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HAPPY NEW YEAR



36th ANNUAL CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS CAROLING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 12th

Art Market 10am—4pm
Kids Area 10am—4pm
Papa Noel 1pm—4pm
Music 12pm—5pm
Caroling 6pm—8pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Sankofa Farmers Market

by Donna Wakeman

Sankofa Farmers Market had its grand opening Saturday, November 20, 2010. The event was feted with live music, sampling of food items, childrens' events and sunshine.

The market will run from 10am - 2pm every week, rain or shine at Caffin and St Claude Avenues. In addition to supporting community sustainability and promoting healthy lifestyles through fresh local produce, the market aspires to provide a regular stream of income to farmers in the region by having 'producer-only' rules for their farmers market. The Sankofa



Produce from Lamanche Urban Farm



Artisanal breads by Babcia Kubiak

Farmers Market will consistently work to add new farmers, bakers, and fishers regularly, including urban growers who are just beginning to farm.

The market hopes to become a regular Saturday shopping experience for not just Ninth Ward residents, but members of nearby neighborhoods such as Gentilly, Faubourg Marigny, Bywater, Desire, as well as Arabi and St Bernard Parish. Free family fun will be offered at the Project Ujamaa Tent, where children can learn about healthful eating and participate in art and crafts activities. From time to time, special events such as live music performances and cooking demonstrations will be held. The Sankofa Farmers Market will accept cash and credit, debit and EBT cards, and will have farmers that can accept the Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons.

You can visit www.sankofafarmersmarket.org or call 504.875.4268 for a complete list of vendors and calendar of events.



Happ'ns in the 'Hood

Washington Square Park

You might have already noticed the 8 new trashcans in our beautiful park. These trashcans were purchased with the donation from the Red Dress Run that took place in our park on August 14. Thanks for the efforts of Gretchen Bomboy who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

We also worked with the Department of Parks & Parkways to fix all the electrical issues in the park to include repairing all the lights and replacing all the missing electrical covers. Thanks to Ken Caron for working with the electrician to get this done.

We also worked with Public Works to clean the drains on the outside of the park on Dauphine Street. We have been working to correct the flooding issue we have in the park and this is another step in that direction. Thanks to Gretchen Bomboy for working to get this done.

The public art in the park will be removed over the next several weeks to allow a new set of pieces to be installed in the park. If you or someone you know might be interested in having a piece of art in the park please contact us.

Riverfront Park Update

After several setbacks which included the discovery that the original agreement with the Port of New Orleans to transfer over the land for the park was never executed, the riverfront park is coming closer to reality. Thanks to the leadership and determination of Deputy Mayor Kristina Ford, the agreement was signed on 11/23 and the Notice to Proceed to the contractor will follow soon after.

The design of the park was another setback as it cost more than the money allocated for the project. After careful scrutiny, certain design elements were removed from the plans such that we will have what the residents always wanted – a passive linear park. As one city official put it “this park will be an extension – or you might call it a progression – along the waterfront from the ferry up to Poland Avenue. A park for us – nice if tourists or high-rollers come – but good for us.”

Some of the design elements may be included at a later time when there is money but the city will solicit input from the community for what they want and need in their park.

Colton School Dig

As required by law, an archeological dig is underway on the grounds of the school. 'Deconstruction' is also moving forward; PRC is selling architectural materials that were salvaged from the site. It has been discovered that the outer bricks on the building are loose in places, and more work than originally anticipated will be required.

On a different note, concern continues to be expressed by interested parties about the selection of the charter to run the school when it reopens in 2012. Superintendent Vallas has already indicated that he favors KIPP as the operator, but others feel that there has been no real community input into the selection process. For more information call Anne Gisleson at (504) 813-2818.

St. Roch Market

The survey has been completed and the consensus is that the market should be a source of local produce and fresh seafood. The data indicated that respondents preferred multi vendors and have a restaurant. The next step is to find an operator before the market is built. It was noted that St. Roch Market should not compete with the Food Coop which is across the street.

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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 August and January.

President's Report

by Chris Costello

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

You might be wondering, why you are getting a newsletter in December? As we work to make our neighborhood better we also take some time to improve our organization. One such improvement is the reorganization of our newsletter schedule such that we will now have a newsletter in December and July. The two off months will be January and August where instead of a full newsletter, a flyer with news and important dates will be sent to the membership. If you have other suggestions to improve our neighborhood or organization please let us know.

The end of the holiday season marks the start of our yearly membership drive. Dues are an important part of our income as it gives us the necessary working capital for all the projects we do to keep our neighborhood a great place to live, work and play. I am challenging each member to not only renew in January but to encourage a friend or neighbor to join. We have updated our membership form so we may solicit input from our members. Please make sure to fill one out and let us know your ideas, suggestions, comments and concerns.

A big thank you to Lisa Tabb, who has been organizing our Meet the Neighbors social. These events provide both a venue for neighbors new and old to get together and an opportunity for businesses to introduce or reintroduce their goods and services to the neighborhood. Our next event will be December 14th at Byrdie's on St Claude Ave. This event will be our most important event this year as it will be our first on St Claude Ave. As we work to rebuild St Claude Avenue we must patronize the businesses there so they will stay in business and encourage others to open up on our main street. Please make every effort to come.

I would like recognize and thank the New Orleans Hash House Harriers for their generous \$5000 donation to improve Washington Square Park. Their event was held in Washington Square Park on 8/14 due to the closure of Armstrong Park. The money was used to purchase new trashcans for the park.

We are excited to host our 36th Annual Candlelight Caroling in Washington Square Park on December 12th. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a neighborhood tradition. During the day we will be hosting our 4th Annual Holiday Art Market featuring local artists and will have live music by local musicians and a kids area. Papa Noel will also be stopping by to take pictures with kids of all ages. That evening come enjoy the warmth of hot chocolate, coffee or apple cider coupled with the sweet goodness of cookies that will make even the toughest Grinch sing out loud. Invite your family and friends to this community event and let's celebrate the season.

The 2010 Race Against Crime 5K Run/Walk (formerly Walk the Beat) will be held December 18th, 2010. This is an important event that raises money for equipment for our police department. Please consider joining in or just buying a shirt to show your support.

Congratulations to St Claude Main Street and their manager Eva Campos for the successful St Claude Celebrates the Arts event on November 13th. The neutral ground on St Roch Avenue behind by the St Roch Market hosted the daylong event with music, performers, an art market and food and drink. This was a great event which helped raise awareness for St Claude Main Street, the St

Roch Market and the burgeoning St Claude Arts District.

The holiday season is upon us. It will be the mad dash to the New Year and then the slow but entertaining march to Mardi Gras. The new year provides us an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the past year and to make changes in how we will live in the new year. I invite everyone to think about how they can get involved in the neighborhood in the coming year. Without the efforts of our volunteers our neighborhood would not be what it is today. Have a happy and safe holiday season.



MEET THE NEIGHBORS

by Lisa Tabb

Thank you to Magnolia Physical Therapy for hosting the November Meet the Neighbors. Over 40 neighbors stopped by to check out the space and mingle with fellow residents who enjoyed wine and cheese and guitar music. It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as meet new neighbors.

Magnolia Physical Therapy is a full service physical therapy clinic. Their goal is proving freedom from pain with comprehensive list of programs for every painful musculoskeletal condition. In addition to physical therapy they have pregnancy therapy and wellness programs which include massage therapy. Their office is located at 839 Spain St. For more information call 943-8026.

Our next event will be December 14th at Byrdie's, 2422A St. Claude Ave from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Byrdie's is a gallery and coffee shop rolled into one. Please make a note that the January Meet the Neighbors will be on **Monday**, January 10 at Three Muses, 536 Frenchman. Three Muses is a wonderful, new tapas establishment on Frenchman Street. The owners Daniel Esseses, Sopia Lee, and Christopher Starnes offer a great menu and wine options with music nightly.

Meet the Neighbors is open to all the Faubourg Marigny community (renters, owners, and businesses alike).

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No More Blight

by Alexandre Vialou

One can summarize the first two Blight Stat meetings organized by the Landrieu Administration with three words: frustration, ambition and complexity. First and foremost these meetings have been attended by numerous residents who have stated out loud their exasperation with what they perceived is the ineffectiveness of Code Enforcement's action: never ending reset dates and lack of enforcement of the code enforcement lien when a property owner is found 'Guilty'. At these meetings, it is also becoming obvious that the new administration's goal of 10,000 less blighted properties in the next three years may be overly ambitious considering that Code Enforcement has never operated under effective benchmarks. Finally, at these hearings the diversity of what constitutes Blight and the potential solutions to eradicate it are becoming obvious and complex: there are \$400,000 blighted houses and \$5,000 blighted houses, historic beautiful homes and less attractive decaying mall areas.

Our needs in the Faubourg Marigny are well in line with the strategy proposed by the City: more inspections and more expropriation procedures. The City's first strategic priority has been given to blighted property around schools and parks. When I met the City's Blight and Neighborhood Development Policy Director Mr. Jeff Hébert, I suggested that the City second priority area should be business corridors, especially those that are shared by multiple neighborhoods such as St. Claude Avenue.

There were no new Code Enforcement hearings to report and there are no new upcoming Code Enforcement hearings. Feel free to contact us directly at blight@faubourgmarigny.org.

Letter to the Editor

This is in response to the Letter to the Editor in the August 2010 issue.

I met Mr. Bialy [author of the August letter] in the Mardi Gras Zone (MGZ) and we had a cordial conversation. He said he did not imply that the MGZ caused any problems.

The majority of the people who shop in the MGZ are on foot or riding a bicycle, there is always space in front of the store for parking, most of the parking problems in the area are caused by the bars. On weekends, usually every parking space on 2 blocks of Franklin and Port are filled up. Many of these are for Mimi's. In the past, there were many complaints about this bar (loud music, boisterous customers). Recently, Mimi's has made some improvements and there has been a noticeable decrease in noise, but the parking problems remain. The MGZ is a marvelous and unique place; [it has] everything from hats to fresh produce. This way residents on foot need not have to walk miles through dangerous neighborhoods to shop!!

All managerial persons [in the MGZ] respond to any complaints and act on them if necessary. The neighborhood is indeed fortunate to have such a place. As far as parking, in my opinion, the only answer is residential parking by permit. The ordinance should be written by us, the neighborhood, to suit our needs. I have lived in my house on Franklin Ave. for over 20 years and intend to stay there, and work with my neighbors and the association to make a better place for all.

Howard Allen
Franklin Ave

Removing Graffiti..

by Martin E. Weaver

Preventing and Controlling Graffiti Experience shows that prompt removal of graffiti is one of the most effective measures against its recurrence. Graffiti that is not removed quickly tends to attract more graffiti. Often motivated by a need to have their work seen, graffitiists tend to be discouraged from repeating their efforts in a location where their work is quickly removed.

Apart from removal, effective graffiti-prevention measures can be considered under two headings. The first consists of physical measures involving maintenance, lighting, security and the erection of barriers on or around the property itself. The second focuses on community awareness programs that include neighborhood patrols, community service programs and educational programs in the schools.

Maintenance and Security. Neglect invites vandalism, whereas a well-maintained property encourages civic pride. Thus, careful attention should be given to establishing regular maintenance programs which do not allow properties to reach a point of obvious deterioration or abandonment. Cyclical maintenance also makes good sense economically.

Graffiti is less likely to occur if graffitiists can be clearly seen. It is often recommended that accessible, graffiti-prone areas be illuminated with floodlighting or spotlights. Graffiti may also be reduced or prevented by the presence of security guards, park rangers or police officers, or by the visible presence of surveillance cameras. Publicity about arrests and punitive measures against the graffitiists, and the general vigilance of the security system may also reduce graffiti.

If they are historically appropriate and compatible with the historic property, soft barriers in the form of low, possibly thorny, shrubs and bushes or other forms of landscaping and planting may be effective deterrents. Such plantings can make it difficult to reach the property by any route other than the approved secure one. Hard barriers provided by fences and transparent screens or shields, such as clear acrylic or other polycarbonate sheets, may also afford some degree of protection. But these can have a negative aesthetic impact on the property's appearance, particularly if the barriers themselves become disfigured by graffiti.

Community Awareness. Community action and education often play an important role in a successful anti-graffiti program. Neighborhood watches can effectively deter graffitiists, and can help police and other security agencies in the detection and prevention of graffiti. Intensive public campaigns against graffiti, including presentations in schools, developing programs to foster community pride, and sentencing offenders to remove graffiti in their own community can also be useful. Publicity concerning arrests of graffitiists can be a useful preventive tool. (But, on the other hand, frequent newspaper coverage of graffiti outbreaks or even of new community efforts at deterring graffiti can sometimes have the opposite effect by challenging the "creativity" of graffitiists.) Community groups trained in proper cleaning techniques can also assist property owners in prompt and non-damaging graffiti removal.

Excerpted from a Preservation Brief written for the National Park Service. The brief, in its entirety, can be found at www.nps.gov, along with other briefs on the restoration and maintenance of historic buildings.



News From Marigny Green

by Deborah Oppenheim

Local artist Candy Chang and the Marigny Green volunteer committee teamed up to create a calendar highlighting our historic Faubourg Marigny's beauty and our tree planting efforts. By purchasing this calendar, you will help Marigny Green provide a healthier urban canopy of trees in the historic Faubourg Marigny. The calendar can be purchased for \$15.00, which is tax-deductible, at Cake Café, Beth Books, Sound Café, Dorian Bennett, Rose Nicaud, Orange Couch, FAB Books, and Who Dat Coffee Cafe in the Marigny and online through <http://www.lulu.com/product/calendar/sexy-trees-of-the-marigny-2011-calendar/13516546>.



The inspiration for the calendar came when Candy Chang, artist and co-founder of urban design studio Civic Center, moved from Helsinki to the Marigny in hot July. "Never before have I truly appreciated the simple kindness of tree shade." At the same time, she was marveling at and photographing live oak trees, one which is now featured in the calendar under July. "When I took that photo I thought, 'This tree belongs in a sexy calendar.'" Wishing for more shade in the Marigny, she found out her next-door neighbors planted new trees on their block with the help of our local program Marigny Green. She went to a meeting and when Chairperson Deborah Oppenheim mentioned their need to spread awareness, Candy proposed the Sexy Trees of the Marigny Calendar and the rest is history. The tag line for the calendar is "Sexy Trees of the Marigny: Because planting trees in New Orleans is hot in a good way."

December through January is tree planting season.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PLANT A STREET TREE? Well, Marigny Green knows how but to continue planting trees on the street we will need new people to use the equipment to drill the holes. The idea is to commit to a few hours to make a few holes. Interested? Please contact Deborah at deb-oraho@faubourgmarigny.org. If you have an existing 3ft by 3ft empty area that needs a tree, contact deb-oraho@faubourgmarigny.org and we can help you with the process.

NONPAC Meetings

5th District Report

By John Luckett

Captain Kelly opened the meeting at 7 PM, and introduced guest Susan Hutson, the Independent Police Monitor. Ms. Hutson discussed her new office and encouraged any citizen with a problem to call her office at 504-681-3223 (or email her at policemonitor@nolaig.org).

A representative of HANO discussed how HANO works and the process of section 8 vouchers. There was a prolonged discussion about complaints; she stressed that citizens should get in touch with HANO about any problems.

Captain Kelly announced that the Race Against Crime 5 K run/walk will take place on December 18. She also said the next District Crime Walk will be in the New Desire area on November 23.

She also asked that citizens please bring a toy or donation before the next NONPAC meeting.

8th District Report

A volunteer is needed to attend and report on the 8th District NONPAC meetings. Contact volunteer@faubourgmarigny.org if interested.

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Color Me Creole

This is the **eleventh** in a series of drawings to show the rich architectural inventory of Faubourg Marigny. This month's artist is **Riece Walton**. He was one of my **SENSATIONAL student artists** in the St. Charles Parish Public Schools. I taught him in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades and in his senior year at Hahnville High School. Riece also participated in my "**Education Through Preservation**" program in conjunction with Dr. Eugene Cizek and the Tulane School of Architecture. This drawing was done by Riece when he was in the program. He was 13 at the time. He is currently a profession artist living in Pensacola, Florida.

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Lloyd Sensat

Sun Oak in Faubourg Marigny
Dec 2010

Italianate Style: 1860-1885
By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

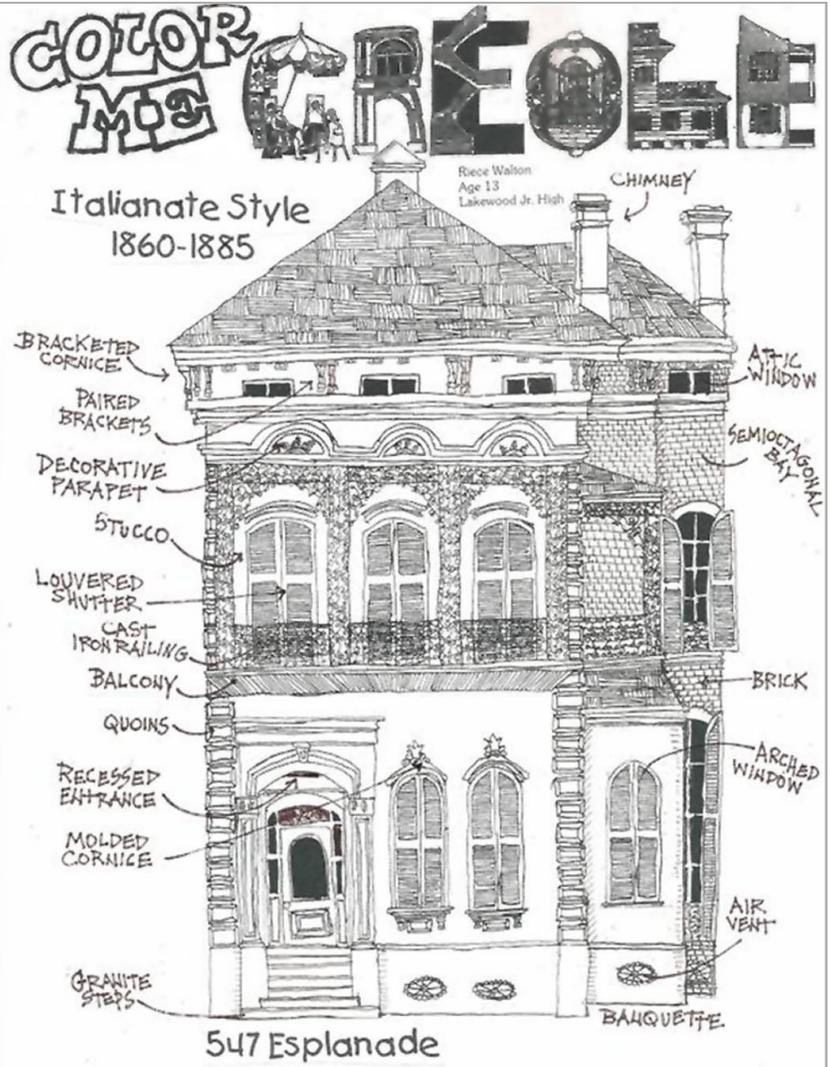
In the late 1850's Greek Revival architecture had become fancier and evolved into the Italianate style. This style had greater exuberance than the Greek Revival style and owed its inspiration to the Italian Renaissance. The major characteristics of the style are: decorative brackets, round-headed windows, corner quoins, entrance towers, and even cupolas. In Faubourg Marigny, look for cornices with paired brackets and round-headed windows with hood molding.

547 Esplanade

This three story brick side hall American townhouse in the Italianate style is one of the most intact exterior and interior grand mansions in New Orleans. It was designed by German architect William Fritzner, and built in 1879 for Connecticut yankee, bachelor, and lawyer, Andrew Johnson. At his death at 78, he left the mansion to his godchild, Marie Andry who married George Lanoux. It remained in the Lanoux family until it was sold in 1953 to Luella Weiland. She had a great appreciation for the house and maintained it with love. When Riece Walton was doing this on-site drawing, she invited the entire class in for a tour of its opulent interior.

In 1984, Weiland sold part of the house to Ruth Bodenheimer. Upon her death Weiland bequeathed the rest of the house to Bodenheimer. "This home is my heartbeat" says Bodenheimer, who feels lucky to be its caretaker. Bodenheimer found many of the home's original furnishings, paintings and books stored in the third floor attic, even Fritzner's architectural plans drawn on linen and Johnson's journal. The parlor ceiling still has its original wallpaper in hues of deep red, blue, brown and gold. The ceiling medallions in the center of the double parlors are colored in light blue, mauve, and gold with mantles of grey marble. Andrew Johnson's oil portrait has also been returned to the house.

The house might evoke a sense of deja vu for movie fans. In "Cat People" it was stark and foreboding. In "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" it was where Benjamin was born. Bill Doyle, location manager for the film, said, "the house is a character in itself. It set the tone, particularly for this movie. This house was perfect". Indeed, with its memories and memorabilia, 547 Esplanade is one of the most authentic period interiors in the city and an architectural masterpiece turned movie star!



Orchids & Onions

* * ORCHIDS * *

- + Alex for his presentation to the Blight Department at City Hall
- + Deborah and the Committee of Marigny Green for the first Sexy Tree Calendar of the Marigny
- + 5th and 8th Districts for their commitment to the neighborhoods
- + 8th District Crime Walk
- + The Dearly Departed Society for honoring Bernard de Marigny on All Saints Day
- + A hug in thanks to Café Rose, Snug Harbor and DBA who sponsored the music for the Walking Tour

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KREWE DU VIEUX 2011



Mark your calendars! The Krewe Du Vieux parade will be on February 19, 2011. This year will be their 25th Anniversary! The theme is *25 Years Wasted* and Don Marshall, who had a hand in the early formative years of the Krewe, will be king. More

details to follow but you can always visit their web site at www.kreweduvieux.org.

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: into ashes. It has been buried under a lava flood of taxes and :
: frauds and maladministrations so that it has become only a :
: study for archaeologists. Its condition is so bad that when I :
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Marigny Food Coop Money Diverted

by Ariel Cohen

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<http://thelensnola.org>*

A North Carolina steelmaker is in line to reap \$375,000 in state money promised to a New Orleans food cooperative for a grocery store now under construction on St. Claude Ave.

The New Orleans Food Cooperative got \$375,000 in the capital outlay budget signed by Gov. Jindal in July. But now the Jindal administration wants to steer \$30 million in state outlay funds to Nucor because the company says the subsidy is needed for it to build a new iron factory in St. James Parish – and the grocery store is one of dozens of projects getting axed as state officials juggle the numbers.

The \$375,000 construction outlay approved over the summer was to pay for grocery equipment that would outfit the store – an anchor tenant in the old Universal Furniture building on the corner of St. Roch and St. Claude avenues in the Marigny. The project, dubbed the New Orleans Healing Center by developer Pres Kabacoff, will also include an organic restaurant, a meditation space and a performing arts venue. There are no other grocery stores in the neighborhood, or for miles around it. “This is a project the New Orleans legislative delegation really stood behind because it is so important to the health of the city and that’s why we were able to get that money,” New Orleans Food Cooperative President Michael Smith said.

Other New Orleans projects on the chopping block include a \$300,000 makeover of the tennis center in City Park, a road project in eastern New Orleans and an appropriation for a Children’s Museum. Around the state, Jindal’s decision will kill renovations of museums, higher education buildings and recreational centers. At Louisiana State University, Nucor’s gain will cost a \$1.1 million renovation of old engineering shops into art studios and a \$600,000 dormitory for the university’s Fire and Emergency Training Institute, according to the state Bond Commission.

The Jindal administration did not immediately return phone calls, but press secretary, Kyle Plotkin, said in a prepared statement that the governor’s aides “are responding to questions from stakeholders and trying to help answer any questions they may have.”

Tomorrow, the state Bond Commission will vote on whether to approve the deal. Already, it has stoked the anger of local officials in Baton Rouge who say that the governor should not be taking funds for local public pro-

jects and giving them to an out-of-state corporation. One of the projects that lost out to Nucor is a YMCA in north Baton Rouge, Smith said. A \$400,000 capital outlay was supposed to buy the newly built recreation center equipment it needs before its planned opening later this fall. Baton Rouge State Rep. Patricia Smith told The Advocate that the Jindal administration should have



New Orleans Food Cooperative President Michael Smith standing in the future home of the coop.

taken money from an economic development fund instead of yanking funds from community projects.

“We understand that Nucor came in at a late date, but some of these projects will probably never get funded now,” Smith said.

On St. Claude Avenue, Smith is keeping hope alive that the state will identify alternate funding for the project.

“Its totally legitimate that they want to fund Nucor’s job creation, but our project is also going to create jobs,” Smith said, speaking in the dusty interior of the future

DUES RENEWAL

A new year is almost upon and it is time to renew your membership dues.

Dues are an important part of the organization in that they help pay for the cost for the newsletter and give us the working capital to put on the events we have throughout the year.

This year we have updated our membership form to solicit input from our members. We are asking members to renew before January by one of two methods.

1. Fill out the membership form on the back of the newsletter.
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Spotlight On ...

INTERVIEW WITH CANDY CHANG



Photograph of Candy Chang by Randal Ford.

Marigny Green (MG): What do you do?

I'm a designer, urban planner, and artist, and I like to make cities more comfortable for people. I have bachelor's degrees in architecture and graphic design and a master's degree in urban planning, and over the past few years I've collaborated on urban design projects with community organizations in New York City, Nairobi, Vancouver, Johannesburg, and New Orleans. Most recently, I was a global design researcher for Nokia in Helsinki, Finland. I decided to follow my heart into artier territory and I moved to New Orleans in July. My boyfriend just started law school at Tulane, and I recently co-founded an urban design studio called Civic Center. I'm excited to find grants and opportunities to create public art projects. I think one of the greatest things in life is spending time in public places with the people you love. I also believe these spaces can better serve the people who live, work, and play in them.

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The trees are incredible here. Live Oak trees blow me away and when I took a photo of one on Esplanade I thought wow, this tree belongs in a sexy calendar (it's now featured in the calendar for the month of July). Not only do their branches seem to defy gravity, but their shade provides great relief in New Orleans' hot and humid summers. Never before have I truly appreciated the simple kindness of tree shade! Taller cities like New York are shaded by buildings. Here short neighborhoods like the Marigny roast in the sun. Metal benches burn your butt. Biking down St Claude Avenue feels like riding through an oven-y highway.

I found out my neighbors planted four Crape Myrtles on our block with the help of Marigny Green, so I went to a meeting to learn more and get involved. When Chairperson Deborah Oppenheim mentioned their need to spread awareness, I threw out the idea of making a Sexy Trees of the Marigny Calendar to promote their great work. She was totally game and it's been a lot of fun working together. Deborah is so down-to-earth and I admire all the energy she's put in to making the Marigny a better place.

Throughout this process I learned even more about the awesomeness of trees. Their shade can cool temperatures dramatically and one tree can capture hundreds of gallons of storm water that would otherwise have to pour into a nearby drain. When I was at the Rising Tide conference in August, environmental law expert Robert Verchick pointed out the importance of shade canopies in NOLA's humid heat waves. Without them the city turns into a hot box and the dangers compound when residents without air conditioning don't open windows for fear of theft. I feel so fortunate that our neighborhood has a program like Marigny Green that champions sustainable living through local initiatives on tree planting, recycling, biking, and more.

MG: What do you think makes a great neighborhood?

Everyone values different things. For me, a great neighborhood is one where I can live, work, and play, all within a few blocks. I can walk or bike to buy my groceries, mail a package, go to the dentist, eat, drink, dance, sniff a flower. And I can do this comfortably,

which means thoughtful attention to things like sidewalks, bike lanes, tree shade, street lighting, and air quality. Thoughtful public spaces make you feel comfortable, which leads to a chain of other benefits in life, love, and civic engagement. It's all about the details, such as tree canopies and benches and well-lit sidewalks. These things make places more inviting, more comfortable, more yours, and ultimately safer.

The Marigny has a lot of these qualities and I really love it here. People are so friendly and when I sit on my porch for an hour, I make five new friends and hug the neighborhood cat. The scale of shotgun houses makes the streets cozy, and the slow-traffic streets make bike riding enjoyable. I look forward to seeing more local businesses (including a full-service grocery store) and smoother streets for biking. I'd also like to see more legal forums in public space to share local information with neighbors. A robust public life includes accessible ways for residents to reach out and self-organize with each other. Not everyone can make it to the community meeting and you won't always bump into every neighbor. But we do share the same public space and with better design, we can use this space as a constructive forum to share relevant information and make our daily lives better.

MG: What are you working on?

I recently created fill-in-the-blank stickers that residents in New Orleans can put on abandoned buildings and write what they wish it was. The stickers are made of custom vinyl and can be easily removed without damaging property. It's a fun, low-barrier tool for citizens to provide civic input on-site, and the responses reflect the hopes, dreams, and colorful imaginations in different neighborhoods. I know this might be a controversial project, but my goal is to improve the ways residents can provide constructive input into the future of their neighborhood. When I go to the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association's monthly meetings, I see that many people in our community don't attend or are unable to attend. So I am trying to reach people where they are and I believe our public spaces can be better designed to reflect our needs.

I'm collaborating on public art projects with local groups, such as Hypothetical Development, and I'm also working on commissioned interactive public art projects in Turku, Finland and Fairbanks, Alaska for next year. I also have public art ideas I'd love to implement on the blighted properties in our neighborhood. I'm learning about current conditions from our local blight-fighting champion Alex Vialou, and I attended the city's Blight stat meeting at the City Planning offices. Over fifty citizens showed up to share their experiences, and it was frustrating to see how one mistake in the process sends the issue back to the beginning again. The new administration appears to be making positive changes to crack down on blight. In the meanwhile, I hope to be able to transform some of these scary-looking buildings into dignified and constructive places so we can make our neighborhood more beautiful and more ours.



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Sexy Calendars

Seductive calendars with pictures of local trees, Sexy Trees of the Marigny, are for sale. All profits benefit Marigny Green. If interested in purchasing a calendar, contact deb-oraho@faubourgmarigny.org or www.marignygreen.org.

Be A Good Neighbor

Reprinted from Annie's Mailbox

- ◆ As you walk or exercise, please respect other people's property. Don't cut across their yards or gardens, don't litter and if your pet makes a mess, please keep a plastic bag handy to clean up after him.
- ◆ Property owner: Please keep your shrubs and trees trimmed away from the sidewalk. It is not safe to force a pedestrian to walk in the street because your vegetation is over grown. This includes tree branches that force people to duck down to pass by.
- ◆ When driving through...(the) neighborhood, please slow down. The few extra seconds you save by speeding are certainly not worth the lives you are risking.
- ◆ As the days shorten walkers, runners and cyclists need to be sure they are visible at dusk. Reflective mesh vests and small lightweight lights are available online and at most sporting goods stores. You might be alert, but the driver of the 4,000 pound car might be distracted or even under the influence. You need to make sure they see you.

New E-Mail Contact

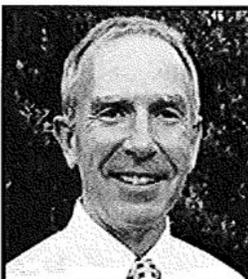
New Police Superintendent Ronal W. Serpas announced the establishment of a New Orleans Police Department e-mail designed to allow citizens to express concerns. This is an effort by Chief Serpas to provide easy access to the New Orleans Police Department and increase the dialogue and cooperation between 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

This e-mail is not designed to report emergencies or to request police assistance. Please continue to use 911 for emergencies or 821-2222 for non emergencies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Meet the Neighbors January 10 (Monday) 6:30-8:30 pm Three Muses 536 Frenchman *****</p> <p>General Meeting January 17 6:30 Pot Luck 7:15 Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church 2624 Burgundy St *****</p> <p>Candlelight Caroling December 12 10:00am-8:00pm Washington Square Park <i>(see page 1 for details)</i> *****</p> <p>JANUARY</p> <p>Board Meeting January 5 7:00-9:00 pm 628 Frenchmen St</p>	<p>Meet the Neighbors January 10 (Monday) 6:30-8:30 pm Three Muses 536 Frenchman *****</p> <p>General Meeting January 17 6:30 Pot Luck 7:15 Meeting St. Paul Lutheran Church 2624 Burgundy St *****</p> <p>NONPAC Meetings 5th District 2nd Wednesday 7 pm 2372 St. Claude Ave & 8th District 2nd Thursday 5:30 pm 1001 Toulouse</p>	<p>Green Markets Wednesdays French Market 10am - 5pm</p> <p>Saturdays Sankofa Market 5500 St. Claude Ave 10am - 2pm & French Market 10am - 5pm *****</p> <p>GALLERY OPENINGS St. Claude Art District Saturday December 11 6pm - 9pm www.scadnola.com *****</p>
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HELP WANTED

The FMIA desperately needs help, of the volunteer kind. Please consider volunteering as a way to keep the Marigny such a wonderful place to work and live. It's also a great way to meet nice people.

EPECIALLY NEEDED: layout person (or editor), ad salesperson

ST CLAUDE MAIN STREET

by Eva Campos

St Claude Main Street now has an office on St Claude Avenue; our new office is located at 2703 St Claude Avenue. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are looking to share our office space with someone who needs a small space to work, please call 504-616-7637 if you are interested.

In partnership with The Shadowbox Theatre we are implementing a volunteer cleanup group for the neutral ground of St Claude Avenue. Through support of St Claude businesses we will provide the supplies needed and some refreshments. Please consider helping to keep St Claude Avenue clean.

The past two months have seen a lot of movement in the transient population. As they receive pressure at one spot they move to another one close by. They congregate at the corner of Port St. including the river side of 2600 and 2700 blocks of St Claude, on the neutral ground of Franklin Avenue across from Shell and on and around St Roch Market. We are working hard with the neighbors, businesses and the NOPD to make it as unattractive as possible to loiter in these hot spots. If you are experiencing problems with this issue please send a hot sheet to the fifth district. We have been handing them out to people in these areas, if you would need one please call or email me.

St Claude Arts District becomes more popular and successful after each Second Saturday event. St Claude Main Street is partnering with SCAD to increase attendance and exposure to the popular and growing art district. St Claude corridor's art district is the place to be seen and to see the latest

In conjunction with SCAD, St Claude Main Street held a very successful event, St Claude Celebrates the Arts on November 13, 2010. On the St Roch neutral ground behind St Roch Market there were two stages for music and numerous different artists performing all day. With vendors selling crafts, selling wonderful food, there was something for everybody. And a lot of people showed up. We estimated over 150 people over the course of the day and we received positive feedback from visitors and St Roch residents alike. The two elderly ladies who always sit on their porch told us that in forty five years they had never seen anything like it!

You have all seen the construction going on at the Healing Center, we are excited to see this project moving and look forward to working with Mr. Kabacoff on other St Claude projects but most of all we look forward to shopping at the Food Co-Op.

In a couple of weeks we will have a new website, check out our new look and join our email list and our Facebook page to keep up with the latest news. www.stclaudemainstreet.org

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|| DID YOU KNOW THAT.... ||

FMIA has sponsored Christmas Caroling in Washington Square Park for 36 years?

FMIA Board Meeting November 3, 2010 Minutes

Board members Present: Deborah Oppenheim, Jim Farr, Gretchen Bomboy, Donna Wakeman, Chris Costello, and Gene Cizek.

Board Members Absent: Ken Caron, Eva Campos

Chris Costello called the meeting to order 6:49pm.

Announcements:

Community Requests: None

Shadow Box Theater: Heather Lane and Richard Meyer theshadowboxtheatre@gmail.com 619-793-6868. Richard Meyer is the proprietor of the Shadow Box Theater. He wants to service cocktails before and after the show. He wants to make sure to have the approval of the neighborhood organizations. Richard said he spoke to owners, businesses, Healing Center and neighbors. It would not be turned into a bar and he would only serve beer and wine when it is opened for the shows. He wants a letter of support to City Hall. Q: Operating hours? Thurs. – Sat. night 7:30pm - midnight (doors open to doors closed) and Monday night and special events like Fringe and Vampire Fest they could remove the Black Box for an event. Q: Only to buy a drink if you buy a ticket at the door? A. Yes Chris said: We are very supportive of businesses and FMIA tries to help them. Unfortunately, there have been a few rogue businesses that said that they are going to be a restaurant and turn into a bar. We would support this with protections that it would not morph into a rogue business. Chris suggested talking with Councilperson Palmer's office to protect the neighborhood and the business. There would be many restrictions such as no wine and beer served during rehearsals hours, drink served only if a ticket is purchased, hours of operation, loitering issues, and noise. This is a conditional use. There are city requirements and state requirements.

Administration

Approvals by email: None
 Approval of minutes from 10/6 Board (corrections to Board Meeting) and 10/18 General meetings. Chris moved that we approve the minutes with the corrections Second Gretchen Vote Unanimous

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President's Report:

Meetings:

Food Coop: Chris met with the Food Coop and Chairman of St. Claude Main Street Program for an initial meeting to discuss the progress. The Food Coop will continue discussion with the new manager.

Lisa Tabb: Chris met Lisa at Meet the Neighbors and she had good suggestions for the neighborhood.

Jim Farr: Chris talked about the role of the VP within the organization. VP has to be more in mind with what the President is doing.

Mimi Dykes: Chris talked to Mimi about the inappropriate behavior of people leaving her bar. She said she would talk to her manager when she needs to get a door man.

Lost Love: Chris called Bill Walker about people loitering outside the bar. He said he is now at the bar on weekends and is trying to manage everything. It is his responsibility to take care of all the concerns.

Carlos: Carlos is helping with us with a content management system for FMIA's website. For example, Committees will be able to update their own information. We welcome Carlos and his family to our neighborhood.

City Business: Chris received a phone call from Jennifer Larino of City Business. She wanted to talk about Reinventing the Crescent and Chris gave her our issues and comments.

Upcoming Meetings

Hash House Harriers Red Dress Run Grant Award: Gretchen will go to receive a grant for FMIA.

Nov 4th at Peter and Paul, 9:30 am walk through the building. CANO and other like minded groups are interested in the building. Katherine Bray is the contact person.

President Report: At the suggestion of Gretchen, Chris has purchased and reading *The High Cost of Free Parking* by Donald Shoup which outlines different parking strategies.

Treasurer's Report: Eva will send them to the Board for review and approval.

Committee Reports:

1) **Newsletter:** Discussion on comps and why they are sent. How we proceed with this? Jim said it is constantly updated. Gretchen moved that comps be addressed to titles, not names. Second: Jim Discussion: We will always have to update the list. Vote: Unanimous

a) **Orchids:** Alex for his presentation to the Blight Department at City Hall, Deborah and the Committee of Marigny Green for the first Sexy Tree Calendar of the Marigny, 5th District and 8th for their commitment to the neighborhoods, 8th District Crime Walk, To the Dearly Departed Society for honoring Bernard de Marigny on All Saints Day, and a hug thanks to Café Rose, Snug Harbor and DBA who sponsored the music for the Walking Tour. Onions: To those who tag buildings in the Marigny which is against the law; street vandalism

b) There will be a December newsletter but no newsletter for January. There will be a flyer for January.

c) **Summer newsletter:** It is proposed to have July off which means no newsletter in August and produce a September newsletter. Chris moved that we accept the summer newsletter proposal with something sent out in August. Second: Gretchen Vote: Unanimous

d) **Sam Armstrong** has done an outstanding job selling ads and we are \$70 shy of printing cost.

2) **Caroling:** Action for 1) who is responsible for volunteers for Christmas Caroling? 2) Budget –we will ask Eva 3) Commitments? Chris brochure; Eva Art Market; Jason Music/ sound system; Reese Kid's Area; Gretchen site preparation; and PR Rebecca/Chris. Ken will talk with Boys Town. We are looking for a chairperson and Chris volunteered to co-chair. Chris will ask Kellye. We are scheduled to get two tents from Sheriff Gusman and we will have the trustees. Clean Up day is December 10th and Washington Square Park Decoration Day is November 28th. This is not a commercial event and we do not have ads for the Song Book. However, we are looking for sponsors for refreshments, decorations, printing cost and miscellaneous expenses. A page in the Song Book will be for Thank You to our sponsors. Don't forget to greet Santa Claus.

3) **Marigny Green:** 1) Deborah presented the Marigny Green calendar, Sexy Trees of the Marigny and Chris moved that we charge \$20 Second Donna Discussion: The Board determined that \$15 is a more reasonable price. Amend the motion to the price of the calendar is \$15. There are two ways to purchase the calendar 1) at local businesses and 2) on www.lulu.com. 2) It was suggested that Marigny Green look into LED for

street lights. There have dust to dawn LED lights but are still very expensive. 4) Marigny Green has a banner concept and needs sponsorship. Many people have asked about sponsoring one banner. Deborah will talk to Dann at Helios for individual prices.

4) **Blight:** Jeff Herbert, the new director of Blight was handed a report compiled by Alex. The Blight Department wants to interface with FMIA. They are out of touch re blight in the Marigny. Alex said that there are different reasons for blighted property such as investment, low income owner, and second home. Alex would like money to help those in need. We support the concept but it is more than we could undertake. We will look into programs such as PRC Christmas in October. We could steer groups that come to town to volunteer. Alex requested a business card which is currently in process.

5) **Meet the Neighbors:** Lisa said it is hard to identify people at events. She suggested a *sticker I Heart Marigny*. Gretchen moved that we budget \$84 for the stickers. Second Donna Vote: Unanimous.

Old business:

Projects

Reinventing the Crescent: Chris followed up with Kristina Ford. She said it will be a passive park. The park is delayed until the end of November. The bathrooms were in the wrong location and we asked for them to be moved. Chris discussed our concerns of access, green space, security, and maintenance.

Parking Permits in the Marigny: City Council is working on the budget deadline and then we will move forward. The cost as of now for a parking permit is \$40.

Washington Square Park: The estimated arrival is during Thanksgiving and Chris asked for a different date. The trashcans need to be on a concrete base. Gretchen and Jim are looking into a French drain - dig a hole and have gravel for drainage.

Historic Markers: No status

Flowers for Bernard de Marigny: A wreath was purchased for Bernard de Marigny's plot for All Saints Day.

Colton School: Michael is writing the letter.

Issues

Lazziza's: Status of violation of agreement is coming to the ABO Board.

Mardi Gras Zone: Status of zoning Ed Horan said that the property is nonconforming use – HMR 3. There are rules for non-conforming use. The property was a bead warehouse. It is now 24hrs operation as a grocery store, pizza oven, deli, and a bakery.

2300 Block of Royal - 18 wheelers: No status

The John: The 8th District had their Crime Walk in the area. In order for the police to build a case, it is imperative that communication with documentation be given to the 8th District.

Tattoo Business: The Crime Walk went by the Tattoo Parlor and parked cars should be moved every 24 hours.

Desperado's Events: The City knows about this. Officer Jones will talk to them. Councilperson Palmer is setting up a meeting with Deputy Mayors about the problems on Frenchmen street.

Washington Square Park: The Palm trees are being destroyed. We will need to have new trees planted.

Other

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form: All Board members must sign the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form.

Business Cards: Chris ordered individual cards for President, Blight, Marigny Green, Editor, Advertising, and Board Members.

St. Roch Survey: The results concluded that people want the market occupied by multiple vendors, have fresh seafood, locally grown fruits and vegetables, affordable, prepared food, and organic. Customer service was extremely important as was predictability.

New business:

Shadow Box Theater: They are requesting a beer and wine license Chris moved that we support them with a beer and wine with several conditions such as Midnight closed doors, sell only during shows, no beer and wine during rehearsal, no loitering, and only for the Shadow Box Theater. Nicole Weber of Councilperson Palmer's office suggested a CBA with a multitude of provisos. Second: Gretchen. Discussion: If the theater closes, the building would have a Class C license. With the provisos, the next operator would have to have the same use. We are also need to look into the zoning re the Church which is behind the theater. Gretchen called the question. Vote: 5 yeas and 1 no.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.



FMIA General Meeting November 15, 2010 Minutes

President, Chris Costello opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Chris welcomed special guests Eduardo from Brazil who is Alex's brother, and Officers from 5th and 8th District. FMIA welcomed new members Candy, Kathryn, John, Pickle and Diane to the meeting.

Announcements:

1) Meet the Neighbors: The November Meet the Neighbors was at Magnolia Physical Therapy. It was a lively event with light refreshments and a guitar soloist. We are pleased to have the next Meet the Neighbors at Byrdie's, 2242 A St. Claude on Tuesday, December 14th 6:30 – 8:30pm. The Main Street program is trying to bring businesses back to this commercial area and it is important to support businesses on St. Claude.

2) Holiday Gifts: Lots of merchandise for your holiday shopping with FMIA such as FMIA mugs and T-shirts, and energy efficient bulbs. Marigny Green is pleased to present the first Sexy Trees of the Marigny Calendar 2011 priced at \$15.00 for Marigny and New Orleans residents and on-line at www.lulu.com/calendars.

3) Parking: As we know, parking is a problem in the Marigny. Dumpsters and storage pods need to have a permit through Public Works. There is a fee and charged accordingly to the specific needs. There are some dumpsters and pods in the neighborhood that are taking up parking spaces and need to become legal. Q: What about campers and Winnebago's? A: We need to research that. Cars need to be moved every 24hrs. Officer Jones said they too are also frustrated about the parking situation and please know they are working on this. Please contact City Council to express your concerns.

4) Crime Stoppers: You can call if you suspect any criminal activities especially drug activities 822-1111.

Committee Reports:

Blight: Alex met with the new director Mr. Hebert and this was an important meeting. Mr. Hebert was surprised to learn that we have problems with blight in the Marigny and was impressed that Alex had a detailed report. The Mayor is serious about this problem. The Blight Department is having bi-weekly meetings and volunteers are needed to be present for our accountability. 621 Kerlec did not reply to the letters was cited and found guilty. The owner immediately complied. The back of the house is still in a blighted condition and pictures were given to the judge. The owner will have to continue to comply with the findings from City Hall. This is an example why it is important for neighbors to take photographs and send them FMIA and City Hall. Code Enforcement and Environmental Health Departments have joined together. Alex will be doing a follow up survey of the blighted properties and will have results for next meeting. Q: Satellite dishes A: Should contact HDLC. The next four months there will be lots of action taken on blighted properties according to City Hall. Chris said we have had historic zoning for 38 yrs. If you want to work or **renovate** the outside of your building please contact HDLC. HDLC jurisdiction does not include paint colors but a permit to paint is required. Officer Jones said that the city is planning a citywide and district blight clean sweep on Dec 11th. They will identify blighted properties and take serious action.

Hot Sheet: Officer Alsina reminded the membership to use the HOT SHEET to report blight, trash, and crime. The Hot Sheets are available on-line with NOPD and www.faugourmarigny.org.

Marigny Green: Deborah presented Marigny Green's Sexy Trees of the Marigny Calendar 2011 for sale (\$15) to help plant trees in the Marigny. The calendar was photographed by Candy Chang, a Marigny resident. The calendar is available at Cake Café, FAB Books, The Orange Couch, Sound, Beth Books, Dorian Bennett, Rose Nicaud and Who Dat's Coffee Café or www.lulu.com Deborah promoted the energy efficient bug lights that are available to light up the Marigny for energy efficiency and a deterrent regarding crime. Marigny Green's battery recycle program allows FMIA members to bring their alkaline batteries to the General Meeting for recycling. Marigny Green wishes everyone a green holiday season.

Caroling: Tis the season to be merry and Ken and Chris are co-chairing FMIA's Candlelight Caroling event. December 12th will be a FMIA day with a holiday market 10am-4pm featuring a Kid's Area, FMIA's informational area, and music. Please see Papa Noel who will be available for holiday photos 1pm to 4pm. FMIA's annual Candlelight Caroling is from 6pm to 8pm. Thanks to all the coordinators of the event and a shout out to Jason of Snug Harbor for coordinating the music for the event which is tremendous gift.

VOLUNTEER MOMENTS: Have a few minutes to help decorate and clean Washington Square Park? Please join us on November 27th at noon to decorate Washington Square Park and on Friday, December 10th the trustees come to clean Washington Square Park at 9am with the residents of the Marigny. Sheriff Gusman really would like to have residents as role models

working with the trustees to help make Washington Square Park an enjoyable green space for all.

FMIA is looking for sponsors for the Caroling event. Be a sponsor of the candle light caroling event by contacting Chris at president@faubourgmarnigny.org. Show the spirit of the season and decorate your house to make the neighborhood festive and cheerful.

AARP Volunteer: AARP has a program for those over 55 years of age to re-enter the workforce. FMIA is fortunate to have Clive. Clive is currently working on creating a business directory. He is also contacting everyone who has signed up to volunteer. He will ask lots of questions pertinent to volunteering and know that he is working to help FMIA continue to accomplish our goals. We thank Clive for all his hard work.

Newsletter: Kudos to Donna and Sam for creating an enjoyable FMIA Newsletter.

Colton School: 1st part of project is demolition and will be working on the next phase. They are required by law for state archeologists to dig the site. It is still moving forward. PRC is selling architectural materials that were salvaged from the site.

Graffiti: It is getting worst and it is an issue. It is the responsibility of the property owner to eliminate the graffiti within 30 days. You can get graffiti removers from United Hardware. On the National Park Service website under preservation there are suggestions to remove graffiti for historic buildings.

St. Roch Market: The Survey has been completed and consensus among Marigny and St. Claude Avenue corridor community residents that the market should be restored as a source of fresh food with highest preference given to local produce and seafood. The data indicated that respondents preferred multi vendors and have a restaurant. The next step is to find an operator before the market is built. It was noted that St. Roch Market should not compete with the Food Coop which is across the street.

Riverfront: It turns out that the Mayor when elected halted all previous projects so he could study them which included Reinventing the Crescent. It turned out that the one document that sealed the deal was never signed because they needed to have a safety study. In a meeting with City Hall, Chris reiterated the neighborhood's needs. The bathroom design blocked an important view and we asked to have it moved to a less conspicuous place. We will get a passive park. They understand what the neighborhood wants and this park is for the citizens of New Orleans. Q: How will it be maintained? A: French Market Corporation. Funds from the two parking lots on Elysian Fields will used for maintenance.

Streetcars: There are 3 different options for streetcars from Federal grant money 1) New Orleans Convention Line 2) Loyola line and 3) North Rampart to Poland Line. Loyola Line is currently funded to be built. Talks are continuing with Councilperson Palmer and she is very interested in having the street car on St. Claude Avenue. The Public Belt Railroad has been an issue with the tracks at Press St. The street car would be in the street.

Residential Parking: This topic with City Hall will be readdressed after the city budget is finalized. We will set up a Working Group to create a strategy and create a parking plan for the Marigny.

Speakers:

Officer Alsina, 5th District: Officer Alsina asked if there are any new concerns: Q: Boom boxes are too loud. A: There is a law against this but the driver needs to be caught and they are mobile. Q: There is a tremendous amount of bike traffic and that is wonderful but they do not know about the rules, signage for bikes, and lights A: There are laws that bikes have to follow and this could open a huge can of worms. The police have been involved with bike safety and awareness.

Officer Jones, 8th District talked about the Second Annual Bike Coalition that was on November 13th for bike safety and awareness. They are trying to do more. The police do not want to seem anti- bikes because New Orleans is a perfect bike city. The key for bike safety is through education and outreach. For information contact The New Orleans Metro Bicycle Coalition www.mbcnola.org.

The new improve NOPD Run/Walk is now called Race against Crime and will be on Saturday, December 18th 8am at the intersection of Fulton and Lafayette Streets. Registration begins at 8:00am. The 5 K race begins at 9:00am. There will be live entertainment throughout the route. All runners receive a free T-Shirt and a ticket to the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. This is a project of the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation and the proceeds benefit the all New Orleans Police Districts. You can donate \$20 for the race/T-shirt. For more information www.nopj.org.

Crime Walk at 5pm on November 23rd is at Chartres and St. Peters Streets. We all should support all the crime walks throughout the city. Crime Walks are usually on Wednesday but the date was change for the holiday

There will be no General Meeting in December. FMIA wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Eat, drink, be merry and safe for all the December holidays and have a Happy New Year.

See you in January 17th 2011 for the next General Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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