



## Les Amis de Marigny

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

## Part 2: History of Riverfront Overlay and Master Plan

Through the FMIA Newsletters, 2010-2013, Blogs, and Articles in the Press

*By Lisa Suarez, President FMIA*

What a trip down memory lane! I was hoping to have Part Two include until now, 2015, but it was just too big a piece to bite off, so Part Two goes to the beginning of 2013. There are a few notations from the 2015 perspective, controversies that changed or ended FMIA input. Next month should get through our current status: appealing the decision of Civil District Court Judge Kern Reese, who abhorred, but was loathe to change decisions made through the "Legislative Process."

As I traveled back through time, searching for pieces of the Riverfront Overlay and Master Plan, I found other threads setting the context of the post-Katrina environment: the fight over Charity, New Orleans Cold Storage, Colton School, Mimi's, Cafe Istanbul, 501 Elysian Fields, and more. My goal: piecing together the big picture of what happened to Faubourg Marigny in the process of being left out of the decision-making process by lack of transparency and communication, abuse by elected officials, who demonstrated over and over: we don't care



about residents, only tourists who are not voters, and the profit of the already wealthy who will help us secure our own wealth before we are no longer politicians.

FMIA has not been without controversy itself in these processes, calling into question our own veracity in acting within our State Charter and Bylaws. One issue in particular, aggravated by the misbehavior of a treasurer, continues to play out in the political differences between businesses who wish to exceed the limits of being good neighbors, and the neighbors who are continually subjected to the lack of proper enforcement.

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**and More!**

FMIA Dues are payable January 1<sup>st</sup> unless you joined as a new member after Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

# When the Saints go Truckin' In

You've probably seen some trucks coming in and out of St Peter & Paul so I just wanted to give you an update. We started some interior demolition this week to uncover hidden conditions which will continue for about six weeks. Then there will be a lull while we finalize our plans and financing using the information gathered during the demo stage. We are shooting to start the proper construction period around January 2016. During this early phase, our contractors and subs have been instructed to contain their equipment to the parking lot to the extent possible.

As always, call me with any questions or concerns at 504-715-7142.

Best,  
Nathalie Jordi



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**Les Amis de Marigny** is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community.

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## History from page 1

So, again, sit back, relax. Read through, and try to imagine that residents CAN have influence on our Quality of Life, especially when we find qualified candidates for elected office who have real leadership ability, and can tell us how they plan to do the right thing, not just lie while pitting neighborhood against neighborhood, rich against poor, white against black, and the same old, "It's a done deal, the New Orleans Way." Who says we can't dream?

In Part One of this history, little was elaborated about the **Master Plan** in the 2009 discussions. The Bureau of Governmental Research was no less satisfied than FMIA, and City Planning, under the auspices of the Mayor, was not interested in protecting neighborhoods: [www.bgr.org/files/reports/BGR\\_InSearchMasterPlan.pdf](http://www.bgr.org/files/reports/BGR_InSearchMasterPlan.pdf)

### OCTOBER 2009

*"For the master plan to fulfill its promise as a guide for the long-term physical growth and development of the city, it needs clear, achievable goals that are supported by strategic policies and prioritized, concrete action points. As released on September 15, 2009, the draft plan does not fulfill its promise... As of the day of the first public hearing, the draft plan lacked key chapters necessary for public appraisal of the document.*

*Unfortunately, the draft plan fails to provide the necessary guidance on issues of great importance to the future physical development of New Orleans. In some areas, such as housing and historic preservation, it punts the policy formulation to a new group or a future plan. The draft plan calls for approximately 20 new groups and 20 new plans or studies. It glosses over other topics critical to the physical development of the city, such as land use and urban design."*

**NOTE From 2015:** Sadly, the ideals of the Master Plan were punted to an Executive Director of the City Planning Commission, hired by the Mayor, for his expertise in decimating Historic Neighborhoods for the profit of the few.

In 2009 FMIA was able to protect Marigny from the dreaded Chicken Freezing Plant. New Orleans Cold Storage attempted to relocate at the Governor Nicholls Street Wharf, which the Port was all for, but its eventual move to the Nashville Avenue Port facility has been one of the greatest victories FMIA ever won. Maybe my essay helped, but most was due to the energy and coordination of the Board at the time.

## Playing Chicken with Reality by Lisa Suarez (2009)

"The history of the Mississippi River Delta and New Orleans is full of examples of short-sighted decisions, supposedly pro-commerce and transportation, then ten, fifty, or a hundred years hence, causing destruction costing many times more than the profits or convenience of the moment. The indiscriminate criss-crossing of the wetlands by the oil companies, the elimination of most New Orleans streetcars, and the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet are prime examples of this phenomenon. You could also count the "Urban Renewal" policies of the sixties in which federal money was used to build elevated interstate highways through neighborhoods giving a whole new divisive meaning to right side-wrong side of the tracks social engineering."

To read the entire article  
***Playing Chicken with Reality* by Lisa Suarez go to**  
[www.bigbridge.org/BB14/essays-suarez.html](http://www.bigbridge.org/BB14/essays-suarez.html)

**NOTE From 2015:** There was much discussion and gnashing of teeth concerning the "Entertainment Venue" of Crescent Park. Thankfully, there was no money for it, and all concerns were finally dispelled in June of 2015, when The French Market announced there was no way to get large crowds in or out of the park safely, at the Marigny entrance.

To read the complete article  
***History of Riverfront Overlay Part 2* go to**  
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# 8<sup>th</sup> District NONPACC (New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti Crime Council) Report from September 22, 2015

By Katherine Kuroczko

Officer Luster introduced himself as new Quality of Life Officer for the 8th District. His email is ecluster@nola.gov.

Reviewed crimes in the 8th district and upcoming events in the area. There were no crime trends in the last two weeks and many were crimes of opportunity – where victims leave personal belongings behind and they are stolen.

## Security Cameras:

There are approximately 1,600 cameras registered with safecamnola.com – about 400 in the Marigny. Video footage is extremely helpful in solving crimes. Be sure that if you have a security camera on your property that it is registered. Remember – no one has access to the video footage until you are asked for it and voluntarily give it to the police.

### From SafeCam Nola.com:

SafeCam NOLA is a New Orleans Police Department initiative to enlist the help of community members in the fight against crime. The SafeCam online registration service was developed by the New Orleans Police & Justice Foundation at the request of NOPD.

Citizen-provided security camera footage is increasingly becoming an invaluable asset to NOPD, helping establish leads and identify perpetrators. By voluntarily registering your contact information with NOPD through this site, detectives will know how to reach you if a crime occurs in the vicinity of your property. **Registering your information does not provide NOPD with direct access to your camera.** NOPD will only contact you if they believe your camera could contain evidence relevant to a criminal investigation. Evidence provided by your camera could mean the difference between bringing a perpetrator to justice versus leaving a crime unsolved.

## Halloween

Halloween has become an extremely popular event. 10/31 falls on a Saturday this year – so it will be even more intense than usual. The Krewe of Boo parade is on Saturday, 10/24. Halloween is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest day for Frenchmen Street. The police want to get the word out that there will be increased forces during this time – pulling extra officers from other districts and state police.

NONPACC continues on page 5

# MAGS 940

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**Every Tuesday:** Country line dance lessons at 8 pm followed by Country bands at 10 pm

**October 9,10,11:** Varla Gene show

**Every Sunday:** Diva's Sunday drag show at 5 pm

**Every Thursday:** Garden of Lust show at 10 pm

**October 22:** New Orleans Horror Film Fest viewing

**October 23:** Bring on the Men Burlesque 10 pm

**October 24:** Gay man Chorus Camp Drag Show, fundraiser 8:30 pm

**October 29:** Pumpkin Carving and Rocky Horror Picture show 7 pm

**October 30:** Krewe of Narcissus fundraiser 8 pm

**October 31:** Michael Monster Mash dance party and Costume contest 9 pm

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Questions were raised about:

1. Gangs and/or bicycle gangs committing crimes in the Marigny. The police have no reports of an increase in such crimes. Residents are encouraged to contact police if they see any problems. 911 if immediate emergency or 821-2222 or call 8th District station directly at 658-6080 to report activity. Police presence will be increased over the next weeks to deter any such "gangs."
2. Same goes for "Party Buses." Call 821-2222 or call 8th District station directly at 658-6080 to report the buses' travel and if stopped at a certain location for a period of time. Police officers have decibel meters to determine if the bus is violating the noise ordinance so they can be cited.
3. Can private contractors/businesses have their trucks block city streets? No. They have to have a permit and police detail present if it is a necessity. Concern was about a construction truck blocking Royal Street in the Marigny for four hours on 9/22. City trucks, etc. are allowed to block streets while working on a project.

## Nola.gov/ready

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Police post videos of crime on:

[youtube.com/user/nopd8diu](https://www.youtube.com/user/nopd8diu).

You can take a look and let police know if you recognize anyone or know anything about an incident.

The next 8th District NONPACC meeting will be **October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, 334 Royal St.** (District Station).

## Calendar of Events

### October 2015

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#### *Board Meeting*

October 7, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

#### *Meet the Neighbors*

October 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Grande Krewe, the new wine store  
in the 511 Marigny building (entrance on Decatur)

#### *General Meeting*

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

### November 2015

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#### *Board Meeting*

November 4, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

#### *Meet the Neighbors*

November 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Venue TBD

#### *General Meeting*

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

### NONPACC MEETINGS

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#### *5th District — 2nd Wednesday*

6 pm, 3900 N. Claiborne

#### *8th District — 4th Tuesday*

6 pm, location varies between 334 Royal  
and the Healing Center

**Note: October Meeting will be Thursday, 10/8.**

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

### FMIA Dues

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# Faux Real Festival

The Faux Real Festival, formerly known as Fringe Fest, will be taking place this year from November 4<sup>th</sup> through THE 22<sup>nd</sup>. Events at this year's expanded festival will take place city-wide, for the



most part in existing entertainment venues. In Marigny the focus will be mainly along St. Claude Avenue between Elysian Fields Avenue and Franklin. The central box office and festival information will be located at the Healing Center They will have a new pricing structure: events will be either free, \$9, \$12, or on occasion \$25. There are no volume ticket discounts this year.

Fringe always featured a variety of performing arts—virtually anything you can or can't imagine. New this year will be Food & Drink competitions — with everything from hamburgers to mescal.

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- 1/2 medium tomato, diced
- 1/4 red onion, diced
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Boil 1/2 c water and a pinch of salt in small saucepan, add dry couscous and remove from heat. Let sit about 5 minutes or until couscous has absorbed all the water.

In the meantime, dice bell pepper, cucumber, tomato, and onion. Drain water from tuna can. Toss all of the Ingredients together in a large bowl and enjoy!

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## Meet the Neighbors



### September:

Thanks to Graison Gill and Leslie Ellis of Bellegarde Bakery for hosting our September event. We met at Continental Provisions in the French Market for some wine and terrific food. If you missed the fresh mozzarella I feel sorry for you. Very, very sorry.



### October 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm:

We'll join Grande Krewe, the new wine store in the 511 Marigny building. (entrance on Decatur)

**If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, email us at [secretary@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:secretary@faubourgmarigny.org).**

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



Did you ever wonder who these people are? ↑

Find out at the next Meet your Neighbors!

And if you have a favorite place in the neighborhood that you think would be interested in hosting an upcoming event, let us know by emailing [editor@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:editor@faubourgmarigny.org).

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# St. Paul Lutheran Neighborhood Block Party

On Saturday, **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 10 am – 6 pm, St. Paul Lutheran in the Marigny is hosting a Neighborhood Block Party to celebrate Arts & Community for 175 years! An outdoor main stage will be alive with music by local musicians all day long, come see **Charmaine Neville, Jon Roninger, Ryan Gregory Floyd, & Naydja Cojoe** to name a few!

Local authors, including **Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy** who is a professor and Area Coordinator of English at Dillard University, will be on hand to sell, sign copies, and chat about their works. Dr. Saloy has written community based books on poetry and also studies the impact of Creole persons in the development of New Orleans culture. In addition, the very talented **Mr. Bill Norris** will be present to discuss his book, *Down in New Orleans: True Stories of a Fabled City* and present information gained from his research.

Local artists will be stationed throughout the courtyard with their artwork available for purchase. Stop and chat with them about their works!

Neighborhood Champion Awards will be presented to people who have given outstanding contributions to the Neighborhood Development of St. Paul Church Communities. They are: for Past Contributions - **Dr. Eugene Cizek**, Ph.D.: Professor of Architecture at Tulane University: Instrumental in the Development of the Faubourg Marigny Re-Birth; for Present Contributions **Richard Campanella**, Geographer; Senior Professor of Practice of Architecture: Tulane University; for Future Contributions - **Pastors Robert and Sherdren Burnside**, Pastors of Journey Ninth Ward Church on Alvar Street, Community Activists and LINC leader.

For interactive musical fun, Airlift will be presenting The Music Box Roving Village, a public installation & performance series that transports an interactive musical structure. The Music Box Roving Village is free and interactive for audiences will and artists will be present to explain how you can create your own music. Everyone will explore the kinetic musical structures that make every visitor an agent of creativity

Special entertainment will be ongoing throughout the day on our basement stage! Come see our school cheerleaders, drumming circle, gospel choir, and talent winners perform!! St. Paul's historical collection of documents, memorabilia, and photographs through 175 years will also be available for perusal along the walls of the basement. Hungry? Food trucks will be parked along Burgundy Street with an array of local specialties. Tours will be available in



the sanctuary to learn about St. Paul's rich history and its architecture. Bring the kiddos, an interactive art area will have ongoing activities to keep them happy and busy. In fact, adults can have fun themselves, interacting with many forms of art that will be available!

The following day on Sunday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, 4 – 7 pm, there will be a super neighborhood pot-luck supper in the basement followed by a closing candlelight service in the courtyard centering on Arts & Community. We will hear about what it means being a follower of Jesus Christ IN our community and being involved in God's redemptive work WITH that community around us. We praise God for His gift of art and how the Gospel is revealed and shared throughout history through great works of art. As New Orleanians, we have incredible artistic blessings around us! We will proceed in a celebratory second line around the block, bringing us back to the corner of Port & Burgundy celebrating God's love and blessings bestowed on St. Paul for 175 years!

## 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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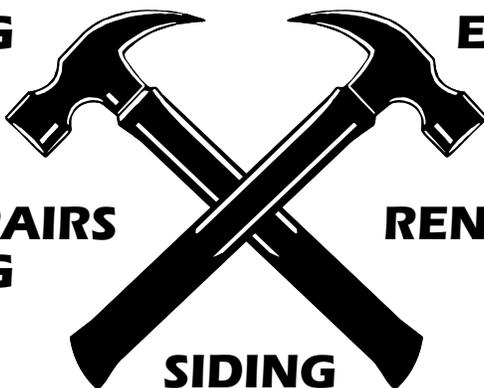
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# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kelly Marrione National Night Out Against Crime

*The following is information corrected from last month*

The 2015 National Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 13, 2015.**

The Kick-Off Party will be held at the St. Roch Playground, 1800 St. Roch, at 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Superintendent Michael S. Harrison, elected officials, police officers, friends of the City, special guests, and citizens will be present at the Kick-Off Party, to participate in the celebration. There will also be special performances and presentations.

If you plan to host your own party, please have a representative from your Neighborhood Watch Group, Home Owner's Association, business, neighborhood or family call or email Officers Victoria Guidry at [vsguidry@nola.gov](mailto:vsguidry@nola.gov) or Larry Dace at [ldace@nola.gov](mailto:ldace@nola.gov). You can also email Sgt. Roderick B. Franklin, Sr. at [rbfranklin@nola.gov](mailto:rbfranklin@nola.gov).

More information at [nextdoor.com/events/la/new-orleans/night-out-against-crime-kick-off-party-405530](http://nextdoor.com/events/la/new-orleans/night-out-against-crime-kick-off-party-405530)



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# Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim

Trees in New Orleans are such an integral part of the landscape frames our neighborhoods. Like a magnificent historical house, a large scale tree such as a live oak shares its beauty and majestic quality.



New Orleans offered incredible acres of green spaces for residents and visitors. Besides our neutral grounds, there were two major parks plus many smaller parks and squares around the city, as well as the 18-hole Joseph M. Bartholomew Municipal Golf Course. However, as we know, 70% of the city's tree canopy was affected by the devastation of the storm in 2005. Department of Parks and Parkways,

Parkway Partners, Hike for Katrina, and many organizations around the city have participated in re-greening our public spaces since then.

Neighborhoods were also affected by the storm. The commitment of residents in various neighborhoods have re-greened and planted their own trees. In October 2008, Marigny ReLeaf, a sub-committee of Marigny Green chaired by Speck Green, organized a neighborhood tree planting. Thirty Marigny residents participated in this project along with many volunteers. Out of the 150 trees we planted, 90% of the trees are thriving thanks to the commitment of the owners.



## The Top Benefits of Planting Trees



- Trees absorb CO<sub>2</sub>
- Trees clean the air
- Trees provide oxygen
- Trees cool the streets and the city
- Trees conserve energy
- Trees help soil erosion
- Trees provide shade
- Fruit Trees provide food
- Trees provide a canopy for birds and animals
- Trees can block unsightly views
- Trees serve an environmental role in reducing the heat island effect
- Trees can help the amount of rain run-off reducing the strain on the city's drainage system
- Trees are lovely to view
- Trees mark the season
- Trees can raise property values

## Marigny Needs More Trees

Tree planting season is approaching and there are many things to know about planting a tree on public property and for more information: <http://www.nola.gov/parks-and-parkways/trees/>

## What You Need to Know

1. The Department of Parks and Parkways require citizens to get a free Tree Planting Permit to plant a tree between the sidewalk and the curb.
2. A site plan for the trees or shrubs are required if you have to cut the sidewalk.
3. You must agree to water the tree for one year.

It's the little things citizen do.  
That's what will make the difference.  
My little things is planting trees.

~ Wangari Maathai

# News from Alvar Library

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

It's that time of year when the weather starts getting cooler and the kids are still adjusting to their back-to-school routine. Many children struggle with math, and many parents are unsure how to help them. Do you want to get your child excited about learning math? Our new math club, Crazy 8s! will be held during Saturday morning story time, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am for eight weeks, from September 5th until October 24th. We'll read books, build stuff, run and jump, make music, and make a mess! Kids will get to do mischief-making activities like Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice and Toilet Paper Olympics, and take home some cool gadgets. We invite participants ages K-2nd Grade to join this club. Also, throughout the school year, we will be offering homework help to students of all ages on an as-needed basis.

## Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the New Orleans Public Library, we celebrate our freedom to read Banned Books. According to the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom, these are the ten most frequently challenged books of 2014:

1. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
2. *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
3. *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
4. *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
5. *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris
6. *Saga* by Brian Vaughan and Fiona Staples
7. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
8. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
9. *A Stolen Life* by Jaycee Dugard
10. *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier

Our first October event will be held Thursday, October 1st, 7-9 pm. We will host a bawdy Adult Event for Banned Books Week: "Lewd Poetry Reading" hosted by popular local writers Bill Lavender and Nancy Dixon. There will be wine, cheese, and a dozen New Orleans writers reading ribald poetry and prose.

Additional programming at Alvar includes weekly computer tutoring each Thursday from 11 am until 1 pm. We also have a monthly zine club. Our collection has

expanded greatly over the last year. We've hosted zine readings by youth, comic readings by local artists, and even bands!

We are getting ready to start a new book club. Please let us know at the circulation desk if you would like to participate and we will keep you informed of the start date and readings.



Our favorite Alvar staff member Henri reading his favorite banned book

We will have several exciting events in November. Second Harvest's "Cooking Matters" Class will be held every Wednesday for six weeks beginning November 4th. Participants will learn to make healthy choices at the grocery store and cook delicious meals that are also nutritious. We will celebrate Alvar Library's 75th Anniversary Party on November 7th with activities for all ages.

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# Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Church Celebrates 150 Years

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Church, formerly St. Vincent de Paul church in the Bywater, celebrates 150 years of the building of its historic Church (1866-2016) with several events being planned and a book being published.

- A commemorative, hardbound coffee table book is being published this fall to include a detailed account of the parish community from 1838 to present and also a photographic celebration of the artwork of the church
- In conjunction with the book offering, an Opening Banquet and Book Presentation will be held on November 14, 2015 at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) from 6pm to 10pm
- An Anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Aymond will be held next spring, April 23, 2016, at the church at 4 pm. All are invited.
- A time capsule was placed in front of the church 50 years ago, at the church's 100th anniversary, to be opened on the church's 150th anniversary. The Time Capsule Opening is planned for next fall, November 12, 2016

For more information on these events or to contribute to the church's preservation efforts call 504-943-5566 or visit the website at [www.seeloschurchno.org](http://www.seeloschurchno.org)



Cover of the commemorative hardbound coffee table book.



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## Healthy Soils, Healthier Waterways

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## Recycled Planters

At this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to transform trash into creative and fun planters for your home. We will focus on hanging and vertical planters that work well in small spaces. For added fun, bring your own containers! We will use soil we've mixed from our own compost bin to fill your planters.

Please wear comfortable close-toed shoes, long pants, and clothes that can get dirty with soil and paint. Sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent also recommended.

Workshops take place in neighborhoods where Groundwork has transformed derelict lots into fun, outdoor learning spaces. Events are partially led and planned by our Green Team (high school youths learning environmental science and job skills). Workshops are generously funded and sponsored by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Date: Wednesday, **September 30** from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Earth Lab in the New Orleans Healing Center 2372 Saint Claude Avenue.

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