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June 6, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

Next General Meeting

June 18, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting  
St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
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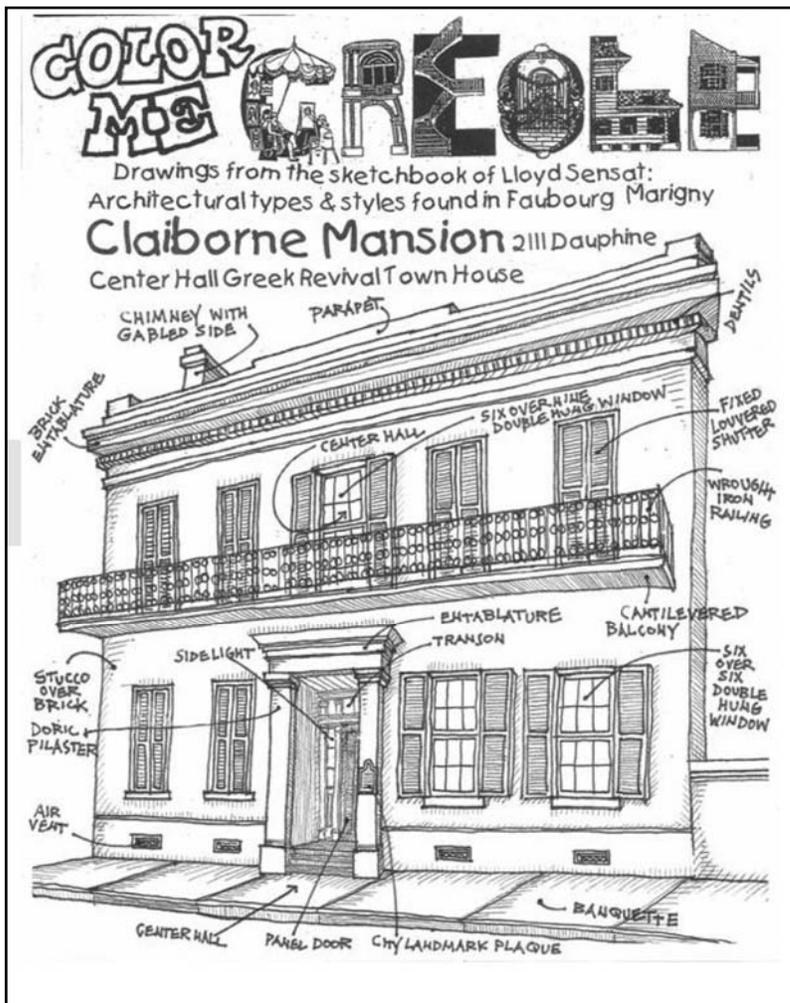
## Les Amis de Marigny

June 2018

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

*"This is the ninth 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  
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Center Hall Greek Revival Town House: 1830-1865  
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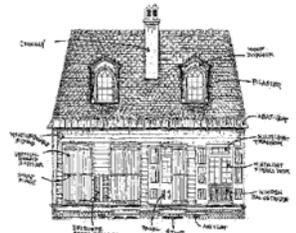
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Drawings from the sketchbook of Lloyd Sensat  
Architectural types & styles found in Faubourg Marigny



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### Claiborne Mansion: 2111 Dauphine

By Eugene Cizek & Lloyd Sensat

As more and more Americans moved to the Creole city of New Orleans, they brought with them their own architectural ideals. One of these was the Greek Revival style which drew its inspiration from the architecture of ancient Greece. The architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe introduced this style to New Orleans. The classicism of the American town house was manifested by detailing rather than the temple form. Two characteristic features are a very wide entablature with denticulated cornice just below the roof line and a classic entrance with paneled doors flanked by glass sidelights and rectangular transoms.

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# Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

## Crime

Usually in this space, I discuss the traditional issues that the FMIA deals with, such as zoning issues, quality of life concerns, and changes coming to our neighborhood. But it seems wrong not to mention the uptick of crime in our neighborhood, most notably some high profile robberies and shooting along St. Claude. There is no doubt in my mind that the NOPD is doing everything that they can, but they are simply understaffed and overwhelmed by a criminal element that knows this, thus further emboldening them. It will take quite a while for the NOPD to hold enough police classes to bring staffing levels to the



correct level, but there is something we all can do to help. We routinely post bulletins from the NOPD on our Facebook page, and add these notices to our eblasts. Please pay attention to these notices, and contact the NOPD if you can be of assistance.

## Short Term Rentals

I would like to go one month without writing about Short term Rentals, but it just doesn't seem possible. On April 24th, the City Planning Commission held a hearing to solicit comments from the public regarding their feelings about the current system and what changes should be made. This was the first step in a study that was requested by the outgoing City Council. This study will be released in June by the City Planning Commission, at which point the City Council will take on the issue, and vote on the proposals. As we all remember, STR's were a major issue in the elections, and many of the candidates (especially District C Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer), said they were in favor increasing the regulations. Requiring all STR's to have a Homestead Exemption on the property being rented, and data sharing from the platforms to the City (so that the City can better track properties and insure enforcement), are at the forefront of the



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## About the Newsletter

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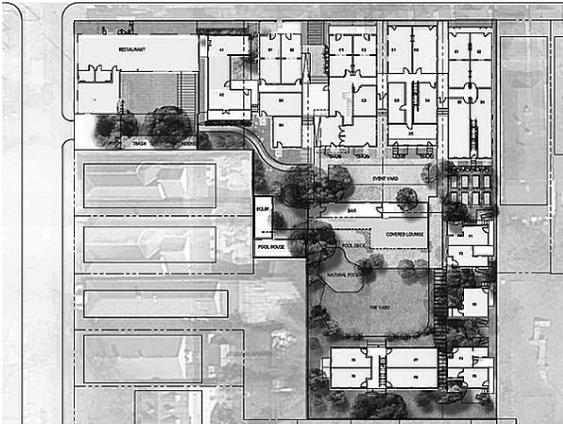
discussion and many people believe that those two changes will fundamentally change the environment, restricting the business to actual New Orleanians who live on the premises, rather than large out of state investors that don't live on the property, which leaves it up to their neighbors to police whatever parties happen there. Additionally, the FMIA is asking for density limits of two STR licenses per block. Because of our proximity to the French Quarter, which has a complete ban on STR's, our neighborhood has been inundated with STR's. We feel that density limits will allow us to retain our neighborhood culture, while allowing citizens to rent out part of their homes and generate supplemental income.

\*\*\*NOTE: Events in the world of Short Term Rentals proceeded apace since Allen penned this.

Please see BREAKING NEWS at right. 🖱️ 🖱️ 🖱️

### Sun Yard

As you are no doubt aware by now, the outgoing City Council voted against a zoning change that would have allowed a hotel project to go forward on St. Claude. The developers purchased as much property as they could in this block, and created a jigsaw-puzzle piece shaped development that would have put outdoor pools, bars and restaurants against people's backyards.



The FMIA wrote a letter to the City Council urging them to vote against this proposal, because of our great concern that this would be used to justify similarly sized (if not larger) projects up and down St. Claude. I was in awe as I watched the neighbors, led by Megan Kiefer, as they organized their campaign, met with City Councilmembers, and generated a huge turnout at the City Council meeting. It was inspiring to watch them, and very inspiring, as I must say we all picked up some pointers. Congratulations on a job well done!

### BREAKING NEWS!!

As you are aware, the New Orleans City Council, on May 24th, took up the issue of Short Term Rentals at their first meeting. I believe that this was very significant, as it showed this new City Council will not be hesitant when it comes to addressing the issues that they campaigned on. The City Council unanimously agreed to ask the City Planning Commission to begin a new study, replacing the study that the old Council had previously requested. This new study is more specific, in that it directs the CPC to look at Charleston, Savannah, Nashville and Austin, four Southern cities with large hospitality economies, to study their methods.

Additionally, the City Council unanimously agreed to an "Interim Zoning District" in Historic Districts, instituting a 9-month ban of the renewal or issuance of "Temporary" licenses" (which provide for Whole House Rentals in residential properties) in neighborhoods like ours. These rentals are a major issue for our neighborhood, and are one of the major concerns we shared with the City Planning Commission. If this were to be followed by a similar treatment of houses on properties that are zoned Commercial, it would accomplish the FMIA's goal of preserving the STR industry for citizens that live on the property, meaning that the dreaded fraternity and bachelor parties stop becoming a part of our every weekend life. This first meeting was just one step, but a HUGE first step, as many of the comments showed that the people and the new City Council share our goals of requiring the online platforms to share their data with the city, in order to benefit enforcement, and pursuing density limits in sensitive neighborhoods like the Marigny, Bywater, St. Roch and Tremé.

Let's celebrate the day, as many people have seen what we warned about from the beginning, but remember that there is more work to be done in the next year.

**So, let's take advantage  
of this time,  
and protect the  
Historic Neighborhood  
that we love.**

# Marigny Green News

By Deborah Oppenheim

After writing last month's article about giving up plastic, I thought I was on top of the plastic dilemma. I always take a reusable drinking cup, bring my bags when I go shopping, do not chew gum and shred paper to use for packing items. Then I took an assessment of the plastic products I use in the house and found out that there was a lot more I could do. Therefore, I decided to choose two plastic products that I would eliminate.

The first was to eliminate the big water bottles that I use upstairs. It is important to know one's options for water filtration systems such as: Under Counter/on the Counter Water Filters, Reverse Osmosis Filters, Faucet Filters and Pitcher Filter. The system you choose should reduce key contaminants such as asbestos, lead, chloramines, mercury, VOCs, (volatile organic compounds), Cysts (single-celled protozoan parasites commonly found in rivers/lakes where there is sewage and animal waste) and Turbidity (measure of cloudiness in water). There are pros and cons for each type and choosing what would best for you is your choice. For more information <http://www.waterfiltercomparisons.com/drinking-water-filters-reviews> and <https://www.biggerkeywaterfilters.com/>



The second was learning and finding out about reusable drinking straws. I love using straws and eliminating the cute, colorful drinking straws was a challenge. I know why I like straws because they help prevent teeth stains from coffee/tea and makes cold drinks more enjoyable. Reusable straws come in all colors, and in different types of materials such as glass, stainless steel and silicone. Some top suggestions for reusable drinking straws are: <https://simplystraws.com/>



- SipWell Stainless Steel Drinking Straws — They are stain-free, rustproof and scratch proof. These straws are made to last, sturdy and without metallic aftertaste.
- Bubba Big Reusable Straws — they are made from Bubba Envy line of products, can be used for hot/cold drinks, BPS free and dishwasher safe and food-grade silicone straw.
- Hummingbird Glass Straws — can be used for hot/cold drinks, lead-free, glass is nontoxic, no harmful chemicals, shatterproof and resist breaking and very durable.
- Rainbow Colored Replacement Acrylic Straws — work best for cold drinks, not wide enough for smoothies, BPA free that can crack if dropped and dishwasher safe.
- GreenPaxx — Reusable Straws are unique because they come with two interlocking pieces that can elongate the straw for a taller cup, don't conduct heat or cold, soft, safe, food grade silicone, toxin free, don't damage the teeth, dishwasher safe good for children and good for smoothies and shakes. GreenPaxx donates a portion of profits to the Plastic Pollution Coalition.

I took the challenge and eliminate two products to help wage the war against plastic pollution.

The abysmal depth and extent of the task before us ought to be never as inexhaustible and boundless as our dedication and compelling strive to greater changes.

*"The impossible missions are the only ones which succeed."*

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## Calendar of Events

June 2018

### Board Meeting

June 6, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

### Meet the Neighbors

Wednesday, June 13  
Kebab, 2315 St Claude Ave.

### General Meeting

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

July 2018

### Board Meeting

July 11, 7 pm,  
2509 Burgundy St.

### Meet the Neighbors

Date & Venue TBD

### General Meeting

No General Meeting for July

**Happy Summer!**

## 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  
editor@faubourgmarigny.org*



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# Sts. Peter & Paul Renovation Update

By Nathalie Jordi

Hi everyone! Here's the update on our progress at the Hotel Peter & Paul (we finally picked a name – tried a bunch and decided none were as good as the original!)

## Accomplished

- Site work is nearly complete (sidewalks, planting beds, parking lot, fence)
- School front doors installed
- Masonry restoration complete
- Interior painting nearly complete
- Tile and wood floor installation nearly complete

## Ongoing

- Elevator install
- Rectory bar millwork and lobby check-in desk are being constructed uptown
- Church interior plaster restoration
- Repainting church façade – 1st try color came out strange so doing over
- Developing F&B offering in ground floor of rectory
- Actively seeking a General Manager!



Rectory courtyard brick work complete



School doors installed according to 1899 Diboll & Owens drawings (transom glazing to come)

## Upcoming

- 3rd floor stage mural
- Branding, website
- Kitchen equipment install
- Arrival at the Port of a 40-foot container of European antiques we bought that will be repaired, rewired, reupholstered, etc.
- Landscaping and site lighting

We were a stop on the FMIA Home Tour on Sunday, May 20. Only the church was open (disclaimer, it is still very much under construction). If you want a deeper dive another time, I very willingly give tours, email me at [nathalie.jordi@gmail.com](mailto:nathalie.jordi@gmail.com).

We still anticipate opening this fall. Thank you for your patience as we approach the final stretch. Our nearby neighbors have been amazingly persevering and tolerant, and we really appreciate it.

## The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual FMIA Home & Garden Tour

As of press time for the Home Tour accompanying booklet, we were not able to include these

### Thank-You's:

Michalopoulos and Old New Orleans Rum for their generous contribution of Rum and Gingeroo, arranged for by Tatianna Macchione, and poured by Sierra Fitzgerald at the Den of Muses After-Party.

### Volunteers:

Gary DeLeaument  
Karen & Michael Leathem  
Tommy Janatik  
Steve Halpern  
Kyu Kim  
Paul Single

**Next Month: Photos!**

## Meet the Neighbors

May MTN was held at **Morrow's** on St. Claude.



They served up some delicious appetizers including Korean style Lettuce Wraps and Sesame Ginger Wings.

Next month:

**Kebab**, 2315 St Claude on Wednesday, June 13 from 6:30 to 8 pm.



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

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Note the simplicity, strength and dignity of this style. New York architect Minard Lafever popularized the style with the publication of his pattern books.

The Americans also introduced the concept of a hallway. The Creoles considered halls wasted space.

The center hall house is an urban extension of the plantation type.

This is one of the grandest houses in the neighborhood: built on the banquette, two stories, of brick

construction with separate kitchen, large service building and patio. It is an outstanding example of the emerging American influence in Faubourg Marigny. The house is raised above ground level and features a center hall entrance detailed in the Greek Revival manner.

Its interior has a double parlor with pocket doors with Greek key surrounds. One of the trademarks of Greek Revival is the Greek key doorway. This is characterized by a slightly overlapping lintel and a slight

flaring out of the face of the surround from the top to the bottom. In response to the subtropical climate, the house has much higher ceilings than its Northern counterparts. The epitome of the Greek Revival style is reflected in the restraint and classic simplicity of both the interior and exterior of this great house. A bronze plaque identifying this building as a city landmark was affixed by the Orleans Parish Landmarks Commission in 1962.

The mansion was built in 1859 by William C.C. Claiborne II. He was the son of our first American Governor. Samuel Stewart was the American builder. Claiborne's half sister, Sophronia Louise, married Bernard de Marigny's son, Mandeville. It was owned by the Claiborne family until 1919.

When owned by Cecil Burglass, the house was used as a meeting place for civic groups. It was here, in 1972, that the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association was formed. Appropriately, thirty years later the same house is often the focus for neighborhood house tours. The current owner is Cleo Pelleteri. The restoration architect was Robert Cangelosi, Jr.

Next Month:  
Gardere-Claiborne House





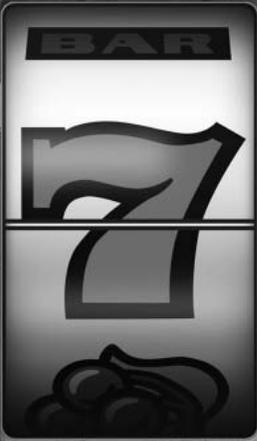
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# Speaking Volumes

By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

It's summer time---and you'll never be bored---because it's time for NOPL's Summer Fun and Reading Challenge! Check out our website to see the events at all locations: <http://nolalibrary.org/>

We have numerous programs for children, teens and adults here at Alvar Library this summer. Here's a list of all of our events for June and July:

## Ongoing programs:

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS 1-2 PM, Second Harvest Snack Site – Free after-school snacks and meals offered on a first-come, first-served basis for youth.

TUESDAYS, 11 AM, Toddler Story Time – Open to all families and caregivers with children age 5 and under.

THURSDAYS, 10 AM-12 PM, Drop-In Medicaid Assistance with Odyssey House – A representative from Odyssey House is available to assist with Medicaid applications and questions. Odyssey House can also assist in answering questions such as: Why should I go to the doctor when I'm not sick? How often should I get tested for STIs? What is a co-pay? I have a loved one who is suffering from addiction, what resources are out there for them? How can I find affordable health care?

THURSDAYS, 11 AM-1 PM, One-on-One Computer Tutoring – Designed for those who are just beginning to learn about technology or who would like to grow their digital skills and utilize the many digital resources the library offers.

THURSDAYS, 5:30-7 PM, Community Composting with Compost NOW – Bring your frozen food scraps to our weekly food waste drop-off. For more information, visit [nolalibrary.org](http://nolalibrary.org).

SATURDAYS IN JUNE, 2-4 PM, Poet is a Verb: How Poets Drive Change – New Orleans poet, writer, performer, and actor Valentine Pierce leads a five-part workshop teaching teens how to write and perform spoken word with meaningful rhymes. The multi-talented Ms. Pierce is the author of the poetry books, *Geometry of the Heart* and *Up Decatur* and recently appeared in the Tennessee Williams play, "Vieux Carre" Teens can sign up at the circulation desk, or just come to any session. You do not have to have



Valentine Pierce

any experience in writing or performing. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to attend all five sessions. The last session will be a reading/performance by participating young poets. For ages 12 - 19. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored in part by a grant from Poets & Writers.

## Standalone Programs:

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd, 12-2 PM, Summer Fun & Reading Challenge Kick-Off Party – Start your summer the 'cool' way with free ice cream sundaes. Sign up for our reading challenge and participate in fun activities for all ages.

MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 4-6 PM, Pet Rocks – Start off the Summer Fun & Reading Challenge by making your own pet rock. All supplies are included to make a low-maintenance pet.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 6-7:30 PM, New Orleans 300: Freedom Train – Join Keith Weldon Medley for a look at how the power of activism by New Orleans' free people of color led to the Plessy v. Ferguson case.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, 2-4 PM, Model Theater Workshop & Puppet Show – Make puppets in Miss Pussycat's workshop immediately followed by a live puppet show. For ages 13 - 19.

MONDAY, JUNE 11th, 2-3:30 PM, DIY Phone Grips – Create custom grips with strong adhesive that ensure firm contact with most devices/cases and multi-functional bands that serve as stands and drop protection for devices. For ages 10 - 18.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th, 2-4 PM, DIY Crown Craft – Make a crown using pipe cleaners and beads.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th, 6-7:30 PM, History of Burlesque – When burlesque first arrived, it took America by storm. As the country has changed so has the art form. Pull up a chair, take out paper and pen as the Bluestockings strip away the layers of history: from the first American burlesque show in the 1800s, through the Golden Age of New Orleans burlesque, to the modern day. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

Whether you can afford a vacation or not this summer, you can join us for Barcation! THURSDAY, June 14th 6:00-7:30 PM, BJs in the Bywater, 4301 Burgundy Street

Welcome back to Barcation! What is Barcation? A Reading by local authors. Each author has five minutes to read a poem or a story, or just tell a story. Themes for Barcation 2018 are: a bar, a vacation, a vacation in a bar, summer vacation, or just summer. There will be a sign-up sheet at

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the bar for those interested in reading. Light refreshments will be served. Age 21 and up.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15th, 11 AM, Bugmobile – The Bugmobile is a mobile education program that offers up-close encounters with insects from your own backyard and around the world as well as engaging, hands-on activities about life-cycles, habitats, classification, and more. For ages 3 - 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19th, 2-4 PM, DIY Accessories Workshop – Make beaded accessories for all skill levels and ages.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th, 8-9:30 PM, Alvar Microcinema – The Alvar Microcinema is an outdoor screening series dedicated to the exhibition of independent works projected on sixteen millimeter film. In the event of questionable weather, the screening will take place indoors.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd, 11 AM, Pop-Up Hoop Jam – Pop-Up Jams bring family and friends, old and young together in fun and movement with hula hoops. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 11 AM-2 PM, Tambourine Craft – Decorate a paper tambourine, fill it with beans, and start shaking.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 4 PM, Soul Food & Soul Music – Learn about the beginnings of soul food and what it means today with a cooking demonstration and soul music playlist. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29th, 10:30 AM, Epic Bubble Get Down – Bubble-making is an irresistible delight to everyone. Giant bubbles will transform your space, creating magic and whimsy. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

TUESDAY, July 3rd, 2-4 PM, Crayon Batik—Batik is a method of wax-based fabric dyeing. Come learn about this ancient art and make your very own beautiful crayon batik drawing to take home. It's fun, easy, and for all ages.

THURSDAY, July 5th, 2-4 PM, Sip and Paint—Sip sparkling apple juice while you learn to paint a picture with your friends. For ages 10-18.

FRIDAY, July 6th, 11 AM-12 PM, Irwin Royes - World's Smallest Magician – Watch fantastic magic from a local favorite, the world's smallest magician. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, July 11th, 11 AM, Coco movie matinee—Join all your friends at Alvar to eat popcorn and watch a matinee of the animated Pixar hit Coco. For all ages.

FRIDAY, July 13th, 11 AM, Wetland Express – The Wetland Express is a mobile educational program that

offers an up-close, hands-on experience with some of our wetlands' most important inhabitants. Children will learn about the wildlife that depends on the wetlands for their homes, meals, and nurseries in order to help foster future stewardship and protect one of Louisiana's most important resources. Sponsored by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

TUESDAY, July 17th, 2-4 PM, DIY Accessories Workshop – Make beaded accessories for all skill levels and ages.

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# April Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

Due to the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial, the May 9 New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) was cancelled.

Here are the notes that were to be used.

Stats from NOLA.com | Times-Picayune:

Gary Scheets, a spokesman for NOPD, noted that nonfatal shootings in the 5th District are down compared to last year. There were 26 nonfatal shooting incidents in the 5th District as of May 1 in 2017, including the May 1st shooting of five people marking the 22nd nonfatal shooting incident this year in the 5th District. Gun murders in the 5th District have kept pace with last year's fatal shootings. 14 people have been fatally shot in the 5th District so far this year, the same number of fatal gun victims as of May 1, 2017.

Compiled from NextDoor, as of May 8, 2017

13 Apr. Car break in. 2238 N Rampart 4:05 pm  
Thefts along Mandeville and N. Rampart

Varying groups of people breaking in around midnight and later over at least four nights in the last week. Three houses along the 2400 block of N Rampart and at least one along 900 block of Mandeville. Bike, leaf blower, power washer, copper pipes among the stuff taken. Bolt cutters used to enter sheds and fences.

19 Apr. Girl was beaten at the corner of Mandeville and N. Rampart last night by a group of teens, posted on Reddit: [https://www.reddit.com/r/NewOrleans/comments/8devc2/be\\_safe\\_teens\\_in\\_the\\_marnigny\\_put\\_my\\_gf\\_in\\_the/?st=JG6NDL2I&sh=90c1b0ac](https://www.reddit.com/r/NewOrleans/comments/8devc2/be_safe_teens_in_the_marnigny_put_my_gf_in_the/?st=JG6NDL2I&sh=90c1b0ac)

4/19/18 backyard bike theft at 701 Spain St. on Climbed my neighbor's fence and stole a bicycle around 5:00 a.m. on Thurs., April 19. security camera video <https://vimeo.com/265789773>

Attempted bike theft. 5:38 pm on the 700 block of St Roch Ave. Jumped fence, entered three different

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yards. Took bike from one. Broke into storage of another.

20 Apr. Group of teens tried to approach us on the corner of Dauphine & St. Roch. Once we noticed them, one tried to split off from the group and get behind us.

We were alert and had our dogs with us so we were able to keep them in front of us. They camped out on stoops waiting for us to walk back past them but our dogs started barking, alerting another neighbor to come outside.

We watched them check the car doors down 2400 block of Dauphine. They got into a white van that was unlocked but couldn't see if they got anything. Reported to NOPD, who responded very quickly.

22 Apr. Marigny, Around 10 pm near Royal and Franklin. 3 teens on bikes carrying big metal sticks followed me for three blocks by my house off Royal.

Got off their bikes and were approaching me. I called someone and ran to a bar for help; I was walking home from work, and they crossed my path. I notice they had the poles, so I jogged over

to Royal where it's busier. They changed direction to follow me. Super lucky I noticed them, and was close to home.

24 Apr. Home invasion on the corner of Dauphine and Marigny around 6am. Man and woman together entering home. Man left with a blue backpack leaving the woman behind.

NOPD and investigators just picked up the robbers and found nearly all the items and placed them under arrest. Additional stolen items from other recent robberies were found as well. Huge thanks to NOPD - blown away by that response time.

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**Members in Attendance**

Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Joel Ross, Mark Malouse, Lisa Suarez

Late are: Simone Cifuentes, Jeff Bromberger

Absent are: Troy Gant, Matt Del Vecchio

Guests: Cap Black from the Healing Center, Elisa Cool

Meeting called to order at 7:08

**Topic 0 – Greetings, Quorum**

President’s Report – Allen Johnson – Allen has been attending many meetings with few attendees regarding projects around the neighborhood and Short Term Rentals. VCPORA thanked the FMIA for attending the Rampart Street Sidney Torres meeting. They have a court hearing on Thursday.

Treasurer’s Report – Gretchen Bomboy – Half of our existing cash account is dedicated to several set asides and projects. FMIA will ask Gene Cizek for guidance on that half of money. Cash flow is slightly negative from November. Is the fee for Website Maintenance annual or monthly?

FMIA conducts its annual review at the end of the fiscal year.

**Topic 1 – Old Business**

920 Frenchman Zoning Change Application – Allen Johnson – This project went straight to the December City Council meeting. It was agenda item 91. It did not go through the NPP process. Kevin Litten wrote an article about it for NOLA.com article titled “Nadine Ramsey moves spot zoning request ‘to the front of the line.’” There will likely be an ethics complaint filed. This case could make a precedent for spot zoning changes.

Article may be found here:

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/city\\_council\\_short\\_term\\_rental.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/city_council_short_term_rental.html)

3034-36 St. Claude Avenue Truck Farm / St. Claude Proposal from Neighborhoods – This is a proposal to add a boutique hotel at the former Truck Farm. This is a Bywater issue, but it is on the St. Claude corridor so it affects FMIA. Kristen Palmer wants to know from us what we want to see on St. Claude. Allen moves that we create a committee to represent the Marigny, St. Roch, and the Bywater consisting of three members each from FMIA, NFB, and St. Roch neighborhood association. Potential members from FMIA include Allen Johnson, Elisa Cool, Simone Cifuentes, and Joel Ross.

Train Quiet Zone Meetings – Allen Johnson – Allen will meet with NFB and Nadine Ramsey on Monday. Donna Wakeman will be joining the meeting. FMIA will work with NFB on this issue.

Tricentennial \$1,000 Neighborhood Grants – Lisa Suarez – Lisa is putting together a grant proposal that is due on Monday, January 8th. It will be submitted on Friday, January 5th.

**Topic 2 – New Business**

STR Alliance with Treme – Allen Johnson – FMIA is in the same boat with Treme. FMIA and Treme neighborhood organization will get together to propose new legislation. The moratorium in the French Quarter has added pressure to the Marigny and the Treme. Allen would like to put together another committee to work with Treme on forming an alliance. Motion passes. Gretchen, Elisa Cool, and Simone Cifuentes will be on the committee. All letters will be circulated for board approval.

Healing Center / Café Istanbul Incident and Response – Special Guest Cap Black – Cap took it upon himself to bring in people out of the cold and into the building overnight. He had 9 people overnight last night. Christmas night there was a big event held without prior notice. There was smoke damage to the building and 3 missing faucets in the men’s room. There were likely 200 people in attendance. There is a new management team in place. They are united in their effort for public safety and quality of life. The event is on the management team’s radar. The management team is working Café Istanbul to be a good neighbor. The new management team is not responsible for what’s happened in the past, but they are working to make Café Istanbul better. There is a motion for Allen will write a letter on behalf of FMIA to the new Executive Director Darlene Marcello. The letter will be circulated for editing to the Board. Motion carries.

Press Street Name Change Proposal – Allen Johnson – City Planning Commission is proposing to change the name to Plessy Street in honor of Homer Plessy. There will be a vote on January 18th. This will only affect 2 properties. Lisa moves to support the initiative. Joel 2nds. 4 yays. 2 nays. Motion passes.

**Topic 3 – Other**

Board Positions – Mark will assume the treasurer office. Motion passes.

5th District Police – Gretchen will help Lisa write an email about “Traveling Kids” before next Wednesday’s 5th District Police meeting. Letter will be circulated for FMIA Board Approval.

We bought a tent and did not use it. The tent will be returned. Motion passes.

**Topic 4 – Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm



## FMIA General Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2018

President Allen Johnson began the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with greetings to the assembled and newcomers Kyu Won Kim, Matt Murphy, and Wade Hampton, who is from the 500 block of Marigny Street. Had other visitors who did not sign in.

Announcements: Looking for new Board Members to take the place of Troy Gant, who is spending very little time at home, due to a job with Homeland Security in Florida addressing Storm Clean-up.

Thank-you to Katherine Kuroczko for a wonderful Meet the Neighbors at Faubourg Wines. Thank-you to Cap Black for arranging sleeping shelter in the Healing Center Lobby during Freeze Nights.

Allen reports activities of the Riverfront Alliance (RA) have included visits with Councilmembers-Elect Helena Moreno and Cyndi Nguyen, and State Senator JP Morrell. Ms. Nguyen, who has 6 children, took all Councilmembers-Elect and members of the R.A. on a "field trip" of her soon-to-be District E, New Orleans East.

Allen encouraged the membership to participate in a period of "pro-active" and positive opportunity, preparing for the new City Council.

5th District Public Safety: Lisa Suarez reported on the 5th District's apprehension of a purse snatcher who, on the 400 block of Mandeville Street, dragged a female victim 40 feet with his truck, breaking her pelvis, and other injuries, in the act.

She also sent a sign-up sheet around the room asking for help and donations for the Fat Tuesday event, "Treats for Cops," preparing grab-and-go lunches with snacks, to be delivered to the Station House (Alvar and Claiborne) for those patrolling the 5th District on Mardi Gras Day.

Members were requested to email vicepresident@faubourgmarnigny any complaints about "Travelers" or vagrants in preparation for a letter to NOPD.

8th District: Allen reported a vagrant in Washington Square Park, named "Uncle Joe," who hides drugs in the bushes and threatened Jeneice Black, the Parks and Parkways official who is primarily responsible for allowing usage of the Park.

920 Frenchmen Street: The owner wants the property re-zoned to commercial, and after having a pre-meeting with Allen and Lisa, decided to go directly to City Council, which could shorten neighborhood process. The daughter of the property owner, Aylin Maklansky, is District "C" Councilmember Nadine Ramsey's Legislative Director. Councilmembers Head and Guidry objected to the item moved so rapidly to the Council Agenda, and have called for a City Planning Commission Study. The property had been briefly used as a photographer's studio pre-Katrina, and had been re-zoned to residential in the 2015 Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

The new Office of Neighborhood Engagement Liaison was not able to attend.

Allen will be attending the St. Roch Neighborhood Improvement Association meeting of 1-18-18 to listen to their opinions concerning Land Use issues in common with Marigny and Bywater.

Members were asked for their opinions on the "Sun Yard Boutique Hotel," which would be located on St. Claude Avenue, in Bywater, just on the other side of the railroad tracks.

Neighbors complained about "Blue Bike" stands taking up too much parking, and done without neighborhood input.

A Railroad Quiet Zone Meeting with Councilmember Ramsey, to be attended by Donna Wakeman and Allen Johnson, was cancelled. Of primary concern to FMIA is the blocking of St. Claude Avenue.

Dr. Charlotte Mizano introduced herself. She has a new Veterinarian's practice at the Healing Center, and is thrilled to be in Marigny. Hours are 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, to start. She makes house calls. She also takes questions on her once-a-week radio show, WGSO 990-AM Thursday evenings from 6 to 8, called "The Rev and The Vet." Reverend Tony Talavera, from the French Quarter Wedding Chapel, takes relationship questions. They both encouraged FMIA, and other non-profits, to make any announcements of events or activities on their show.

Ken Kinnett of the Krewe du Vieux announced this year's parade route for Saturday, January 27th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. He invited all those wishing to get daylight pictures of the floats to assemble on Decatur Street between St. Ferdinand and Marigny around 1 p.m.

Eric Epstein invited everyone to attend "Horses, Hops and Cops" on Monday, January 29th between 5 and 8 p.m., at the Police Stables, 1021 Harrison Avenue in City Park, to see the Clydesdales play "Horse soccer." This is a free event.

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