



Les Amis de Marigny

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

Mayor Visits Marigny

By Lisa Suarez, President FMIA

I've lived in Marigny since 1991. In all that time, no Mayor of New Orleans has ever visited Marigny, except for Mayor Landrieu, who has been here twice in 2015. The first time was after the St. Roch Market was vandalized in May. It's a terrible shame that happened, because we should never condone violence, however, I don't think the Mayor had any idea he was even in Marigny, because after all, it has always been the St. Roch Market.

Allow me to confirm that both sides of St. Claude Avenue have been part of the Marigny Historic District since 1978: from where it begins at the end of St. Bernard Avenue in the Triangle, and the 1700 block of North Rampart, (then becoming a one-way interior street), to Press Street and the rail tracks at the 2800 block of St. Claude. Folks were delighted when they saw the new Dirty Coast T-shirts that actually include McShane Place, at the July Meet the Neighbors.

The second time the Mayor visited Marigny was on July 2, for the opening of the final entrance to Crescent Park. We got about eighteen hours notice of a ribbon-cutting ceremony, for 1:30 p.m. in the broiling July sun, courtesy of Neighbors First for Bywater (NFB). Here is the notice NFB got from the Mayor's Office:

"The third entrance, at the Elysian Fields end, will be opened officially on Thursday, July 2nd. Below is information on the ceremony. Everybody is invited to attend. Event: CRESCENT PARK – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015 Time: 1:30 pm Location: Elysian Fields and N. Peters"

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Nowhere do you see the word "Marigny."

FMIA was never notified. I understood there would be fallout from our lawsuit, attempting to protect our Historic District from out-of-scale development, but to invite the President of the Bywater Neighborhood Association, and not anyone from FMIA, or Marigny, to be present with the other City dignitaries for a ribbon cutting in our neighborhood is beyond...well, you think of a word.

Nadine "We must balance preservation with development" Ramsey equally avoided any mention of Marigny, while State Senator J.P. Morell thanked our community for getting rid of the Chicken Freezing Plant. Thank-you J.P.



The solemn event at Crescent Park.



The unruly mob.

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Make no mistake; Crescent Park is a nice amenity, which no one is against, especially without an Amphitheater that would put more unnecessary pressure on our neighborhood. Are there problems with the Park? You betcha. It's not just the joke of a dog park in the Bywater section, with the trees poisonous to dogs, or the running joke of Citizen Engagement, or the whole amenity being referred to as "infrastructure," which it is not.

Crescent Park: How Ya Like Me Now?

The biggest problem with the Park is how the 30+ million dollars of the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was spent. When Chris Costello was president of FMIA, and Palmer was our Councilmember for District "C," there were many questions about the park construction budget that went unanswered.

I tried to get some answers by asking the State Office of Economic Development, who described themselves as, "Only a flow-through agency," for CDBG money, so they had no accounting for how it was spent.

Anecdotally, I had heard the electricity for the Rusty Rainbow Bridge, in Bywater, had had to be redone three times. The State Office also told me the only way to get the details on the budget for, "that old project," was to ask Cedric Grant, Deputy Mayor and head of New Orleans Buildings Corp, (NOBC) as he was in charge of how the money had been allocated to the project. Right. Too bad it takes a Public Information Request to get the numbers which should be in an easily available public record from a government proud of their achievement.

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I am not unfamiliar with how government funds work. How do we know public funding is working as it should without accessible clarity to the budgets? For a period of about eighteen months there was no construction at all at the Marigny end of the park, (the staircase to the bridge is actually at Marigny Street). Naturally, we never got any notice that construction was to begin on the staircase tower and bridge, which began a flurry of activity, leading up to the passage of the CZO by all members of the City

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Council, not one of them with any interest in protecting us. Even though we have not asked to see the French Market Corporation budget for the Park, it is apparent that once the parking garages on Elysian Fields are built, some of that revenue will pay for the upkeep of Crescent Park. Neighbors don't appear to be against the long-needed parking decks, as long as the feasibility study for the garages haven't been "fudged," to say 75 feet would be a money maker, because we know fifty feet- and maybe even sixty- is plenty of height on Elysian Fields Avenue.



St. Roch Market

One comment on "NextDoor Marigny" said, "I'm glad others enjoy it, but when the funds dry up for the maintenance, and it becomes an even greater eyesore, then the developers will "save it" with high-rise condos." Not precisely my view, but an important one.

Thank-you to all those using and expressing themselves on the "NextDoor" forums. I wish FMIA was able to sponsor something similar, but with our all-volunteer efforts, it's hard enough to put together the meetings, watchdog activities to stand up for our Mission, and the celebrations. Visit our website, come to our meetings, see what we're really about.

The Mayor on Height

Quoted from Mr. Landrieu at the District "C" Budget hearings in Algiers on July 13th:

"Let me tell you what's not going to happen. We can't have people who live close to the river who say no one else can live in this neighborhood, 'cause I've got mine and nobody else can have theirs."

We know the idea of this propagand is a developer's fallacy to make FMIA appear to be CAVE people (Citizens Against Virtually Everything) and/or NIMBYs (Not In My

Backyard), and we comprehend there has been and continues to be a war on our Historic neighborhoods to "develop" us out of residents and into the short-term world of the Tourist Economy. (Don't forget to wear colorful clothing and wave.)

FMIA has lobbied for infill development, especially on empty lots. The fallacy that there will be a wall of buildings of appropriate height, is a lie because what the developers want is a wall of 80 to 125 foot buildings on every property, to be had by dangling property taxes in front of the Mayor. Property taxes that have a terrible history of being mis-managed by the city, in every administration. Why would we trust politicians, bent on punishing us because we don't agree with the developer-class view, to manage our money well?

"No Growth" is not the residents' stand. Sensible, sensitive, respectful development, using the restraint citizens already agreed to through the Master Plan is what we're fighting for, as well as the right NOT to have to pay for infrastructure to support development that only re-makes our neighborhoods in the image of Houston or Biloxi. No question, it is all about the Benjamins, and Historic Districts are being forced to share resources with questionable return. The vast majority do not want property values to rise beyond what they can afford to pay. "Well you can sell your house and make so much money!" Uh huh. Then where do we live?

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Avoiding citizen input by removing the Conditional Use process on any property in a Historic District makes the Mayor appear to be a Dictator and Tyrant who has betrayed everyone in New Orleans who cares about Land Use decisions, or believes in Participatory Democracy and transparent government. Cooperation in this plan to relieve neighborhoods from any part of the decision-making process, by every member of the City Council, foreshadowed by the one-way comment process of City Planning, looks like a conspiracy to punish those who have made investments over numerous years to make these neighborhoods what they are today: One of the most desirable places to live, work, and play in the world.

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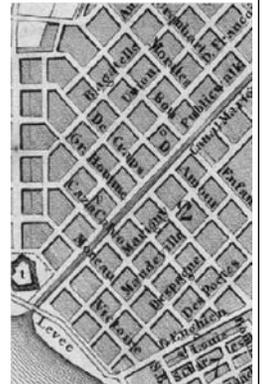
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Sounds of Marigny Triangle

By Chris Seker

Blares of sirens in the distance.
Comotions of parades going by.
Blows of ships horns in the port.
Click-clack of mules on the street.
Melodies of Calliope on the riverboat.
Whistles of trains nearby.
Softness of rain on palm trees.
Barks of neighborhood watchdogs.
Songs of birds above.
Beats of band drums in the street.
Screeches of jet fighters flying by.
Harmonies of musicians on the corner.
Honks from impatient drivers.
Modulations of helicopters up the river.
Whispers of wind through the house.
Voices of tourists crossing town.
Cracks of lightning overhead.
Notes of bamboo chimes in the wind.
Cries of sea gulls from the lake.
Sweetness of Jazz on Frenchmen.
Sighs of my lover falling asleep.



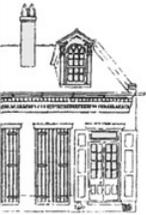
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August 2015

Board Meeting

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Meet the Neighbors

No MTN for August

General Meeting

August 16, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

September 2015

Board Meeting

September 2, 7:15 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

September 9, 6 – 8 pm (*note time change*)
French Market —
Bellegarde Bakery at Continental Provisions

General Meeting

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

NONPAC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday

6 pm, 3900 N. Claiborne

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Meet the Candidates:

Here are the candidates for positions on the Board this year.

Jeff Bromberger



As a managing partner of The Maison, Dragon's Den and the HiHo Lounge, Jeffrey Bromberger is committed to maintaining the integrity and sustainability of the Faubourg Marigny. Mr. Bromberger has been a member the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) for the past five and a half years. He currently serves on the

executive board and has held a vacated position for the last six months. In this position, Mr. Bromberger has been diligent in his board participation, representing the interest of FMIA at meetings and reporting information back to the body for discussion and consideration.

In connection to his business interest, Mr. Bromberger is an active member of the Frenchman Marigny Triangle Business Association. His community involvement includes serving as board member and treasurer of Iggy's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing educational opportunities by providing the means for underprivileged youth to attend college.

Mr. Bromberger is a 1997 graduate of Tulane University with a BA degree in Media Arts and has worked as on air personality for Clear Channel Radio.

Troy Gant



Troy Gant, one of the owners of Second Vine wine shop at 1017 Touro has volunteered to run in the upcoming September election for Board Members. There is a story about him in this month's newsletter, and here's what he has to say:

FMIA has shown me how important civic engagement can be by:

1. There must be diversity – the best decisions come from difference and deliberation, not immediate agreement and homogeneity.
2. There must be room for independent thought and opinion – individuals need to have access to unbiased information and data to form their own opinions.
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Allen Johnson



I have lived in New Orleans for 18 years, and in the Marigny for two and a half. I became involved with the FMIA due to problems I was having with Bamboula's. I quickly realized that there were other livability problems similar to mine throughout the neighborhood, and we were getting no support from our city government. I joined the

Board in February, 2015 as a replacement, and became Vice-President the next month. I was also the Ad Sales Chairman for the Home Tour. Since joining the board I quickly came up to speed on the many zoning issues, and attended RiverFront Alliance meetings in preparation for the CZO vote. I have also worked closely with Lisa and Andy Jacoby, our attorney, on the lawsuit against the city. I think our organization's top priorities are to protect the historical integrity of our neighborhood's architecture, and to assure that its livability is preserved for its residents.

Carolyn Sinclair



I have lived in the Marigny Triangle since 2001 with my husband Din. We have a nine year old boy, Tristan, who attends Homer A. Plessy Community School. I run a design business and a licensed B & B from our home.

I was appointed as an FMIA replacement board member several months ago and volunteered to head up the annual FMIA Home Tour. It was a great event and the FMIA was able to add some much needed funds to our coffers. Next year the Home Tour will be in the Rectangle, and we will begin planning for May in October. I look forward to continue serving on the Board, and our wonderful neighborhood.

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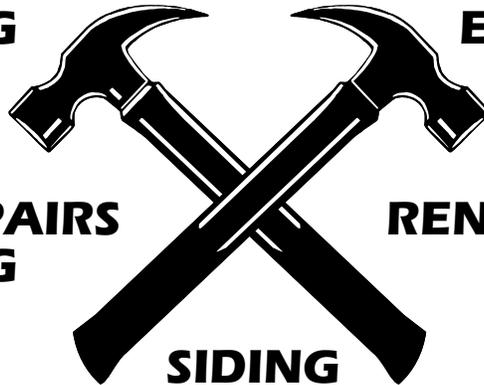
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June: Wine, Wine, Wine Spodee-o-dee

Our June 10 MTN was at **Second Vine Wine**, 1027 Touro Street. They poured some nice wines while showing off their lovely room behind the main sales room shown here.



Yes, that's Mark Malouse again right in the thick of things.

July: Coasting

July 8 found us at Dirty Coast and Blue Dream, the two new retail stores at the Trash Palace, 2121 Chartres. Drinks, food and a wonderful collection of t-shirts and other items - you should check it out.



A good time was had by all.



August: Too much partying, taking the month off.

September: French Market

We'll join Bellegarde Bakery at Continental Provisions where they make pizza from **6 to 8 p.m on September 9**. We're hoping to have the farmers from the Wednesday Farmer's Market stay a little later.

If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, **email us at secretary@faubourgmarigny.org**.

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By John Gutekunst, Newsletter Editor

The FMIA takes a fair amount of abuse over a supposed bias against (fill in the blank)

1. Music and Culture
2. Any Architectural Change
3. Business and Economic Development
4. Puppies and Kittens

Of course the main thing FMIA is accused of is number three — opposition to any new business opening in the Marigny. That's simplistic at best, the real answer is more complicated. A case in point:

In 2013 Troy Gant went before the FMIA Board to ask for support in opening a wine store in the Triangle. He was interested in a building at 1938 Burgundy Street, but the building in question had issues with zoning. As an HMC-1, commercial property, any liquor sales would require a cocktail lounge permit and would be considered a conditional use. As such it would come with restrictions, provisos and variances would have been needed to allow him to open.

The FMIA Board did not just say "no, go away, not happening, don't let the door hit you on your way out." Instead they worked with Troy when he had an alternative so he could create the wine store he envisioned in the neighborhood.

It was agreed that the building at 1027 Touro Street (less than two blocks away) might be a better location. FMIA agreed to support his efforts to open there due to it being zoned for wine store / wine shop.

So, Second Vine Wine opened at 1027 Touro one door down from St. Claude where the new streetcar will run. Troy often remarks "thank God we didn't get that other building." Troy was so NOT put off by FMIA that he is happily running for the Board.

Marigny is a unique place, it's not by chance that all kinds of people want to come here — residents, business people, artists, tourists, developers. You can walk a few blocks and hear great music, have a cup of (non-Starbucks) coffee at the corner, or pick up a terrific bottle of wine for dinner.

The FMIA isn't anti-business or against development, just the sort of development that destroys the distinctive flavor of the neighborhood, and the zoning that was developed here helps protect that flavor.



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In Memoriam

Long-time resident Ben Gregory was killed by a hit-and-run driver while riding his bike on the 600 block of Elysian Fields last month. This is the second bicycle fatality from a motor vehicle in Marigny this year.

Marigny Green News: Bicycle Safety

By Deborah Oppenheim

The fear, danger and possible fatality of riding bikes in New Orleans is becoming a reality. The recent casualty is the second this year from a vehicle in the Marigny. The memorial Ghost Bike at Chartres and Elysian Fields is a reminder of the tragedy of a New Orleans resident who was killed by a hit-and-run driver while riding his bike last week.

As an avid bicyclist, I was negligent of not being a smart cyclist. It is frightening that I was taught to ride against the direction of traffic, on sidewalks, use no hand signals and weave all over the street. Having bike accoutrements such as a helmet, bike lights, and reflectors was not even part of my vocabulary.

Fortunately for all of us in New Orleans, in 2003, a group was formed by local residents who organized a successful campaign to secure \$4 million in funding to include a bicycle route network in the City of New Orleans Master Plan. This group was called Metro Bike Coalition. Now known as Bike Easy, www.bikeeasy.org a grassroots non-profit has continued to raise the profile of cycling throughout the city. Their motto is "getting New Orleans streets in gear" with a mission of bike issues as well as ensuring viable transportation choices to improve quality of life for all who share New Orleans area streets.

I decided to get myself in gear and become a smart cyclist. It was an easy transition to ride in the direction of traffic, use hands signals and getting bike lights. However, I have to say, using a helmet was difficult (always have bad hair) but as I wore my helmet, I begin to realize that motorist notice me more and I feel that I have more respect as a cyclist.

COMING: Lafayette Greenway will become a reality very soon.



My heartfelt sympathy goes to Ben's family and friends. Donations will be accepted in memory of Ben Gregory at www.crowdrise.com/rememberbengregorytoday/fundraiser/bluebayouskyes

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See page 13 for how to be a smart cyclists, a friendly motorist and a smart pedestrian



Memorial Ghost Bike
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Ride in the direction of traffic.	Be alert to cyclists when you drive in a shared lane. They ride here.	Cross at intersections and crosswalks even if they are not marked.
Be respectful to motorists by using hands signals when you are turning and stopping.	Be respectful to cyclists by not harassing, yelling or honking	LOOK before crossing the street by watching for bicyclists as well as vehicles.
Cyclists must use bikes lights and reflectors at night – white for the front and red for the back.	Watch for cyclists that do not use bike lights.	Don't stop in the middle of a street to talk to people.
Protect your head is plain smart.	As a passenger, open the car door by using your left hand so you can watch for cyclists.	Yield to a vehicle or cyclists when you are not in a crosswalk.
Don't text, talk on the phone, and ride double-breasted. Bikes are vehicles.	Do not text and play with your cell phone when driving.	Focus when you cross the street by not talking on your phone and/or texting.
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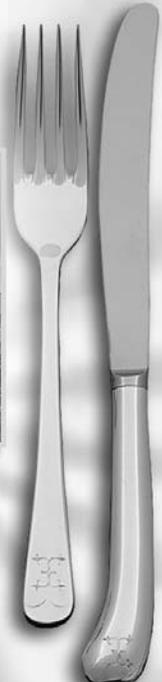


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The owners of Mimi's at Royal and Franklin has given up their live entertainment permit. They can still host live performances nine times a year but must apply for a special events permit.

Neighbors had been complaining for years about the loud music and crowds that congregated in the street. They had filed a lawsuit against Mimi's in 2013 claiming the music volume levels violated the city's noise ordinance, decreased their property values and destroyed their quality of life. The city subsequently granted

Mimi's a music permit anyway, so the music schedule started up again.

Complaints by neighbors continued, which finally caused the court to put noise limits on the bar and force Mimi's to keep an ongoing log of sound levels. They have since decided to focus on the upstairs tapas restaurant rather than live music.



Alleviation for Tired Feet

Children are enough of a hassle as it is, you shouldn't have to stand while watching them play too.

Now, much to the relief of foot-sore parents, several benches have been relocated next to the playground area in Washington Square Park.



No one currently watching no one play at Washington Square Park



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St. Anna's Episcopal Church Food Pantry

We are looking for donations of food for St. Anna's Food Pantry. Donations are distributed to those in need on a monthly basis.

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News from Alvar Library

By Adele Marrs, Assistant Manager, Alvar Branch, New Orleans Public Library

The staff of Alvar library would like to thank everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program! We had so much fun meeting animals of all sorts with the Audubon Institute, dressing up as super heroes for our costume party, learning how to record music, building our own mini-keyboards, and so much more. One highlight was our finale party in which neighborhood kids and teens displayed and sold works of art they made throughout the summer.



We were also thrilled to host teen writers and photographers who presented their hand-made comics and zines, created with the support of the Community Print Shop, during Alvar's July zine club! We are looking forward to an autumn full of continuous offerings of engaging activities for people of all ages.

Ongoing events include computer tutoring, story time, and a weekly teen activity. Every Thursday from 11 am until 1 pm, we offer computer tutoring to adults. Come with any questions you may have and we will work with you one on one. Feel free to bring personal electronic devices.

Next, on Saturdays, at 10:30 am, we offer a story time and craft to kids and families. Finally, every Saturday afternoon at 2 pm, we provide a snack and have an activity or craft for youth. So far this year, we have made duct tape wallets, learned new dance moves with Dancing Grounds, and gained knowledge of healing plants and herbs with Rosalie Apothecary, among many other activities!

We would love your input regarding events you would like to see happen at your library. This fall, we would like to begin a book group to be held in our garden. We will provide tea and snacks. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

Additionally, we are considering cooking and nutrition classes for adults and families that would include groceries to prepare meals at home. Again, please call or stop by, if interested. Further, we hope to expand our computer tutoring courses and would love volunteer assistance. Finally, we are always open to your ideas and insights! We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Megabus Mega Update

The “Temporary” Megabus stop at Elysian Fields Avenue between St. Claude Avenue and North Rampart Street is continuing to cause problems in the neighborhood. Neighbors and businesses in the area have joined together to address these problems and to push for the bus stop to be moved to a more suitable location.

Neighbors held a Mega protest meeting on Wednesday, July 1 on the porch of Elysian Fields Inn to organize against the continued inaction by the city and Megabus. About two dozen people showed up with a birds-eye view of the problem, where they observed passengers being left off the bus in the middle of a heavy rain storm, no shelter or any other accommodations.

The riders heading from Houston to Atlanta say they had about an hour and a half layover in New Orleans,

waiting on the street corner. WWLTV covered the meeting, you can see their coverage and get more information at megaproblem.com.

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Tuesday, July 21: Another new bus today – American Coach – (Megabus parent company) parked in travel lane. So two buses there at 8:55 am



Gathered on the porch of Elysian Fields Inn.

Mega Problems

- No shelter for customers from the elements
- No public restrooms for customers
- No accommodations for elderly & persons with disabilities Increased neighborhood noise and trash
- Less residential parking
- Increased panhandling in the neighborhood
- Increased traffic
- Blocking of public streets & sidewalks
- Cars double parked
- Dangerous traffic patterns for truck turns
- Suspected increase in drug paraphernalia and activity
- Increased quality-of-life issues for a residential neighborhood

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Numerous attempts have been made to reach out to Megabus and the City to Megabus. The following email was sent on July 20 to:

Freddie King III, Director of Constituent Services,
Office of Nadine M. Ramsey

Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs,
Office of The Mayor; and;

Councilmember Nadine Ramsey, District C:

This email is to get an update on the Megabus MEGAPROBLEM on Elysian Fields. What is the latest status? When is this going to stop? Today, 7/20/15 at approx. 9:15 am there were THREE buses at the

illegal bus stop. When the Leisure Time Activities bus company of Emerson Georgia was contacted they stated they were picking up for Megabus. When informed that it was an illegal bus stop they thanked us for telling them. What is being done about the illegal bus stop?

The response from Freddie King:

The City's administration has approved the lease document language. The UPT move should be finalized soon.

When asked about a time line for moving the bus stop, he stated "No, I do not have a time table on this."



We've been hearing this and similar things from city officials for over a year and a half now, so take the word "soon" with a grain of salt. Stay tuned.

Monday, July 20 at approximately. 9:15 am there were THREE buses at the "illegal" bus stop. The Leisure Time Activities bus company was contacted they stated they were picking up for Megabus.



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Auto Parts Store on St. Claude.

Troy Henry is trying to demolish 2501 St. Claude Avenue — the old Auto Parts store behind the Shell Station. Back in 2012 he was trying to turn it into a big Quick Stop but the package liquor was a problem, so he, like so many others appear to have turned to demolition by neglect.

The St. Roch neighborhood behind him as well as the City have their eyes on him. The City has now fined him over \$120,000 for code violations. The next step is to seize the property and sell it at a Sheriff's sale.





From the Kitchen of the
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Okra, Avocado & Tomato Salad

<p>½ lb. okra ½ jalapeno pepper, deseeded and minced ½ avocado, diced ½ medium tomato, diced ½ red onion, chopped</p>	<p>¼ cup chopped cilantro (¼ bundle) Juice of 1 lime 1 oz. feta, crumbled 1 tsp. sea salt</p>
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Trim the stems and tips from the okra and place in a steamer basket with about 1 inch of boiling water (if you don't have a steamer, try using a wire mesh strainer over a saucepan). Cover and steam until slightly tender, about 4 minutes. Rinse with cold water and cut into 1/4 inch thick pieces.

In a large bowl, combine okra, jalapeno, avocado, onion, and salt. Add cilantro and lime juice and toss well. Garnish with feta and serve immediately.

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