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### Everyone Enjoyed the Home Tour!

By Lisa Suarez, FMIA President

It's not easy to put events like this together, but it sure is easier, when more people participate, and celebrate just one of the reasons to enjoy life in Faubourg Marigny.

The Homes and Gardens were spectacular, and we thank Katrina Weschler, Richard Read, and Marguerite Green, of the NOCCA Institute and Press Street Gardens; Rita and Robin Chapman, Teri and Chad of Ridgewalker Glass, and Donna Wakeman of the 2800 block of North Rampart Street; Ric Rolston and Darron Newman of the 2700 block of Dauphine; Leland vanDeventer of the Dr. Nut House; Dave Hurlburt and Scott King of the Marigny Opera House; Lily Hannigan and Steve Rivera of Project Lazarus; Lorelei Dickey Cropley of Royal Street; Kate Beck Textiles of 2701 Chartres Street, and party host extraordinaire, "Plaine" Ray Kern of the Den of Muses, with Krewe du Vieux, making their home here.

Many Thank-You's for the Home Tour Volunteers, and if I've missed anybody, I accept the traditional twenty lashes with a wet noodle, because we really are "Living Together." Current Board members are noted by asterisk.

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As always, \*Gretchen Bomboy and \*Gene Cizek: Both with extraordinary talent and the skills to back that talent up. Gene, who never stops using history to inform our present, and Gretchen, who does our homework, making sure we have the permits, insurance, and the fire extinguisher!

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What's Inside this edition of  
Les Amis de Marigny

**Red Haus**  
**Marigny Green**  
**NONPACC**

**Yours Truly . . . and More!**

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# May 16, 2016

## Red Haus at the General Meeting

By Lisa Suarez, FMIA President

In October, 2015, the developers of a proposed Reception Facility, "Red Haus," (two large houses joined together, in the 2800 block of St. Claude Avenue) came to an FMIA Board meeting to present their plan for a wedding venue. The activities would take place mostly in the large backyard, known for its unpermitted "treehouse," illegal outdoor stage, and loud day and night activities with over-amplified music, also with no permits.

Although Board Members were not against the idea of a reception facility, they were concerned that the developers were disingenuous about the size and time of proposed events. A reception facility, where caterers bring their own liquor license, is not subject to the enforcement rules from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This is important, because the threat of revocation of this license has historically been the method by which rules were followed concerning venues with activities that disturb neighbors.

The City Planning Commission recommended "Denial" because the whole concept was not neighbor-friendly, predicting a too-onerous effect of commercial usage on a residential area. Zoning rules specify at least a 300 foot distance between outdoor music and residential areas, this would barely be 75 feet.

Here is what was approved by our Board, to be read by me at the first City Council hearing, on 3-3-16:

*The Red Haus group visited the FMIA Board Meeting on October 7, 2015, and we were hopeful to have the chance to work with them.*

*Several of us attended their NPP, and were unsatisfied with the responses to questions relating to immediate neighbors' quality of life issues.*

*Red Haus consultant, Yolanda Rodriguez, offered to negotiate a good neighbor agreement, which never materialized.*

*As we said, November 30th, 2015, to the City Planning Commission, which unanimously denied this conditional use.*

*FMIA's research on the developer's other Reception Facility at Race and Religious Streets shows many fewer neighbors, (about six residents on the entire block), and some describe loud "disco" parties, ending from two to four a.m. every one to two weeks.*

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## Red Haus continued from page 2

*Our participation in the owner's NPP shows the proposed facility is twice the size, or larger, than "Race and Religious," where events accommodate up to 300 guests, and the emphasis is to be on exterior entertaining.*

*Red Haus offered to present a sound abatement plan to the FMIA General meeting of January 18th, 2016, and cancelled the day before.*

*The Red Haus development of a Reception Facility has been disingenuous from the very beginning, with no intention of honoring the rights of the neighbors, knowing that neither they, nor the neighborhood association have a chance of any kind of enforcement of the laws protecting citizen's rights.*

*It is also important to remember that there are two buildings on this site that were initially joined illegally, with no neighborhood input, and that the art in the trees was illegally done, and has still not been removed.*

*They have not followed the rules from the beginning, and we would be fools to believe them until they have earned our trust.*

Planning, finally appeared at our May 16, 2016 meeting, which was attended by two of the three immediate neighbors, Jon Huffman and Donna Wakeman.

The professionals, Mr. Washington and Ms. Rodriguez, tried to explain the process and agreement by which they guided their client to a GNA that they claimed was going to protect the neighbors. After about 15 minutes of both Mr. Semmes (who introduced his project as, "Benefitting the Community") and Mr. Washington making their case, a chorus of guffaws erupted when Mr. Washington assured the gathered that his GNA included up to \$2,500 for the neighbors to spend on future potential legal actions against the facility. Because of our experience with lawsuits, many in the audience saw this as an insufficient amount, and the mere suggestion was seen as an insult to our intelligence. At this point, the presentation ended as it was recognized by all that the gulf between Mr. Semmes desires for his project, and the neighbors' desire for the protection of their home life was simply too wide to be bridged.

FMIA sent out a special eblast for those who might have the time to attend the City Council Meeting on Thursday, May 19th. Red Haus was on the agenda at number 25, usually a good hour or more after the beginning of the



The view from Press Street.

Despite the expertise of the City Planning Committee Staff, City Council overruled their decision, and is allowing the business to come into existence, but not without a couple of additional hurdles. Developers were required to negotiate a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with the neighbors, and present it at our General Meeting.

There were more meetings with the neighbors, about sound abatement, and the GNA, which required the neighbors to hire a lawyer and a sound expert, at their own expense. At the last minute, Mr. Semmes, of Red Haus, Mr. Ed Washington, his lawyer, and Ms. Yolanda Rodriguez, his consultant, and formerly Executive Director of City

"Regular agenda," which begins at 11 a.m. However, Nadine Ramsey, the District 'C' Councilperson had to leave early, so the Agenda item was pushed up to accommodate her schedule. Many of the citizens who desired to voice their opinion didn't get there in time. The City Council voted unanimously in favor of the project, contingent on the Red Haus reaching a GNA with the immediate neighbors. Donna Wakeman reports that the three homeowners are still in negotiation for more conditions within the GNA, for their protection, and Mr. Semmes, et al, cannot finalize a "Certificate of Occupancy," from Safety and Permits, or open their business, without one.

# A Little Jazz Fest Lagniappe

by Steve Halpern

Certainly a lesser-known event, which is not part of but occurs during Jazz Fest, is the Jazz Shabbat at Touro Synagogue. It is free and open to the public. Usually held on the first Friday of Jazz Fest but scheduled for second Friday this year, due to conflict with Passover holiday.

This was a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. In addition to services, there is a musical performance by Icons of New Orleans Jazz. In past years, they have had Irma Thomas, New Orleans Klezmer all-stars, Ellis Marsalis, Allen Toussaint, John Boutte, Marcia Ball, Kermit Ruffins, Preservation Jazz Band and oh so many more. The Panorama Jazz Band has taken part for over a decade. This year they signed John Cleary and the Absolute Monster Gentlemen . . . just before they won their well-earned Grammy for GoGo Juice. How was that for timing?

Before the services & performance there was a Patron dinner and a private performance by Cleary & his band. All of the band members had a chance to shine. Cleary was in very fine form. Special mention is being made of the drummer, A.J.Hall, who was beyond hot. I thought he was incendiary and liable to burst into flame. He earned a special finger wiggle tribute from Cleary. Allen Toussaint's

influence was also part of the event as he did the horn arrangements for several songs on Cleary's "GoGo Juice" and in 2012 Cleary did an album of Toussaint's songs, "Occapella."

After the services/performance there was a libation/ dessert/treats in the banquet hall. The performers and choir led a Second Line from the stage and sanctuary; with many mini-umbrellas & second line waving, to the repast. The music was a version of the traditional Adon Olam but set to the tune of "When The Saints Go Marching In." If you are wise . . . you will plan to go next year.



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## Calendar of Events

### June 2016

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#### *Board Meeting*

June 1, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

#### *Meet the Neighbors*

June 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Anna's Gastropub, 1913 Royal

#### *General Meeting*

June 20, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

### June 2016

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#### *Board Meeting*

July 6, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

#### *Meet the Neighbors*

July 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Venue TBD

#### *General Meeting*

No General Meeting for July.



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### NONPACC MEETINGS

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*5th District — Wednesday March 9, 6 pm,  
3900 N. Claiborne*

*8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm,  
location varies between 334 Royal  
and the Healing Center*

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Citizens may also email specific quality of life concerns that require a response from law enforcement. When sending an email, citizens should include the contact person's name and phone number with all requests so that a district representative can contact them.

The district email addresses are listed below.

- 5th District: [nopd5thdistrict@nola.gov](mailto:nopd5thdistrict@nola.gov)
- 8th District: [nopd8thdistrict@nola.gov](mailto:nopd8thdistrict@nola.gov)

As always, dial 911 in case of an emergency. For non-emergency issues requiring NOPD assistance, dial 504-821-2222.

Quality of life concerns should be directed to NOLA 311, which is the City's primary source of local government

information and non-emergency services. For live assistance, dial 311.

NOLA 311 customer service agents are available to assist residents with issues Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including:

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- Code Enforcement Violations
- Trash/Recycling
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Grass/Tree Service/Park Maintenance
- Street Lights/Signs/Signals
- Mosquito, Termite, Rodent Control
- Taxi Issues
- Health Related Questions
- Recreation programs

Citizens are also invited to attend the NOPD's monthly district NONPACC (APAC in the 4th District) meetings; dates, times and locations are listed below.

- 5th District: Second Wednesday of the month at 6pm

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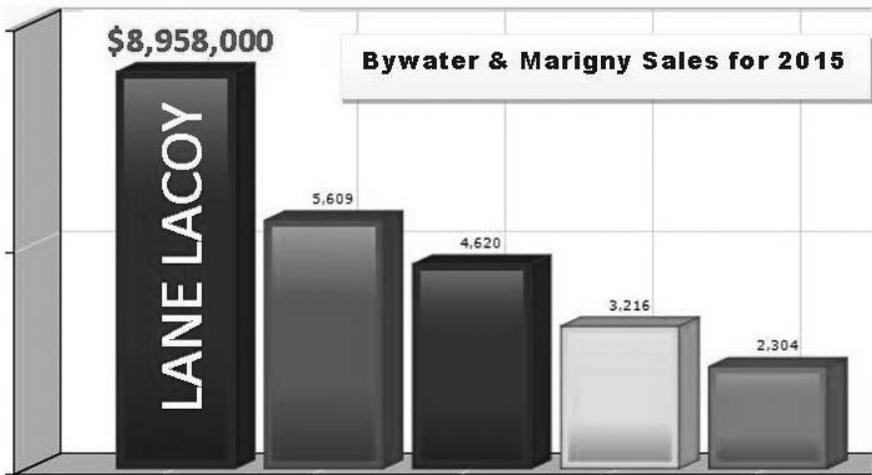


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## Meet the Neighbors



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See you at the August General Meeting! (which will be announced in the August newsletter) All are announced in our weekly eblasts. Are you signed up?

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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).

## From the FMIA Board: May 12, 2016

The FMIA Board of Directors would like to convey our position on the Alcohol Beverage Control Board's recent decision regarding Café Istanbul.

During four years of Café Istanbul operation the immediate neighbors have complained of and documented noisy late-night crowds loitering and drinking in the rear parking lot, which is surrounded by residential homes. These are most often club nights and private parties, and not the usual cultural programming the venue is popular for. We met numerous times in good faith, asking the operators to do what was already agreed upon to keep the lot quiet.

Finally, we had to hire a lawyer to help with enforcement of the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). Our hope remained the same: that their security would monitor the lot to keep the party inside, or, even better, to utilize their main entrance on the St. Claude commercial corridor rather than the rear parking lot. (Other bars opening on St. Claude don't have these issues.)

After months of working with our attorney and theirs in fruitless meetings, it became clear there would be no progress. The operators didn't want to or weren't able to abide by either the CBA or their conditional use ordinance. The immediate neighbors then took their complaints to the City Attorney office, who evaluates evidence and makes suggestions to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. After reviewing the evidence, the City Attorney made recommendations for enforcement to the board. At this point the case became a city matter. We, like others, have followed this process through the news reporting and public hearings. FMIA board members continued to meet with the Café Istanbul operators and their attorney to see

if we could come to an agreement, but again no progress was made.

According to the Times-Picayune, this is the Consent Judgment the board devised (but we have not seen), requiring Café Istanbul to:

- Pay a \$500 fine
- Keep its doors and windows closed during hours of operation
- Prohibit customers from loitering in the parking lot, with the caveat that people walking to and from their cars and musicians unloading or loading their gear are not to be considered loitering
- Employ a private, licensed security guard during all hours of operation, and two guards when the club expects to have more than 150 people in attendance
- Discipline employees appropriately who violate the consent judgment, up to and including termination

Our primary concern has always been the late-night loitering, drinking, and noise in the rear parking lot, and we hope that concern will be addressed. Utilizing licensed security guards to monitor this lot for congregation should also be a help. The FMIA is hopeful this will be the beginning of a better relationship between Café Istanbul and their immediate neighbors, and help keep the Marigny a great place to live, work, and play.



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# LEJ's Yours Truly in a Swamp The Train to New Orleans

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"Yours Truly" is a blog by Leonard Earl Johnson, a member of our Katrina Diaspora presently residing in Lafayette and spending much time in New Orleans. He is an FMIA member and planning to return to NOLA in the near future. His venue is the figurative Great Mother Swamp including Lafayette, New Orleans and adjacent areas. His column had been published in Les Amis for several years and we are glad to have him back where he belongs. This was previously published in his blog in July 2015.

New Orleans is a town with trains, ships, music, food, even a style of literature named after it. If ever you must be awake and weary at daybreak there is no dreamier place to suffer it.

The Sunset Limited bound from Los Angeles to New Orleans, was listed to stop at 5:12 pm, Friday, but did not pass through Lafayette — 140 miles out from Big Swamp City — until 1:30 Saturday morning.

It was well into the next day when it finally reached the City of Dreamy Dreams, New Orleans.

The passengers were grumpy. The exhausted crew grumbled they were expected to sweep out the train and be up for a turnaround scheduled for 9 am. (It actually left five hours later.)

The sun was rising when we stepped out of Union Passenger Terminal on Loyola Avenue, next to the Superdome, and climbed in a United Cab headed for a French colonial breakfast of beignets and café au lait at Café du Monde, across from Jackson Square, next to the Riverfront flood wall.

L. A. Norma closed the cab door and said, "They should'a re-named her the 'Sun-rise Un-limited.' "

Our cab driver nodded but said nothing. We had seen him before. And he had seen us.

He was wearing his T-shirt that read: "My Parents Went to New Orleans and All I Got Is This Lousy I.Q."

There had been a derailment two days before, way out West. For the next two days Amtrak could not tell us anything. Except that the "Incident" was not an "Amtrak Incident."

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We did not know what that meant, because the only part of the “whatever incident” that concerned us was Amtrak’s part and delay.

“If that isn’t an Amtrak-incident,” Norma bellowed, “Ray Nagin is an honest man.” The cabbie pulled up to the curb and turned around and stared at her.

Furtherless, The daily Times-Picayune, venerated grey old lady of New Orleans letters has lifted her skirts and shown us she has only enough petticoats left for three days a week. The Times-Picayune has not exactly folded, but she ain’t goin’ dancing any more.

Since Katrina, The T-P has been pushing her faithful scribes out the door. Now, she is pushing them out windows, too, and breaking our hearts all over again with news of more lashes from the Demon Change.

On the decadently optimistic side, however, she has given us yet another forget-me-not theme for fundraiser dinners, parties and coffee shop chatter for years, nay, centuries to come.

“That will fill our T-P-less days,” Norma said, standing beside the cab lighting a cigarette. She blew smoke in the cabbie’s face and handed him a large bill, “Keep the change.”

We awaited an early strong storm from the Gulf of Mexico.

“Debby’s the name, flooding’s the game,” Norma said through a cloud of cigarette smoke. “She’s headed for Florida.”

We prayed for Florida, but worried the storm might slip past the point of our prayers and come here.

“Thank Gott, we have a flood wall sturdy as the one that failed last time,” L. A. Norma told the checkout clerk at Rouses on Baronne Street.



Show us the Graffiti: Response to invitation to document visual vandalism. Murals help fight blight and require permits. Let’s work on it; Send more photos! This month, thanks to Jim Stroop.



On our way back to Faubourg Marigny we reminisced over storm preparations of long, long ago. When the effort was no more than stocking up on Camel Cigarettes (for Norma), Chocolate Ice Cream (for me), and batteries for a little transistor radio that had traceable DNA directly back to the 1950s.

Norma called Amtrak and found out the morning train West would not be leaving until the afternoon. She booked two sleepers to Lafayette.

We phoned for our cabby and told him during the ride to the station that Italy was playing in the European Cup. The game would be on TV, “In forty-feet-up, twenty-miles-in Lafayette,” L. A. Norma said.

He said, “But is it worth it?” We shrugged.

“We will be back in a couple weeks for Hemingway’s Pamplona-NOLA running-of-the-bulls

party,” Norma said to the ticket-taker at the Sunset Limited’s platform gate. The ticket-taker closed her eyes and handed us back our ticket stubs. We closed the curtains and dozed off as the train slipped out past the Arena and the Superdome.

“The big one looks like the box the little one came in,” Norma said, before snoring.

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# 5<sup>th</sup> District New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC)

— May 11, 2016

By Ronnie Brink

Introduction of the new Commander, Frank Young, in charge of the 5th district.

It's important to understand that the Fifth District is one of the largest Police Districts in New Orleans. It covers a large portion of the Seventh Ward, St. Roch, (St. Bernard from McShane/ St. Claude to N. Broad Street and Florida Avenue to the tracks at Almonaster- yes, almost Gentilly Blvd.), the industrial sections on the other side of Florida Ave., only a small portion of Marigny (the "Lower Rectangle," bordered by Franklin, St. Claude, N. Peters and Press), all of Bywater, and all of the Lower 9th Ward to Jackson Barracks.

There were about fifteen NOPD Officers and Detectives present, and six residents from Marigny, Bywater, St. Roch, and the Lower 9, including Holy Cross. Five page agendas were distributed:

Title page with Agenda- "Meetings last 1 hour. Introduction to Staff; review of previous months issues; Cmdr. Young messages & updates; Guest Speaker(s); Open Floor; Quality of Life updates; Calendar of upcoming NONPACC meetings-

(All are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, next : June 8, 2016.)

Page 2- A 5th District Hot Sheet, very helpful for giving your precinct a head's-up on criminal activity.

Page 3- Map of the 5th District.

Page 4- New Contact, Community Engagement in Police Districts: 504-821-2222

More Instructions: "Quality of life concerns should be directed to NOLA 311, which is the City's primary source of local government information and non-emergency services. Live assistance, 311.

NOPD Emergency telephone # is 911. Non-emergency is 821-2222. Direct lines to our districts are: 5th Dist - 504-658-6050 , 8th Dist is 504-658-6080. Also note - Crimestoppers is 822-1111 or 1-877-903-STOP (7867). Please see the list of local government information and non-emergency services on page six of this newsletter.

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Page 5- a collection of mug shots of Wanted Subjects, mostly for Aggravated Assault, Battery, Burglary, and Robbery, aggravated meaning with a weapon, usually a gun.

The meeting began with Cmdr. Chris Goodly, who'd been at the 5th District for the last 5 years, saying goodbye. He let us know he was offered the job of being the new Commander of the Police Academy, and had accepted. We wished him well.

He then introduced the new Cmdr. Frank Young, formerly in charge of collecting gang and narcotics intelligence, the Specialized Investigation Division. Cmdr. Young had a few words about his background for us, having spent a lot of time in the 6th District (Central City.) He commented on how "thriving," the Bywater area is, impressed by the St. Roch Market, and other developments.

He asked Lieutenant Scanlon to make a presentation on the Officer of the Month, a former military person, Officer Dominique Dejernette, who has bravely distinguished herself, but could not be present because she is assigned to the Night Watch.

Then Cmdr. Young got into the "meat" of Police business, with a litany of the most current narcotics and weapons arrests. He told us about the "Black and Silver Gun with the Red Hoodie" suspects that had allegedly done a car burglary along the N. Peters in the 8th District (Marigny), and was then observed in a car in the Subway parking lot on St. Claude (near Franklin) by an Officer, putting on his hoodie. He got away, but the driver had a black and silver, 40 caliber, Smith & Wesson under the car seat, and was arrested.

"Day Watch" arrested a suspect who had perpetrated an attack on Chartres Street, and the victim positively ID'd the suspect.

"General Assignment" Officers made arrests of people with guns at the second lines on Mother's Day.

Commander Young discussed the focus of NOPD's desire for a 7-minute "Red Line:" how long it takes police to arrive in a true emergency, where someone's life is threatened. The current average is 15 minutes, and he asked us to understand that all other calls, can deter them from performing the most important work.

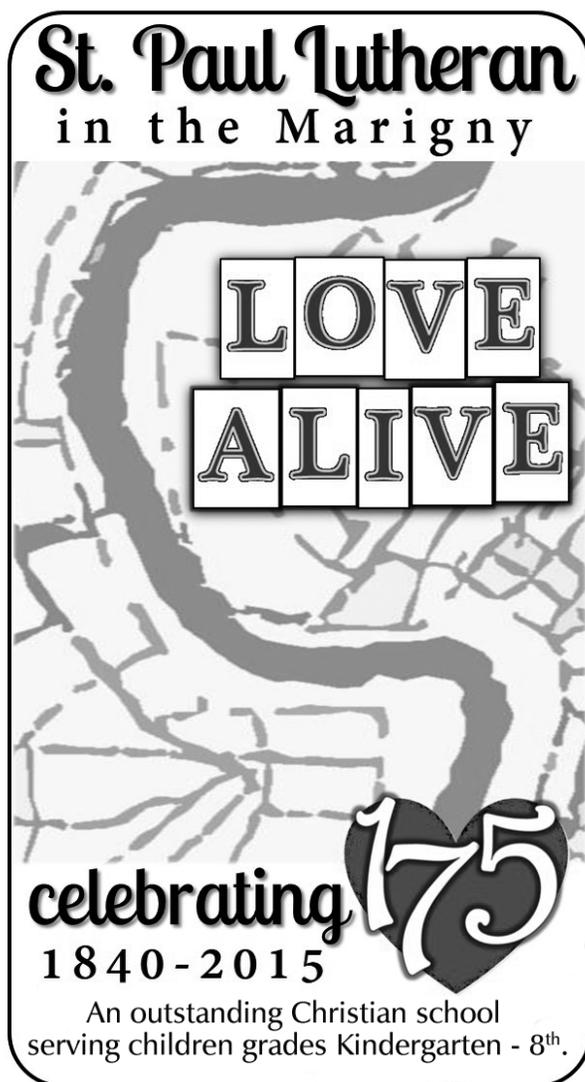
He addressed the less-threatening aspect of police work, the Quality of Life issues of high grass, barking dogs, and blighted buildings, asking us to make every attempt to report those issues to the proper city departments on the 311 list, ASPCA, Crimestoppers, etc. "We want to do that,

but the other departments in the city have their job to do too."

Young asked us to be aware of the consolidation of the 911 services, which had just been centralized to deal with Police, Fire and EMS. Change is hard.

He had been to the Bywater Neighborhood Association meeting the night before, and they had expressed a big concern about traffic.

The Commander began to answer questions, and responded that current manpower was at 5 Platoons, for a total of 85 officers and detectives, deployed in three shifts. We were encouraged to fill out "Hot Sheets" concerning "Nuisance bars," but this does not begin to explain the importance of "Hot Sheets," in regards to our everyday safety.



# Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim

Southbound Gardens is a fantastic resource for gardening classes, information, purchasing plants and herbs. Check them out in the latest issue of Antigravity Magazine. There are many classes and events and their website is: southboundgardens.com and/or contact Jordan Bantuelle at theurbanfarmstead@gmail.com.

Their plants are treated with organic fertilizer and grown in various greenhouses around the city. They use natural pest management fertilizers and methods. You can purchase vegetable starters every Sunday from 10:00 to 1:00 at 4221 S. Robertson St. and/or on Thursday 3 to 7 pm, Mid-City Crescent City Farmer's Market, 3700 Orleans Ave.

Besides having gardens throughout New Orleans, they offer garden buildout services, consultation as well as food garden maintenance. Their mission is to educate and teach the people of New Orleans about topics related to urban farming.

I recommend going to the website and reading the articles in the Blog written by Ian Wilson. I learned that there

are many edible flowers that you can grow in your garden such as Echinacea, Nasturtium, Mexican Marigold, Pansy and Borage. A really interesting topic in the 12/3/15 article is Cardboard Rules Everything Around Me. I heard about using cardboard for weed management and after reading Ian's entry, I appreciated all the benefits of using cardboard besides the recycling aspect.

## June events are:

June 5 and 12 - plant clearance sale, everything at the greenhouse is just \$1!

June 20 - Oyster Solstice Party - more info coming, please check the website.

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# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

School is out, the weather's getting hotter, and it's time for our Summer Reading Program! Children, Teens, and Adults can sign up at the Circulation Desk. NOPL has numerous exciting events planned for all ages. Remember to check out our website for further information: <http://neworleanspubliclibrary.org/>

## Alvar Summer Reading Program Events:

### Children:

- Saturday, June 4th, 2:00 pm: Kick Off Party: Snacks, activities, free books, and fun!
- Tuesday, June 7th, 10:30 am: Audubon Bugmobile: Bugs, bugs and more bugs!
- Tuesday, June 14th, 10:30 am: Audubon Aquavan: Explore the best of the Aquarium!
- Tuesday, June 28th, 10:30 am: Magic Yo-Yo with Matthew Noel

### Teens:

- Saturday, June 4th, 2:00 pm: Kick Off Party: Music, Food & Fun for All ages!
- Thursday, June 9th, 2:00 pm: Video Game Day with Tournament Tables & Castle Crashers on PS3
- Saturday, June 11th, 2 00 pm: Design and Make with Heat-Fusing Perler Beads
- Thursday, June 16th, 2:00 pm: Mystery Skype: Skype someone abroad, guess where they are based on clues!
- Saturday, June 18th, 2:00 pm: Button Making, Make your own unique pin-back buttons
- Thursday, June 23rd, 2:00 pm: Tie-Dye: Learn two easy & fun techniques!
- Saturday, June 25th, 2:00 pm: Shrinky Dinks: Draw (or Trace) to create Shrinky Dinks!
- Thursday, June 30th, 2:00: Minecraft Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

### Adults:

- Thursday, June 9th, 5:30-7:30 pm: Cross-Stitching & Tea Party
- Thursday, June 16th, 5:00-7:00 pm: Movie Night for Adults
- popcorn provided, bring your own beverage Movie: TBA
- Saturday, June 18th, 3:00 pm: Adult Book Club
- Monday, June 20th, 6:00 pm: Big Easy Author Series /Scholar Talk. Join Yuri Herrera-Gutierrez, author of Signs Preceding the End of the World and The Transmigration of Bodies, about the immigration experience. (soon-to-be-published in an English translation)
- Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

## Local Author Birthday

Lillian Florence Hellman was born June 20th, 1905 in New Orleans. Since her father was a traveling salesman, she grew up living half of the year in New Orleans and half of the year in New York City. In New Orleans the family stayed at a Prytania Street boarding house run by her two eccentric aunts. Young Lillian's earliest attempts at writing were inspired by making up stories about some of the more unusual boarders. She went on to become the best known female playwright of the twentieth century and also wrote numerous screenplays. Along with her on-again off-again partner, detective novel author Dashiell Hammett, she fought the communist witch-hunt of the 1950s. In later years, she wrote several successful memoirs and became embroiled in controversy about the veracity of her friendship with the enigmatic "Julia", subject of the Jane Fonda movie of the same name. Her feud with fellow author Mary McCarthy became one of the more famous literary feuds. According to McCarthy, "Every word she wrote is a lie, including 'and' and 'the.'" Hellman's plays include *The Children's Hour*, *Days to Come*, *The Little Foxes*, and *Watch on the Rhine*, which won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Her screenplays include *Dark Angel*, *Dead End* and *North Star*. Her memoirs are *Pentimento*, *An Unfinished Woman* and *Scoundrel Time*.

Quote: *"I liked my time in New Orleans much better than I liked our six months apartment life in New York. The life in my aunts' boardinghouse seemed remarkably rich. And what a strange lot my own family was."* Lillian Hellman. *An Unfinished Woman*. 1969.

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# Marigny Marker at Franklin & N.Rampart

The marker now has had the addition of a variety of plantings as well as pine mulch spread over the entire triangle shaped small plot. Arrangements have or will be made for irrigation / watering. As we all know Nola summers can be brutal. Properly tended, watered and fertilized, it will become an even more attractive oasis.

Work has been done by volunteer group called **Groundwork New Orleans**, which did plantings and tending. More info has been requested. Arrangements have NOT been made for watering — students are trudging buckets of water from the Healing Center — maybe FMIA can help with that?

There will be an in-depth story in the August newsletter so we will know if we've been able to help.



For more information about Groundwork New Orleans go to [www.groundworknola.org](http://www.groundworknola.org).





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# FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: May 4, 2016

## Members in attendance

Lisa Suarez, Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Matt Del Vecchio, Gene Cizek, Mark Malouse, Jeff Bromberger, Simone Cifuentes.

## Newsletter

Gretchen motions we pay post office in advance what we need for annual bulk mailing. Seconded, all in favor. Lisa asks board members to contribute to newsletter. Submissions due: May 16.

## Master Plan Amendments

Allen attended CPC meeting and reports.

## Guest speaker

Francisco Alecha, Hampton Inn, Presents architecture designs for project on Elysian Fields & Chartres.

## Home Tour

Lisa reports on tour, May 15. Volunteer jobs discussed. Gretchen motions we distribute whatever the PRC has to share. Seconded, all in favor.

## Short Term Rentals

Lisa motions Allen is Marigny rep for the STR Committee. Seconded, all in favor.

## Washington Square Park

Gretchen motions we return AIDS memorial maintenance check until needed so they can earn interest on it. Seconded, all in favor.

Gretchen motions we pay Gary De Laumont \$67.13 for meeting supplies. Seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.



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# FMIA General Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2016

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

## NOPD Report

Command Young introduces himself, new 5th District commander. Asks residents to fill out "hot sheets" to tip police. Sgt. Luster talks about the nuisance behavior continuing at Big Daddy's. Can now email quality-of-life complaints to: [nopd8th@nola.gov](mailto:nopd8th@nola.gov).

## Home Tour

Lisa reports the tour was a success and profitable.

## Guest Speaker

Mike Simms, Ed Washington, Yolanda, Red Haus. Developer Mike speaks about their plan the Red Haus outdoor reception hall. Q&A session followed. Neighbors were not happy with proposed plans.

## Hampton Inn - 501 Elysian Fields Ave

Developer Mr. Patel's letter stated they could not meet neighbors until after the property has been sold to him. Board had reviewed his plans and was happy with the height.

## Short Term Rentals

Allen attended city-wide meeting at City Hall and reports on proposed STR policies by the city.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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