

## News From Marigny Green

*by Deborah Oppenheim*

Marigny Green begins its third year of working to create a more sustainable Faubourg Marigny. Marigny Green will shortly unveil their logo thanks to Dann Richardson of Helios, Rick Fifield, Deborah Oppenheim, and Ken Caron.

Marigny Green has a website [www.marignygreen.org](http://www.marignygreen.org) Marigny Green has joined the new ReUse District, a collective of nonprofit organizations and businesses in the Marigny, Bywater, Seventh Ward, St. Claude and St. Roch neighborhoods to show people how to reuse things while supporting local businesses.

Marigny Green invites you to be involved to help create a sustainable Faubourg Marigny. Please come to a Marigny Green meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 at **6:30pm** 2535 Chartres St for more information contact Deborah at [deborah@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:deborah@faubourgmarigny.org)

## Historic Marker

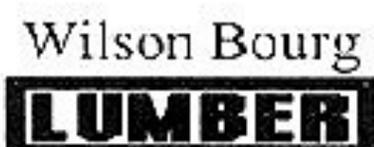
*by Keith Medley*

The Plessy & Ferguson Foundation and the Crescent City Peace Alliance are working to install a State Historic Marker commemorating the 50th anniversary of desegregation of New Orleans public elementary schools. On November 14th, 1960, four six-year old girls entered McDonough #19 and William Frantz elementary schools despite year-long daily protests and threats from segregationists. Their story captivated the nation in 1960 and marked New Orleans' dramatic entry entrance into the modern Civil Rights movement three years after the Little Rock Nine. These four women are not just a New Orleans treasure but a national treasure for their contributions to a more open and free society.

Donations to defray the costs of a marker are being sought. The marker itself costs \$2,200.00 and there are other costs such as installation, permits, etc. which are yet to be determined. Additionally, since Louisiana law prohibits living people being mentioned on state historic markers, the organizations want to erect an ancillary structure that recognizes the women by name.

Plans are to unveil the marker on November 14, 2010. The marker is to be placed in the 5900 block of Saint Claude Avenue across the street from the McDonough # 19 elementary school, one of two schools that were desegregated that day.

Forms for contributions can be found at <http://www.jotform.com/form/2482032098>. Mail The Plessy & Ferguson Foundation, P.O. Box 19222, New Orleans, La 70119 or call Keith Weldon Medley (504)949-5991.



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# Color Me Creole

This is the **eighth** in a series of drawings to show the rich architectural inventory of Faubourg Marigny. I will be featuring drawings from my sketchbook of Bernard de Marigny's historic neighborhood. Eventually, it will become a coloring book to teach children and adults how "to read" a building by type and style and identify its components. The houses illustrated will represent what I consider to be the best examples in Marigny. It is my hope that this will aid in a better understanding of architecture and foster a love for old buildings and demonstrate the importance of historic preservation.

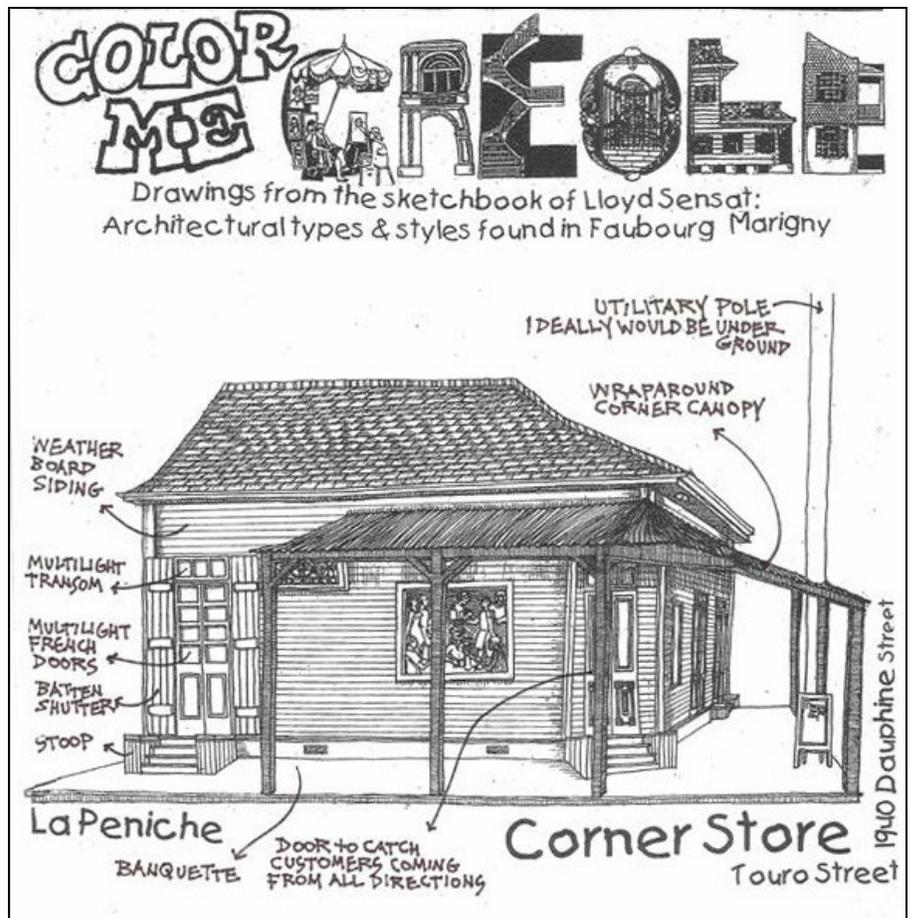
Lloyd Sensat  
Sun Oak in Faubourg Marigny  
May 2010

## Corner Store By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

The corner store was popular in 19th century New Orleans. Corner lots were prime commercial real estate because a corner business attracted customers coming from all directions. The corner store was usually a combination commercial and residential building. A distinguishing characteristic of this house type is a wraparound corner canopy projecting over the banquette (sidewalk). By the mid-nineteenth century the multiple story corner store evolved, often with a brick first floor (commercial) and wood second floor (residential). Two story brick corner store houses were often architecturally sophisticated and detailed. A full wrap around gallery would protect the shoppers on the first floor from sun and rain and provide an outdoor living room for the residents above. The commercial space could be used for a grocery, laundry, cafe, bar, restaurant, pharmacy, pastry shop, costumer, bookstore, or antique shop, etc.

### Corner Store: LaPeniche, 1940 Dauphine

Creole cottages would signify their commercial status with a deep overhang covering the banquette supported by wood post. These covered walkways returned around the corner. La Peniche is an excellent example of this characteristic, and still functions as a commercial corner today. When 20th Century zoning was imposed on the 19th Century neighborhoods many corner commercials became residentially zoned. This helped to bring more consistency and order to the planned land use but it removed the convenience of the corner of the block shopping. One of the main reasons the zoning was changed was to control the noise and activities often found in bars and places catering to customers from all over the city. The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, in trying to bring back the joys and conveniences of 19th Century life, developed a concept with the City Planning Commission called Residential Diversity Overlay Zoning. This concept allowed a property owner whose building had historically been a corner commercial to propose a new commercial use from an approved list of uses. Final approval requires neighborhood input. Although bars are very much used in the neighborhood, they often produced problems with noise and activities that detracted from the overall residential character and so are limited. The new zoning has proved to be very successful in providing Faubourg Marigny with new coffee shops, cafes, restaurants, grocery stores, art galleries and many other much needed services. This process began in the very early days when the new Historic Marigny Zoning was first developed. The process was much different then but it provided the basis for the more recent accepted land use practices and a better quality of life for the Marigny residents and our visitors.



## Orchids & Onions

### ORCHIDS-

- \* Home owners and residents that participated in the National Night Out Against Crime.
- \* St. Paul's Lutheran School for their involvement with the Marigny community.
- \* Lutheran volunteers for their help with Washington Square Park.

### ONIONS

- ☉ Graffiti.
- ☉ People throwing glass bottles from cars.
- ☉ Vandals.

## NEW ADDITION

On Saturday, August 29, at 11:58pm, the latest addition to the Faubourg Marigny neighborhood arrived. Pierre Vialou, son of Alex and Angele Vialou was born on the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. We welcome Pierre, and send congratulations to



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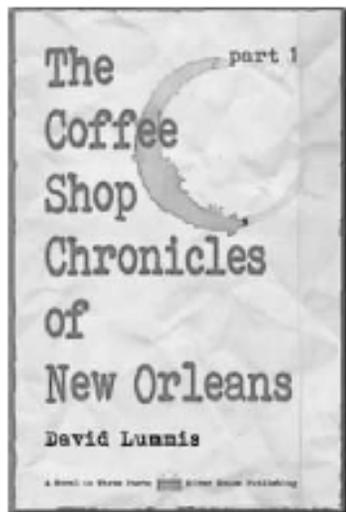
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## DON'T MISS THIS HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS NOVEL BY FAUBOURG MARIGNY RESIDENT DAVID LUMMIS!

*Largely set in the Faubourgs Marigny and Tremé, the book "reviews" and is often narrated from local coffee haunts from Café Rose Nicaud to CC's to Café du Monde. It blends fact, fiction, and satire in exploring such themes as the "sacrament" of coffee drinking, living sober, and the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow in America.*



### *What the reviewers are saying...*

"Lummis's tender and affectionate descriptions of New Orleans, his 'Paris of the South,' evoke Pat Conroy's lush and loving portrayal of coastal South Carolina. Just as Conroy's *South of Broad* is a paean to Charleston, so is Lummis's *Chronicles* a love song to New Orleans. Alternately funny, painful, entertaining, and always unflinchingly honest, *The Coffee Shop Chronicles of New Orleans* is a must read."

—Penne Laubenthal, *Swampland.com*: Cultures of the South

"...a real book, one I can hold in my hands and cherish and savor. ...gives every appearance of being a beacon of light in this moment of BP-produced darkness..."

—Diann Blakely, poet and author of *Cities of Flesh And The Dead* (Elixir Press, 2008)

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## Backgammon, anyone?

The New Orleans Backgammon Club meets in the Marigny for a friendly tournament every Wednesday. Several FMIA members are regulars. Come and enjoy. Beginners are welcome.

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# Marsh Restoration

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, in partnership with the Gulf Response Involvement Team, invites you to participate in a 2-week long marsh restoration project in the open mud flats located on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain within the USFWS Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Over 70,000 marsh plants will be planted to help restore and enhance the wetlands and we are looking for over 400 volunteers to help accomplish this project.

The Coalition will plant over 5,000 plugs of smooth and marshy cordgrass per day to help stabilize and vegetate the bare marsh platforms that were created by the CWPPRA Goose Point/Point Platte Marsh Creation Project. This project dredged sediments from Lake Pontchartrain to create over 550 acres of marsh platform. The vegetation will help to stabilize the soils, create wildlife habitat, encourage species diversity and provide a seed source for natural regeneration.



This project is being completed through a partnership with NOAA's Community Based Restoration Program, Restore America's Estuaries, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, For the Bayou, The Lang Foundation, The Coastal Society and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Where:** Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana

Volunteers will meet at the Refuge Headquarters located at 1389 Highway 434 Lacombe, LA 70445

**When:** September 27th through October 8th, 2010 (except Sunday) 8:00 am until all the plants are planted (approximately 3:00pm)

This project requires outdoor physical activity and volunteers should expect to get dirty. Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers can sign up for one day or multiple days. All planting equipment (gloves, shovels, dibbles, etc.) will be provided. Lunch and drinks will also be provided to all volunteers. All volunteers must be registered online at [www.crcl.org](http://www.crcl.org) or call the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana at (888)-LACOAST. Additional information, including directions to the project site, will be provided to registered volunteers via email prior to the event.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear FMIA,

I live on Mandeville and own a small tugboat company.

I just wanted to let you know that I was delivering a crewmember to our boat yesterday in Theodore, AL and literally drove up into the yard as the first evacuations were taking place from ammonia leak at neighboring facility Millard Refrigerated Plant. Over 100 people had to be treated, and several in ICU. AP release in Google: "120 sickened by ammonia leak at Ala. plant"

I got a good whiff of ammonia and it made me so grateful that Cold Storage was unsuccessful in their bid to build in our neighborhood. Now I know firsthand how horrific an ammonia leak can be, and am even more amazed that they could have thought to place a plant in such a high-density neighborhood. Thanks for all your hard work on that issue.

Regards,  
Rachel

*Ed. note: 45 minutes elapsed between the discovery of the leak and the sounding of the first outdoor alarm.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>General Meeting</u>	<u>Green Markets</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meet the Neighbors</b></p> <p>September 14 6:30-8:30 pm Who Dat Coffee Cafe 2401 Burgundy St.</p>	<p>October 18 6:30 Pot Luck 7:15 Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church 2624 Burgundy St *****</p>	<p>Wednesdays French Market 10am - 5pm</p> <p>Saturdays St. Anna's Episcopal Church 1313 Esplanade Ave. 1 pm - 5 pm &amp; French Market 10am - 5pm *****</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Meeting</b></p> <p>September 20 6:30 Pot Luck 7:15 Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church 2624 Burgundy St. *****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WALKING TOUR</u></p> <p>October 17 10am-4pm Washington Square Park (see page 1 for details) *****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GALLERY OPENINGS</u></p> <p><b>St. Claude Art District</b> Saturday October 9 6pm - 9pm <a href="http://www.scadnola.com">www.scadnola.com</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Board Meeting</b></p> <p>October 6 7:00 pm TBA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meet the Neighbors</b></p> <p>October 12 6:30-8:30 pm Lost Love Lounge 2529 Dauphine St. *****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NONPAC Meetings</u></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7 pm 2372 St. Claude Ave &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 5:30 pm 1001 Toulouse *****</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FUN FOR ALL</u></p> <p><b>Nickle a Dance</b> Every Sunday in October 4pm - 7pm 508 Frenchmen St. *****</p>

# COLTON SCHOOL REPORT CARD

*by Donna Wakeman*

On August 25, 2010, Sen. Mary Landrieu announced that FEMA had awarded a \$1.8 billion grant to build or renovate schools here in New Orleans as a result of Katrina damage. What made this announcement so notable is that the grant is in the form of a lump sum. In the past, FEMA grants have been site specific, requiring that damaged buildings be repaired or replaced, or the money forfeit. As a result of this lump sum grant, 128 school buildings will be reduced to about 85, allowing more money per building built or renovated.

What this means for Faubourg Marigny specifically is that the renovation of Colton School, now being referred to as Colton Multiplex, can proceed apace. Also on August 25, the neighborhood was invited to a meeting to discuss and review the completed plans for the building. The major renovation, part of Phase 1, is priced at \$15.6 million. The planning documents also indicate that Colton will become a KIPP charter school.



In the wake of the FEMA settlement, officials are also talking about taking a new approach to schools and communities. Mayor Mitch Landrieu has pushed the concept of "place-based development", looking to coordinate the efforts of city agencies, nonprofit entities, schools and community groups. "Why don't schools become the center of communities?" he asked. To that end, he has hired an urban planner from Alabama, Bill Gilchrist, as director of place-based planning.

Such pooling of resources would result in schools being located next to NORD facilities, for example, and thereby not requiring their own playing fields. To some extent, this planning has already taken place. School officials say that the new and renovated campuses have bonus space built into their designs, allowing for inclusion of, say, a health clinic without spending much extra money. Each school will have independent entrances to its gymnasium and auditorium, allowing public access while the rest of the building remains locked.

## You know you're a native if.....

You know the Irish Channel is not Gaelic-language programming on cable. - Al Bostick

## New Rules For The Road

*by Susan Sims*

Safe bicycling involves more than wearing the proper safety equipment and keeping your bike in good mechanical order - you must also know the rules of the road.

Governor Jindal has now signed three of the four bicycle related bills passed by the state legislature in the 2010 session. These new and modified laws applying to bicycles will be added to Louisiana's Revised Statutes. Below is a summary of each bill.

**HB 1137/Act 618** Clarifies and updates a variety of laws to strengthen efforts for Louisiana to implement Complete Streets policies. Effective August 15, 2010 driver's education courses are to include information on sharing the road with pedestrians, bicyclists and transit vehicles.

**HB 298/Act 813** Allows persons riding bicycles upon a roadway with an improved shoulder, the option of riding on that improved shoulder rather than in the lane of travel. The new law also states that every bicycle, when in use at nighttime on a state highway, parish road, or city street, must be equipped with a rear lamp that emits a red flashing light or a red light sufficient to be seen from within 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear. It also requires the use of a front headlamp at night.

**HB 1125/Act 840** Creates a "Share the Road" specialty license plate for cars.

**HB 494** by Rep. Billiot would allow construction of bicycle trails along levees and other flood control structures statewide. This bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

New Orleans has many water damaged streets that are being repaved with federal funds that will have bike lane striping added. Other streets being repaved will have "Share the Road" symbols and signs.

The following are some important bicycle-related laws to remember:

When passing a bicycle, a motor vehicle shall maintain a clearance of 3 feet until safely past the bicycle.

It shall be unlawful to harass, taunt or maliciously throw objects at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle, and; Any person who violates this Section shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.

Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable.

For complete listings of Louisiana bicycling laws go to <http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?folder+106>

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# And the Nominees Are....

Thank you to Gary de Leaumont of the nominating committee for his work in finding candidates for this upcoming election. We will have one current Board Member returning for another term and three new faces to round out the slate of candidates. With the fresh ideas of the new and seasoned skills of the old, next year is shaping up to be a great one for the FMIA.

Those who may not have the time to be a Board Member can always get involved through committees. The neighborhood works best when everyone participates. Let a board member know what your interests are. We especially need people to help with our Walking Tour event on 10/17, and our Caroling in Washington Square Park event on 12/12. If you can help out please email Maureen at [volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org).

Below is a brief bio on each of the candidates. Get to know them. They will be representing your interests in the coming year.

*Chris Costello (Rectangle Resident & Business Owner)*

I have served on the FMIA Board for the last 7 years and am currently serving as president. I'm very interested in remaining on the board so that I can continue to improve our neighborhood while preserving and nurturing the quality-of-life and character of the Marigny.

My interest in helping to improve the Marigny started in 1998 with the purchase and renovation my home on the corner of Chartres and Mandeville, which earned the 2001 Historic District Landmarks Commission Honor Award. When not enjoying our neighborhood, I work with my partner John, who owns a public relations firm located in the downstairs of our property.

We are both transplants to New Orleans. John attended Loyola University for his undergraduate, and I attended Tulane for my graduate work. We both fell in love with New Orleans and its culture and decided to make our life here.

*James Farr (Triangle Resident)* Jim Farr is a long time resident of the "Triangle". He and his partner Louis Huson are practicing architects and have an office in the CBD. Jim worked on the New Orleans Arena among many other well known properties. He also does high end residential consultation. Years back he served on the Board of FMIA and left to take a job on the Architectural Review Committee for the HDLC, which he kept for many years. Thus he has a honed knowledge of our housing and zoning problems. Jim also sings with the Gay Men's Chorus and loves to travel to Europe where he is this week.

*Jason Patterson (Triangle Business Owner)* I originally moved to New Orleans in 1972 into the French Quarter and then to moved to my home in Marigny in 1975. I was running the Community Flea Market and the French Market at the time and wanted to promote and develop businesses on Frenchmen Street to create a viable business corridor while at the same time creating a space for market vendors to expand into. Therefore, I was looking for a building that I could grow into to promote community businesses. My work enabled me to help open up Snug Harbor, the Marigny Theater, the Arts Supply store and Bicycle Michaels. I currently own the building Snug Harbor is residing in and also book their music.

I have perpetually enjoyed the creative environment in the Faubourg Marigny and the diverse population living here. My inter-

est on the board is to help the community by developing creative solutions for security and help promote more security in the community. I also want to help the organization to become more inclusive to have the whole community so that there is more participation in the association.

*Donna Wakeman (Rectangle Resident)* I am the current editor of the FMIA newsletter, and work as a free-lance business manager. I am interested in contributing to my neighborhood, and in helping to make it an inclusive, welcoming place to live.

I am a Louisiana native who moved north with my Yankee husband, living there for many years. A widow, I returned 4 years ago to be closer to my elderly mother and my siblings, abandoning my 30 year old son in Connecticut. I chose to live in the Marigny because I fell in love with its architecture, its friendliness and its diversity. I purchased a home on North Rampart St. and have joined the thousands in our neighborhood and city who are renovating homes. As I've told my son, I don't plan on moving again.

## EMAIL TO THE CHIEF

Superintendent Ronal W. Serpas announced the establishment of a New Orleans Police Department e-mail designed to allow citizens to express concerns. This is an effort by Chief Serpas to provide easy access to the New Orleans Police Department and increase the dialogue and cooperation between the citizens of New Orleans and the New Orleans Police Department. The e-mail address will be effective immediately and will be as follows: [Nopdchief@cityofno.com](mailto:Nopdchief@cityofno.com).

This e-mail is not designed to report emergencies or to request police assistance. Chief Serpas asks that people continue to use 911 for emergencies or 821-2222 for non emergencies.



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## Nickel a Dance

That New Orleans classic jazz soiree, Nickle A Dance, starts back up in October. Free and family friendly since 1994, it will be held Sundays in October, 4-7 p.m., at Maison, 508 Frenchmen St. The schedule is:

- October 3: Shannon Powell's Traditional All-Stars
- October 10: Porch Party Band
- October 17: Evan Christopher's Clarinet Road
- October 24: Don Vappie's Creole Jazz Serenaders

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## FOOD FOR SENIORS Program

St. Paul's Homecoming Center is working together with Catholic Charities to host a food distribution program for senior citizens. The program began in May, distributing food on the last Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

To qualify for the program, one must be 60 years or older, and meet the monthly income guidelines. For more information or to apply please call or visit the center at:

St. Paul's Homecoming Center  
 1509 Filmore Ave.  
 New Orleans, La 70122  
 504-644-4125

*Ed. Note: Please pass this information on to any seniors who might be interested.*

# PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET

INCOME	
Merchandise Income	\$1,100.00
Membership Dues	4,300.00
Direct Public Support	3,445.00
Investments	2,769.00
Newsletter Advertising	410.00
Program Income	6,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,024.00</b>
EXPENSE	
Donation	\$350.00
Bank Service Charges	975.00
Printing and Copying	226.00
Postage, Mailing Service	879.00
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	505.00
Office Expense	1,200.00
Professional development	50.00
Parking	100.00
Neighborhood Development	3,500.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Meetings	110.00
Merchandise	750.00
Newsletter	1,000.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,361.00
Program Expense	5,400.00
Website	204.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$17,610.00</b>

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August 30, 2010

By Hand

Chris Costello, President  
Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association

RE: Review of the Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Records of the FMIA

Dear Chris:

As noted in the FMIA Board Meeting June 2, 2010 Minutes, “A volunteer is needed to look over the books and receipts.” At your request during the June General Meeting, I agreed to volunteer.

The committee of one has reviewed the records. Based upon the interviews I conducted and the selected representative records that I physically reviewed, the Financial Records of FMIA are in excellent order and adequately represent the fiscal affairs of the FMIA.

However, no study is complete without suggestions for improvement, that in this case are only within the power of the FMIA Board. There appear to be financial vestiges of the pre 501(c)3 days which the Board should consider removing as a means of improving the efficiency, transparency and security of the fiscal affairs of the Association. I recommend that the Board consider:

- Establishing a formal , computer based system for controlling the Association’s physical assets, such as sale merchandise,
- Establishing a single, continuing address to which all financially relevant mail be directed as there should no longer be any personal records, only Association records, and,
- Establishing that all financial assets of the Association be held in accounts that are solely owned by the Association and not by individuals.

At the pleasure of the Board, I will make myself available to discuss my review and recommendations in detail.

Sincerely,

Ed Kleppinger

## FMIA General Meeting August 16, 2010 Minutes

Chris opened the meeting at 7:15PM. Chris introduced new neighbors Rob and Angie, Sarah and Carlos, and Alex and Raymond and welcomed them to the meeting.

August 28, 2010 is the primary for Congress, District 2 and we encourage everyone to vote. FMIA welcomed Juan La Fonta and Cedric Richmond candidates for Congress, District 2 to present key information regarding their platform.

### Announcements:

Meet the neighbors is Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Who Dat Coffee Shop on Burgundy and Mandeville. Everyone is invited to meet your neighbors and have a good time.

Mugs and T Shirts for sale - great presents for all occasions and helps support the FMIA.

Nominations meeting: To be nominated for the board you have to be a paid member of the FMIA for a year and live in the Marigny. Gary deLaumont, Chairperson of the Membership Committee submitted four names for the Board: James Farr, Jason Paterson, Donna Wakeman, and Chris Costello. The floor is open.

Volunteer Chair: Maureen needs volunteers. Maureen can be contacted at [volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org) and/or contact any Board member, they will be glad to give you information. Chris said this is a very important function to have a Chairperson for Volunteers and thanked Maureen for her commitment to FMIA.

Blight: Alex is working hard to help put buildings back in commerce. Alex has met the new contact in the Blight Department and we will work together to continue our strong relationship with the department. When there is a building that has not met city code, the procedure is to send a letter to the owner. This is an informational service to the owner before the City takes the necessary steps of declaring the property blighted. Howard said there are older people that are in need of help and should contact FMIA for information on available resources.

Marigny Green: Marigny Green is a program of FMIA that helps create a more sustainable Marigny. At every FMIA General Meeting, Marigny Green will accept alkaline batteries for recycling. Marigny Green has energy efficient bug porch lights for sale at the very low cost of \$2.00 per bulb. Marigny Green invites all to attend the fall meeting on September 13, 2010 6:30pm at 2535 Chartres Street. For more information contact Deborah Oppenheim at [deborah@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:deborah@faubourgmarigny.org).

8) FMIA welcomed Officer Alsina, 5<sup>th</sup> District Quality of Life Officer (504) 658-6557 and Sgt. Franklin 5<sup>th</sup> District Community Coordinator to the meeting. Officer Franklin reminded people to be careful who you let in your house such as an energy person. They legally have to call you before entering your home. Please use the Hot Sheets to help NOPD identify those areas where illegal activities or potential problems have occurred and mail or deliver to Fifth District Station 4015 Burgundy St. NOLA 70119 (504) 658-6050.

9) Banners: The banners on Elysian Fields Ave are spreading the pride of our neighborhood thanks to Ken Caron. They are very expensive and if you are interested, you can donate to the Banner Fund. For more information contact Ken at [KCaron4218@gmail.com](mailto:KCaron4218@gmail.com) or visit the FMIA website at [www.faubourgmarigny.org](http://www.faubourgmarigny.org). All donations are tax deductible.

10) Events: Walking Tour: Oct 17<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walking Tour. The Walking Tour is created and organized by Lloyd Sensat, Gene Cizek, and Bill Hyland. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for this educational event showcasing our neighborhood. There is a wide range of volunteer positions needed such as tour guides, art market, music, children's area, event day activities, set-up and break down, public relations and marketing. Contact [\[teer@faubourgmarigny.org\]\(mailto:teer@faubourgmarigny.org\). Right after we break down the Walking Tour we begin to work on our spectacular Caroling event in December.](mailto:volun-</a></p>
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11) St. Paul Marigny Festival, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> noon – 6pm and Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> noon-3pm.

### TOPICS:

1) Newsletter: Concern was expressed about opinions contained in a recent *Letter to the Editor*. Please note that *Letters to the Editor* in the Newsletter are not the view of the FMIA but of the pen of the author.

2) Red Dress Run was on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was held in Washington Square Park and the race was through the Marigny and the French Quarter. The group was great to work with and they addressed all of our concerns. Next year they will move to Armstrong Park. They have given FMIA a donation to be used for Washington Square Park. The membership participated in prioritizing what was needed and an overall majority voted for trash cans. If there is more money available other suggestions included fixing the drinking fountains, lightning, gates, roof on shed, pruning the trees, and gardening.

3) Riverfront Park: Mayor Mitch Landrieu and Councilperson Palmer had a Community meeting in Tremé. The Mayor said that they are planning to sign the contract for the park in 30 days. Chris has sent a letter on July 26<sup>th</sup> expressing our concerns about the park and FMIA wants to be involved in the next phase of the Riverfront Park.

4) Parking in our neighborhood: Permit parking in the triangle is block by block and people search for these spaces and park without moving their cars for days. A committee is working with Public Works to study this situation.

5) National Night Against Crime: We had five parties in our neighborhood and it was a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and visit our businesses. *Light Up the Marigny* is a way everyone can participate daily by using dawn to dusk lights or keep your porch light on (energy efficient bug lights are available) and it helps light up the street.

### Speakers:

Rashid Ferdinand, Historic Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Council for Arts and Sustainability: Sonkafa Lower Ninth Ward Market will have a monthly Farmer's Market and on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and a health fair. They are restoring Louis Armstrong School Building at 5200 St. Claude for community, art activities, and events. For more information contact Rashida at [www.hl9cas.org](http://www.hl9cas.org)

Alan Fisher, NOLA Car Share will begin to operate in 90 days. Car Share is a neighborhood base transportation program that allows a resident to use a car as needed without the ownership of a car. It will take 9-13 vehicles off the road. Their targeted areas are the Marigny, French Quarter, Bywater, CBD because these neighborhoods are very livable and are very dense. Car shares are not profitable but really important for a more sustainable city. Presently, they have 1 parking spot in the French Market parking lot. NOLA Car Share has an annual membership fee and hourly fee. Reservations may be made on line. NOLA Car Share wants the Marigny to be the first neighborhood and NOLA Car Share has offered a year waiver of the membership fee to any FMIA member. With 20-25 members, they will have a car available and the car model is a Prius.

Q: How many cars in the Marigny? A: Depending upon the need. A parking space in the area is needed. NOLA Car Share will exchange hours for an off-street parking space.

Q: Will the city allow them to be permanently parked in the 2 hour residential zone? A: No

Q: Will you train how to drive a Prius? A: Yes

Q: Insurance for both driver and car? A: Yes, you can be responsible for the deductible and/or pay \$50 for insurance. The fee membership is \$60 and will be waived for the first year for FMIA members. A guest can join under one's membership of \$25.

Next meeting on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> is the election of the Board.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## FMIA Board Meeting August 4, 2010 Minutes

Board members Present: Brian Frye, Gene Cizek, Ron Petty, Gretchen Bomboy, Ken Caron, Chris Costello, Deborah Openheim

Board Members Absent: Eva Campos, Reg Medellin

Chris Costello, President called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

### \*Community Requests\*

a. Bil Szarabajka 407-461- 2645 from Café Negril Request for Cocktail Lounge and attorney Chris Young, Young Law Group APLC 225-346-6789 [cgyoung@msn.com](mailto:cgyoung@msn.com). Bil Szarabajka, owner of the business at 606 Frenchmen Street - Café Negril has applied for conditional use to become a cocktail lounge.

b. Alan Fisher, NOLA Car Share presented the idea to the Board. It is a community residential program that is membership based for a fee which allows a group of 20 or more residents to have access to a car for an hourly rate.

c. 1027 Touro Street is next to the New Friendly Touch Bar and Macon Moore is interested in opening a tavern/restaurant/ cocktail lounge with three upstairs units.

### \*Administration\*

1. Approvals by email:

a. Request by Kristen Gisleson Palmer's Office for FMIA to work on sound ordinance -YES

b. Request by Ken Caron for use of stage for NNOAC - YES

c. Letter to HDLC regarding our positions on HDLC agenda items that affects the Marigny- YES

d. Request to purchase shelves for WSP shed -YES

e. Request to sign letter to city about St. Roch Market -YES

f. Support for NNOAC events in the neighborhood & \$25 stipend - YES

g. Request for Lost Love Lounge meeting - YES

2. Approval of minutes from 6/2 Newsletter: Chris moved and Gene Second Vote: Unanimous

3. President's Report:

4. Treasurer's Report:

5. Committee reports:

a. Nominations: Gary deLaumont submitted Board nominations.

b. Newsletter: It was discussed and a motion to approve minutes on-line when needed was made by Chris and it was approved by consensus.

Orchids: Home owners and residents that participated in the National Night Out Against Crime, St. Paul's Lutheran School for their involvement with the Marigny community, Lutheran volunteers for their help with Washington Square Park

Onions: Graffiti, people throwing glass bottles from cars, and vandals

### \*Old business\*:

#### Projects

a. Reinventing the Crescent: Chris sent letters to Councilperson Palmer and Mayor Landrieu about our concerns and is waiting for a response.

b. 1807 N. Rampart Street: Parking Support BZA requires parking, and a valet program was suggested. Vote: Six approve, 1 abstain.

c. Parking Permits in the Marigny: Councilperson Palmer suggested the need for an overall parking plan. It was suggested to have a meeting with Public Works for a program sensitive to the needs of the residents.

d. Lutheran Volunteers: They were very helpful with the maintenance at Washington Square Park. They also cleared gutters and weeds through the entire neighborhood.

e. Community Crime Walk: This event occurred on St. Roch on 7/30. There will be more in the area in the future and we should encourage everyone to participate.

f. Washington Square Park Trashcans: Pricing and shipping information provided. Motion: Approval to purchase the trash cans Second: Gretchen Vote: Unanimous

g. Historic Marker: Tabled for next meeting.

### \*Issues\*

a. Lazziza's [no new status]

b. Mardi Gras Zone: There have been complaints about the pizza oven.

c. 2300 Block of Royal, 18 wheelers: FMIA is researching what types of trucks are allowed in the Marigny.

d. The John: There is follow-up with police, FBI and DEA.

e. 615 Mandeville St.: This property is boarded-up and is placed on the blight list.

f. CVS on St Claude: Wayne Larkin from CVS will contact FMIA.

### \*New business\*:

#### Projects

a. CANO at Sts Peter and Paul: CANO is interested in the building.

b. 1027 Touro Street: Request is deferred. The owner and partners are gathering more information.

#### Issues

a. Washington Square Park: The shed has termites and under review for free treatment.

b. Lost Love Lounge: There is an issue of loitering. The business has added bike racks and removed graffiti. Chris met with owner about the issues.

#### Events

a. 2010-2011 Alvar Arts Series: The Alvar Arts Series is requesting a donation. Motion to donate \$100 Second: Gretchen Vote: Unanimous

b. St. Paul Lutheran Labor Day Weekend Event: FMIA was asked to participate and will discuss our participation for 2011.

### \*Other\*

a. Request by Bil from Café Negril: Deferred to August 18th meeting.

b. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form: Board was given the forms to sign.

c. Alan Fisher: NOLA Car Share Company invited to the next General Membership meeting.

d. Density Usage: Deferred

### \*Unresolved issues (if there is time):

#### 1. Projects

a. Welcome Sign

b. AIDS Memorial

c. Marigny Advertising/Brochure/T-shirt ideas

d. Crime Collaborative.

e. Policy for emails that deal with Crime Alerts and Forwarding Information

g. Art in WSP Guidelines / CEA with Park & Parkways

h. Block Captains

i. Business Directory

j. Infill Development

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm



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**General Meeting, Monday, 8/16/2010**  
**Meet the Neighbors Night, Tuesday, 9/14/2010**  
**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**F.M.I.A. Membership Form**

1. Membership Status:  New  Renewal

2. Membership Type:  
 Individual \$15.00  Business \$25.00  
 Household \$20.00  Over 65 \$5.00

3. Contact Information:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. Willing to volunteer?  Yes  No

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