

Next Board Meeting

April 4, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Next General Meeting

April 16, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
2624 Burgundy St.



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



FMIA Home Tour

Sunday, May 20 Noon — 4 pm

After Party at the Krewe du Vieux Den.

We still need homes in the rectangle!

"This is the eighth in a series of drawings to show the rich architectural inventory of Faubourg Marigny. I will be featuring drawings from my sketchbook of Bernard de Marigny's historic neighborhood. Eventually, it will become a coloring book to teach children and adults how "to read" a building by type and style and identify its components. The houses illustrated will represent what I consider to be the best examples in Marigny. It is my hope that this will aid in a better understanding of architecture, foster a love for old buildings and demonstrate the importance of historic preservation."

— Lloyd Sensat, *Sun Oak in Faubourg Marigny*
May 2010

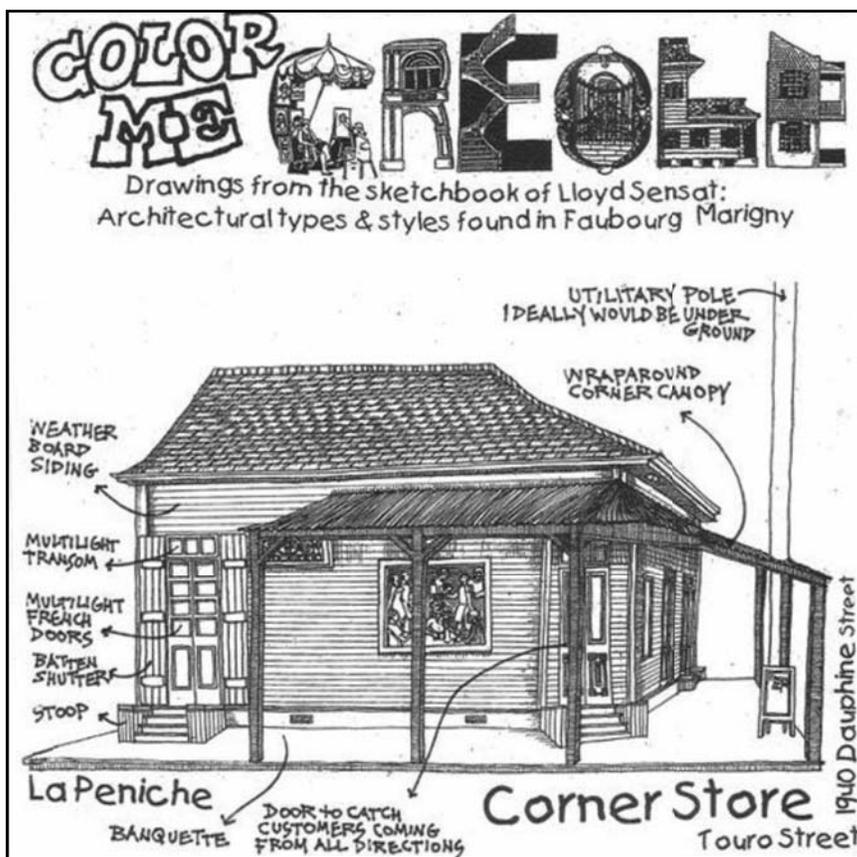
Corner Store

By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

The corner store was popular in 19th century New Orleans. Corner lots were prime commercial real estate because a corner business attracted customers coming from all directions. The corner store was usually a combination commercial and residential building. A distinguishing characteristic of this house type is a wraparound corner canopy projecting over the banquette (sidewalk).

By the mid-nineteenth century the multiple story corner store evolved, often with a brick first floor (commercial) and wood second floor (residential).

Two story brick corner store houses were often architecturally sophisticated and detailed. A full wrap around gallery would protect the shoppers on the first floor from sun and rain and provide an outdoor living room for the residents above. The commercial space could be used for a grocery, laundry, cafe, bar, restaurant, pharmacy, pastry shop, costumer, bookstore, or antique shop, etc.



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Sts. Peter and Paul Update

By Nathalie Jordi

Hi everyone! Wanted to give you an update on our progress at Sts. Peter & Paul.

Accomplished

- Poured most of the new concrete (driveways, curb cuts, ramps)
- Moved field office into the school so construction trailers could be removed and the remaining parts of the parking lot completed
- Restoration of lobby plaster – looks so beautiful we decided to leave it unpainted
- Installation of school doors and trim halfway done
- Closing-in of school walls and ceilings everywhere but fourth floor
- Restoration of proscenium in former auditorium
- Primed walls on floors 1-3
- Installed all skylights, shingling underway

Ongoing

- Exterior masonry restoration – feels never ending but we are getting there
- Installation of vintage bricks in rectory courtyard
- Dealing with unpleasant structural surprises in rectory
- Repainting church façade
- Installation of siding on convent

Upcoming

- Elevator install
- Convent exterior paint
- Church interior plaster restoration
- Branding, website

We are about 70% complete and I imagine some people are becoming fatigued by the noise, dust and general inconvenience of living next to an enormous restoration project in a dense residential neighborhood. As we enter the last quarter, we will most likely have half crews on Saturdays and a skeleton crew on site most Sundays. I am on site every day, so I know how intense it is, and although we spend a ton of time and effort trying to minimize impact, unfortunately we can't entirely eliminate it. Please know that we are doing our best to work quickly and safely so we can turn the page and open our doors.

If you want to see what we are up to, I am always happy to show people around, so email me at nathalie.jordi@gmail.com. Thanks again for your understanding as we push through the last few months. We still anticipate opening this fall.

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

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Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

Travelers

As happens every Spring, “travelers” have populated the neutral ground in front of Checkpoint Charlie’s, Washington Park, and the river wall along N. Peters St. The NOPD has increased their sweeps in this area, and it has proven quite effective, as the population has gotten increasingly smaller. These sweeps don’t just happen. The NOPD coordinates with the LASPCA, and the homeless agencies as well as drug abuse agencies, Elysian Fields is the border for these two districts, and it has been very common for the travelers to simply cross district boundaries after sweeps, and the other district has not been made aware of what the other is doing. Recently, the Eighth and Fifth Districts have worked together to coordinate their sweeps, letting the other know that they should see an influx of travelers. I believe that this might be the reason we have seen the population decrease in those areas. However, that does not mean the problem is gone completely. If you see any illegal activity, feel free to call the NOPD and report it, or if you’re a property owner, you can report people for trespassing.

Crime Cameras

Recently, the city has deployed crime cameras throughout the city. They’ve been hard to miss, since they are constantly emitting red and blue flashing lights. Most noticeably, two have been placed by Washington Square Park. This is part of a continuing effort by NOPD and Eighth District Commander Nick Gernon to help us clean up the park. Please know that the NOPD and Parks and Parkways are working to make the park safe and inviting, so be sure to visit it if you haven’t been there in a while.

920 Frenchmen

An attempted zoning change at 920 Frenchmen St has gained recent media attention. I have written extensively on this issue in the past, so I won’t bore you with all the details. The City Planning Commissioners voted for a 60-day deferral, requiring the property owner do a proper Neighborhood Participation Program before the project is allowed to go to City Council for a proper vote. Additionally, they were turned off by the perception that the property owners were “thumbing their noses” at the NPP, and were determined to not let that happen. In other words, the City Planning Commissioners stood up for the Neighborhood. The other big takeaway, in my opinion, is this: TURNOUT MATTERS. The neighborhood showed up to voice their opposition, and it was noticed. 16 people filled out speaker cards. 16 PEOPLE!! That is huge. Too many times people think that their attendance at a meeting won’t matter, or that their comments have to be eloquent,

so they cede their time to others. While there is no guarantee of success, the CPC notices a heavy turnout, and they definitely pay attention to “new faces,” showing up to share how changes can affect their lives. Don’t think that you can’t have an impact on the CPC’s decisions.

Governor Nicholls Wharves

Last summer, announcements were made that the city was trading the Public Belt railroad to the Port of New Orleans. The main headline was that this would connect the Moonwalk with Crescent Park, providing a continual path from ferry Terminal to the Bywater and the Rusty Rainbow. What has been unclear are the plans for the wharves themselves. I recently met with leaders from the Audubon Institute, the Dock Board, and leaders from the French Quarter. We were told that there are no current plans for the development, and that the neighborhoods will be involved. We were also told that a timeline will be unveiled in the beginning of April. At that time, we will hold a community meeting to discuss what we want to see there. STAY TUNED!!

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46th Annual Spring Home and Garden Tour Celebrates A New Era for Us and the City

Contact Lisa Suarez: vicepresident@faubourgmarigny.org

This story, in large part, was excerpted from the March 2018 issue of Preservation in Print magazine written by Davis Allen, <https://prcno.org/prc-welcomes-director-danielle-del-sol/> by permission of the Preservation Resource Center.

Yes, we still need homes, and the deadline for publication interviews and photos is April 11. This year's Home Tour, will feature the Faubourg Marigny rectangle, beginning at Washington Square Park, from Elysian Fields to Press Street, on Sunday, May 20, 2018 from Noon to 4 p.m., and an After Party from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m at the Den of Muses, with the Krewe du Vieux floats, snacks, drinks, and music. Although we do not yet have all the buildings we would like, those volunteered so far include a Victorian Steamboat corner store, the Dr. Nut House (redux redecorated!), two apartments in a double shotgun with halves built at separate times (1870 and 1940), a Creole Cottage, and a new house built in vintage style with all the modern conveniences. How about your house?

The Tour celebrates the 300th Anniversary of New Orleans and a New Era, with a new Administration, new energy for FMIA, and after 40 years, a new Executive Director of the Preservation Resource Center, with expanded goals of Preservation Advocacy and diversity.

Our community is saying farewell to some of the folks who have carried the burden and the joys of Historic Preservation for fifty years, or more, and hello to a new generation of leaders and participants with the ears to be mentored and the hearts to be passionate about the vigilance it takes to protect our precious resource. When I first spoke with Danielle Del Sol, four years ago while preparing for our 2015 Tour, she was a delightful example of passion and graciousness, so much so, that her energy radiated through the phone!

Initially, Danielle visited New Orleans to consider attending Tulane University's Master's of Preservation Studies program. Sitting in on part of a Preservation Matters symposium, she describes, "I heard preservation greats such as authors Ned Kaufman and Dan Bluestone debating complex issues I cared about, and then heard legend Gene Cizek, founder of Tulane's preservation program, lecture on the absolutely unique architectural vernacular of southern Louisiana," she said. "I knew this was the place for me."

Del Sol was named executive director at the beginning of February, following a several-month-long, competitive

national search. Gaynell Lawrence, PRC board member and chair of the search committee looked at almost 250 applications from across the country, then narrowed the candidates in two rounds of interviews. "Danielle has a true vision," Lawrence said. "When you walk away from her, you really believe that this city is in good care and that it will continue to be the city we all need it to be."

Readers of Preservation in Print magazine know Del Sol well from her seven years there, first as deputy editor and then as editor for the past four years. In her tenure as editor, she led the magazine to win several first place awards from the New Orleans Press Club, as well as other significant awards and recognition. She is only the fourth executive director since the organization's founding in 1974. "The PRC and preservationists have had many successes advocating for, and saving, many of the city's historic buildings and neighborhoods over the past four decades, and we need to continue to be vigilant," she said. "We no longer have to convince people to buy and renovate homes in New Orleans' historic neighborhoods. These districts and the buildings within them are still under threat, but for new reasons now. Short-term rentals threaten our neighborhoods' authenticity.

Affordable housing is scarce, and yet blighted and vacant housing is still prominent in many parts of the city. Broken infrastructure is leading to the flooding of historic neighborhoods. Thus, the need for our work has shifted. Now, historic preservation must help take on those issues, and more, including economic development, quality of life, and encouraging dialogue among diverse groups of residents. The field of preservation has approaches to these problems that can help our city leaders find the best, most well-rounded and holistic answers," she said. "I'm thrilled for the opportunity to lead PRC at this critical juncture so we can help move New Orleans forward."

Del Sol received her undergraduate degree from Hendrix College in Arkansas, and began her career as a business and real estate reporter in Little Rock. "I quickly became captivated by historic preservation while covering stories about restorations of historic homes and revitalization efforts," she said. "Little Rock has several beautiful historic neighborhoods, and I realized I could get VIP access to great buildings undergoing improvements if I wrote about them."



Danielle Del Sol

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Under the Tulane program founder Gene Cizek and assistant director Ann Masson, Del Sol learned that New Orleans is a living laboratory of real estate, preservation and planning issues — as well as a microcosm of how communities cope with natural disasters, changes in the economy, population loss and growth, and the development of new architecture in a largely historic place. Longtime PRC Director Patty Gay, who retired last July, also had a profound influence on Del Sol, who now carries the torch that Gay held for nearly four decades. “Patty lives and breathes historic preservation. It is her core, and it is an amazing commitment to behold,” said Del Sol. “Her passion for preservation is inspiring, and that is a legacy I am proud to carry forward.”

Del Sol appreciates the work that Gay, Cizek and other preservation leaders began in the 1970s to protect the city’s special building stock and historic neighborhoods. “Because of ongoing advocacy efforts by preservationists, our city enjoys a unique stock of historic architecture and variety of historic neighborhoods that distinguish us from other cities and attract businesses, residents and tourists,” she said.

“The economic development ripple effect of preservation is profound,” she said, “and there are few places in the world where that ripple effect is so visible than in New Orleans. The most thriving areas of our city have historic homes that have been brought back to life, and old buildings that now host vibrant restaurants, shops or cafes — that’s not a coincidence. In a city where the economic climate is so reliant on industries that can change dramatically, such as tourism and oil, revitalizing historic buildings and neighborhoods is one of the most reliable strategies we have to create jobs, and to create an environment where people want to live, to start new companies and to expand existing companies. Plus, it keeps people wanting to live here, despite the challenges that residents can often face, like uncertainty in hurricane season. Preservation work protects the city’s authenticity, and that can help gird the city, to a degree, against uncertainties, and keep its quality of life high.”

While PRC has historically served people across the community in many important capacities, putting vacant and blighted housing back into commerce and helping low-income, elderly and veteran homeowners age in place, preservation in New Orleans suffers an image problem among some, and that’s an issue Del Sol hopes to face head on.

“Preservationists are individuals of all races, creeds and economic backgrounds who value history, see the countless benefits of saving places, and are able to interpret the past into power,” she wrote in an essay for the National Trust for Historic Preservation Forum Journal last year. “In order to fulfill its democratizing potential, preservation must be accessible to people of all races and

Calendar of Events

April 2018

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Meet the Neighbors

Date & Venue TBD.

General Meeting

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May 2018

Board Meeting

May 2, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

Date & Venue TBD.

General Meeting

May 21, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy St.

NONPACC MEETINGS

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

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

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editor@faubourgmarigny.org*

socioeconomic statuses — and be more intentional about reaching historically underrepresented and traditionally oppressed groups. The more inclusive preservation becomes, the more people can access the tools that it offers and use them to transform and uplift their own communities.

“The stories we tell hold power. By shaping the past, we shape the future. There is healing power in listening and learning and in the collective celebration of our individual heritages,” she wrote. Quoting from her mentor, the late Mary Fitzpatrick, Del Sol says, “In order to have a clear vision of what we want in the future, we have to have an understanding of the past.”

Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim



Bike traffic in New Orleans has increased 52 percent according to the University of New Orleans' Transportation Institute between 2010-2014. The number of bikes on the streets has grown since then. It's easy to forget a bicyclist when a car is parked, and the cyclist is passing. Too many bike crashes involve a car door.

On November 29, 2016, my friend John was killed by a driver opening a car door without looking. This needless tragedy could have been prevented if the driver looked before opening the car door. The grief, pain and sadness of family and friends never ends. I would replay the accident many sad nights thinking what I can do to teach drivers and passengers how to open a door. That is the inspiration for creating **Look Before You Open**, a non-profit a car door awareness campaign to teach and promote bicycle safety that will save lives.

This Opposite Hand Technique is simple, costs nothing and is an immeasurable benefit by saving bicyclists from injury or demise. Everyone is an advocate to educate DRIVERS and PASSENGERS to change their habit when opening a car door. Talk the talk and teach people the free and easy Opposite Hand Technique.

The Opposite Hand Technique

The **driver** sitting in the driver's seat will use her/his **right hand** to **Turn** and **Look** to open the car door to see an approaching bicyclist.

The **passenger** sitting in the passenger's seat will use her/his left hand to **Turn** and **Look** to open the car door to see an approaching bicyclist.

Look Before You Open is a non-profit in partnership with BikeEasy, a volunteer based a 501c3 non-profit in New Orleans, Louisiana. BikeEasy advocates dialogue between the community, decision makers and elected officials to make bicycling easy, safe and fun for everyone in greater New Orleans.

For more information on how to get involved please contact

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Meet the Neighbors

Our March MTN at **SuhkoThai** saw some familiar faces and some newbies. Next month's venue is still to be determined.

Bring a friend!



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

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Marigny's Believe It or Not

By Donna Wakeman

Two weeks ago, the recycling truck passed me by, or never showed in the first place. Whichever, it was for the second week in a row. The first week I just shrugged it off; this IS New Orleans, after all. This time, however, I was seriously PO'd as my recycling bin was full up.

In my frustration I decided to waste my time and complain to the section of the Department of Public Works responsible for garbage and recycling. Their website directed me to call 311. "Oh, sure, great help", I thought, but did it anyway. The very polite young lady who answered my phone call told me that they would send someone out to pick up my recycling. "This week," I asked? "Oh, yes," she assured me. I rolled my eyes, shrugged my shoulders and thanked her for her assistance.

With nothing to lose I left my recycling bin out on the sidewalk (sorry neighbors). Imagine my amazement when two days later I returned

home to find my recycling bin empty. Either the good fairies had come along to clean it out or the city had, as promised, dispatched the service to do what they should have done in the first place.

To compound the miracle, I received not only one email survey to ask how my interaction with 311 went, but a second email saying my "case" was closed and would I rate the service I had received. Perhaps I'm being overly optimistic but it seems like somebody is checking up on the service.

So, everybody, I suggest that before you resort to prayers to St. Jude, Patron Saint of Lost Causes, you try a call to 311. Who knows, perhaps like me, your pleas will be answered.



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300 Years of Sleaze

That's how **Gretchen Bomboy** describes New Orleans - it's a kind of love/hate relationship. It's complicated . . .

Gretchen first moved to the Marigny in 1973 from uptown. She initially didn't know anything about the FMIA, but in 1975 she joined and became Newsletter Editor. This was the first in a long list of positions she has held over the years, including Board President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and now Office Manager.

Gretchen notes the changes in the neighborhood since she moved here in the early 70s. At that time crime, in the form of burglaries and armed robberies, was more of a problem than now. But it was also a "stoop sitting" neighborhood. People sat on their stoops in the evening, the corner bars were just neighborhood places where the locals gathered. Corner stores provided most of your needs, and few people had cars so there were few parking problems.

Gretchen had to leave the FMIA Board in the 1989 when she was appointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment by Mayor Barthelemy, for six years. She was asked her to serve in order to clean up the dysfunctional BZA, which at the time was just rubberstamping whatever came before them. The first thing she did was read the book to determine what the actual BZA rules and procedures were (what a concept), then actually went out to look at the projects coming up.

Her actions may have helped make the BZA an actual functioning city department that was doing its job, but she did not make everyone happy. When Marc Morial came into office he removed her from BZA because she was "not a team player."

Gretchen has never claimed to be a team player, but she is the FMIA volunteer-extraordinaire. In addition to her years on the Board, she is also the one who applies for the event permits (and ordered the Pot-O-Golds for these events — a necessary detail). Gretchen is the one who coordinates with the Sheriff's office for Washington Square Park clean-ups. She checks the mail, keeps the membership database current, makes bank deposits and labels the newsletters and gets them to the Post Office.

Yet with all she does, she's quick to point out the others who give their time and effort to help keep the FMIA functioning. **Linda Belou** who did the mailings for years, **Gary DeLeaumont** who mans the desk at the General Meetings, **Lisa Suarez** with the Home Tour and **Rick Prince** — always ready with setup and cleanup (and sometimes Beef Bourguignon) at the meetings.

There was also **Marshall Greis**, who chaired our first Fete Marigny, **Deborah Oppenheim** who chairs Marigny Green, the dozens who handled our Tree Plantings and Keep it Clean drives. Once we even had a parade with the Colton School Band, Gretchen threw trash bags from a pick up behind the band.

We should also remember the literal hundreds who have served on the Board since 1972. FMIA started with eleven Board members and reduced to nine.

It's hard to imagine the FMIA without **Gretchen Bomboy**.



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Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

It's springtime, which means time for French Quarter Festival and Jazz Fest. We also have a lot going on at the New Orleans Public Library. You can pick up a copy of our monthly magazine at any location or check out our website: <http://nolalibrary.org/>

Tuesday, April 10th from 5-6 PM: Financial Planning 101: Social Security, Healthcare & Your Retirement: Social Security experts and a Medicare specialist will be on hand to answer questions. Presented by Marigny deMauriac of Edward Jones.

In the Garden Writers' Workshop: Welcome to our second season of the workshop. Writers of all levels of experience and all genres are welcome, including Poetry, Fiction and Nonfiction Prose, and Plays. Local and visiting authors will periodically stop by to read their work and offer advice and encouragement. Participants will read their work at a public reading in May. You may sign up at the Circulation Desk, or just come to the any session. We will meet the second Saturday of every month from 2:00-3:45 pm, from September through May. This month's workshop will meet Saturday, April 14th, from 2:00-3:45 pm and will focus on writing poetry.

Tuesday, April 17th, 5:00 pm: **Wish You Were Here.** Come relax and write a postcard. Sending a postcard is a thoughtful gesture that makes you stand out in a sea of text messages. A selection of postcards, stamps, and collage materials are provided. Bring an address!

Wednesday, April 18th 6-7:30 PM: To celebrate National Poetry Month, we will host a poetry reading by prominent Bulgarian poet, scholar, musician, and librarian, Peter Tchouhov. Light refreshments will be served.

Alvar Programs:

Toddler Story Time: Tuesdays, 11 am

Odyssey House Medicaid sign-up assistance: Thursdays, 10 am-12 pm

A representative from Odyssey House will be available to assist with Medicaid applications and questions.

Computer Tutoring: Thursdays, 11 am-1 pm

Snacks: Monday through Friday, 4:00-5:00 pm. Free snacks for children and teens 18 years and younger. The New Orleans Public Library offers snacks and meals to youth in partnership with Second Harvest Food Banks' Kids Café' program at participating branches.

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For further information, check out their Facebook page: CompostNOW.

**Workforce Develop Series at NOPL:
Retire & Restart**

Milton H. Latter Memorial Library on Thursday, April 5th at 6pm

Thinking about retiring but don't know what to do about the uncertainty of what you are going to do every day? We will work through the emotional side of retiring and restarting what you would describe as your dream retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend so you may work through the exercises designed to give more clarity about what your days will look like after saying goodbye to your employer.

Transitions: Reentering or Changing Careers

East New Orleans Regional Library on Wednesday, April 11th at 6pm

Have you decided to leave one career for another? Learn how to identify skill sets in an easy way. Learn what you can do to make the switch to another career. You will need to take the "Professionally You" survey online, which takes about 12 minutes, prior to attending. Email jrareshide@

mindspring.com to request the codes to access the survey. Put "Survey" in the subject line.

Bring Your Résumé Night

East New Orleans Regional Library on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:30pm

Bring your résumé for Jessica to review and make recommendations on any changes to improve it. Ask your important résumé questions specific to your experience and targeted position. Bring two copies of your résumé for review.

Interview with a Purpose

East New Orleans Regional Library on Wednesday, April 25th at 6pm .

Did you know that most candidates do not know how to tell an employer why they are the perfect candidate for the job? The interview is your opportunity to tell the employer why you fit the job. Get your specific questions answered about interviewing. This workshop also covers salary negotiation and other aspects of the job offer.



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“Coffee On Your Corner” Community Meeting

February 27, 2018, Backatown Coffee Parlour, 301 Basin Street

A round of introductions of all the folks participating:

1. Sherae M. Hunter, Marigny, Treme, and French Quarter Liaison from the Mayor’s Neighborhood Engagement Office, and other staff members.
2. Gabrielle Decullus from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
3. NOPD 1st District Commander, Hans Ganthier, Treme and Mid-City
4. NOPD 5th District, Lt. Lejon Roberts (filling in for Commander Young), and Community Liaison, Officer Larry Dace, Marigny Rectangle, 7th Ward Bywater, 9th Ward
5. NOPD 8th District Commander, Nicholas Gernon, Marigny Triangle, French Quarter
6. Matt Torrei, Deputy Director of Sanitation and Supplemental Services

There were about ten citizens present, including Allen Johnson and Lisa Suarez.

Ms. Hunter announced that the meeting would begin with introductions, and then move to questions.

Ms. Decullus took a question about Public Works construction on St. Claude Avenue, which has been completed. She encouraged everyone with Road Work questions to call the Hotline: 504-658-7623. From the Website:

“Street improvement projects by the Department of Public Works constitute the largest portion of the CIP. Completed and planned street improvement projects can be monitored at roadwork.nola.gov, which provides a comprehensive look at the City’s street program and regular updates on the progress of projects.”

For a deeper dive: The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2018-2022 is here:

<https://www.nola.gov/nola/media/One-Stop-Shop/CPC/2018-2022-Capital-Improvement-Plan-FINAL.pdf>

Commander Ganthier spoke about issues in his District.

Mr. Torrei of Sanitation was questioned about “illegal dumping” unattended garbage, left during and after Mardi Gras in the “dog lot,” also known as the “Marigny RV Lot,” between N. Peters, Decatur, Mandeville and Spain. He said

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Lt. Roberts introduced the new Community Liaison Officer Larry Dace, and answered questions about the “travelers” who are camping, and dumping garbage, at various spots. He was also asked about cars parking on the neutral ground of St. Claude Avenue: Dept. of Public Works/Parking Control will tow: 658-8242, Impound Lot open until 1 a.m., but they usually don’t tow after 10 p.m. Officer Dace spoke about barking dog complaints, and he needs the address of the offending dog. (A more complete description of what to do about barking dogs is on page 12 in the March Newsletter, http://www.faubourgmarigny.org/pdf/newsletter/2018_03.pdf)

Commander Gernon talked about a post-Mardi Gras convention, the largest of the year, that filled 74 hotels in the downtown area. He was asked about nuisance bars and minors that work in the French Quarter. The nuisance bars are the usual suspects; please register your comments with Allen Johnson at the General Meeting, or send him an email (president@faubourgmarigny.org.) Minors of 16 are permitted to work in the French Quarter with a letter from their employer. They may not work past 10 p.m. on school nights, and all businesses are

required to display the Federal Labor Laws poster which has a phone number for complaints.

The discussion continued concerning the “traveler” population with Commander Gernon and Mr. Torrei of Sanitation spoke about the coordinated “sweeps,” clearing out the campgrounds (Esplanade Avenue in the 5th and N. Robertson and Franklin Avenue in the 5th) using garbage trucks, a paddy wagon for those with outstanding warrants, the ASPCA for the dogs, and social workers addressing homeless resources. There are 2 more social workers from the Health Department working with the sweeps. Commander Gernon said it could be dangerous to knock on the windows or doors of parked camping vehicles.

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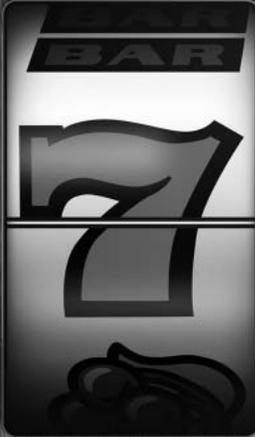
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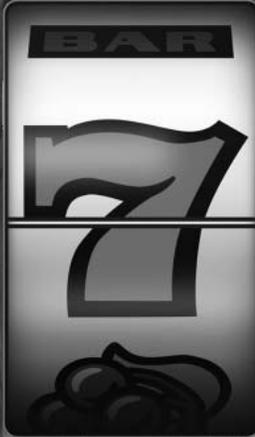
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March Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

The 5th District New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) had 9 Citizens and 12 Officers attending.

The meeting began with Sgt. Gary Lacabe, who works with the 8 detectives handling Personal Crimes (crimes against people) presented the award for the highest clearance rate for the year to Detective Kevin Williams. He solved 57 cases out of 67, and won for the third year in a row, with an extraordinary 70 percent.

"This is a reflection of the whole unit and team work. We're competitive and have good working relationships. Detective Williams is on the "Sergeants List," (next to become a sergeant). Commander Young said, "Kevin solves cases because he knows people and brings his life experience to the job. We are part of a community." There was enthusiastic applause.

The Commander continued the meeting describing the chief complaint at a recent Bywater Neighborhood Association (BNA) was the Traveler activity at the former Naval Support Facility on Poland Avenue, which has become a defacto homeless campground. (The city

received the facility from the Federal government before Katrina, and although there have been many meetings, plans, and numerous "Request for Proposals," finally settling on developer Joe Jaeger, who also owns the Holy Angels complex.) Development plans are continuously on hold, and at least one restaurant on Poland Avenue reported that they have no water pressure as a result of all the leaks at the Facility. Commander Young said he was working with Deputy Mayor Judy Reese Morse (who took over Jeff Hebert's position) on the problem.

We were asked if we had heard any "explosions," as there were complaints coming from the Lower Nine. Mr. Ervin said it couldn't be gas tanks at the scrap yard, because he used to work there, and they are scrupulous about emptying them because of the fire threat.

A Second Line was announced for Saturday, March 17th from 5104 St. Claude to start at noon, ending at 4. The big traffic jam, at Andry and St. Claude the last week of February was a due to a funeral meal or repast: two gang members with guns were apprehended.

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Lt. Lejon Roberts, 2nd in command reviewed the latest statistics: The 5th is down 60 crimes for the year. 12% decrease in Uniform Crime Reports (UCRs). 20 Armed Robberies, compared with 31 last year. The Commander commented that people who commit armed robberies never stop at just one; they keep doing them until they're caught. Shootings are down 3 (14 vs. 17); simple robberies down 5 to 3. Property Crimes, which include auto, home and business burglary, and simple theft, is down 12%.

2 white guys attacked a 25-year-old man at Spain and Rampart streets and stole 2 scrabble boards the 1st week of March. There was a pick-up truck break-in on the 600 block of Marigny, various items including remotes were stolen. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE STUFF IN YOUR VEHICLES!

The district is very happy with Crime Cameras allow officers to watch what is going on, day or night, in Real Time.

After officer reports, citizens asked questions about new and ongoing problems.

S.J. Sebellin-Ross, who wrote, "What to Do About a Frequently Barking Dog?" in last month's newsletter, and her husband attended to say that Community Liaison Officer Larry Dace was great, but the neighbor's dog was still barking almost non-stop. They were promised a summons to be written for disturbing the peace.

I brought copies of photos taken by residents at 511 and 518 Marigny Street of Travelers trespassing (and copulating), on the empty lot at 514 Marigny. The owner of the lot must make out a complaint, and officers will arrest trespassers.

It was announced that a grant had been acquired by the Mosquito Control Board to coordinate with the Depts. of Sanitation and Public Health to go into people's yards to pick up abandoned tires, which almost always have standing water breeding the largest mosquitoes.

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