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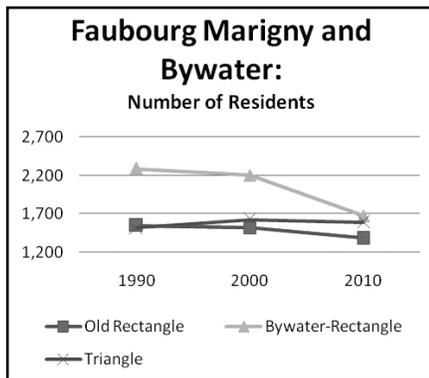
Count Us In

By Alexandre Vialou

Data from the 2010 Census has just been released. It is a good opportunity to look at changes that occurred in our neighborhood. The Faubourg Marigny is included in three different census tracts which represents the Triangle (census tract #26), the Rectangle – up to Franklin (census tract #18) and an area that encompasses the rest of the Rectangle and the Bywater area up to Congress Street (census tract #12)

Population

The 2010 Census found fewer residents in all three census tracts that compose the Faubourg Marigny. The sharpest decline happened in the Bywater-Rectangle area that lost more than 500 residents and has now 1,674 surveyed residents in 2010. The Triangle, that used to be the least populated area in 1990 with 1,517 residents, has now almost the same population size as the Bywater-Rectangle area. On the contrary, the Rectangle keeps losing residents. In 1990 it used to have the same number of residents as the Triangle (1,546) but has now only around 1,381 residents.



Housing

While the Triangle did not lose any housing units (it actually gained 60 new ones since 2000), both the Rectangle and the Bywater-Rectangle area have seen a rise in the number of demolitions and inhabitable housing: 50 fewer units in the Rectangle and 67 fewer in the Bywater-Rectangle area compared to the 2000 Census. Among the standing buildings fewer are being occupied. Both the Triangle and the Rectangle up to Franklin area used to have a lower share of occupied house than the city-average in 2000 (87%, and 80% for the Triangle and the Rectangle respectively compared to 88% for the City average). These

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Marigny Loses Character

By Bill Hyland and Harriet Swift

Lloyd Sensat, who moved to the Marigny neighborhood in 1973, when it was well past its early glory days and became one of its most passionate and effective champions, died unexpectedly February 18 at Ochsner Hospital. Mr. Sensat is survived by his partner of 34 years, Dr. Eugene Cizek, his mother, Marcella Stagg Sensat, and relatives in Crowley, Louisiana.



Self-Portrait, Lloyd Sensat

Lloyd and Gene renovated a large 1836 Creole cottage on Burgundy Street. They named it Sun Oak and it has become a landmark in American preservation. His hands-on experiences in the rehabilitation of the house reinforced his interest in architecture and led to his incorporation of it and architectural history into his high school art classes. Lloyd's innovative use of historic Louisiana houses in his teaching eventually led to state and then national recognition. In 1988 he was named U.S. Art Educator of the Year and in 1996 he was selected by the Disney Channel as its Visual Arts Teacher of the year.

With Gene, Lloyd established the Education Through Historic Preservation program. Under the auspices of the project, students adopted historic sites for a term. They were taught how to understand the architecture and culture of the place. Between 1977 and 1999 more than 20 historic sites in Louisiana were documented by students. In 1981 the National Trust for Historic Preservation presented the project their *Honor Award*.

After retirement from teaching, Lloyd moved into another career as a tour guide. He could be seen almost daily walking the streets of the French Quarter and leading visitors into St. Louis No. 1 Cemetery, explaining, laughing and talking about the city. He was an unmistakable sight; a jaunty walker with a full head of curly white hair (with a pitch helmet in summer), usually dressed in white linen slacks and shirt and vintage

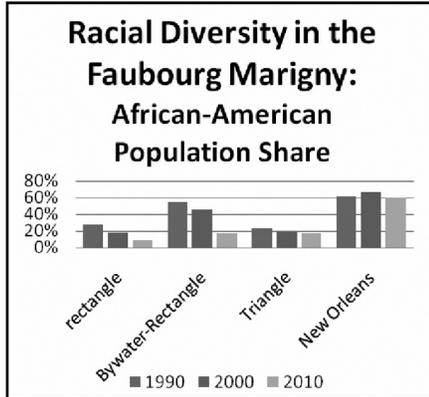
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two areas now have a higher share of occupied homes than the City (81%, and 79% for the Triangle and the Rectangle respectively compared to 75% for the City average). Housing occupancy reached the lowest point in the last three censuses for the Bywater-Rectangle area with 74%.

Racial Diversity

The 2010 Census is characterized with a continued absolute and relative decrease in the presence of African-Americans in all three census tracts. In the Bywater, where blacks used to represent more than 50% of the residents in 1990 and 45% in 2000, their representation fell to 17% in 2010. This is a much sharper decrease than at the City level. Nowadays there are roughly as many blacks in the Bywater-Rectangle area as in the Triangle: 286 and 266 respectively. According to Census 2010, African Americans represent less than 10% of residents in the Rectangle: 9% in 2010 compared to 18% in 2000 (124 residents identified). In our three areas other minorities have increased from 3% in 1990 to 6% in 2000 and 8% in 2010.



Conclusion

Based on Census numbers, the Faubourg Marigny has not gotten the sharp setback that has been prevalent in many other areas of the City. In fact, our neighborhoods that used to be plagued with a significantly higher share of vacant and blighted properties are now less decimated. What a testimony to the preservation efforts of our residents.

However, more than ever our neighborhood seems to be at a crossroad. Economic conditions are transforming the Triangle everyday closer to the French Quarter as suggested by the persistence of a significantly higher number of unoccupied homes and the continued reduction of the number of residents per household. The Rectangle is however experiencing a sudden resurgence in its demographic. The Rectangle up to Franklin is the only census tract in the area that is characterized with an increase in the number of household members (from 1.67 in 2000 to 1.71 in 2010).

The sharp decrease in the absolute number and the relative share of African-Americans in our communities especially in the Bywater-Rectangle area is worrisome. Such a decrease — more pronounced than at the city level — should spark a reaction in our community especially since it is my strong belief that most of us cherish living in a culturally rich and diverse community.

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President's Report

By Chris Costello

Congratulations to Krewe Du Vieux for another great parade. It is one of the many reasons why I enjoy living in this neighborhood. A big thank you to Lee Paul, this year's captain, and the rest of the krewe for working with us to make this parade run as smoothly as possible. Thank you also to Cynthia Lear from the Sanitation Department and her coworkers for cleaning up after the parade.

With the 2010 Census results coming out, many of our elected offices will be going through the process of redistricting. Specifically, our city council and state representative's districts will be updated. This is our opportunity to make sure these districts are drawn fairly. We encourage everyone to keep a close eye on this process. Our elected official's job is to lead and our job is to make sure they are doing it right.

More and more progress on the riverfront is happening every day. I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Kristina Ford for working with us to make sure the riverfront park serves the community and not special interests.

It is with great sadness that the Marigny loses another resident, Lloyd Sensat. He, like Linda Swindle, Russel Henderson and Ralph Marchetti, had a passion for this neighborhood and gave back to it such that the neighborhood we enjoy today was in part because of their efforts to make our neighborhood, city, state, country and world a better place. Lloyd is most recognized for his portrayal of Bernard Marigny at our Home and Walking Tours as well as Papa Noel at our Caroling event. He, like the others, will be terribly missed. Lloyd is survived by his partner of 35 years, Gene Cizek.

Quality of life is an important component in making a great neighborhood. Without it people will live somewhere else. As a neighborhood we have always supported businesses to the point we created the Residential District Overlay to allow businesses to repopulate corner stores. However, when businesses unfairly disturb their neighbors or break zoning laws and potentially put their neighbors and the neighborhood at risk we are compelled to act. We are discouraged that some businesses feel the need to break the law when there are so many businesses just like them that do well without doing so. We hope they will choose to become good neighbors and live within the limits of their zoning.

CVS Pharmacy is proposing to build a store in the 2600 block of St Claude Avenue. Their initial concept includes moving the double shotgun to another location and demolishing all the other buildings. We have expressed our desire for them to adaptively reuse these buildings. They will be attending a general meeting in the near future with their complete proposal.

Thank you to Brian Grenier and Jeff Bromberger of Maison for another a great installment of Meet the Neighbors. Attendees were greeted with an eclectic variety of beers on

tap, tasty appetizers and a wonderful atmosphere. Our next installment will be March 15th at the Friendly Bar. Come and get in on the fun.

Dues renewal is still happening. Thank you to our members that have already renewed. This month we are including a loose leaf form and self addressed stamped envelope to make things easier. So, if you have not done so, please take a moment by sending your membership form and dues.

We are in full swing of the planning for our Spring Home Tour, which will be on May 15, 2011. If you have offered to volunteer on your membership form we will be calling you to see how you can help out with this event. If you would like to help but are not sure if we have you down as a volunteer please contact us.

Spring is teasing us with cool weather but soon spring will have sprung and we will be able to be out and about enjoying our neighborhood and city. To make our neighborhood a great place to live work and play takes planning and help from volunteers. I want to thank those that always answer the call to help out the association and neighborhood and ask those that have not been able to find the time to do their part by getting involved. Volunteering takes many forms. Paying dues is the most basic while giving of your time another. I hope you will consider doing both.

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suspenders. He was widely known as one of the city's most popular tour guides with repeat customers and accolades from tourists from every corner of the world.

Lloyd was well-known in the Marigny neighborhood where he was a long-time member of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association. He happily took part in neighborhood events such as house tours, appearing in full period costume as his favorite Louisiana historical character, Bernard de Marigny. At Christmas, he made the rounds of festivals and events, including FMIA's Candlelight Caroling, as the French Papa Noel, dressed in gold brocade in the Creole style. His column, *Color Me Creole*, produced jointly with Gene, was an overwhelming favorite of readers of *Les Amis de Marigny*, this newsletter.

Lloyd will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.




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NO MORE BLIGHT

By Alexandre Vialou

Since August 2009, the FMIA Blight Committee has conducted four visual street surveys of blighted properties in our neighborhood. The street survey involves taking pictures of all properties that have missing siding, improperly attached gutters, holes in the roof, are boarded up or look abandoned. In every case the owners of these properties expose themselves to Code Enforcement Liens that can lead to an expropriation procedure for violating the City of New Orleans Housing Standard.

All properties identified during these street surveys are included in the FMIA Blight Database. This database is a list of all properties that had or currently have structural defects that are **visible from the street**. Anyone can help compile the list.

During the street survey a picture is taken of the blighted property. The owner of the property is notified immediately if the structure is in an obvious and dangerous state of collapse or if a complaint has been received. Otherwise, the state of the property is monitored during these regular street inventories.

In our contact letter to the delinquent homeowner, we urge the owner to follow the existing City of New Orleans Housing Standard. Most of them do respond to us. Ultimately only the delinquent homeowners that refuse to take any action to bring their property up to the Housing Standard is reported to Code Enforcement.

Since August 2009, the FMIA reported a dozen new properties that were all clearly blighted. As a result, Code Enforcement was able to cite all of these delinquent homeowners as Guilty in the first or second hearing instead of having the case being reset over and over — a persistent problem across the City.

In 2010, 17 blighted properties have been remedied. Among them are the Shadow Box Theater at 2400 St. Claude Avenue and the commercial buildings at 2107-09 Decatur Street in the Triangle. Several owners were found Guilty such as the owner of the double camelback at 2501 St. Claude Avenue or the owner of the neglected two story building at 621 Kerlerec.

Still there are 65 remaining blighted properties in our neighborhood. — of these 28 have already been cited by Code Enforcement.

The FMIA reported 10 properties to Code

Enforcement back in July 2009. These properties are expected to be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Email notices of these hearings will be sent out. If it is a property that you are familiar with, I ask you to consider attending the Code Enforcement hearings. Neighborhood witnesses always help Code Enforcement officer to be more informed and make better decisions.



Shotgun Camelback being constructed on 1725 Pauger Street where a blighted Single Shotgun was demolished.

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Trees should be professionally fertilized. Fertilization helps to strengthen the tree. Cost: \$65 per tree.

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Give flyers to your neighbors. Working together can eliminate caterpillars in your neighborhood. Please call 620-2224 if you'd like Parkway Partners to mail you flyers.

NONPAC Meetings

5th District Report *By John Luckett*

Captain Kelly opened the meeting with a discussion of the various crime maps on the computer showing how she keeps on top of criminal activity in the district. She has different maps that help her stay current on all investigations going on in the Fifth District at all times. Captain Kelly said that the crime maps on NOLAREADY.COM are updated five days a week and any citizen can access them on the website.

There was a discussion of crimes in areas of the district. The consensus of the attendees was that a large part of it was caused by the "revolving door" of the justice system.

Due to the date of Mardi Gras, there will be no meeting in March.

8th District Report

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

Supporting your neighborhood is a great way to help make the Marigny a great place to live, work and play.

Mission Possible

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina *St. Anna's Episcopal Church*, 'the little stone church' at 1313 Esplanade Ave., in collaboration with *The New Orleans Musicians Clinic* provided a wonderful music venue when there was little or no music to be had in New Orleans.

The Mission to Musicians concert series is back! From February 23 - March 23, 2011 on Wednesday evenings a full gospel mass at 6:00 pm will be followed by some of New Orleans most beloved musicians starting at 7:00 pm. In order of appearance they are: The Panorama Jazz Band; Miss Sophie Lee; The Storyville Stompers Brass Band; Sunpie Barns and the Sun Spots; concluding with Wilson and Moore.

The concerts will also offer dinner and as usual free medical and stress relief support. Musicians and artists eat free; all medical services are free; for others a simple donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

The series is an ideal place to absorb New Orleans best music and is a good event for children of the appropriate age. The event also offers local residents and opportunity to show our gratitude to the thousands of volunteers that have come to help "Renew, Restore, and Rebuild" the city of New Orleans. For further information regarding the concert or to make a reservation for parties of over ten please contact Arthur Terry, Program coordination at 504-947-2121.

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FOCUS ON BUSINESS

By Rachel Smith

As I walked up to Washington Square Park last month my eye was immediately caught by a cranberry-red double shotgun on the corner of Royal and Elysian Fields. I'd never noticed the building before as it was rather dilapidated and drew no particular attention to itself. I was intrigued to see the **Rocket Science Salon** sign that used to discreetly perch from a second floor walk-up on Frenchman Street across the street from the Blue Nile, now transplanted to the avenue.



Savannah Blue moved to New Orleans ten years ago from a small town in Alaska. She always knew she wanted to come to New Orleans, the antithesis of her hometown. For three years she worked out of the Frenchmen Street location, a very small salon with just room enough for her and an assistant. It was a bit of an adventure to find and get up to her salon through a dark hallway and a flight of stairs, definitely not a "walk-in" salon.

Savannah lives in the Marigny and particularly wanted to cater to local clientele and to create a space which would appeal to the neighborhood's artistic sensibilities. As her clientele expanded, she took the plunge last year and worked with the owner of 640 Elysian Fields to create a substantially larger space for her business. The building, a law office in its former incarnation, hadn't been occupied since Katrina.

The current owner has generously worked with Savannah to make substantial renovations to remove dropped ceilings, remove dividing walls and repaint. It is nearly unrecognizable from its former state as it now brightly adorns the prominent corner adjacent to the park.

The first impression upon walking into the new Rocket Science Salon is its airy, open feel. Renovations that opened up the double shotgun on all sides now allow the space to bathe in light. It feels contemporary yet warm, with furnishings made by artist friends and wood floors that seem to go on and on. She achieved a playful element to the overall look without it being trendy in that off-putting manner that some salons can have.

There are five stylists, and within the next few weeks there will be eight stations, to include a manicurist, an esthetician and a makeup artist. There is also a massage room in the quiet back area.

One can book appointments online and get email reminders by going to www.rocketsciencebeautybar.com. They offer a 100% guarantee on all their product lines, as well as free bang trims and neck trim. They are also child-friendly, which is wise given their location next to the park playground, a favorite destination of parents and children in the area. As the only full-service salon in the neighborhood, Rocket Science Salon fills a much-needed service while also beautifying our neighborhood.

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The Creative Alliance New Orleans (CANO), which had been based at Colton School, is in discussion with the Catholic Archdiocese about leasing or purchasing the complex on Burgundy Street.

Colton School

Community members working on the issue of the Colton School operator are holding meetings. The next is Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm at the St. Roch Community Church, 1738 St Roch. See their website: www.coltonschool.org.

CVS

CVS is proposing to build a large pharmacy on St Claude, between Franklin Avenue and Port Street. Their current plans are to tear down the existing buildings on the block with the exception of the shotgun, which they will move. They will make a presentation at an upcoming FMIA General Meeting.

Redistricting

Because of population loss the Marigny, along with New Orleans in general, is being impacted by redistricting on the city, state and national level. Stay tuned to what's being discussed.

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AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Recipients of the 2011 Pirouette Award were announced, and among them were five of Faubourg Marigny's own. What is the Pirouette Award you may ask — well as part of the Voodoo Ballerina King Cake Soiree, 10 people from the New Orleans community who do amazing things are recognized.

"The recipients of this award are either an individual artist, a community presence, a nonprofit organization or a service oriented group who are recognized for their continued and persistent courage, commitment to expression and contribution to the community. These recipients set a positive example for others to take risks and to engage fully in the opportunity that life is. They understand the basic truth: doing good makes for our greatest fulfillment, personally and within the community. We recognize them for living at risk, taking chances with their art, work and personal expression and we encourage them to go further out on that limb!"

The 2011 Pirouette recipients are:

John Calhoun, an original founder of the New Orleans Food Co-Op, has for much of the last eight years tirelessly sought out community support and spread awareness in the Marigny and ByWater for the need to provide access to healthy, affordable groceries, and local and regional food production. After mountainous autocratic obstacles and miles of red tape, the NOLA Food Co-op will finally be realized in the New Orleans Healing Center, 2372 St Claude Avenue.

Chris Costello as president of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association diligently, respectfully and diplomatically protects the neighborhood. His intelligent and patient insistence on doing good for the community has put him in both the spear head position and the hot seat on numerous occasions. Successes include stopping the chicken plant from being installed on the Mississippi River on the edge of the Marigny, directing the Riverfront Park project to be an asset and treasure for the neighborhood rather than an abuse on it, protecting citizen rights from predatory businesses that are only in it for profit, not for community culture and quality of life. He always has a fair ear, listening to all sides of the story. A man of huge integrity and generosity for his community, always has the neighborhood's best interest at heart. The Marigny was voted one of the top 10 neighborhoods in the United State of America, 2009!

Kirah Haubrich devotes her heart and soul to 3 Ring Circus Productions at the Big Top venue. She heads up community engagement by organizing for adults and kids; the Friday happy hour/music camp, quilts for homeless, Krewe of Chewbacca during Mardi Gras, curates local art exhibitions and produces performing arts shows and events. Six days a week all year she generously maintains and

supplies this local venue and resource for the creative force of New Orleans. She has integrity, an enormous heart and likes to be wacky and play while still getting it all handled.

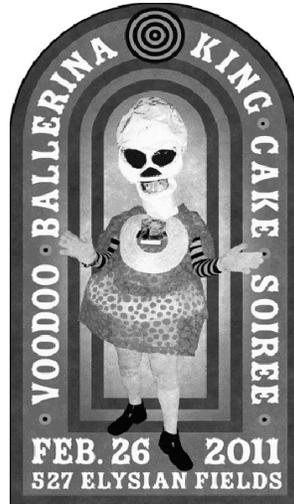
Baty Landis is a community powerhouse; owns and operates Sound Cafe and Beth's Books in the Lower

Marigny, organizing the free Tuesday night music jam for kids, is the Executive Director of Young Aspirations/Young Artists (YA/YA), after school arts and professional enrichment program, founder of Silence Is Violence, anti-violence campaign that calls upon citizens and public officials to achieve a safe new Orleans across all communities, engaging youth in positive expressions and actions to counter the culture of violence. She has a passion for Russia, is a travel writer a mom of two and can sport a pair of skinny jeans like no one's business!

Deborah Oppenheimer is a long time New Orleans positive spirit. Active member of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association she is the driving force behind Marigny Green, making resources and information available on living green and informing the residents on how to get involved in green initiatives such

as tree planting, recycling, using energy efficient lighting and biking as transportation. With the ReUse District she promotes the awareness and accessibility of reused materials by uniting like-minded organizations. As an educator, she teaches children in a loving and respectful manner, acts as an adviser (off the record) for many parents, teachers and school entities. She has an air of grace and love, but a tough cookie not to be reckoned with.

The other recipients were **Ann Burr** of Ann Burr Dance Studio, **Karen Kern** as Grants Manager at the Arts Council of New Orleans, **Mark Kirk** and **Heather MacFarland** of Unique Products and **Rachel Vella**, General Manager of NOTV and owner of Vella Vetro Art Glass.



Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheimer



GO GREEN FOR MARCH and plant a street tree in front of your house. If you have an existing 3ft by 3ft vacant street area and want to have a tree planted, contact Deborah at deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org. Marigny Green will help you with the process.

A great way to celebrate the festivities in March is to throw a party and gather friends who will commit to a few hours of using a jackhammer to drill new holes. For information about who to contact for sidewalk clearance and for where to rent a jackhammer at a reduced price, please contact Deborah at deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org.



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Meet the Neighbors

March 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
Friendly Bar,
2301 Chartres Street

Public Meeting

Reuse of Naval Support Base
March 16, 6 pm
Holy Angels Chapel
3500 St Claude

General Meeting

March 21
6:30 Pot Luck,
7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church
2624 Burgundy Street

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday

7 pm,
2372 St Claude Avenue

8th District — 2nd Thursday

5:30 pm,
1001 Toulouse Street

APRIL

Board Meeting

April 6, 7 pm
2011 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

April 12, 6:30-8:30 pm
Mojitos Rum Bar & Grill
Corner of Esplanade &
Frenchmen

General Meeting

April 18
6:30 Pot Luck,
7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church
2624 Burgundy Street

GREEN MARKETS

French Market

Wednesdays & Saturdays
10 am - 5 pm

Sankofa Market

Saturdays — 10 am - 2 pm
5500 Street Claude Avenue

FREE FUN

Nickel a Dance

March 13, 20, 27, 4 - 7 pm
Maison, 508 Frenchmen St.

St Claude Arts District

2nd Saturday
see www.scadnola.com

Alvar Arts

March 15, 7- 9 pm
Alvar Library
913 Alvar Street

*If you have an event for the
calendar please send it to
Donna Wakeman at editor@
faubourgmarigny.org*

Letter to the FMIA

(Enclosed with renewal membership dues)

If I were given a wish it would be "I wish I was back in the Marigny." You all have done and are doing a great job. My 90th birthday (is) coming up in April.

Have another productive year!!

Mary Lou Benson, Mandeville, LA



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Water for Cities

By Donna Wakeman

March 22, 2011 is World Water Day, a date set aside by the United Nations to recognize the significant gains that are needed to be made by developing nations for access to clean drinking water and sanitation systems. The theme for WWD 2011 is **Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge**.

In New Orleans, **The Lost Love Lounge**, 2529 Dauphine St., is holding a fund drive. The Lost Love Lounge fund drive will run through 3/21/11 and all money collected will be donated to the UN Tap Project: www.tapproject.org.

More information about World Water Day can be found at www.worldwaterday2011.org

Meet the Neighbors



By Lisa Tabb

February's Meet the Neighbors was at **The Maison at 508 Frenchmen Street**. We had a good-sized turnout at this restaurant/bar/live music spot. The owners treated us to delicious samples of their po-boys, hamburgers and appetizers, and a free glass of wine while we visited and listened to the music. My personal favorite was their Pulled Pork po-boy, with the Panko Shrimp appetizer a close second. It's definitely going to be a neighborhood favorite.

Next Meet the Neighbors will be at the **Friendly Bar on Tuesday, March 15, 6:30-8:30**. The date changed because Mardi Gras is March 8 this year. The Friendly Bar, located on 2301 Chartres, is perfect place for the Marigny social because it already is the neighborhood hangout. Good drinks, good people, good times.

April's Meet the Neighbors will be held on **Tuesday, April 12th** at the new restaurant, **Mojitos Rum Bar & Grill**. It's located on the corner of Esplanade and Frenchman. This new establishment serves Caribbean-influenced, Creole-inspired cuisine for breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday Jazz Brunch.

Sankofa Farmers Market Growing

The Sankofa Farmers Market recently made the transition in November 2010 from a monthly community marketplace to a weekly farmers market with the help of a diverse group of local farmers, fishers, and producers. The Market is held **every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at the corner of Caffin and St. Claude Avenues in the Lower 9th Ward**. Credit, debit, and EBT cards are accepted.

Visitors to the Market will find a variety of products, including fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and plants. Vendors come to the market from New Orleans neighborhoods and the Gulf Coast region, as nearby as the Lower 9th Ward, Bywater, Marigny, and Mid City, and as far away as St. Bernard Parish, Plaquemines Parish and rural Mississippi.

Many of the Sankofa vendors are new growers and entrepreneurs. Market Coordinator Megan Burns sees this as the new market's niche. "The smaller market is perfect for urban growers and new producers who are invested in strengthening the city's food system through sustainability and accessibility" says Burns. "We are excited to focus on urban agriculture and food accessibility." Through its support of farmers, fishers, and bakers with budding businesses, the Sankofa Farmers Market is bringing much needed fresh, healthy food to the area.



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represents the importance of respecting the wisdom of the past while planning and working for the future.

Rashida Ferdinand, Executive Director of the Sankofa Community Development Corporation and 5th generation Lower 9th Ward resident, remembers the bounty of her own and other family's backyard gardens in the neighborhood. The Sankofa Farmers Market honors and lifts up the agricultural roots of the Lower 9th Ward while working to improve economic development, community capacity, and health in the area.

Fresh & Familiar

While planning for the market, Ferdinand met with residents from the Lower 9th Ward and surrounding neighborhoods to learn what they would like to see at a farmers market. In addition to better access to fresh produce and seafood, residents were interested in food that they too grew up with.

"Despite all of the advances we have made since Katrina, the Lower 9th Ward is still considered to be a food desert

and grocery stores have yet to return to the area," says Ferdinand. "In discussions with community members, we learned that weekly access to fresh fruits and vegetables was a pressing need. It was also clear that they wanted it to be food that they knew and loved."

These discussions led the decision to transition the monthly marketplace to a weekly farmers market. Thanks to the support of local vendors and customers, the Sankofa Farmers Market continues to grow, cultivating sustainable food systems and neighborhood revitalization.

For more information, including a complete list of vendors and calendar of events, call (504) 875-4268, email sankofafarmersmarket@gmail.com, or visit www.SankofaFarmersMarket.org.



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