

Next Board Meeting

June 7, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

Next General Meeting

June 19  
6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
2624 Burgundy Street



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## Short Term Rentals Update

By Donna Wakeman

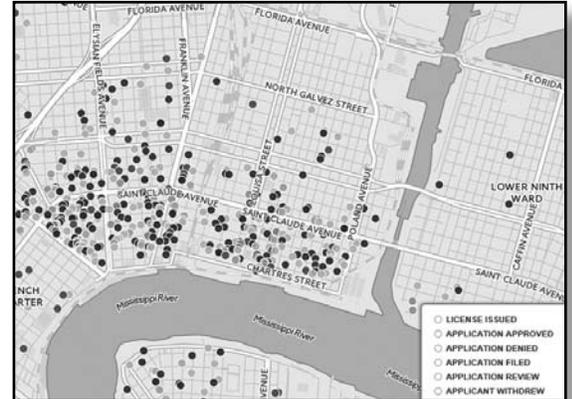
On May 15, 2017 the city began “enforcing” its new short-term rentals (STR) regulations. Time will tell whether the city will actually accomplish the unusual and hold regulation violators accountable. As of that date the city had received approximately 3,000 applications (out of an estimated 4,000 – 6,000 STR properties) and had issued 1,210 licenses.

The STR enforcement focus will be to identify properties which have not registered, with an assist from Airbnb and other rental properties. Information about the status of individual properties can be found at [onestopapp.nola.gov](http://onestopapp.nola.gov). This data base can be searched by street address and will show information about licenses, violations, etc. The STR Administration can be contacted via

email using [STR@nola.gov](mailto:STR@nola.gov) or by phone at (504) 658-7144. Easier to use and to understand is the map created and updated by The Lens at <http://thelensnola.org/new-orleans-airbnb-tracker/>

If you know of a specific address that does not appear in any of the above databases, you can send the information to the city’s Short-Term Rental Administrator, Candace Thorn, at [cthorn@nola.gov](mailto:cthorn@nola.gov).

According to a report in the *New Orleans Advocate* the Marigny, at 240 properties, has the most applications, representing about 10% of our housing units. Since STRs are banned in the French Quarter, except for a small portion of Bourbon Street, it is a sure bet that the number of Marigny properties taken over by



The Lens New Orleans STR tracker

STRs will only increase. This pressure on our neighborhood is a direct result of both the City Planning Commission’s and the City Council’s failure to place restrictions on the number of STRs allowed.

Welcome to our  
besieged neighborhood.

## CPC Riverfront Overlay Study & Public Hearing

By Lisa Suarez, FMIA Vice President

On Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 The City Planning Commission heard the outcome of the Study their staff, headed by Executive Director Robert Rivers, had undertaken, as one of the results of part of the settlement with the City of New Orleans concerning the FMIA lawsuit. The suit had been initiated in response to the last-minute amendments made to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2015 that, ruled by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, could not allow the Article dealing with the Riverfront to proceed legislatively without proper procedure.

This is only a summary of responses given by those favorable to the protection of our Historic District and Neighborhood Character. FMIA has not had the opportunity to fine-tooth-comb the study, which the Land

Use and Zoning Committee will in the coming weeks, before the next comment deadline of June 12, 2017.

Although the new rules apply throughout Marigny and Bywater, both neighborhoods agree that there should be different rules for each, especially as Marigny has the bulk of properties that would be affected: six full blocks between Elysian Fields and St. Ferdinand, between N. Peters and Decatur, and additional buildings on the lake side face of Decatur.

Beyond CPC Staff recommending 75 foot buildings be allowed “by right,” not the result of bonuses, without Conditional use, and with the Historic District Landmarks

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# Sts. Peter & Paul

Dear Neighbors,

At long last we begin our renovation of the former St. Peter & Paul church and school complex at 2317 Burgundy St into a hotel and event space.

Although our renovation will produce more activity on the site than it's seen in a number of years, the project involves no construction of new buildings and very little demolition, and we will do our best to minimize negative impacts. And when it is done, the dark and vacant buildings will be restored to their historic beauty!

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loud equipment and activity. At times, Palmisano may also temporarily restrict parking adjacent to the job site to ensure pedestrian safety. Activity will mainly take place between 7 am and 3:30 pm. All work is in compliance with the New Orleans Office of Safety and Permits.

We will post regular construction updates to [www.stpeterandpaulfeedback.com](http://www.stpeterandpaulfeedback.com) and Nextdoor Marigny.

Palmisano can be reached at 504-459-4438. My personal cell number is 504-715-7142. Feel free to email any questions to [stpeterandpaulfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterandpaulfeedback@gmail.com).

We look forward to restoring the site's original grandeur and making it a vibrant part of the community again. We thank you for your patience thus far and going forward.

Best, Nathalie Jordi, (co-owner)

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# May 2017 Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

## CPC and RiverFront Overlay

On March 10, 2017, residents of the Marigny and Bywater, as well as other interested citizens and Neighborhood Groups, went to City Hall to for the City Planning Commission meeting. The City Planning Commission, led by Executive Director Bob Rivers, presented their latest study for the RiverFront Overlay. This new version was brought about by the FMIA's lawsuit against the city, in which we argued that the previous RiverFront Overlay, which was voted into the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of May 2015, was procedurally illegal because it was submitted directly to the City Council from the Mayor's Office, rather than through the CPC, as defined by law. The city and FMIA agreed that the RiverFront Overlay would now go through the CPC, as part of our legal settlement.

The new RiverFront Overlay is similar to the other one in many ways, with one major difference. The previous version allowed height bonuses (with affordable housing and other requirements) of up to 85 feet. The new version allows automatic heights of 75 feet along the river from Elysian Fields to Poland Avenue. As you will read more about this elsewhere in the newsletter, I won't break down the meeting here. However, I would like to say that the Commissioners were very receptive and even asked questions of the citizens that spoke. They really seemed to appreciate our knowledge and the work that we've done on this, and treated us accordingly.

There are multiple opportunities to have your voice heard to the CPC and City Council before this issue is decided. The next meeting, in which you can make verbal comments is the City Planning Commission Meeting on June 27, in which they will make their decision. Written comments can be accepted via email, and are due by June 13, and can be submitted via [cpcinfo@nola.gov](mailto:cpcinfo@nola.gov). This is a crucial time for our neighborhood. I urge everyone to make their voice heard, and write the CPC, attend the meeting, or do both!!

## Garbage Cans

As many of you know, the city distributed new garbage cans throughout the neighborhood recently, however they failed to pick up the old cans, resulting in a wall of garbage cans. Thankfully, we have a true friend in City Hall-Valerie Bouldin of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement. Valerie was able to get the remaining cans picked up, as well as getting people narrow cans if they don't have alley ways wide enough for the large cans. Valerie has already had 50 people contact her. Thank you so much, Valerie!! If you need help on this matter, please contact Valerie at [vbouldin@nola.gov](mailto:vbouldin@nola.gov).

## New Committees

As always, I would like to encourage everyone's input and ask you to join one of our committees. For those of you who are interested please contact the people below:

Zoning and Land Use: Joel Ross  
Short Term Rental: Allen Johnson  
Public Safety and Graffiti: Lisa Suarez  
Special Events & Fundraising: Jeff Bromberger  
Newsletter: Donna Wakeman  
Membership: Allen Johnson  
Home Tour: Lisa Suarez

This is a great opportunity for members to learn more about the issues and learn how knowledgeable your fellow citizens are. Additionally, it is a great way to help your neighborhood and learn all that the FMIA does.

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## Happy Father's Day and Independence Day!



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Commission as the go-to for citizen input (besides CPC and City Council), they would be tempered with area size, in order to produce a “mix” of heights. New construction would also be limited by percentage to an area closest to the river, with 40 foot maximum heights at the street side. The net effect being tall skinny buildings with step-backs or block-wide 55 foot ones.

Two sections of the Study which stood out were:

1. The “Best Practices” section, naming Pittsburgh, Seattle, Portland, Oregon, Philadelphia and Midtown Manhattan as places where City Planning experts could make comparisons for New Orleans to get more ideas about how Riverfronts can work.
2. Economic, Business, and Real Estate groups report a disconnect between “Market and Current Zoning Regulations.” Here, ideas from Baltimore and Tulane Avenue were cited.

### Highlights of comments made by those attending the hearing:

**Joel Ross**, Chair FMIA Land Use and Zoning Committee: Thanks for the great study. We would like a 60 day deferral.

**Brian Luckett**, NFB Treasurer and contributor to numerous FMIA official comments on the subject: Terrific study. The 15% affordable housing is not there, nor is the full variance process, and I request a 60 day deferral.

**Julie Jones**, President, Neighbors First for Bywater (NFB): “Automatic 75 feet with no public input and no additional connectivity to the river? We will no longer see the boats passing. Increased density with no traffic study? Our streets are not prepared. The Affordable Housing percentage is pathetic. We would like a 60 day deferral.

**Carol Gniady**, Executive Director, Louisiana Landmarks Society (LLS): In 2015, LLS named the New Orleans Riverfront, including St. Thomas/Lower Garden District, Marigny, Bywater, Holy Cross, Algiers Point, as one of the New Orleans Nine Most Endangered Sites with the threat: Out of scale and incompatible development. I have only had time to read the Executive Summary, and request a 60 day deferral.

**Allen Johnson**, President FMIA: The Rice Mill (apartment building) and the Theater Fly at NOCCA are misleading about being justification for height. The “Best Practices” section should respect the city we’re in and listen to them. Our neighborhoods are hot. Conditional use should respect the ideals of “Toute Ensemble,” and the previous comment section (for the CZO) showed 98 percent of the comments from Marigny and Bywater did not want buildings over 50 feet. We are requesting a 60 day deferral.

**Lisa Suarez**, VP FMIA: This study is incomplete. It does not include any scientific findings from the Army Corps of

Engineers, who hold sway up to 1500 feet from the levee walls. I am requesting a deferral until that information can be added.

(There was some discussion amongst the Commissioners, and they requested Mr. Rivers add the information from the Army Corps.)

While I respect the ideas of professional city planners, the cities named in Best Practices section do not have the same population, nor are they dealing with the same type of Historic Districts along their rivers.

Mr. Rivers said, at his presentation in March, that this study would be starting “from scratch.” Business comments, listed as input from businesses, and not just in the “Comments” section, who shall remain nameless here, but are named in the study, cite economic factors that have not been explored- especially in terms of the short term rental market, and the reality on the ground of property values.

**Ray Kern**, Marigny Business owner: This is a give-away, and no conditional use is not right. I request a 60 day deferral.

**Deborah Oppenheim**, Marigny resident: I like change and request a 60 day deferral, please. “Best Practices” for New Orleans? FAR (Floor Area Ratio) is out of control. Please listen to us.

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**Anthony Eschmann**, Bywater resident and NFB Board Member: Sell this valuable property without doing anything for us [the citizens]? Studies for the Cruise Ship terminal [Poland Avenue] have shown the riverbanks to be unstable.

Commissioner Jonathan Stewart had some discussion with Chair of the Commission, Robert Steeg, wanting to confirm that Mr. Rivers could produce a statement from the Army Corps of Engineers, and double checking with the City Attorney that the 120 day legal standing would not evaporate. We were assured there is no 120 days, as this is not a docket, but a study.

Commissioner Kyle Wedberg (pronounced weed-berg), who is also the CEO of NOCCA, stated that he was for a good, productive discussion with substantive issues being discussed by more of the community, and thanked us for being there.

A vote of the City Planning Commission gave a 45-day deferral, which includes CPC Staff getting back to the neighbors concerning an Army Corps of Engineers statement on the viability of 75 foot buildings, before more public comment is due.

# Neighborhood Cleanup

By Maggie Evans

So many of our neighbors volunteer their time to keep our neighborhood beautiful. My husband, Clinton, and I decided we would love to meet our neighbors and encourage others while we all do the same.

So we encourage our neighbors to come out for a Community Cleanup on June 17th between 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM to clean up your block. We will meet at in the Healing Center parking lot at 8:30 am if you would like to you use any of tools you need that Refuge Church as donated.

We look forward to this being a monthly event! Contact Maggie for more information, [maggierevans@gmail.com](mailto:maggierevans@gmail.com).



# Calendar of Events

June 2017

## Board Meeting

June 7, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

## Meet the Neighbors

June 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Spotted Cat Food and Spirits (the new one),  
2372 St Claude Ave.

## General Meeting

June 19, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy St.

July 2017

## Board Meeting

July 5, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

## Meet the Neighbors

July 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Venue TBD

## General Meeting

No General Meeting for July

## NONPACC MEETINGS

5th District — 2nd Wednesday, 6 pm,  
3900 N. Claiborne

8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm, 334 Royal

*If you have an event for the calendar  
please send it to  
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## Make a Note

Our contact in city government for neighborhood issues is **Valerie Bouldin**, Neighborhood Liaison with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement. She is almost always available at our monthly meetings. Otherwise, she may be reached at **VBouldin@nola.gov**, **504.658.4977** office or **504.410.2248** mobile.



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# St. Paul Lutheran School Closing

St. Paul Lutheran School at Port and Burgundy Streets closed at the end of the 2016-2017 School Year. The last day of school was May 25. There are numerous reasons for the decision to close the school, including the severe financial impact of a rapidly declining enrollment over the last five years, changes in the educational environment in New Orleans, and an unstable future for the support of private school vouchers in Louisiana.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was founded in 1840, originally because of the German population in the area. It has since evolved to serve the more culturally diverse community of the Faubourg Marigny neighborhood.

Throughout their 170+ year history they have sustained this community in the face of numerous challenges: fires, yellow fever outbreaks, the Civil War and the civil rights movement, the AIDS epidemic and numerous major hurricanes. Through all of this, St. Paul has successfully operated St. Paul Lutheran School, serving thousands of parents and children of the Marigny, Bywater, St. Claude and St Roch neighborhoods.

Church President Dan Hochradel has established a new working group - the Building Committee - to do some planning and research for future uses. The Committee held its first meeting to receive a report on zoning and legal issues for future building use. The closing of the school



Photo courtesy The Visitor, St. Paul Lutheran Church Newsletter

will have no effect on the use of the church by FMIA for meetings, they look forward to continuing their long time relationship with us.

The beautiful church courtyard is no longer needed as a school playground. Suggestions for re-envisioning this space include:

- A neighborhood garden or park, landscaped with plants, small trees and benches
- Outdoor tables with attached seating and umbrellas, providing a peaceful setting for outdoor church
- An actual "Kindergarten" where Sunday School children have their own garden space
- An open space where neighbors to come in and rest, meditate, relax with their coffee or lunch, while providing them with free Wi-Fi
- A sculpture space area for NOCCA art students
- A venue for outdoor concerts by the New Orleans Volunteer Orchestra and other local musicians

The church is interested in hearing suggestions from the neighborhood. Pastor Kevin Kieschnick has a strong community orientation and wants to hear suggestions from the neighborhood. He would welcome support for community-based programs from FMIA. He can be reached at [kevinkieschnick@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinkieschnick@hotmail.com).

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## Meet the Neighbors

A lively crowd gathered at **Cutter's Bar** on Franklin Avenue for the March MTN.



FMIA folks mingled with bar regulars and irregulars alike (including a poodle with a mohawk — a most irregular dog). We all enjoyed Cutter's hospitality as well as the food provided by the Las Tejanitas Tex Mex & BBQ food truck.



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

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## In Memoriam Joseph Carl Singelmann

Joseph Carl Singelmann passed on from complications of emphysema on April 3, 2017.

Joe was born February 22, 1962, in Chicago, Illinois.

As a child he lived in Atlanta, Georgia, and Columbus, Ohio, before settling in New Orleans for his high school years. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1979 where he served as a hospital corpsman in Adak, Alaska and Iwakuni, Japan. After being honorably discharged, he returned to New Orleans and graduated from UNO in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.



He moved to Luxembourg, Europe, in 1990 where he worked in film production until 1995 when he returned to New Orleans. He worked for Clean Fleet Auto Body until 2007 when his first signs of emphysema appeared. After a long battle with the lung disease he finally succumbed on April 3, 2017.

He is survived by his devoted spouse and partner of 30 years, Marshall Gries, his mother, Brenda Singelmann and step-father Tom Singelmann, brothers Brian Nelson of New Orleans, Tim Gouge of Elgin, Illinois, and sisters Beth Campbell of New Orleans, and Eva-Sara Kretchmar of Rockford, Illinois, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Roberta Singelmann.

## In Memoriam John Lockett

Our neighbor, John Lockett, passed away recently. Details are few, as he was a very private person. For those of us who knew him, he will be missed.

## RPC

### Public Participation Outreach

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is embarking on a public participation outreach effort. The goal of the effort will be to generate public awareness of the RPC's functions, projects, and programs, and provide residents the opportunity to offer input in the planning process that guides the development and refinement of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

You are invited to participate in a confidential survey regarding the current transportation services and planning for the future. Citizen participation is very important to this process, and they look forward to engaging the public to ensure that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is effectively and thoughtfully developed and implemented. Go to:

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# Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim

Reportedly, the idea of the white painted bike was an anarchist project in Amsterdam in the 60's to unshackle bike transportation with a sign on the bike saying, "Free, help yourself and then leave it for someone else." In San Francisco in 2002, an artist name Jo Siota may have indirectly originated the painted ghost bike idea as an artistic endeavor but not as a roadside memorial. Siota was intrigued by bikes that were stripped down and left around the city. He painted the bikes white and posted photographs on his website, ghostbike.net. People in the city saw these bikes as a memorial and Siota's original idea was changed.

According to the Guardian, the first recorded white-painted bike was in St. Louis, Missouri in 2003. The witness, Patrick Van Der Turin saw the collision between the cyclist traveling in a bike lane and killed by a motorist. He placed a white painted bike with a message that read, "Cyclist struck here" at that fatal location. The effect of this roadside memorial in St. Louis led him to enlisted friends to help place more "ghost bikes" where cyclists were hit by automobiles. Immediately, similar projects began in major cities in the United States and now is a worldwide phenomenon.

In 2011, Danny Gamboa became interested in the ghost bike project when a neighbor lost his 6-year-old son in a bicycle accident. To remember the boy, several volunteers placed a ghost bike at the site of the accident. The father, Anthony Navarro was so moved by the kindness of strangers that it inspired him to make ghost bikes for others. Danny Gamboa and Anthony Navarro are part of a volunteer organization of adults and youth that paint "ghost bikes" white and installs them at the scene in Long Beach, CA. Gamboa said, "By having students and adults involved he hopes that the message of bike safety will be imprinted in their heads and hearts." He also teaches about bike safety, wearing helmets, using lights at night and riding with traffic. (Orange County Register, May 31, 2016)



In 2012, a 5-year old cyclist was killed on Jefferson Highway in New Orleans. Josh Baer, a board member of *Bike Easy* knew that a ghost bike was needed. He contacted Liz Lichtman of Rhubarb, [www.rubarbike.com](http://www.rubarbike.com), a local community bike shop and asked for help. Baer said, "Liz works with kids and he thought it would be a good project for them to participate in." The kids painted the bike and Baer organized a memorial ceremony for family and friends. Baer said, "It was a pretty somber moment, just thinking about how this young person lost his life, doing the same thing you or I are doing."

The ghost bikes seen in New Orleans serve as a memorial to the fallen cyclists who has been killed and/or injured. It honors the cyclist that has died and acknowledges the grief of family and friends. It is a reminder for passing motorists to share the road, slow down, look before opening the car door and be mindful as the cyclists are passing.

Once the word is spread over social media that a ghost bike is needed, a loose network of builders is contacted to see who has the time, a bike, resources to construct the bike, paint and a lock and chain. To construct the bike, everything that can be removed is welded into place. The ghost bike will be chained to a pole near the crash site. Grieving family and friends attend the installation of the ghost bike and adorn the bike with flowers, beads, photographs and personal trinkets. The ghost bike is forever that person's memorial bike. This cascading effect is a powerful urban symbol to remind everyone of the tragedy that took place and to slow down and drive more carefully.

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**In memoriam of all who died  
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# Home Tour Wrap-Up

By Lisa Suárez, Committee Chief Cook & Bottle Washer

100 percent rain had been forecast for days, but somehow, we lucked out, and the mood was festive on the streets of the Marigny Triangle: The 45th Annual FMIA Home and Garden Tour was a success!

First and foremost we must thank all our home owners, business owners, and sponsors: Bil Szarabajka, with his sister Rita, and her husband, Pierre; the irrepressible Gene Cizek; Louis Keyes and Troy Gant; Keith Weldon Medley; The McDonalds; Alexis de Bram; Dorian Bennett and Michael Bain for Jonathan Irpino and Area Objective; Matt Easley; Caroline and Brent Rosen; James Michalopoulos with Lorraine Dauw; Rhonda Findley and Dave Gordin; Wilson Bourg Lumber; Melba and Ken Ferdinand of Café Rose Nicaud; Jeff Bromberger of Maison, The Hi Ho Lounge and the Dragon's Den; David from Joann's Cajun's Pub; The Spotted Cat and Café Negril; Mag's; Lane Lacoy; and Dr. Bob.

Many visitors expressed their delight, exclaiming how impressed they were with this one or that one. "We loved the simplicity of the Creole Cottage," a couple from the Northshore said of Matt Easley's simple two-room licensed B & B on Dauphine Street. "We're thinking of down-sizing back to the city, and this kind of space is ideal."

"Sun Oak was spectacular," one visitor said. Sometimes it's just unbelievable what's beyond the front door. It just kept going, and going, and going.

"My favorite was the Greek Revival on Frenchmen," one woman said. "They really took the time to tell you about all the renovation and decorating decisions they had to make, and the different themes of the bedrooms were terrific."

Bill Whiting, longtime FMIA volunteer, quite possibly having worked every one of the forty-five, said this year's was definitely one of his favorites.

A man from Gentilly, who goes to as many Home Tours all over the city as he can, loved the contrast between the vintage and the shockingly modern. "I haven't seen this kind of contrast anywhere else."

A group of six or eight from all over the country, celebrating their high-school reunion, were envious of the Liebherr refrigerator at ultra-modern 1816 Burgundy, and effusive in their compliments of the Rosette Rochon House.

One woman with her friends sold them on the Tour, expecting an after-party at the Den of Muses. "It was SO unbelievable, last year!" She enjoyed a personal Tour of the History of Washington Square Park with Gretchen Bomboy.

Which was your favorite? While the cloudy skies didn't invite much photography, did you take photos? Please share: [vicepresident@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:vicepresident@faubourgmarigny.org)

## HOME TOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017, NOON TO 4 P.M.



Image: Courtesy Michalopoulos

Everyone loved Keith Medley's book signing at Second Vine Wine, augmented by what could become a new tradition: John Scheyd from Pelican Publishing's display of all eight volumes of *New Orleans Architecture*. The stack of Volume IV (*The Creole Faubourgs*) was considerably diminished by the time 4 p.m. arrived, meaning many were sold. At least three people were dismayed they hadn't been quick enough to get a copy of Volume III: *The Cemeteries*, with the publisher on premises. I see gifts in their future, and hopefully more of John Scheyd in ours.

FMIA would be nowhere in our Home Tour endeavors without the participation of the Press who never fail to get the word out about how special Faubourg Marigny is, and why we are so dedicated to neighborhood and community participation.

Special thanks go to Susan Langenhennig, editor of *InsideOut*, [NOLA.com](http://NOLA.com) | The Times-Picayune's Home and Garden section, who featured our Tour with two others in her May 19th story:

[http://www.nola.com/homegarden/index.ssf/2017/05/3\\_home\\_tours\\_not\\_to\\_miss\\_frenc.html](http://www.nola.com/homegarden/index.ssf/2017/05/3_home_tours_not_to_miss_frenc.html)

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AND sent Kevinisha Walker, to do a two-page Home Tour spotlight on Irelis and David MacDonald's industrial style architecture at 1919 Burgundy, with photos by Dinah Rogers: [http://www.nola.com/homegarden/index.ssf/2017/05/architect\\_couple\\_designs\\_and\\_b.html](http://www.nola.com/homegarden/index.ssf/2017/05/architect_couple_designs_and_b.html)

Modern architecture in a Historic District always sparks controversy, so don't miss the comment section of the online story, where nola.com writers participate in the back-and-forth of the opinion-making process.



Carlos Leon, Board Member of the Food Co-op at The Healing Center, shows his docent badge at Michalopoulos.

Shout out to Lynne Jensen of the Advocate's Throw Me Something column.

More special thanks to Stephanie Bruno, Home and Garden Editor at the New Orleans Advocate who wrote about the Rosette Rochon House, now lovingly occupied by Caroline and Brent Rosen, with photos from Cheryl Gerber, who also lives in Marigny.

[http://www.theadvocate.com/new\\_orleans/entertainment\\_life/home\\_garden/article\\_7c1328e6-3b10-11e7-916e-6386f8edf930.html](http://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/entertainment_life/home_garden/article_7c1328e6-3b10-11e7-916e-6386f8edf930.html)

Stephanie had a great time attending the Tour, and as I understand, could be participating in other Marigny writing projects soon. Stay tuned.

## More thank-you's:

Could not have done this without you:

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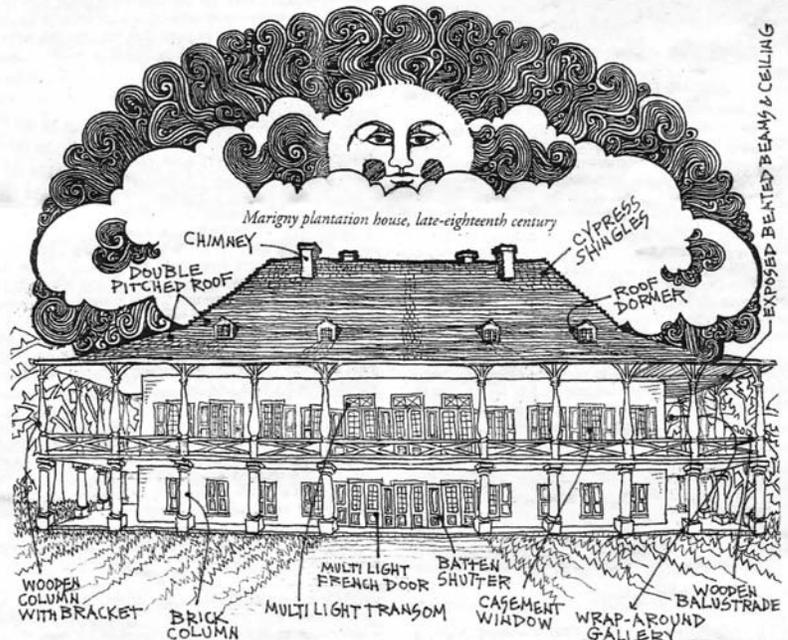
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## COMING SOON

Starting in the August edition (we take July off), this newsletter will reprint the 12-part series **Color Me Creole**: The Faubourg Marigny, an architectural inventory of our neighborhood.

The collaboration between the artists, preservationists and partners Lloyd Sensat and Gene Cizek features sketches by Lloyd and history, description and explanation by Gene. If we're lucky there will be a 13<sup>th</sup> part to the series started by the two shortly before Lloyd's death, featuring an entresol building. The best way to ensure that you receive all parts of this outstanding series is to be an FMIA member, as home delivery of the monthly newsletter is a perk of membership.



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# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

It's summertime and that means it's time for our Summer Reading Program. Stop by the circulation desk and pick up our 2017 SRP booklet that lists all of the exciting programs NOPL has to offer for kids, teens and adults. There is also an NOPL Writing Contest for Adults. Check out our website and sign up to get the Summer Reading Program Alert Email, so you never miss out on any events: [www.nolalibrary.org](http://www.nolalibrary.org)

## SRP Events for Children and All Ages

**Toddler Story Time: Tuesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Kick-off Party: Saturday, June 3rd, 2:00-4:00 pm:** Join us to sign up for the Summer Reading Program, enjoy refreshments and make "seed bombs." All ages.

**Wednesday, June 7th, 11:00 am**

**Fire Safety with the NOFD:** Learn how to stay safe and meet a real fireman.

**Saturday, June 10th, 2:00 pm**

**Accessories Workshop:** We will be making key chains and jewelry with puff balls, beads and tassels. All ages.

**Wednesday, June 14th, 11:00 am**

**Water Awareness** by the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board. Learn about our water systems and what you can do to conserve and protect our Louisiana waterways through stories and maybe a model system.

**Wednesday, June 14th, 2:00 pm**

**Flower Headbands/Design a Bandana:** Create your own floral headband or design your own bandana. All ages.

**Wednesday, June 21st, 11:00 am**

**FrankenToys for Children:** Make your own monster by taking apart and re-sewing stuffed animals together.

**Thursday, June 29th, 2:00 pm**

**Garden Karaoke:** Come and share your musical talent and have fun singing a song from a hand-selected playlist in the garden. All ages.

## SRP Events for Teens:

**Thursday, June 8th, 2:00 pm**

**Miss PussyCat & Quintron:** A live puppet show performed by Miss Pussycat and Quintron followed by a demonstration of how puppets and theater work; plus a puppet-building workshop. For teens and adults.

**Thursday, June 15th, 2:00 pm**

**Class to Cuffs:** Exclusionary Discipline and the Prison Pipeline: Join teens from LCCR's Youth Leadership Council for discussion and roleplay around ways that schools can avoid overusing exclusionary discipline (suspension, expulsion, arrest). For teens and adults.

**Saturday, June 17th, 2:00 pm**

**Silk-Screening Workshop:** Learn while making a t-shirt to take home with this year's winning design. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own shirt or other cotton fabric to print on.

**Thursday, June 22nd, 2:00 pm**

**Tell it Like it is: Healthy Relationships**



Summer Vacation

## SRP events for Adults:

**Barcation**

**Thursday, June 8th, 7:00-9:00 pm:** BJ's in the Bywater, 4301 Burgundy Street. What is Barcation? It's Story Time for adults! Join Alvar Library and local authors. Everyone who wants to can read a story or a poem or just tell a story. The topic is open: you can tell a story about a bar, a vacation in a bar, a summer vacation, whatever summertime theme you choose. Or you can just listen! Everyone who reads gets five minutes or less. Light refreshments will be served. For Adults ages 21 and older.

**Wednesday, June 21st & July 19th, 7:00 pm**

**Alvar Micro-cinema:** An outdoor film series dedicated to the presentation of animated and experimental works. Light refreshments provided, Feel free to bring snacks, drinks, and blankets.

**Thursday, June 29th, 6:00 pm: MACCNO:** New Orleans has a vibrant street performance culture, but most people don't know how controversial—and how regulated—busking can be. We'll be talking about the laws that regulate street performance in New Orleans, including a brief history of busking in the French Quarter, and show how our Guide to New Orleans Street Performance is designed to put the controversy to rest once and for all.

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

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## Writing Contest

**Theme: Build a Better World**

**Deadline: Friday, June 30th, 2017 at 5 pm**

You can pick up an entry form at any NOPL location.

How to enter: Printed submissions can be dropped off at any New Orleans Public Library location. Please include the completed entry form with any submissions. Entries can also be submitted via email to [noplprograms@gmail.com](mailto:noplprograms@gmail.com). Put "2017 Writing Contest" in the subject line. Paste the entire entry into the body of the email along with your name, email address, phone number, and library card number. Emails with attachments will be deleted unread.

Winners will be announced Friday, July 14th.

Are you looking for some good books to read? Whether you're going to the beach or just as far as your front porch, there's nothing like summer time reading. Check out these websites for Best Summer Reads for 2017:

### The Week

<http://theweek.com/articles/670998/28-books-read-2017>

### Publishers Weekly

<https://best-books.publishersweekly.com/pw/best-books/summer-reads-2017>

### The Everygirl

<http://theeverygirl.com/10-beach-reads-for-summer-2017/>

### Travel and Leisure

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/culture-design/books/best-summer-beach-reads>

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# May 10, 2017, NOPD 5th District NONPACC Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

For a very extended period of time young men have been “stunt-driving” unregistered ATV and Dirt Bikes, terrorizing neighborhoods and traffic along the Claiborne Avenue corridor. Up until very recently, NOPD’s hands were tied, being unable to pursue the scofflaws, as vehicle chases are against policy and best practices.

Commander Young spoke about the new Operation, in cooperation with the 1st District, where a car-hauler is parked near a Claiborne on-or-off ramp, and the drivers are dead-ended into a no-exit situation, with some vehicles then impounded.

Only a single operation has been performed, but the net result has been to dissuade some drivers from participating in the groups, and there will be updates as time allows.

The Commander also spoke about Second Lines devolving into rowdy situations outside barrooms near the ends of parades. Other Districts are working together to broaden the focus of the ends of parades into multiple areas, dissipating some of the dangerous impact of too many people in one small area.

We heard again about the difficulty of NOPD focusing on Quality of Life issues, when the size of the force dictates prioritization on Violent Crime, which, according to the statistics, is down 12 percent, in comparison with 2016, in the 5th District. It is just recently that Commander Young feels some sense of confidence that all his three shifts are filled, with none going empty.

We were apprised that Robberies, by adults, are never one-and-done, but almost always exist as a series, and cross District boundaries. To date, the biggest increase in crime is Shoplifting, 106 this year versus 60 from last year. We also learned about “Alternative Police Reports, “ (ATRs), in which trained Police officers who may be recovering from physical illness or injury, do take some of the burden off active Officers, to lighten their load in completing Police Reports.

The next 5th District NONPACC, which includes the Marigny Rectangle, will take place Wednesday, June 14th, 6 p.m.at the Station House, 3900 N Claiborne Ave, corner of Alvar, New Orleans, LA 70117. Hope to see you there, and don’t hesitate to email [vicepresident@faubourgmarigny.org](mailto:vicepresident@faubourgmarigny.org), if you need a ride.

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