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Les Amis de Marigny

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

Fête Marigny

The Faubourg Marigny gets its own neighborhood festival!

Mark your calendars! E-mail your friends! Tweet your colleagues! The first annual Fête Marigny will take place in less than a month! On **Sunday, October 21st**, Washington Square Park will be filled with the sounds of music, the scent of food, drinks, and activities celebrating our Faubourg's early years as New Orleans' first Creole neighborhood. Plan on spending the day — there will be artist booths, live music, food and drink with a French flair, plenty of activities for children, and even a petanque (lawn bowling) area. There will also be a raffle with the winner taking home a "wine cellar" featuring of dozens of bottles of wine — including French champagne! A silent auction will be open all day which will offer hotel and B&B stays, gift certificates for restaurants and bars, and some unique and unusual gifts (this is the Marigny). There will be a French-themed costume contest which will be judged by a local celebrity. So don your best Marie-Antoinette dress or Louis XIV perruque and compete for the grand prize: a new flat screen television!

In conjunction with the Fête Marigny festivities, the FMIA will be celebrating its 40th anniversary with a series of speakers and presentations about the Faubourg Marigny. The program, which will take place at Boystown, just across Frenchmen Street from the park, will include presentations by Dr. Gene Cizek, architect and founder of the FMIA, William Hyland, great great great great grandson of Bernard de Marigny, and Rick Fifield, architect and Marigny Resident. Topics will include the history of the Faubourg Marigny and its place in the City's early expansion, the creation of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association and the role it has played in the development of the neighborhood, and a panel discussion on current developments and the future of the neighborhood.

The presentations and panel discussion will wind up at 12 noon — just in time to return to the park to buy your ticket for the annual Marigny Fall Walking Tour!



Fall Walking Tour

We have nine interesting places to go inside for a visit offering a view of the range of architectural styles in Faubourg Marigny.

- 511 Marigny Lofts, still under construction, will be shown by Julian Mutter and architect Wayne Troyer with plans, PR, PowerPoints and more.
- Julian's Mutter's home and exciting garden on Spain
 - Jule Lang's beautiful Edwardian home
 - The former corner store at Royal and Spain looks great and really speaks to the commercial/residential nature of our neighborhood
 - Mandeville Fire station, completely restored will also be a wonderful cinema stop with Glenn Pitre and Michelle Benoit showing short documentaries on French, Creole and Cajun topics
 - Clifton Webb's great Creole cottage on Burgundy across from Sts. Peter and Paul Church is wonderfully filled with his art work. We will also see his studio.
- 811 Marigny, Margarita Bergen, our local hostess with the mostest, will show her wonderful home, art collection and may even have talked a tequila company into sponsoring Margaritas with Margarita.
- 2033 Burgundy, across Elysian Fields we find a great double turned single by Dan McDaniel with very interesting new floor plans, lots of open space filled with an excellent collection of art and furniture. The rear garden is lush and exotic.
- The last stop is Sun Oak with before and after photos, and a complete set of Historic American Buildings Survey documents prepared by Todd Adams, a landscape architect who completed his Master in Preservation Studies in Gene Cizek's program at Tulane.

The 12 students in Gene Cizek's preservation studio are preparing a wonderful tour guide book with a map of the tour, tour house images and plans, interesting details to be seen along the way and a history of Marigny. A special focus will be placed on the Houses of Washington Square.



President's Report

By *Alexandre Vialou*

Bonjour,

As we say good-bye to the hot summer and start enjoying even more our outdoors, one may start noticing few changes from our otherwise routine season changes.

- Where did the smell of baking pies go?
- Since when did the Frenchmen Street Art Market start?
- Will the riverfront park truly be inaugurated this year?
- Will music restart at Siberia?

All of these questions have one thing in common: zoning.

The FMIA is your organization where your concerns are considered and voiced to the city council. Thanks to the diversity of background that exist on your board (congratulations to our newly elected board members) from business owners to residents, we strive to approach each issue in a holistic way. Still we always want to know your opinions, so please continue to come to our general meeting to get the information you want regarding your neighborhood.

In the upcoming weeks, we are particularly looking forward to sharing with you and your friends a good time at our upcoming Fete Marigny on October 21st at Washington Square Park. Another meaningful celebration organized by the FMIA is the Dearly Departed Society which pays homage on all saints day (November 1st) to all of those that contributed to our colorful neighborhood.

Be safe. Au Revoir.

Alexandre Vialou

ADVERTISING

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	Full Page	1/2 Page	1/4 Page	Business Card
FMIA Member	\$110	\$55	\$40	\$25
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The newsletter is now accepting classified ads. Personals, however, are not being accepted. Contact ads@faubourgmarigny.org. Classified Rates: \$5.00 per each 25 words.

About the Newsletter

Les Amis de Marigny is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community. Contents, editorials and opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views of the FMIA, its Board or its members. The FMIA does not warrant the legality of any business advertised in its newsletter. 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.

Manuscripts, photographs and articles dealing with topics of interest to the Marigny neighborhood are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to reject submissions including editorial and advertising content. Submissions must be received by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue. Send contributions to: FMIA Newsletter, 2401 Burgundy St., Box 10, NOLA 70117 or editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

The newsletter is published each month except August and January. Back issues are available online at www.faubourgmarigny.org.

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The tour kicks off at noon and this year's circuit will be a self-guided tour of nine homes. This year the homes will be open to the public. Participants will receive a detailed brochure describing each of the homes which represent a cross section of architectural styles typical of the Faubourg Marigny.

So tell your friends and plan to spend the day enjoying everything that makes the Faubourg Marigny a special place! Vive le Marigny!

The fine print: 1) We will accept wine contributions and donations for the silent auction up until the day of the festival. 2) Publicity is expensive and has not been extensive – but word of mouth is one of the most effective means of communication so please spread the word! 3) There are dozens of different activities which need to be staffed and coordinated, from set-up to clean-up and everything in between. With less than 30 days remaining to Fête day we are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Marshall Gries at marshallg@faubourgmarigny.org.



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Back to the Future: A Brief History of the FMIA

By Gene Cizek

In 1970 after the defeat of the riverfront expressway project and the construction of the eight story Christopher Inn on Washington Square in Faubourg Marigny, the New Orleans City Planning Commission asked Professor Eugene D. Cizek, to study the Marigny triangle for the development of an historic zoning district as a means to foster revitalization and preservation of the area. Cizek purchased an early creole cottage (circa 1807) in Faubourg Marigny and in the spring of 1971 he and his students from the Tulane university school of architecture began a study of the historic Marigny zoning and developed a program to implement it. This proposal was voted into law by the New Orleans City Council in 1971.

The historic Marigny zoning laws have served as a model for other districts in New Orleans and across the country. The implementation of the historic Marigny zoning district led to the creation of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association in 1972. In 1974

Dr. Cizek and his students from Tulane were asked to study the rectangle for historic Marigny zoning, which was passed into law in 1974. Also in that year the Faubourg Marigny was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This national historic designation helped to defeat the location of a new Mississippi River Bridge at Press Street after the Napoleon Avenue proposal was defeated. Then finally through much community planning and effort, the parallel bridge site was selected creating the Crescent City Connection.

By the late 1970s a group of citizens, which included Cizek, had developed a proposal for the state legislature to enact a new law for the creation of historic districts around the state of Louisiana. These were the first historic districts established in Louisiana since the creation of the Vieux Carré commission in 1937.

In 1978 Mayor Moon Landrieu set up an historic district study committee for the Faubourg Marigny and the Esplanade Ridge with Cizek as its chair. The recommendations of the committee were approved and the Faubourg Marigny and Esplanade Ridge historic districts were established with Cizek being the representative for the Marigny.

Marigny has always worked at planning for its future. In the 1990s a neighborhood retreat and related study with the Tulane School of Architecture produced a master plan: Marigny 2000. This plan was very forward thinking and provided the processes for securing the new location for the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. Another study produced the Residential District Overlay Zoning which allowed for owners of corner buildings whose architecture was historically built for mixed land use such as a store to apply for a new land use designation which allow the corner building to be redeveloped into a low impact commercial property such as a coffee shop, art gallery or other nonalcoholic or live music venue.

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Fête Marigny Schedule

	Music Stage	FMIA 40 th Anniversary Presentations	Activities	Food and Beverages	Artist Booths
9:00			Children's Activities all day	Coffee Truck	
9:30				↓	
10:00	Helen Gillet	Gene Cizek	Children's book giveaway	Food Booths and beverages all day	Artist Booths Open
10:30	Helen Gillet	William Hyland		↓	↓
11:00		Rick Fifield		↓	↓
11:30				↓	↓
12:00			Marigny Fall Home Tour start	↓	↓
				↓	↓
1:00	Gypsy Swing			↓	↓
1:30	Gypsy Swing			↓	↓
2:00			Costume Contest	↓	↓
2:30				↓	↓
3:00			Announce Raffle Winner	↓	↓
3:30	Sunpie			↓	↓
4:00	Sunpie			↓	↓
4:30			Silent Auction Closes	↓	↓
5:00	Aurora Nealand			↓	↓
5:30	Aurora Nealand				
6:00					



The upper floors would remain residential as well as any part of the first floor that exceeded the square footage allowed by the new zoning overlay. In similar manner a portion of Frenchmen Street was developed as an entertainment-cultural district allowing for special clubs, cafes, restaurants, galleries and many other types of shops that fit into the overall planning profile. In all of these uses enforcement became a major issue and remains so to this day.

Once an area becomes a great place to live and there is proximity to a major tourist area such as the Vieux Carré there is the pressure to overbuild, overuse and basically begin the process of trying to destroy the very qualities that make for a good neighborhood. The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association continues its fight to seek and manage growth and change in a manner that maintains its special sense of place and reality. Great cities are those that maintain a strong sense of place: great history, great architecture, great food, great music and most of all great people. The American Planning Association chose to give its most prestigious award of "Great American Neighborhood" to Faubourg Marigny in 2009.

The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association and its other associated neighborhoods have banded together many times, most recently to defeat a dangerous chicken processing plant that would have brought almost fifty eighteen-wheeler trucks back and forth from I-10 to the Mississippi River down Elysian Fields, creating dangerous health and safety issues. They also stopped a new taxing district from being created that would not have given Marigny fair representation but increased its use as a giant parking lot for nearby commercial activity.

They have watched and guided the new Riverfront Park toward being a better neighbor and one that promotes the residential quality of Marigny while protecting it from excess noise and parking. The "Size Matters" campaign has stopped an incredible over use and over scaled highrise from being developed. Marigny is very excited about contemporary architecture and development that follows the legal guidelines of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission and that works with our quality of life and not against it.

As we go into our forty first year and the future, the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association must remain vigilant yet open minded to change that is positive. We do not want to become like the Vieux Carré, a neighborhood we love and enjoy but one that has become too difficult for its full time residents to live the good life. They too must fight and plan and seek a future that is not just for our visitors but one for all of us who have worked so hard and so long to create truly beautiful and unique neighborhoods in which to live, to be young in, to grow old in and to leave a legacy to the future of what a good life New Orleans has provided for almost three hundred years.

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY FAUBOURG MARIGNY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION!!!!

Happ'ns in the 'Hood

Crime in the 'Hood

While crime in the Marigny is not as bad as in some other neighborhoods, we could be safer. One step we can all take is to install a surveillance camera and become a member of the network of private cameras coordinated by Project NOLA. A non-profit, they provide special day/night high definition crime cameras at a discount. The network is effective and is always on the job, providing a resource to the police department. Email at: projectnola@gmail.com

Noise in the 'Hood

The city has (sort of) gotten serious about the enforcement of the noise and permitting ordinances. Two cases in our neighborhood illustrate the schizophrenic approach.

Siberia, on St. Claude Ave, about which the FMIA has not ever received any complaints, was inspected for proper live music permits by the city. Failing to produce any, Siberia was instructed to cease presenting live music performances, which it did. Zoning will permit live music with a conditional use permit.

Mimi's, on Franklin Ave, about which the FMIA has received noise complaints for years, had the same experience with a much different outcome. As was widely reported by the news media, in the face of complaints by musicians and bar goers the city backed down "They will be able to have live entertainment while the Office of Cultural Economy works with them on their permitting issues," said City Hall spokesman Ryan Berni. This even though the zoning ordinances prohibit live entertainment (just ask Lost Love Lounge down the street).

Parking in the 'Hood

The letter to the Parking Division requesting the expansion of the triangle's Residential Parking District to the rectangle has been sent. The process will include neighborhood input as well as a block by block canvass. Progress will be reported at FMIA general meetings and in the newsletter.

Carnival Season

The Intergalactic **Krewe of Chewbacchus** plans its third year of parading on the streets during the 2013 Carnival season. With its Den located in the Marigny and many of its members residents, the Krewe believes it is a natural fit with the neighborhood, and to that end is looking to rolling in the Faubourg this season. Look for its presentation at the next FMIA general meeting.

Sts. Peter and Paul

Unfortunately, negotiations between the Archdiocese and CANO for the purchase of the property at 2317 Burgundy St. have fallen through, as the non-profit has been unable to secure the cash needed. The property has been put on the market with a sale price of \$1 million. It is too bad that the deal failed, as CANO's plans to provide a home to various arts and cultural organizations and to create community space would have been a major asset to the neighborhood.

Orchids & Onions

ORCHIDS

 to Outgoing board members.

 to Blogger Lord David for his insight, honesty, and humor.

ONIONS

 Developers who don't respect existing zoning regulations.

NONPAC Meetings

5th District Report No Report

8th District Report

With the 8th District assuming responsibility for the majority of the Marigny, it is more urgent than ever that someone volunteer to attend and report on its NONPAC meetings. Anyone interested please contact editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2012

Board Meeting

October 3, 7 pm,
Who Dat Café, 2401 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

October 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Venue TBA

General Meeting

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

November 2012

Board Meeting

November 7, 7 pm,
Who Dat Café, 2401 Burgundy Street

Meet the Neighbors

November 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Venue TBA

General Meeting

November 19, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday,

6 pm, 4015 Burgundy St.

8th District — 2nd Thursday

5:30 pm, 1001 Toulouse Street

GREEN MARKETS

French Market

Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm

Sankofa Market

Saturdays, 10 am - 2 pm
Holy Angels Complex, 3500 St. Claude Avenue
(at the corner of Gallier Street and St Claude Avenue)

FREE FUN

St Claude Arts District

2nd Saturday: see www.scadnola.com

Chess Lessons

Thursdays, 5 pm,
Alvar Library, 913 Alvar Street

18th Annual Nickel-A-Dance

A month-long series of concerts on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 7 p.m. at Maison, 508 Frenchmen Street.
<http://www.maisonfrenchmen.com>

For more information go to **New Orleans Jazz Celebration**
<http://www.nojc.org/nickel> or call 504-947-6155.

See ad at left for more details.

Halloween Parade

Saturday Oct 20, 6 to 9 pm – starts in the 6th Ward/Treme and goes to the 9th Ward/Bywater, ending at the Backyard Ballroom on St Claude.

If you have an event for the calendar please send it to [John Gutekunst at editor@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:John.Gutekunst@faubourgmarigny.org)

18th Annual



Nickel-A-Dance

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER 2012

4:00pm to 7:00pm

OCTOBER 7TH

The New Leviathan Oriental Fox-Trot Orchestra

OCTOBER 14TH

Charlie Miller & Frenchmen Street Feet Flingers

OCTOBER 21ST

Don Vappie's Creole Jazz Serenaders

OCTOBER 28TH

Lionel Ferbos and the Palm Court Jazz Band

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MAISON



508 FRENCHMEN STREET

Don't Trash Can Dat

An ongoing concern of many of the residents of the Marigny is trash cans being left on the sidewalks on non-pickup days. Those who have room in their alleys to store the cans are required to do so. Those who don't have a wide enough alley way can get an exemption from the cans.



According to Sergeant Jonette Williams, Eighth District Community Coordinator, they now have friendly warning cards that will be shared with residents to ensure they are aware of the trash ordinances.

In response to complaints of trash cans being left out inappropriately at some locations, Officer Harper, working



with Officer Johnson from Sanitation, visited the sites and shared the warning flyer with residents. They were able to meet some of the residents, which allowed for an initiation of dialogue. They are seeking a resolution that will alleviate this issue, as well as problem-solve with locations that may have difficulties with garbage can placement on the property. They will be conducting follow up visits in the future.



The hope is that City Council and the Sanitation Department can find an alternative to these large, unsightly cans that plague our historic neighborhoods.

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Board Elections

The election for the FMIA Board took place at the General Meeting on September 17. When the votes were tallied the results were:

John Gutekunst: 42 New Board Member
 Peter Horjus: 47 New Board Member
 Mark Maloose: 47 New Board Member
 Bill Walker: 38, New Board Member
 Benni Naghi: 7

We wish to express our thanks to those leaving the board this year for their dedication and service:

Gene Cizek
 James Farr
 Jason Patterson
 Donna Wakeman

Thank You!

Mystery Photo

Identify the two people in the photograph and win a ticket for the wine raffle to be held at the Fete Marigny. Send your entry to editor@faubourgmarigny.org.



Other mystery photos from our past are welcome. Send them to editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

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For comments — email info@faubourgmarigny.org

Meet the Neighbors



Our last *Meet the Neighbors* took place on Tuesday, September 11th at **Mojito's**, 437

Esplanade. With Isaac just a damp (unlamented) memory, it was great to get out and see some of our neighbors, compare damage and commiserate.

The next *Meet the Neighbors* will be on October 9, at a venue yet to be determined.

Announcement

Meet New People, Do a Good Deed

The newsletter has openings on its staff for photographers, reporters and ad people. It's an opportunity to get involved with your neighborhood, meet new people and generally have fun. If you are interested, contact editor@faubourgmarigny.org



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Marigny Green



By Deborah Oppenheim

Help Straighten Leaning Trees

The city's recently planted trees were blown over during Hurricane Isaac and can be straightened out. Trees that can be set straight are usually under five years old said Jean Fahr, Parkway Partners Executive Director. For information on straightening trees, go to the Parkways Partners website: www.parkwayspartnersnola.org. The staff at the Department of Parks and Parkways is guiding volunteers in righting trees throughout the city at important locations that need immediate attention. For more information, contact 504-658-3200.

Marigny Green Tree Initiative 2012

Parkways Partners' five year tree planting initiative to restore New Orleans' canopy and further reforests Orleans Parish is underway. The recent Tree Troopers Training program sponsored by Parkways Partners was a huge success and the Tree Troopers will enhance their neighborhood in their tree

planting knowledge. Marigny Green's initiative to plant trees in our neighborhood during December/January begins with YOU and your participation. Marigny Green is looking for someone to Chair the Marigny Green Tree Initiative 2012 and please contact Deborah deborah@faubourgmarigny.org and contact me for more information.

It's a Blast!

An email blast that is. FMIA sends out an email blast every Sunday with important news about what's happening in the Faubourg Marigny and surrounding area — news that you need to know! To sign up for this service, email

news@faubourgmarigny.org to be put on the list.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may need to change your email settings to allow news@faubourgmarigny.org as an approved sender or add it to your contact list.



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We would love the opportunity to give you a personal or group tour of our historic buildings (est.1883) and the many celebrated serenity gardens throughout the grounds.

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Alvar Arts



The Alvar Library is excited to announce that beginning this month we will be hosting two of our favorite return programs. First, Alvar Arts, a monthly showcase of local artists, will kick-off on October 18 with Peter Nu on piano and Delia Nakayama reading her poetry. Then, starting on October 20, a five-session long poetry workshop led by Bywater poet Lee Grue

will begin, thanks to a recently received Poets and Writer's Grant. We look forward to hosting the neighborhood's many talents through these programs and hope to see you often in the coming months!

This series of Alvar Arts will be held on the third Thursday of each month, beginning on the 18th of this month and continuing through May 16, 2013. Each program will be held from 7-9 pm and will include a presentation by the artist followed by a reception with food and drink.

Artwork by visual artists will be left up throughout the month to be enjoyed upon any visit to the library. The

series coordinator, longtime Bywater resident Zé daLuz, has enlisted a variety of participants, from painters and poets to puppeteers, musicians, and fiber craft workers. More information can be found at the website, www.alvararts.org, or on the Alvar Arts Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AlvarArts>. The official dates are:

- October 18
- November 15
- December 20
- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 16

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to again work with Ms. Lee Meitzen Grue, as she leads our upcoming poetry workshop series. Ms. Grue is an award winning writer, listed in "Who's Who of American Women," who has earned an NEA fellowship, prizes in poetry and fiction from Deep South Writers, and a PEN Syndicated Fiction Prize, amongst numerous other awards.

Additionally, Ms. Grue has directed the New Orleans Poetry Forum for 19 years, and has conducted seminars throughout the United States and the world, from New York City to Hawaii, France, and Spain. Her work has crossed cultures in many ways, including translating the work of Mexican poet David Huerta as part of "Bridging the Gulf," an exchange of four Mexico City poets and four New Orleans poets.

Please stop by the library or call us at 596-2667 to register for her workshop.

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Food and Fitness Fair

Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at the Sankofa Farmers Market is a celebration of healthy food and community engagement. On **Saturday, October 20**, the Farmers Market will host a Food/Fitness Fair organized by Sankofa Community Development Corporation and the Healthy Heart Community Prevention Project Farmers Market, in collaboration with neighborhood organizations, health agencies, food producers, churches, and educational institutions. The Fair, being held to celebrate National Food Day, will highlight the important role nutrition and physical fitness in determining overall health, while building community connections.

The Food/Fitness Fair will take place from 10 am until 2 pm in the front yard of ARISE Academy at Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School, 3819 St. Claude Ave. It will be held in conjunction with the Farmers Market vendors to include activities, informational displays, and healthy cooking demonstrations. The Fair will serve to strengthen community ties with neighborhood residents who are taking control of their health through the consumption of good food and physical activity.

KIPP Renaissance High school students who are members of the Sankofa HEAL-4H group are planning workshops to teach community members about the benefits of eating fresh food. They will present displays that respond to junk food advertising, identify healthy options for snacks,

and state the components of a balanced meal. Fitness professionals and athletes will lead children and adults to engage in physical activities which will demonstrate how exercise can be fun, free, and simple. Live musical entertainment will be provided by local performers *Charmaine Neville Band* and the *Yisrael Jazz Youth Orchestra*.

Local chefs and cooks will offer cooking demonstrations using fresh food from the farmers market. Free cardiovascular screenings to measure glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, and body mass index (BMI) will also be provided. HEAL-4H students will lead tours of the Douglass Garden. Additionally, the students will sell the vegetables and herbs they have cultivated and harvested in their Farmers Market vendor booth.

National Food Day was created in 2011 to promote safer, healthier diets, reduce hunger, and protect food workers and the environment. "Nation-wide Food Day celebrations put sustainable, nutritious food in the spotlight," said Rashida Ferdinand, Executive Director of Sankofa CDC. "Regular access to fresh, healthy produce helps promote good health and decrease risk of diet-related diseases, with sweeping effects on our health, the environment, and the success of the young people in our community."

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On St. Claude Avenue, our mission is to promote and support an economically thriving and culturally rich crossroads of historic neighborhoods. In the St. Claude area we have our unique culture and challenges, but we are also similar to the many historic Main Street communities around the state that seek to improve their community through neighborhood engagement and local economic development.

To celebrate the history, culture and development of Louisiana's various Main Street communities, the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development coordinates a series of statewide events each November called "Main to Main." This year, St. Claude Main Street will participate with a November Night Market highlighting artisans and entertainment from our community.

St. Claude Business Association

We are excited to help seed the St. Claude Business Association with a group of business owners who are entrepreneurial in spirit and dedicated to building a strong commercial corridor. From Scootz dealership in the Marigny, to the Green Burrito down the corridor, this new organization seeks to include at least 50 business members from the St. Claude Corridor in its first year. The Association will provide networking, technical assistance, marketing and promotions that will support existing operations and help recruit new businesses to the corridor. To get involved, please contact michael@stclaude.org.

Arts Community Programming

St. Claude Main Street was recently awarded a major grant from the Artplace America Foundation to undertake a series of creative placemaking initiatives along the corridor. To ensure that the concerns of the local arts community were addressed, and asked for community volunteers to provide

guidance through a volunteer Arts Advisory Board. We have had more than 15 community members volunteer their time and insight as members of the Arts Advisory Board, which includes residents, artists and organizations representing the various disciplines and communities around St. Claude. As we develop programs under this grant, we are lucky to have the talent and insight of the St. Claude arts community through an Arts Advisory Board. For more information, follow us on Facebook.

The Night Market

If you haven't been out to the Night Market yet, don't miss the next event scheduled for November during the Main to Main Cultural Roadshow. Highlighting artisans and vendors from the surrounding communities, the Night Market is an opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors, shops for some unique finds, eat delectable treats and enjoy an evening of entertainment in the open-air. The next Night Market is scheduled for **Saturday, November 10**, location to be determined.

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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2012

Members Present: Alex Vialou, Jim Farr, Marshall Gries, Chris Costello, Miles Swanson, Gretchen Bomboy, Gene Cizek, Donna Wakeman, Jason Patterson,
Members Absent: None
Guests: Jonathan Rhodes, Hubig's Pie's neighbor; Eric Person, Attorney for resident Gregor Fox; Gregor Fox, Resident; Walter Stembridge, Representing Cmr. Ernest Charbonnet
Meeting called to order (time): 7:00 p.m. By: Alex Vialou
Previous Meeting Minutes: Read? No, distributed by e-mail Approved? No

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

- 1) JONATHAN RHODES: Resident Jonathan Rhodes lives across from Hubig's Pies. Mr. Rhodes reported that neighbors are concerned about the clean-up of the Hubig's property and was looking for an update on the progress of the demolition/reconstruction of the building. There has been no clean-up of the site. He voiced concerns of the neighbors including health issues and stated that there had been no communication between the neighbors and Hubig's. He asked if the FMIA could facilitate some communication between the parties. President Alex Vialou responded that he had spoken to Cmr. Palmer about the issue and that it is time to move forward. Alex is to coordinate communication between all of the parties.
- 2) WALTER STEMBRIDGE: Mr. Stembridge works for Cmr. Charbonnet (District E) and came to the FMIA board meeting for clarification on the neighborhood's position concerning the Elisio Lofts proposal. Mr. Stembridge reported that Cmr. Charbonnet had not taken a position on the issue but his office had suddenly received a mass of last minute e-mails in support of the project. The e-mails had no return addresses which raised questions of authenticity. Cmr. Charbonnet wanted to clarify the issue and wanted feedback from the FMIA on the extent of support or opposition to the project. There was a brief discussion with Mr. Stembridge about City Council procedures and what to expect in normal circumstances for this type of a hearing.

- 3) ERIC PERSON: Mr. Person is an attorney representing Mr. Gregor Fox, a businessman who owns several properties on Elysian Fields. Mr. Person wanted to convey to the FMIA Mr. Fox's opposition to the project. He stated that there are other legal avenues that could be pursued if the Elisio Lofts waivers are approved. While Gregor Fox is also a developer, he opposes the Elisio Lofts variances as being detrimental to the fabric of the neighborhood. Mr. Person's comments were followed by a general discussion about the history and development of the neighborhood and the upcoming City Council hearing.

ADMINISTRATION

1. APPROVALS BY E-MAIL:

- Motion to write Hubig's a support letter: 6 approved. Passed.
- Motion to buy \$100.00 food for post-City Council gathering: Jim Farr donated.
- Motion to write HDLC regarding the staff report errors: 6 approved. Passed.
- Motion to send letter of disapproval re NOCCA executives support of 501 E.F.: 7 approved. Passed.
- Motion to approve Fete Marigny Sponsor letter: 6 approved. Passed.
- Motion to support Helium Balloon project re 501 E.F.: 7 approved. Passed.
- Motion to ask for a city Budget meeting on Eastbank: 6 approved. Passed.
- Motion to canvas neighborhood with flyer re 501 E.F.: 7 approved. Passed.
- Motion to meet with attorney Jim Logan re actions of Sean Cummings: 6 approved. Passed.
- Motion to approve minutes from 8/1 and 8/20 meetings. 5 approved. Passed.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Alex Vialou took the opportunity to remind everyone that it was time for the election of new FMIA board members. He thanked the retiring members for their service and all the hard work and time they had devoted to the affairs of the FMIA. A special thanks was given to Dr. Gene Cizek who was both instructor and inspiration for the entire board.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Chris Costello distributed copies of the monthly balance sheet, profit & loss statement, and check detail reports. Chris submitted various invoices for expenses related to the 501 Elysian Fields campaign including copies, buttons, t-shirts, yard signs, domain name, postage, etc. After review of the expenses Donna Wakeman moved to approve reimbursement and Gretchen Bomboy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Newsletter/Communications: Donna Wakeman is resigning as chairperson of the Information Committee and also as editor of the FMIA Newsletter. She will not be running for re-election and a new Information Committee chairperson will be needed. Donna hopes to remain active on the Parking Committee. Donna reported that this issue of the Newsletter will be a little late but it should be distributed before the general meeting. Chris Costello to forward budget to Donna.
- b) Marigny Green: Deborah Oppenheimer attended a meeting on the prospect of planting trees along the St. Claude corridor and will report back in time for the general meeting.
- c) Blight: Nothing new reported.
- d) Parking: Nothing new reported.
- e) Washington Park: It was reported that the storm caused more damage to the lights in the Park.
- f) Fête Marigny: Marshall Gries gave an update on the festival. Preparations have been slow due to the storm and the 501 Elysian Fields campaign. However, there are two new volunteers: one is chairing the food booth sub-committee and the other has taken responsibility for beverages. Gene Cizek has nearly finalized the walking tour but would like to have one more house on Marigny Street. This year's tour will be a self-guided tour and many of the homes will be open to tour-goers. The accompanying brochure/booklet is nearly finalized. Alex Vialou proposed expanding the festival in future years to include the cultural economy and to introduce these interests to the Marigny. Anyone who has a contact with a business which might donate a prize for our silent auction should contact Marshall. All those who wish to donate a bottle of wine (we are up to 20 bottles!) for the raffle's grand prize "wine cellar" should bring a bottle to the general meetings or contact Marshall at marshall@faubourgmarigny.org.
- g) FMIA 40th Anniversary: Nothing new reported.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECTS:

- a) Elysio Lofts/501 Elysian Fields: There was a general discussion of the upcoming City Council hearing regarding approval of the variances for Sean Cummings' Elisio Lofts project at 501 Elysian Fields.

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NEW BUSINESS

The Conflict of Interest audit is to be performed by Bobby Moffett - current status unknown. Gretchen Bomboy to follow up.

Resident Bill Walker is running for a position on the FMIA board. His membership check was misplaced. Chris Costello moved to ask Bill to replace the check, for the board to waive any objection to the enforcement of the 30 day advance payment requirement, and that the board accept a delayed check. Donna Wakeman seconded. All voted in favor.

Beni Naghi's check also was received after the 30 day deadline. Miles Swanson moved to waive any objection to the 30 day restriction. Gretchen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ORCHIDS & ONIONS:

Orchids: Outgoing board members.
Blogger Lord David for his insight, honesty, and humor.

Onions: Developers who don't respect existing zoning regulations.

MOTIONS:

1) Motion to approve reimbursement of various expenditures for benefit of FMIA.

Moved: Donna Wakeman Seconded: Gretchen Bomboy Vote: Approved unanimously

2) Motion to accept delayed FMIA dues payment from Bill Walker.

Moved: Chris Costello Seconded: Donna Wakeman Vote: Approved unanimously

3) Motion to accept delayed FMIA dues payment from Benni Naghi.

Moved: Miles Swanson Seconded: Gretchen Bomboy Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned Time: 10:16 p.m.

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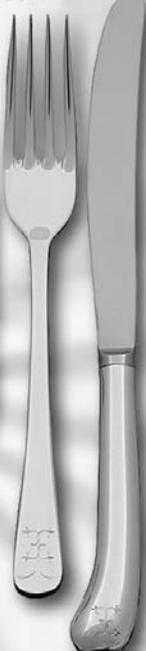
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FMIA General Meeting Minutes September 17, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 P.M. by Vice President Donna Wakeman.

WELCOME / INTRODUCTION

Vice President Donna Wakeman welcomed all to the September 17th General Meeting of the FMIA and reviewed the evening's agenda including the annual election of new FMIA board members. President Alex Vialou was absent due to illness.

New Faces / New Members:

John Taylor and ??? Warmack(?) – review sign-in sheets.

???? Pinkas who lives in the Vieux Carré and is a new member. Ms. Pinkas congratulated the FMIA on its successful efforts to maintain the Faubourg Marigny's historic zoning in the face of recent proposals by a developer.

Tres Barnard and Emily Reichley. Trace is running the restaurant at Marie's bar on the weekends. He invited all to come visit the restaurant and try the food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPEAKERS

Speakers:

JERMAINE SMITH : Jermaine Smith works with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and was promoting an upcoming fundraising "Walk For Education". He was hoping to spark interest in a Faubourg Marigny neighborhood team. The UNCF provides scholarships for a) 1st generation college students, b) all minority students, and c) low income students. Their current goal is to raise \$250,000 with 3,000 Walk participants. Last year the UNCF gave 275 scholarships and this year's goal is 300.

The Walk for Education will take place in Audubon Park at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2012, and will include a bike ride, a timed run, food and beverages. Registrations were on hand and can be found on line at www.uncf.org. Donna Wakeman volunteered to organize the neighborhood team.

PRESTON FAVORITE : Entergy Customer Service Representative for New Orleans' Districts C and E, Mr. Favorite explained that Entergy had, in fact, been caught off guard by hurricane Isaac in that it remained over New Orleans for over 50 hours. Because, for safety reasons, repair crews can't start working until the winds subside it took much longer to restore power than had been anticipated.

Mr. Favorite said that although some areas maintained service throughout the storm Entergy had made mistakes by promising service times. When the forecast times turned out to be incorrect, the public became frustrated and angry. He said that Entergy had learned valuable lessons from the experience.

Several members questioned Mr. Favorite about placing lines underground. He said he would forward the request to Entergy's management. He reminded residents of the high cost involved in such a project; costs that would be passed on to customers. He also stated that underground utilities have their own particular set of problems that overhead lines do not. The discussion continued and questions were raised about drilling new gas lines underground in the neighborhood and the feasibility of doing the electric lines at the same time.

Mr. Favorite left the meeting by reminding everyone of the importance of reporting bad poles, low tree branches, and other hazards to power lines.

Announcements:

SGT FRANKLIN: Sgt. Franklin of New Orleans 5th District reported that the District's quality-of-life officer has left the position. He hoped that there would be a new QOL officer by next week. He also reminded everyone that the national Night Out Against Crime will take place on October 16, 2012. Anyone

who plans on hosting a neighborhood event is asked to contact their District office to register their event. Officers from the two districts (8th and 5th) will pass by registered events in their respective districts on the evening of the 16th. Any questions concerning the 5th District should be addressed to officer Franklin at rbrfranklin@nola.gov.

Several FMIA members expressed their concern about the recent spike in robberies in the Marigny. One member expressed frustration about the lack of information from the police department. Some residents explained that there was more and better information from an internet-based citizen group via e-mail than from the police department. The officers present asked residents to contact them with all information - residents and police could each hold a piece of the puzzle which together could solve the crimes.

UPDATES / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees :

Marigny Green : Parkway Partners is hosting a Tree Troopers training program. It teaches the what, when, and where's of planting new trees in the City. There may be grant money available for planting trees, but selecting the correct type of tree and placement is very important. Anyone wanting more information should contact Deborah Oppenheimer at deboraho@faubourgmarigny.org. There was no news on when hurricane Isaac debris would be picked up from the streets.

Information/Newsletter : This month's newsletter was slightly late. Between hurricane Isaac and the campaign against the variances requested by the developer of 501 Elysian Fields volunteer resources were stretched thin. New board member John Gutekunst will be taking over as the new editor of the newsletter and new board member Peter Horjus will be assisting him.

Parking : The parking committee will meet Wednesday night, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Fatoush in the New Orleans Healing Center. Chairperson Donna Wakeman reported that the issue of whether or not residents truly want a Residential Parking District (RPD) had been raised.

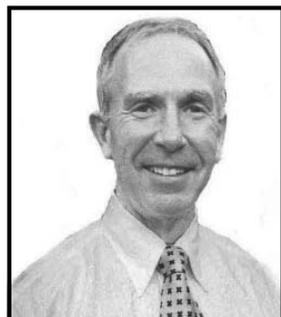
The discussion that ensued clarified : An RPD will only be enacted for each block face that votes in favor of it (50% + 1). Each side of a street will vote for its side only. Block faces with no RPD will be open parking for anyone : residents, commercial customers, tourists, etc. In block faces with an RPD residents will be entitled to park indefinitely with their permit. Those without a permit will be limited to 2 hours. Residents in an RPD are entitled to one permit per electric meter and one for a guest (two total). **DONNA – FACT CHECK PLEASE.**

Donna reminded members that between 1) the new Colton school, which has allowed for zero parking for its teachers, staff or visitors, 2) the 511 Marigny Street development which has only a 1:1 parking ratio, and 3) new Riverfront Park activities, parking will be increasingly difficult for residents. She emphasized that nothing would commence until the membership signaled its desire to proceed with the RPD plan. A vote was taken and a show of hands indicated that a substantial majority of the members present were in favor of proceeding with the RPD process.

Donna urged members to voice their objection to the proposed changes in the comprehensive zoning ordinance that would reduce parking requirements to 1:1 for residential development (currently 1.5) and entirely eliminate parking requirements for businesses.

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Fête Marigny : Chairman Marshall Gries gave a brief review of the upcoming Fête Marigny fundraiser for those members who may not yet be aware of it. The wine cellar is expected to reach at least 36 bottles (value over \$300) which will be a nice prize for a \$1 raffle ticket. Donna Wakeman pledged to donate an additional \$100 worth of wine to the prize. Marshall encouraged all members to pick up some tickets to sell to friends and family.

Both the food and beverage committees now have chairpersons. Both are now working to line up vendors (food) and sponsors (beverages). The music schedule has been finalized and the events (costume contest, raffle, silent auction, petanque lawn bowling) are nearly finalized. Marshall emphasized the need for volunteers on festival day.

Gene Cizek announced that the walking tour was nearly completed. It will be a "recommended walk" which will include a detailed brochure - paid for by the Sun Oak Foundation in honor of long time Marigny resident Lloyd Sensat. Gene noted that this year the houses will be open to tour-goers.

Marshall closed by announcing that anyone with wine to donate should either bring the bottles to next general meeting on October 15th or to contact him at marshallg@faubourgmarigny.org for a pickup. Members who know of businesses or organizations who may be willing to donate or contribute to the Fête should contact Marshall at marshallg@faubourgmarigny.org.

Board Elections : Voting took place throughout the course of the meeting. When the votes were tallied the results were:

John Gutekunst: 42 New Board Member

Peter Horjus: 47 New Board Member

Mark Maloose: 47 New Board Member

Bill Walker: 38, New Board Member

Benni Naghi: 7

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.



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