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Next General Meeting

May 21, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
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Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

Esplanade Avenue Cleanup

On April 7th, over 30 residents of the Marigny and French Quarter, as well as officers of the NOPD's Eighth District and employees of Parks and Parkways, gathered at 9 AM to clean and beautify Esplanade Avenue. Over three large trucks of debris were filled with leaves, trash, and limbs. Additionally, over 20 needles were found and disposed of. It can be amazing how much can be accomplished over three hours when enough neighbors come together. In addition to giving me great pride (and ownership) when I drive down Esplanade now, I also had a great time making new friends and hanging out with neighbors I've known for a while. There are plans to do this again, after Jazz Fest. Additionally, the FMIA is planning to do the same along the levee wall after Jazz Fest once the travelers and campers leave. We will keep everyone informed, and we urge you to join us.

Short Term Rentals

The outgoing City Council asked the City Planning Commission to commence a study of the current Short Term Rental rules. On April 24th, the City Planning Commission held a hearing to solicit comments from the public. The FMIA submitted written comments which can be found in this newsletter. While there are many aspects of the Short Term Rental laws that need attention, we highlighted the three that we felt were most critical, especially to the Marigny. This is just the beginning, and there will be many more times for you to comment to the CPC, once their report is issued, and the City Council, when they take up the study and its recommendations.

Gov Nichols Wharves

As I discussed last month, I, along with leaders of the French Quarter, met with leaders of the Dock Board and the Audubon Institute. We were told that we would have a timeline for the planning and implementation process by the first week of April. As of the newsletter's publishing date, we have not yet received those plans. Once we receive them, we will hold a meeting for residents of the Marigny and French Quarter and inform them of the plans, as well as solicit input.

Streetcar Extension

At the FMIA General Meeting on April 16th, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) made a presentation to the members about a proposal to extend the streetcar line from St. Claude and Elysian Fields, where it currently ends. One extension would go down Elysian Fields, and connect with the streetcar line along the riverfront. The other would go down St. Claude and end at Press St. There

was concern that these plans were intended for tourists, and not residents, or they would extend all the way to Poland Avenue. Also, people are concerned that no matter the route, the line won't be effective unless it extends past the current closing time of 11 PM, leaving our city's service industry without a usable transportation system. However, the most persistent comment was that this is just the latest study, and that every few years a new study is begun, forgetting the previous studies and the money that has already been spent. This is just the beginning, and there will be more meetings later in the summer. We will continue to inform you through the FMIA newsletter, Facebook page and our General Meetings.

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Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim

Can we really give up plastic? Eliminating plastic is extremely difficult. Plastic is versatile and durable. The problem is that plastic never goes away and can last forever. "It takes hundreds of years to break down through a process of photodegradation. Basically, plastic only disintegrates if it is exposed to UV rays which break its structural bonds apart — and even when this happens, it never truly goes away, it just becomes tons of microscopic pieces of plastic." (Onegreenplanet.org/crushplastic)

Some Facts

- 8.3 billion metric tons of plastic created from 1950s to today is floating around the ecosystem
- The impact on marine wildlife is horrendous; 50% of sea turtles have plastic in their stomachs, 700 marine animals are faced with extinction due to plastic and by 2050, 99% of all seabirds will have ingested plastic waste
- Plastic litters the world's beaches, street and landfill sites
- Chemicals used in plastic containers are Phthalates and Bisphenol. They are a potential damage to human health, extra risk to babies and children



- In the U.S., 1,500 plastic water bottles are consumed every second
- Globally, we produce 300 million tons of plastic every year, 78% not reclaimed or recycled
- 100 billion plastic bags manufactured uses 12 million barrels of oil
- Reused plastic bags can harbor bacteria and be a health hazard
- We use 500 million plastic straws every day in the United States

Alternatives to Help Reduce the Number of Plastic Products

- Items in the home: Use cotton cloths instead of sponges for washing. If you use a sponge, you can wash and reuse them when they get grubby. Use ecofriendly containers for left overs. Instead of plastic bags, use washable bags.
- Packaging items: Have you noticed that manufacturers are switching to paper packaging such as eggs, coffee, washing power and cat litter just to name a few. Consider bringing your own reusable bags for fruit and vegetables.

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- **Smash your Trash:** Recycle all the items that are accepted and notice that the amount of trash you put out is diminished.
- **Gardens and patios:** Plastic planters are cheap but not durable. Think about using terracotta and/or ceramic pots in your garden. They will last a long time and age beautifully.
- **Water bottles:** Use of refillable and reusable water bottles are responsible, ecofriendly, not toxic and lead-free. There are many non-BPA products in the marketplace. The key is to remember to use it. A relatively new alternative is an edible water bubble. A startup company called Skipping Rocks Lab in the UK is the maker of an edible water bubble, Ooho. Their goal is to replace the plastic bottle. The packaging costs less, eliminates plastic and can also be used for soft drinks and liquor. The Ooho bubble is made from seaweed and is biodegradable and edible. It is fun to use by either tearing a hole and slurping the inside out and/or popping it in your mouth. Just think, a margarita bubble! The company is ambitious and it will be interesting to see if the consumer is willing to abandon the convenience of the plastic bottle in exchange for an ecofriendly alternative.

The Future

- Companies are turning ocean plastic pollution from a problem to an opportunity. Eco entrepreneurs are adding recovered ocean plastic to the list of wardrobe innovations. The famous singer Pharrell has a clothing line that aims to put ocean plastic to good use. Partnered with clothing company G-Star Raw, they introduced denim that is partially made from ocean plastic. The line is called RAW for the Oceans. This clothing line has had three seasons and claims to have collected and repurposed two million plastic containers from beaches.
- Plastic Bank created a term called “social plastic” which treats discarded plastic as a form of currency. Individuals living in impoverished communities collect plastic from the coastlines or in the city and bring them to a recycling center where they are pelletized. In exchange, they may get money, Wifi access or electricity to charge their mobile phones. Social plastic may work for 3D printers. Lush Cosmetics and Seventh Generation uses social plastic for packaging products.

Marigny Green Tip Bit

To celebrate the National Bike Month, AAA is joining the campaign with a free guide to help keep everyone safe on the road. It is called *Safety Tips for Both Bicyclists and Motorists* available at a AAA office.



Calendar of Events

May 2018

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June 2018

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2509 Burgundy St.

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General Meeting

June 18, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy St.

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please send it to
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- RXBARS products do not use plastic in their packaging.
- In Germany, recycling is a common practice. Cash payments are given for used bottles.
- The first country to declare BPA a toxic substance in 2010 was Canada. Other countries such as the United States, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and France have taken steps to limit the use of BPA products.
- There is a ban on plastic straws in restaurants in some cities in California. The American Chemistry Council suggested that restaurants provide straws only when a customer asks for one.

How and where to begin the impossible of going plastic-free? The first step is the awareness of the problem. Next step is to believe that there is a problem with plastic and what it is doing to our planet. Then, decide what plastic product you will eliminate and as they say, DO IT! Take it as a challenge, one product at a time to reduce, recycle and reuse.

Meet the Neighbors



MTN has really gone to the dogs. Our April event at The **Big Easy Petshop** on Spain Street featured wine, cheese and all sorts of creatures great and small. Everyone was encouraged to bring their pets — it was a real blast! Next month's venue is still to be determined.

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



For those of you who have not yet been to a Meet the Neighbors function, it is open to all residents of the Faubourg Marigny, renters and owners alike. Its purpose is to give an opportunity for Marigny residents to get to know one another, while learning about all types of businesses in the area.

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Home Tour Spotlight:

Peter and Paul Complex, soon a Boutique Hotel

By Lisa Suarez

Though the construction will not be complete until late Summer or Autumn, part-owner Nathalie Jordi is kind enough to allow tour-goers to visit the continuing restoration of the church.

The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association (FMIA) is thrilled about the new use of what was a crumbling landmark in the Marigny Rectangle. Nathalie Jordi, co-owner, did it right. She began attending Board meetings back in 2013, observing how the organization and the community viewed development, and eager to participate in neighborhood process.

The FMIA Board had previously entertained a couple of ideas over the years since the church's closing in 2001, one for senior housing that no one would finance, and another for condos that would have subdivided the sanctuary for residences.

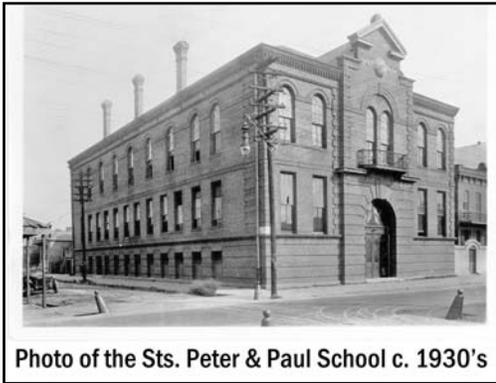


Photo of the Sts. Peter & Paul School c. 1930's

Partnered with Ari Heckman, founder and CEO of ASH NYC, a design, development, and hotel management firm (<http://ashnyc.com/team>), Nathalie's ideas for turning the school and rectory into a 71-room hotel, with the approximately 5,000-square-foot church renovated as a community space, emerged mid-2014. All through the process she has been accessible, especially to neighbors having to live so close to a construction site, through a website with updates and answers to concerns as they arise. <http://stpeterandpaul.blogspot.com/>

From an enthusiastic neighbor, (not on the Board), on August 7, 2014:

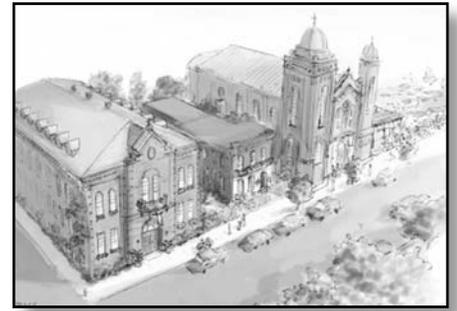
"As a thirty-three-year resident of Faubourg Marigny, I have witnessed many changes in our neighborhood: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I am happy that, under the watchful eyes of FMIA, many have been in the "good" category. The proposed boutique hotel project on the church grounds of Saint Peter and Paul belongs to another category altogether. "Brilliant" comes to mind.

We already know that visitors to New Orleans want to be in Marigny, but there are woefully few attractive accommodations for them, private (and

mostly illegal at that time) weekend rentals aside. These latter options, of course, have

already created problems of their own for residents in some neighborhoods.

Ms. Jordi's project is perfectly situated for tourists who want to experience Marigny and the French Quarter yet not have to endure the chaos of Frenchman and Bourbon Streets. But the most important aspect of this proposal is that it returns a beautiful and historic property to our neighborhood."



Some History

The community was promised an "extremely sensitive restoration," as the importance of the historical and architectural presence are not to be underestimated. Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and School was founded in 1848 to minister to Irish Catholics in the area and designed by 'Louisiana's architect' Irish-born Henry Howard (1818-1884), in partnership with architect Albert Diettel (1849-1896). The rectory was also designed by Howard, and built in 1875, demonstrating the outstanding versatility of his abilities.

"It [The Church] is considered a building of major architectural significance... a single space historic volume... It is simply one of two great public spaces in the Marigny. The other is Holy Trinity." (Now Marigny Opera House.) Dufour, Charles L."

Henry Howard: Forgotten Architect. *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians 11: 4 (December 1952): 21-4.*

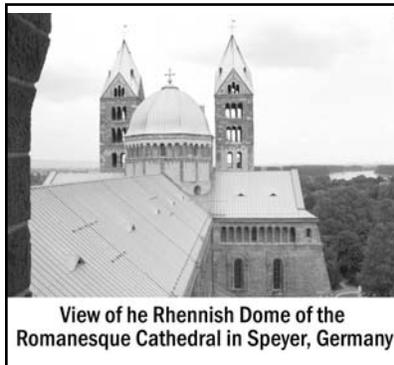
"The church [1860], facade remains today much as it was designed by Henry Howard. Original features of the Burgundy elevation were two impressive towers of different heights. Damage caused the taller tower to be lowered, but each retains its original topping...The applied and recessed brickwork forms an intricate surface pattern. The arch openings are outlined by both brick molds and splayed courses. The major interior alteration has been the loss of the ceiling frescoes, removed after the hurricane of 1915."

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Keith Marshall in the Times-Picayune, of June 1, 2015, in reviewing Robert Brantley's book, Henry Howard: Louisiana's Architect (co-published by Princeton Architectural Press and The Historic New Orleans Collection, 2015), relates that of Howard's designs, 90 urban and 12 rural buildings have survived. Four of the urban buildings are in the Marigny Rectangle: the church, the Franklin Temperance Hall built in 1859 at 1003 Spain at N. Rampart (altered and later a Masonic Lodge), the Larsen House for Martin O. Larsen in 1866 at 717-719 Franklin Avenue, and the adjacent Martin Residences built for Captain Peter Martin also in 1866 at 725-727 Franklin.



View of the Rhennish Dome of the Romanesque Cathedral in Speyer, Germany

Howard learned the architectural trade in his father's business in Cork, Ireland. He arrived in New Orleans in 1837 and practiced in the city between 1844 and 1884, within the realities of yellow fever, the Civil War, Reconstruction, financial booms and busts, and the shaping of the city's built environment.

From the Brantley book: "In March 1860 Howard began working on his last major church commission of the antebellum period, St. Peter's Church [the name on the cornerstone] on Burgundy Street between Marigny and Mandeville Streets. The builder was Daniel Mulligan (1821-1874). Howard designed the church while he was still in partnership with Albert Diettel... Saint Paul was added in 1863... On January 7, 1862, The Daily Picayune reported that the church was to be dedicated the following Sunday and noted that the steeple, at 177 feet, was the highest in town. Emerging from a tower on the facade's left side, [there is an] interesting Rhenish Dome reminiscent of the central dome atop the Cathedral in Speyer, Germany."

Besides the "Rhenish Dome," (from the area of the River Rhine in central Germany,) Brantley points out that the influence of Albert Diettel "may explain some of the heavy brick work." It's worth noting that he was a trained architect from Dresden, Germany, who most probably had studied Romanesque Architecture in his homeland.

From the Times Picayune April 26, 1998: "Saints Peter and Paul was created after the Diocese of New Orleans dispatched an Irish-born priest, the Rev. Cornelius Moynihan, to organize the English-speaking Catholics of what was known then as the Third Municipality, now Faubourg Marigny... in April 1848, and the parish considers that to be its birth date... Moynihan and two of his

successors, his nephew, the Rev. Jeremiah Moynihan, and the Rev. Bartholomew Kenny, are buried under the church's floor..."

The church's two towers look more similar today than they did before time and the weather took their toll. In 1911, a 40-foot spire atop the taller tower burned after lightning struck it and was not replaced. In

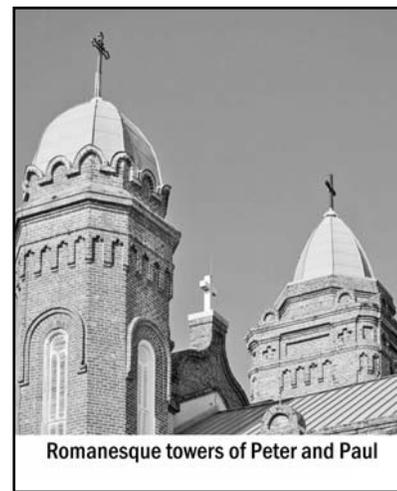
1934, a brick belfry that brought the tower up to 125 feet had to be shortened to 100 feet to get rid of some of the weight that was making it sag. In 1915, a hurricane ripped the roof off the church. The main altar was condemned for a short time in the 1930s because the arch over it had been weakened by the leaning tower. (The church closed in 2001 during a Parish consolidation.)

The school, where most of the hotel rooms will be located, closed in 1992, was designed by the architectural firm of Diboll & Owen, and built in 1898. Both of those men had their own places in history.

In 1895, Collins C. Diboll (1868-1936) became associated with Mr. Owen, under the firm name of Diboll & Owen, and after 1907, Diboll, Owen & Goldstein. The firm was responsible for the Academy of the Sacred Heart (1900), Prytania Street Presbyterian church (1901), of which Mr. Diboll was a deacon, the International House Hotel (1906), the Carnegie library (Algiers Point, 1907), Pythian Temple (1909), a restoration of St. Louis cathedral (1918), and many others. He was a member of the Pickwick Club and the American Institute of Architects. His more famous son, Collins C. Diboll, Jr. (1904-1987), also an architect, was responsible for initiating the Diboll Private Foundation.

General Allison Owen (1869-1951) was an architect, educator, preservationist and military leader, who lectured on architectural history at Tulane, served as a dean of Loyola University's architecture school and was president of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He was a dedicated preservation advocate who believed that the buildings of the Vieux Carré were "actual heirlooms of the past." In the 1890s, he participated in the fight to save the Cabildo from demolition.

New Orleans has come a long way from wholesale demolition of the past for the shiny new, and some of the neglect of buildings both humble and grand. We still require vigilance of those who would nibble at the edges of our heritage, as well as those who do not plan with sensitivity for the integration of density and scale.



Romanesque towers of Peter and Paul

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FESS UP! Presenting a new DVD and book of essays about the legendary pianist, Professor Longhair. Wednesday, May 2nd, 5:30 pm. Meet the makers and celebrate the release of Fess Up! Includes a previously unreleased feature length interview with the Professor himself, and an accompanying book of essays and rarely seen photos.

In the Garden Writers' Workshop: This month, workshop participants will present their work. The reading will be hosted by local author Delia Tomino Nakayama. Delia is

a poet, singer/songwriter, painter, teacher and community arts organizer. Originally from the Bay Area, she moved to New Orleans in 2003. The



José Torres-Tama

reading will be Saturday, May 12th, from 2:00-3:45 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, May 17th, 6:00-7:30 pm. Immigrant Dreams and Alien Nightmares reading, performance and book signing presented by Jose' Torres-Tama. This debut collection documents twenty-five years of José Torres-Tama's poetry in his unique bilingual voice. Labeled a "Permanent Resident Alien" during his entry into GringoLandia at the age of 7 in 1968, he explores the psychic, physical, and open wounds of an Ecuadorian immigrant balancing two

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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.

Compost at Alvar: Thursday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm (now starting and ending ½ hour earlier!)

Please note: There will be no compost collections on days NOPL is closed.

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

Workforce Development Series at NOPL:

Bring Your Résumé Night

Algiers Regional Library on Thursday, May 3rd 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.

Customer Service Skills

Algiers Regional Library on Thursday, May 10th at 6pm

This workshop is for small business owners. Let's address your problem areas as defined by you. Learn how to improve your staff's customer service skills.

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This letter was sent to the City Planning Commission expressing the FMIA's concerns regarding Short Term Rentals for consideration by the Commission as it once again studies the issue:



New Orleans City Planning Commission
1300 Perdido St, Suite 7W03
New Orleans, LA 70112

City Council Motion M-18-73

Dear Commissioners:

After over a year, the City Planning Commission is being asked to identify mistakes to the Short Term Rental regulations, and recommend changes. We are excited by this opportunity, and would like to make the following suggestions:

Homestead Exemption Requirement

We are in favor of that. However, that is not what Airbnb has become. The vast majority of Short Term Rentals in New Orleans are Whole House rentals. And a large number of those are owned by out of town investors that gobble up properties as soon as they hit the convert them to Short Term Rentals. Citizens are being pushed out of neighborhoods like ours, and properties are sitting vacant during the week, waiting for bachelor parties on the weekend. Additionally, no one is on the premises to address any parties that get out of do simple things like push the trash to the curb. Those chores are left to the neighbors. Requiring a Homestead Exemption for any property to qualify as a STR would make sure that the property is maintained, that an actual neighbor would be participating in the "sharing economy", and that whole homes would not be eliminated from the housing stock, allowing our neighborhood still a in which New Orleanians can live, eat and sleep all week.

Density Limits

The Faubourg Marigny the French Quarter, which has a moratorium on STR's, except for certain blocks of Bourbon Street. This moratorium has put intense pressure on our neighborhood, with the highest number of STR's in the Marigny and Treme. Our neighborhood has lost its neighbors, making it an isolated and vacant place during the week while waiting for customers



during the weekend. We moved to our neighborhood, and renovated our homes, and fought to protect a unique Historic District, with the characteristics of an actual neighborhood. While a Homestead Exemption Requirement would eliminate many of these problems, we believe that a density limit of 2 STR licenses per block would limit the disappearance of neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the French Quarter, and evenly distribute STR's throughout the city, allowing neighborhoods to maintain their integrity and character.

Platform Data Sharing

It is essential that STR platforms be required to share their data with Code Enforcement. The City of New Orleans complied with Airbnb's demand that they not be required to provide data from their customers to the City of New Orleans. This has hamstrung the city's enforcement mechanism, and given the platforms a control over their regulation that we can't remember another industry being granted by the City. The platforms should be required to verify that an accurate license number is included in the listing. They should also provide full access to their data to the City, to assist in enforcement. This is our City, and corporations should not be dictating rules to us if they want to do business in our city.

While there are many rules and regulations to be considered, we feel these would be most impactful. We would look forward to the results of your study, and a process that involves true citizen input.

Sincerely,
Allen Johnson
President

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April Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

The 5th District New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) had seven Citizens and 18 Officers attending. The main topic was the recent rash of robberies linked to a grey or dark-colored two-door car with no license plate.

- On Friday, April 6, at 10:30 p.m., a 22-year-old woman was robbed of her purse and cell phone on the 800 block of Clouet. Neighbors on Bywater NextDoor posted a description of the car.
- On Saturday, April 7, a 28-year-old man was robbed of his wallet in the Carrolton neighborhood by two men getting out of possibly the same car.
- A 29-year-old man was robbed by two men in a similar car on the 1800 block of N. Rampart about 12:20 a.m.
- A man and a woman were robbed at Frenchmen and N. Rampart at 12:30 a.m.
- A few minutes later a man and a woman were robbed of their backpack and wallet by two men who got out of a similar vehicle at St. Ferdinand and Dauphine.

The New Orleans Advocate reported on Sunday, April 10, that two men, both 19, and a juvenile, 15, had been arrested after a weeklong spree in Marigny, Bywater and Uptown. After a tip that a car matching the description of the one used in the hold-ups was parked outside a home

in the 2000 block of Feliciana Street, in the Upper Ninth Ward, with a lot of people coming and going, a search warrant was obtained, though the suspects stayed inside until Special Operations arrived.

Commander Young began by giving credit to Detective Chad Cockerham, reminding us about knowing sources in the community. He then laid the story out about a car stolen March 27th from the 2000 block of Camp Street, and the robberies beginning March 31st in the 1000 block of Bordeaux, April 1 the 2300 block of Marais, April 4 at Prytania and Josephine, plus the 1600 block of Pauger, as well as the 1400 block of Urania.

They picked up again Thursday, April 5 on the 2500 block of N. Rampart, and then those listed above on the Friday and Saturday. The biggest clue came from the 1800 block of N. Rampart, with the car being identified as a Honda Accord, which was then seen on Sunday during WrestleMania by undercover State Troopers, to whom the Commander also gave much credit.

It was Sgt. Lacabe who decided to surround the house, where the mother said, "You're going to have to go in and get 'em." Special Ops was then called. Multiple wallets,

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purses, phones, an Ipad from a car burglary, and a gun magazine, but no gun, were found in the house.

“You can’t run from possession of people’s I.D, so these arrests are solid,” said the Commander. “This was a combination of effort of the 2nd District, the 6th District, and the State Troopers, but the 5th District did most of the work, and again Detective Cockerham distinguished himself.” There was an enthusiastic round of applause.

Then it was time for the statistics: A 6% reduction (652 vs. 697) in Uniform Crime Reports (UCRs) from the same time last year. Homicides were down 1 (11 vs. 12); a large reduction in Shootings, 48 by this time last year vs. 15 this year; Armed Robbery down 18%, with Simple Robbery down substantially, 62%.

Community Engagement occasions were noted; the Lower Nine on March 22nd, where errant truck traffic is an enduring problem, and on the 25th there was a clean-up in St. Roch with a 5-piece band, and the Mayor elect, LaToya Cantrell made an appearance. A goodbye to Mayor Landrieu was held early April 2, with meet and greets for Ms. Cantrell and Councilmember-Elect Cyndi Nguyen in the Lower Nine later that same day.

Kudos from attending community members for professional handling of the recent Second Line on A.P. Tureaud, (7th Ward) with people hanging out until 7 p.m.

A request was made to look up a previous Alcoholic Beverage Control ruling about a required closing time for a corner store near Hardin Park at Allen and Rocheblave. The neighbors recalled it was supposed to be 9 p.m., which is not being observed.

It was reported that the folks who have the contract on the former Naval Support Facility on Poland Avenue have now welded an industrial lock onto the front gate, which had previously been left wide open.

Officer numbers at the 5th are still stabilized around 80. There has been attrition through two promotions, but also two additions: Lt. Davellier, a robbery specialist who comes to the 5th from the 8th, and Special Ops Sgt. Jackson.

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