



Les Amis de Marigny

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

President's Letter

By Lisa Suarez, FMIA President

What a year! You might be relieved that this review does not discuss the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance or count all the visits to Historic Districts Landmarks Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustments, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council. Here are most of the other ways we occupied our time:

In 2015 at our General Meetings we talked to and about: Quality of Life Officers from the 5th and 8th Districts; the Riverfront Alliance; 1818 Burgundy; code enforcement; the Inspector General; Neighbors First for Bywater; the St. Roch Market; District "C" Councilmember Nadine Ramsey; the French Market; the Department of Public Works; the Alvar Library; The Frenchmen Art Market; Baker's Row Development (Hubig's Pies); the Arts Estuary on Elysian Fields; the Deputy Commissioner of the State Insurance Commission; Short Term Rentals; the Director of Advocacy for KIPP (Colton) School; the Health Department's "Sound Check"; and The Sewerage and Water Board's Dept. of Environmental Quality.

We celebrated Mardi Gras with Krewe du Vieux, krewedelusion, Chewbacchus, and the Society of Saint Ann (ever hopeful for better weather this Fat Tuesday);

Nickel-a-Dance on FIVE Sundays in March (and four in October); St. Patrick's Day with The Downtown Irish Club; a GREAT Home Tour; the Marigny entrance to Crescent Park; Bastille Day; the 15th Anniversary of Satchmo SummerFest; Love Alive! The 175th Anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Night Out against Crime; Faux/Real (formerly Fringe Fest); The Neighborhood Champion Awards (for outstanding contributions to the Neighborhood Development of St. Paul Church Communities); The Dearly

Departed Society; Birthdays of Gretchen Bomboy and Gene Cizek; and Holiday Caroling with the Pfister Sisters, FMIA's yearly gift to the Neighborhood.

We Met the Neighbors at Indywood Movie Theater (now in Bywater); the new Feelings Cafe; Mags on Elysian Fields; Paladar 511; Second Vine Wine, Continental Provisions in the French Market; Dirty Coast and Blue Dream; the Grande Krewe wine store; and The Franklin, and American Sports Saloon. Where do you want to go in 2016?

And we mourned the loss of meaningful citizen input for zoning; long-time New Orleans artist Ben Gregory; the Bicycle "Die-In"; the tenth anniversary of Katrina; all the crimes and assaults; and then the news that Quality of Life Officers are no longer part of NOPD.

FMIA will always work to improve Quality of Life issues, real neighborhood engagement with relationships between neighbors and public servants, and the living promise of our Mission Statement. Thank you for your continuing participation. Please encourage others to join, as there is no social media substitute for knowing your community.

**Happy
Mardi
Gras!**

What's Inside this edition of
Les Amis de Marigny

Safe on Our Streets
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Please Renew Your Dues

January started a new calendar year, as well as a new fiscal year for the organization. This means it is time to renew your membership dues. Dues are an important part of making what FMIA does possible. They offset the cost of the newsletter and give us the working capital to put on our events such as caroling and the Home Tour.

We are always looking for ways to save money and time so that our limited resources can go further. One way is to have members pay their dues by the end of February so we do not have to incur the expense of stamped return envelopes and extra newsletter postage.

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FMIA joins “Safe on Our Streets”

By Nicolas Suarez-Lambert

Our entire city is endangered by out-of-control crime. For the past three months, a coalition led by the St. Charles Avenue Association and Jonathan Rhodes, formerly of St. Claude Main Street, has been working with a diverse group of neighborhood leaders and civic associations to find real, creative, and effective solutions. On December 17, 2015, a group of about forty neighborhood associations and 501(c)3 non-profits, like Silence Is Violence (silenceisviolence.org), gathered for a second meeting of Safe on Our Streets (SOS), a quickly growing grass roots organization whose sole purpose is to help fix our crime problems.

Jonathan Rhodes says, “The goal is to build a unified, city-wide coalition of neighborhood leaders who are willing to develop solutions and implement concrete steps to improve public safety. There are many things that can be done at the neighborhood level, as well as by working with city government. This group is intended to be an apolitical, inclusive coalition of active neighborhood leaders who would like to work on specific tasks to reduce crime and improve communities. By working together, we hope to learn from each other about what is working in each neighborhood and what we might do collectively to improve safety for all.”

The underlying issue at the December meeting was how we as city residents can help generate enough police officers to fill the current 400 vacancies on the NOPD. At the current rate of hiring (around 30 new officers in 2015), it will take more than 13 years to reach a headcount of 1,600 officers and until 2029 before the ranks are filled.

The group had a free flowing conversation that didn't dwell on individual criminal events but focused more on crime in general and what's not being done to return public safety to our neighborhoods. An immediate goal is to grow memberships of neighborhood associations to 100 strong. FMIA agreed to join at the January board meeting by a unanimous vote.

Lakeview Neighborhood Association President Joe Giarrusso III talked about the highly successful security district they have created. At \$125 per property, the district generates \$736,000 annually, of which \$600,000 is dedicated to patrolling in nine patrol cars the district owns. Their security force has 287 officers on the payroll including many NOPD officers working off-hour detail assignments.

Many neighborhoods cannot afford a security district and feel their taxes should have covered

these expenses already. With the potential property tax hike announced by City Hall, the next SOS meetings will focus on this proposal. Like the Zoo and CCC Bridge “No” votes, passage of the Mayor's plan is far from a certainty. The hiring freeze to balance the budget created the current situation, and no amount of propaganda will be able to change that fact in the eyes of the public.

Please get an overview of Safe on Our Streets by exploring the new website, www.sosnola.com, soon to include more ideas and information. And look for future meetings of Safe on Our Streets to be announced in the Eblast.

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Letter to the Editor: The Litigation Situation

Recently some people in Marigny have expressed aggravation with the FMIA, saying “all they do is sue people.” Let’s set the record straight.

FMIA’s involvement with lack of enforcement began with the situation at Cafe Istanbul. The neighbors came to us with a problem that had existed for most of the time the place has been in business. It was time to ask for “injunctive relief,” since they were violating the terms of the Community Benefits Agreement we had negotiated with the Healing Center and the Cafe.

After the immediate neighbors came to the board and the general meeting asking for help for two years, the board voted to dedicate some funds (about 1500.00) to pay a lawyer to look over the situation and interpret how exactly a Community Benefits Agreement is enforced. After two initial appointments, two meetings, and maybe three phone calls in 2014 and early 2015, the board was advised that the matter had to be in the hands of the City Attorney, who enforces Alcohol Beverage Outlet rules, and there it remains, with about half of the funds unspent.

Now, it is true that the FMIA brought a lawsuit against the City. The suit concerned last minute amendments to the CZO. The City is required by law to submit all amendments to the Planning Commission for that commission’s formal, specialized review and recommendation. The Planning Commission, in turn, is charged with seeking the input of residents. Because this process was not followed, the new CZO is in conflict with the Master Plan.

This is hardly “suing everybody.”

Another worry was over where FMIA was getting the money for the lawsuit — from the general fund, perhaps? All funds to pay attorneys came from people in the neighborhood who shared FMIA’s concerns over the actions of the city. No general funds were used.

If you have questions or concerns, you can email president@faubourgmarigny.org or come to a general membership meeting, held the third Monday of the month at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street.

John Gutekunst

Do You Know These People?

1. Marigny’s first tree planting.



2. Marigny’s 40th Anniversary



Submit your answers to editor@faubourgmarigny.org.

No fabulous prizes will be awarded!

Oral History Project

“Nathalie Jordi with the Sts Peter & Paul hotel renovation is looking for former members of the Sts Peter & Paul congregation, students at the school, clergy, relatives or anyone else willing to share their memories about the site for an oral history project.

They want to hear your stories! To set up a time, email stpeterandpaulfeedback@gmail.com or call Nathalie at 504 715 7142.



Robért Fresh Market

Robért Fresh Market has announced that they will begin construction on a full service grocery store at St Claude and Elysian Fields commencing in May or June of 2016.

They have completed architectural designs with input from the city and have selected a contractor for the development and have also successfully registered the location on the National Historic Register.



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.

Calendar of Events

February 2016

Board Meeting

February 3, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

No MTN for February — Happy Mardi Gras!

General Meeting

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

March 2016

Board Meeting

March 2, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

March 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Venue TBD

General Meeting

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

NONPACC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday

6 pm, 3900 N. Claiborne

8th District — 4th Tuesday

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

If you have an event for the calendar

please send it to

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FMIA Dues

Not sure when your FMIA dues were paid? The date you paid is conveniently located on the mailing label of your newsletter. Just one more service from your friendly neighborhood association.

Port Meets with Residents about Poland Avenue Cruise Ship Terminal

By Lisa Suarez, FMIA President

On December 10 and 13, 2015, The Port of New Orleans invited many downriver neighborhood residents, business people, and concerned citizens to a preliminary outreach meeting, coordinated by Jeanne Nathan. Allen Johnson and Lisa Suarez attended. There should be a larger community-wide meeting before this publishing date. FMIA will have kept you aware, by Eblast, of the details and location, as we received the information after the deadline for this publication.

First, a little history.

The Poland Avenue Cruise Ship Terminal has been planned since before the 2003 Memorandum of Understanding, pre-dating Riverfront Vision (2005) and "Reinventing the Crescent" (2008), between the Port and City Council. Those plans were interrupted by the 2005 storm, but on February 23, 2006, The Port commissioners approved a Riverfront Development Agreement. Here's what CEO Gary LaGrange had to say at the time:

"The Port of New Orleans exists to create new economic opportunities for the New Orleans region. The Mississippi River is world-renowned as an avenue of commerce, but the riverfront also provides majestic vistas that are a testament to the beauty and history of this city... We are sending out an invitation to developers to create new economic opportunities along the Mississippi River that are compatible with the historic character of our city."

Have you been ever on a cruise from New Orleans? If so, it helps with some perspective of how the industry works and how the relationships were built for this grand commerce to proceed.

The meeting began with Ms. Nathan introducing herself and several other Port employees or subcontractors presenting on subjects that have all previously been areas of concern, in particular PARKING, but no less the supply trucks and passenger traffic that could tie up the streets

of much of Bywater and Marigny on "Port Days." Drawings and charts were shown via PowerPoint.

"Port Days" were described as a ship with approximately 4,500 passengers disembarking between 8:00 and 10:00 in the morning and then reloading between 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon for a 4:00 p.m. sailing. That's 9,000 people per Port Day flowing through the neighborhoods. We were told there would not be more than two Port Days per week, and at first, only one.

On a positive note, on a visit to the Erato Street Wharf a week or so later, at about 11:00 a.m., there was NO SIGN of any traffic, after disembarkation of a ship earlier that morning using buses, cars and taxicabs. It appears that the Port of New Orleans has cruise ship passenger movement down to a science. Of course, the Erato Street neighborhood is almost all maritime/industrial, with no residential areas for blocks.

At the Poland Avenue terminal, shuttle buses will be supplied for passengers, all directed towards Chartres using the Mazant Ramp, to be dropped off to the new wharf building, where all cruise passengers will arrive whether by bus, car, or taxicab. Attendees were shown a diagram of surface parking for nearly 1,000 cars on two sides of the aforementioned rear building.

This does not mean that all is candy and roses for traffic. Port employees described the passenger ships as needing approximately thirteen 18-wheelers for supplies. Residents along Poland Avenue between Claiborne Avenue and Dauphine Street were dismayed to hear that the trucks would enter the old Navy Base from Dauphine at Poland and park behind the third existing but unused building, waiting to unload to the ship. The exit would be similar, but the Port also said some trucks might exit to Chartres, from the Mazant Street ramp.

Residents of Japonica Street were equally dismayed to hear a Poland Avenue resident suggest a "flyover" ramp,

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through Japonica Street, for more direct access by trucks headed to the Port, bypassing Poland Avenue altogether. The main problem for Marigny, besides hordes of vehicles, especially taxicabs, flooding our streets, is the NOCCA "S" curve, where St. Ferdinand meets Chartres. There is already a challenge to vehicle navigation at that location now, not counting school zone times, and after the development of "Via Latrobe" on the Bywater side of Press Street, who knows what will happen? As Port Days are most often Saturdays and Sundays, school arrivals and departures might not be a problem.

After the presentations, Ms. Nathan entreated the group of about 40 to divide into "breakout groups," a request that was not received well, as most were interested to hear all that was being said. Dutifully, however, the group did as they were asked, and every so often a cry of "Yeah, that's it - Water Taxis!" or some such was heard. Each table contributed to a wrap-up near the end.

There was no discernible discussion concerning passengers who arrive by car for one night in an Airbnb and then leave their car on the street for a week while on a cruise. We are not sure if The Port is aware of this phenomenon, which happens all the time in Marigny. Part of a conversation overheard from a visiting family at a coffee house in Bywater: "But it costs 14 dollars a day to park at the Port!" The meeting included a variety of suggestions for resident "amenities," at the Port's suggestion that the new terminal building would have a second floor, unusable except on Port Days. "Maybe the community could use it for an art market, or a farmers' market?" "You could have your neighborhood meetings there."

It was clear from the Port drawings that any activities on base property involving the public, such as a Park at the point of the river and Industrial Canal confluence, would only be accessible on non-Port Days. (It's a good thing we already have Crescent Park.) Accessibility to Crescent Park and the parking lot from the Mazant Ramp on Port Days has not quite been solved. (If you've ever been in that lot in a car, trying to exit over the Public Belt tracks and down the ramp while there was a ship in port (for a visit only) and a train there with tour buses also turning and exiting, you've missed a thrill!)

The budget for the Poland Avenue Wharf is about 53 million dollars. While residents do have a 30 million dollar park, an excellent addition to the quality of our lives, it would be so great if the Port of New Orleans could see its way clear to somehow, in exchange for all the intensity of those extra thousands of people and vehicles traversing our historic neighborhoods, provide real amenities for us, especially as the "new economic opportunities" do not

directly include residents, although they may benefit small businesses.

Rather than a head tax per passenger contributed directly to each resident's property tax depending on how close you are to the ship (surely I jest), why not find another a way to use the military parking building, one of the three buildings at the base, built in 1911. True, the hairpin curve ramps could never carry today's SUV's, but what about building new access ramps on the exterior of that building and using it for locals' parking, with shuttles to the French Quarter?

An additional note about The Port: Welcome to the new Chairman of the "Dock Board," a man from Chalmette named William Bergeron. For a few years before Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Bergeron and his lovely wife Joyce lived in Marigny. Very similarly to his views about what works in St. Bernard, he has always had some very good ideas about what works in Marigny too.

Mr. Bergeron's best talent, however, a talent all leaders should have, is his ability to listen. His talent to listen is only surpassed by his ability to make one feel heard.

Here is a quote from his "acceptance speech" at the Port, during his installation as Chair. "It takes hard work. That's what makes things better, hard work."

Congratulations Mr. Bergeron; here's to the next two years!



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January General Meeting Recap

FMIA's January General Meeting was held Monday, January 18. Here are some of the topics covered.

NOPD Sgt. Luster discussed the upcoming restructuring of the Quality of Life program that may result in reassignment of personnel to provide more officers on patrol. Sgt. Luster said he plans to continue his QoL efforts as much as possible, including attending FMIA meetings and responding to issues brought to his attention at ecluster@nola.gov.

Lisa added that for many years NOPD Quality of Life teams are almost the only way citizens have direct communication with NOPD officers, and that the relationships that have been forged through the years are the most valuable way for citizens to feel their issues are being addressed. Without more information, "restructuring" feels like the elimination of the essence of Community Policing. She urged those in attendance to write letters to NOPD describing all of the situations in recent memory where the Quality of Life Officers have made our lives better in terms of Public Safety.

There were updates involving neighborhood businesses, including Iggy's (neighbors say the bar has become a nuisance), Schiro's/Silk Road (owner Zak Rahman says in a letter that no live music is planned), Big Daddy's (described elsewhere in this issue), Café Istanbul (disturbance issues remain but dialogue continues, with a possible meeting

after Mardi Gras), and Red Haus (2820-26 St. Claude, where there are plans for a music venue that could impact nearby residents' quiet enjoyment of their property; it's going to city council and a petition was circulated). Sgt. Luster advised that loitering is not specifically considered to be a citable offense but blocking sidewalks is.

Baker's Row (townhouses on former Hubig's Pies site) begins framing this week. Representatives of 2121 Chartres updated on their continuing plans to develop a reception facility and listened to suggestions about noise, ingress, and egress. St. Peter and St. Paul project reported that the design process is near an end, followed by construction beginning hopefully in late spring. Meanwhile, they are launching an oral history project and encourage people with past connections to St. Peter and St. Paul to contact them at stpeterandpaulfeedback.com.

It was agreed that FMIA would not submit further comments at this time about the City's Short Term Rentals proposal.

Plans and routes were described for the upcoming Krewe du Vieux (starting 6pm on the 23rd) and Chewbaccus (starting at 7 on the 30th) parades. Chewbaccus plans a cleanup of their entire route starting at 5:00 the next morning.

Residents with security cameras were encouraged to register them with the City at safecamnola.com.



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First Meet the Neighbors of the New Year

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Robert Mendoza and manager **Rachel Del Castillo** of **The American Sports Saloon**, 1200 Decatur, hosted Marigny on Wednesday, January 13th, in hopes of developing a local sports fan heaven with their giant screens and subscriptions to everything.

Twenty-five people had a great time. Delicious crawfish, finger sandwiches and truffle oil parmesan fries arrived in heaps, complementing the wine specials and other libations. The event was held on the second floor, so the sound of the screens was a dull roar in accompaniment to the voices socializing, with some discussion of neighborhood issues. Another great thing about the second floor at the American Sports Saloon is the access to the huge balcony surrounding the building on three sides - great for Krewe du Vieux viewing.

Thank you, American Sports Saloon!

There will be no MTN on Ash Wednesday, so where do you want to go in March?

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Resolution to the Problems at Big Daddy's

By Allen Johnson

On December 19, 2015, 20-plus members of the neighboring community, along with three members of the NOPD's Eighth District, met with the management team of Big Daddy's bar on Franklin Avenue. Over the last year, according to the neighbors, the noise from the crowd gathering on the sidewalk and in the street has made living nearby unbearable. Problems were particularly acute during the hours between 2:00 and 10:00 a.m., with the sidewalk in front of the business crowded with folks hanging out, harassing passers-by, and making so much noise that neighbors could not sleep.

The team from Big Daddy's listened to the complaints and concerns of the neighbors, and at the conclusion of the meeting they agreed on the following two action items: 1) Hire private security from 2:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m., and 2) Post signs similar to Mimi's across the street that say "No Obstructing the Sidewalk" and "No Trespassing".

It is hoped that these actions will alleviate the problems. In a follow-up contact on January 14, neighbors reported that the action steps taken have made a world of difference.

While emotions and frustration at the meeting were obviously high due to the problem that Big Daddy's has become for the neighbors, everyone at the meeting should

be credited with being respectful to each other. Hopefully, a positive relationship was built between the neighbors and Big Daddy's that will fix this problem and any others in the future.

It's also worth noting that after Resident Crawford Malone put together the meeting, Quality of Life Officers Shereese Harper, Joseph Joia, and Sgt. Ernest Luster were responsible for making legal suggestions that were then followed through by the owners of the business. This helps to illustrate how quality of life issues with nuisance businesses in Faubourg Marigny are always easier to solve when the owners and managers are willing to communicate and cooperate with the understanding that FMIA wants all businesses to be successful here, but not at the expense of residents' sleep.

A Big Thank You to Big Daddy's for their spirit of community and to the 8th District Quality of Life Team, whom we appreciate for their professionalism and willingness to maintain relationships with neighbors - something that NOPD is actually doing right.

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Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim



The Old Farmer's Almanac 2016 and Heloise contain these useful, clever, and occasionally quirky ideas to save sanity, time and money, all under the category of **Recycle, Reuse, Refresh and Renew.**

Eggshells:

- Don't throw away or compost, but wash and dry the eggshells instead. Then grind them with a mortar and pestle. Use them for cleaning out water bottles. Put a spoonful of ground shells and a few drops of soap in the bottle with water and shake and swirl. Then wash out.

Graters have multi uses:

- Cheese grater: Use a cheese grater for cold butter when making biscuits and piecrusts.
- Veggie peeler: Try slicing a block of cheese with a veggie peeler.
- Veggie peeler: Slicing butter with a veggie peeler works well.

Dryer Sheets:

- For a pleasant smell in the car, put a dryer sheet into the car door pockets.
- Dryer sheets are great to wipe off bugs from the car.

Tools:

- A butter knife can be used as a screwdriver.
- To help raise a stuck window, use a heavy-duty ice cream scoop as a lever.

Storage:

- To store lids in a pantry, use a plate draining rack.
- A letter holder is useful for plastic lids.

Outdoors:

- Punch holes in tuna cans to use under lawn furniture to stop from sinking into the ground.
- Get a long sock and a bar of soap. Tie it to the outside spigot for easy washing.

Packing Peanuts:

- Pour the peanuts into a newspaper wrapper and tie the end. Great to use when traveling as a cushion for breakables in the suitcase.
- Sprinkle a few in the bottom of a houseplant to provide drainage.

Plastic bread clips:

- Good to use on pots and pans to scrap baked-on crud.
- Can be used to organize and label electrical cords.

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After Bunny Friend, We Need Local Solutions

By Nicolas Suarez-Lambert

There are no easy or immediate answers to address our city's out-of-control crime wave without looking at City Hall. Public Safety is clearly not the number one priority of our current mayor or city council. Crime falls behind tourists, real estate speculation with our property tax dollars, monuments, and Bourbon Street prostitution. It is past time for City Hall to make public safety the single most important item on their agenda by addressing our acute manpower crisis with the aspirations of inclusion expressed in the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Today, 47 percent of black males aged 17 to 25 are unemployed, sharing that distinction with our heroic combat troops coming home from foreign lands. Both numbers are shameful and must be addressed if we want out of this chaos. New Orleans, despite bloody headlines, produces hundreds of high achieving high school students every year. A large percentage do well enough to receive TOPs scholarships, and most students' grades are good enough to qualify for athletic programs. A close look will show that many are involved in community service through their churches and other programs.

In the short term, local and federal law enforcement should create a fast track application process that includes skills testing and training designed to produce high quality candidates for our police academy, which should be expanded to 150 officers annually by 2017. Potential cadets could be from the class of 2010 to today. Over the long term, the City should develop a Junior ROTC-type program for students devoted to public safety and other critical first responder needs, such as firemen and emergency medical personnel. Such efforts would produce highly qualified citizens groomed for success and public service.

Our city must also make clear that we are bent on hiring locally created talent, thus replacing ineffective attempts to impose community policing by officers who are not local, don't live in the city, and are viewed as aliens by many disadvantaged neighborhood residents. When "Officer Friendly" is Jimmy who grew up around the corner, then law enforcement will not only be effective but will have a visible presence that will dynamically improve public safety and add the benefit of real earning potential for the officer. Think about the changes and impact that could occur economically when 300 home-

grown officers are potentially making \$60,000 per year, or more after a few years of service, while protecting us, their families, and their friends throughout our community. Their combined salaries would total \$18 million per year.

Those are 18 million annual reasons this program should be developed, refined, and funded so that we can dig ourselves out of the abyss while addressing the critical issues of creating a better life through economic expansion and inclusion.



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Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

February is Black History Month, and the NOPL has numerous events to celebrate this month at various branches. At Alvar we will have a Paul Robeson Writing Workshop for teens on Saturday, February 13th, at 2:00 pm. We will also have Black History Month story times & activities on Saturdays, February 13th, 20th and 27th, at 10:30 am.

Remember that we have new NOPL service hours for 2016!

7 day-a-week service at the following libraries:

Algiers Regional, East New Orleans Regional, Main, Milton Latter, Norman Mayer, Smith

Monday-Thursday: 10 am-8 pm, Friday & Saturday: 10 am-5 pm, Sunday: 1 pm-5 pm

(Milton Latter is currently closed for renovations)

6 day-a-week service at the following libraries:

Alvar, Children's Resource Center, Hubbell, Keller Library & Community Center,

Martin Luther King, Mid-City, Nix

Monday-Thursday: 10 am-8 pm, Friday & Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Regular Programs at Alvar:

Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

The next Book Club meeting is Saturday, February 20th, 2016.

Stay tuned for our next exciting Zine Club event!

Local author birthday:

Kate Chopin was born Kate O'Flaherty on February 8th, 1850, in St. Louis, Missouri. She moved to New Orleans after her marriage to Oscar Chopin when she was twenty years old. She wrote stories while raising her seven children. After her husband died, she moved back to St. Louis and continued to write, incorporating Creole, Cajun, Irish and French influences in her settings and characters. She is best known for the "The Awakening", published in 1899 and considered shocking in its time for its independent female viewpoint. She wrote numerous other stories including "The Story of an Hour", "Desiree's Baby," "At the 'Cadian Ball", and "The Storm." Many scholars consider her work to be some of the earliest feminist literature.



Cooking Matters

"She's got some sort of notion in her head concerning the eternal rights of women."

— Kate Chopin, *The Awakening*

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Alvar Library's 2016 Mardi Gras schedule:

Thursday, February 4th: close at 4:00 pm.

Friday, February 5th: close at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, February 6th: close at 2:00 pm.

Monday, February 8th: close at 3:00 pm.

All NOPL locations will be closed on Tuesday, February, 9th, 2016.

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Holiday Caroling with the Pfister Sisters! FMIA's yearly gift to the Neighborhood

Even though Washington Square Park was decorated for the Holidays by Ronnie Brinks, Lisa Faatland, Tommy Janatik, Allen Johnson, Rick Prince, and Bill Whiting, we ended up having to move the event to the warehouse at 2121 Chartres because of the all day rain threat. It was a good thing that Jennifer Taylor and Gregor Fox lent us the space, as the wind was very strong all evening.

Then, those same folks, PLUS Secretary Gretchen Bomboy, board member Simone Cifuentes, Ken Caron, Paul Chiriaco and Jack Murphy from Mags (who provided extraordinary help with refreshments as well as a much appreciated donation), Secretary Matt Del Vecchio, John Gutekunst, Katherine Kuroczko, and Jason Patterson and his sound man Doug Jackson from Snug Harbor with their sound equipment, made our Holiday Caroling a festive, fun, and perfectly-scaled event for the 150 folks who showed up.



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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2015

Gretchen Bomboy's

Members in attendance

Lisa Suarez, Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Matt Del Vecchio, Carolyn Sinclair, Gene Cizek, Simone Cifuentes

Grand Krewe

Owner Bob would like to host music events in partnership with NOCCA, but doesn't have needed permits. Ideas discussed.

Praline Connection

Jeff reports on his research on the issues reported by a neighbor on their loading zone. Owner said they will ask for smaller trucks.

Christmas Caroling

Scheduling and logistics discussion on annual Christmas Caroling in Washington Square Park.

New Resident Welcome Material

Discussion on ideas for welcome kits or letters. Jeff motions to start new recruitment plan, seconded. Unanimous in favor. Lisa motions to allocate funds to mail letters to new property owners, seconded. Unanimous.

Newsletter

John is resigning from editing newsletter, but will continue laying it out. Discussion on finding a new content editor.

Historical Marker

Slab is in good shape.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.



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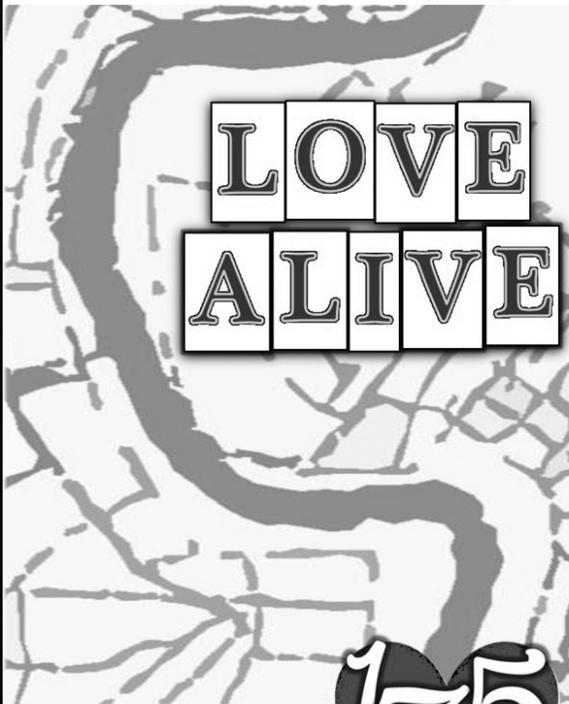
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FMIA General Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2015

7:15 PM, St. Paul Lutheran

Lisa Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

NOPD Report

Quality of Life officer Joseph Joia discusses bike kids. 5th District has an investigation going on woman knocked off her bike on St. Claude.

Guest Speakers - Marissa & Jennifer Creed

They're starting a new outdoor art gallery in the lot next to Adolfo's. Reaching out to non-profits and creative ideas on what they can do with it. Thurs-Sat 6p-12, Sun 1-10p.

Guest Speakers - MK Red

Developers of Hubig's Pie lot, and the Paul-Cramer-Lot on Chartres. Have permits, showing latest design for construction.

Birthdays - Gene Cizek and Gretchen Bomboy

75th birthday celebration for Gene and Gretchen. They've been working for the neighborhood for 44 years.

Via Latrobe

Developer Sean Cummings is moving forward with his out-of-touch, dense development just over the Press Street tracks in Bywater.

Meet the Neighbors

No MTN in December, nor general meeting.

Christmas Caroling

December 13, in Washington Square Park. Set up and clean up help needed.

Guest Speaker - Jennifer Roberts, S&WB

Jennifer talks about storm water and storm drains. They drain to the lake, untreated — garbage, chemicals, paint, and other pollutants don't belong in the drains. "Just rain down the drain". If you see a construction site letting things wash into drains call 52-WATER, Mon-Friday. Dial 1 if emergency issue. They can work w/ neighbors to help sweep out storm drains.

Three entities manage city water:

1. Dept. of Public Works responsible at street-level.
2. S&WB responsible when it gets to 36" pipes and greater.
3. Army Corps of Engineers helps run pump stations.

Jennifer has decals available to place on drains alerting residents that they pump straight to the lake. Call 311 if storm drain is clogged on the inside; but they won't vacuum the catch basin, they're on a city-wide schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



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