

Next Board Meeting

November 7, 7 pm,
904 St. Ferdinand St.

Next General Meeting

November 19,
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

November 2018

Letter from the President

By Allen Johnson

New Board of Directors

On October 4, at the FMIA October Board Meeting, a new Board of Directors met for the first time. As is tradition we held Officer elections, and the new officers are as follows:

President — Allen Johnson

Vice-President — Bobby Moffett

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The other members of the Board are

Donna Wakeman (who also serves as Newsletter Editor)

Ray Buntin

Jeff Bromberger

Pat Galloway

There is great enthusiasm with the new Board, and a great opportunity to have a say in the look and feel of our neighborhood. I urge all of you to come to our meetings and join the FMIA, as well as the numerous committees.

Mulberry Park

As you may be aware, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has decided to build on three lots in the Marigny, 2819 Dauphine, 2818 Burgundy and 2522 N. Rampart (which will be built and sold at Market Rate). The other two sites (2819 Dauphine and 2818 Burgundy) have been the site of a neighborhood greenspace and dog park for decades. HANO plans to build homes on the properties for Affordable Housing and to be sold at Market Rate. The neighbors, and FMIA, are trying to work with HANO to try to keep this as greenspace. With many properties around the city not in use, we believe that it would be more beneficial to the city to develop other lots in the city first, and to keep this space that IS being used and maintained by its neighbors.

Whole House STRs on the Way Out

At this moment, we are unsure when the City Planning Commission's Short-Term Rental Study will come to City Council for a vote. It is safe to say that the proposals in the study would definitely change the impact of STRs in our neighborhood. Most significantly, the CPC Staff recommended doing away with the Temporary Category, which were the Whole House Rentals, in Residentially Zoned properties.

These properties had a 90-day maximum limit, that effectively made these properties vacant during the week, bachelor parties on the weekend, and made up 59% of the licenses in Historic Core neighborhoods. We are also pleased that the CPC staff recognized that the enforcement staff is overwhelmed and needs to have their staffing levels raised, as well as requiring the platforms share their data with the city, no matter how much they protest.

We do have concerns about the following categories, and urge you to contact the City Council:

Partial-Unit Residential Short-Term Rental

We have supported the right of owner-occupied STR's, in which actual residents are allowed to rent their property to supplement their income. With the elimination of the Temporary category, we are concerned that allowing a renter (w/o a Homestead Exemption) to rent a certain percentage of the property will be vulnerable to property owners having "straw man" renters on their property, serving as a backdoor to Whole Home STR's.

HMC-2 Commercial Rentals

These rentals would allow a cap of 1 unit or 25% of the units, whichever is greater, on the upper floors of building along Rampart St. Claude, and Elysian Fields. This would require a lot of monitoring. Also, it is our concern that there is too much wiggle room

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Starbucks? Really?

By Katherine Kuroczko

It was recently announced that Starbucks is coming to the Robért Fresh Market Shopping Center at Elysian Fields and St. Claude Avenue.

"Starbucks will complement the strong local brands that are opening in this development," said Marc Robert II, general manager and president of Robert Fresh Market.

In 2017 the owners of the Robért Fresh Market received a tax break from the city. They were approved a payment in lieu of taxes or PILOT for the project, in order to freeze the 2017 assessed tax value of approximately \$33,000 at the site, for a 10-year period. This also includes the retail portion of the development.

Starbucks? Really? How does an international chain of coffee shops complement strong local brands? There are at least a dozen coffee/pastry/breakfast places in the neighborhood already. It is unclear how many of them have received their own tax break from the city. By no means is everyone opposed to the addition of this chain coffee shop to the neighborhood, others think it's a slippery slope and we'll soon be surrounded by franchises and just become another strip mall.

If you oppose this tax-supported addition to the neighborhood, remember this handy acronym:

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here for the staff to monitor. It is possible (in fact, very likely) that these properties will be converted to large units, combining the space not on the bottom floor into one large unit. Thus, you have created a Whole Home STR (minus the first floor), that abuts people's residences. This would require a lot of monitoring by the city, and we question whether the city will be staffed properly to do that, with all off the permits that will come into their office all at once.

Short Term Rental, Special Event

This is the so-called "JazzFest Exemption," in which people are allowed to rent their home twice a year, for a total of 14 days. Currently, there are limitations on the total rental days in the STR policy, which the report acknowledges are impossible for the city to regulate. Additionally, this category could allow someone without a Homestead Exemption to allegedly live at the property and rent the building, inviting another possibility of "straw man" renters.

As the old saying goes, you must "crawl before you walk, and walk before you can run." We believe that these

categories have unintended consequences that need further consideration before they are approved.

And, we also believe that the city's enforcement capabilities are not sufficient to take on the wrinkles that these new categories present and should be considered once we have the staffing in place to properly monitor the program and enforce the rules.



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Marigny Green News — Greener Tips for Fall

By Deborah Oppenheim

The arrival of Fall was late this year but we finally experienced cooler weather. This is the time to prepare for some Eco-friendly activities to help save energy costs and help reduce the carbon footprint. Consider some of these helpful tips:

1. Check the air pressure in your tires to make sure they are properly inflated.
2. Clean your furnace or what you use to heat your house. Dust and debris affect the performance and could start a fire if not properly cleaned.
3. Vacuum the refrigerator coils to keep the compressor running efficiently. Also check the seal on the door – try closing it on a dollar bill. If you can pull the bill out easily, it is time to replace the gaskets. It is wise not to over fill the refrigerator allowing room for cool air to circulate and keep the food the right temperature.
4. Clean the ducts and area behind the dryer.
5. Clean the roof gutters.
6. In case of freezing temperature, install foam covers on the outside spigots.
7. If you have a ceiling fan, clean and then reverse the direction so the air is being drawn upwards.
8. If you have a fireplace, it is a good time to have the chimney cleaned and get vent systems checked.
9. Consider raking the autumn leaves instead of using a blower. You can use the leaves as mulch to protect plants throughout the winter.
10. Before packing up the summer clothes, go through them to decide what items to repurpose and/or donate.
11. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, heating can add up to 34% to the utility bill. For each degree you turn down the thermostat, the EPS estimates you will save about 4% per month.
12. Sealing leaks around the house can potentially save you 5 to 30% in energy costs. Check electrical outlets, window frames, baseboard and pipes.
13. It is always good to check all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices.
14. Clean your washing machine: Ingredients: 2 cups vinegar, ¼ cup baking soda, ¼ cup water. Directions: Mix in a small bowl the ¼ cup of baking soda and water. Add mixture to your washer's detergent container. Pour vinegar directly into the drum. Set it to a normal load at the hottest water setting and run washing machine. Wipe off any residue after the cycle.



Lagniappe:

- Boiling vinegar in the microwave is a good way to get rid of that persistent burned-popcorn smell
- Lavender oil in a small bowl can help eliminate unpleasant odors

Resource: <http://reducefootprints.blogspot.com/2009/09/20-green-tips-for-fall.html>; <https://earth911.com/living-well-being/green-living-tips-fall/>

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November 2018

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November 7, 7 pm,
904 St. Ferdinand St.

Meet the Neighbors

Date and time TBD

General Meeting

November 19, 6:30 Potluck, 7:15 Meeting
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December 2018

Board Meeting

December 5, 7 pm,
904 St. Ferdinand St.

Meet the Neighbors

Tuesday, December 11

Hotel Peter and Paul, 2317 Burgundy St.

General Meeting

No General Meeting for December

Carolyn at Washington Square Park

December 16, 6:30 pm

NONPACC MEETINGS

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

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

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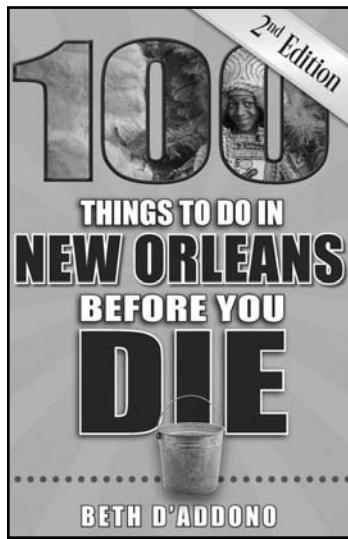
Literary/Arts/Theatre Events in New Orleans:

InFringe Fest: <https://infringefest.com/>

The Third Annual InFringe Fest New Orleans is excited to premiere daring theatre performances for 2018! From November 7th through 11th, every afternoon through late evening will be full of more than 30 spectacular shows with 10+ local venues across the Marigny-Bywater-St Roch, and Old Arabi, under the banner "Favor the Bold." Running the gamut from musicals and postmodern takes on the classics to original multimedia shows and burlesque, comedies and dramas for every taste are waiting to be discovered!

Thursday, November

8th, 6:00-7:30 pm. **Beth D'Addono. Book Talk and Book Signing.** Reedy Press is pleased to announce the second edition of our popular guidebook, **100 Things to Do in New**



Orleans Before You Die! by local travel, food, and music writer Beth D'Addono. The revised list is comprehensive, fun and quirky, and celebrates the top ways to connect with the city and nearby surroundings.

With a strong emphasis on feasting and cocktails, music and deeply entrenched local culture, and neighborhoods, *100 Things to Do in New Orleans Before You Die!* delivers an authentic New Orleans experience lightyears from the typical guide book fare. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, November 15th, 6:00-7:30 pm. Folwell Dunbar.

Book Talk and Book Signing. *He Falls Well* is a collection of short stories and vignettes recounting the ups, the downs, and the in-betweens of New Orleans educator and writer Folwell Dunbar. From the Seven Hills of Rome to the Volcán de Fuego in Mexico, from the deck of a German U-boat to the mosh pit of a kindergarten classroom, from close encounters with other species to perfectly planned dates gone terribly awry, the author takes us on an odyssey of misadventures and near-death experiences. He probes (and usually gets stung by) the age-old adage, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." The book is a funny and terrifying tour de force, published by the Louisiana

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Thursday, November 29th. 6:00-9:00 pm. Milton H. Latter Memorial Library, 5120 St. Charles Avenue.

New Orleans, LA 70115 Local and notable literary figures

Susan Larson and Nancy Dixon highlight and discuss our City's rich treasure trove (300 years) of literary history. Following the event, the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library will open up Latter Library's Carriage House for a special book sale. Susan Larson is the host of "The Reading Life" on WWNO. She is also the author of The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans (LSU Press, 1999/2013).

Nancy Dixon is the editor of New Orleans & The World: 1718-2018 Tricentennial Anthology (LEH, 2017). She is also the author of N.O. Lit: 200 Years of New Orleans Literature (Lavender Ink, 2013).

Programs at Alvar:

In the Garden Writers' Workshop: Welcome to our third 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 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, November 10th, from 2:00-3:45 pm and will focus on writing prose.**

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.

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.

NOPL Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 21
All locations close at 5 pm

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday November 22
all locations closed

Veterans Day (observed): Friday November 23
All locations closed

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October Public Safety Report

By Lisa Suarez

The 5th District NONPACC (New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council) meeting was led by Commander Frank Young. There were 6 NOPD Officers, plus 4 Consent decree personnel, 10 citizens present, Allison Cormier the District "C" liaison of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement and Mary Cunningham of Cmbr. Palmer's office were also present.

This meeting presented the 6th yearly Consent Decree Update, presented by Danny Murphy, the Deputy Superintendent of Compliance.

The emphasis was on NOPD's outstanding transformation to a department of professional and constitutional policing - so outstanding that New Orleans has been hosting observers from around the country and the world, having presented to the International Organization of Police Chiefs.

Report continued after updates from last month:

Stabbing at Big Daddy's - the suspect was apprehended on the scene; reportedly, the fight was over a woman.

The Pilot Program between Code Enforcement and NOPD, around Jordan Avenue and Desire had 7 blighted houses

demolished, several abandoned cars, and many dumped tires - a primary breeding source for mosquitos, removed.

The Public Safety Partnership (PSP) between NOPD, and the Feds (DEA, etc.) most recently concentrated on apprehending Rahim Lewis, known for retaliatory shootings.

Major drug bust and arrest in the Lower Nine, by the SWAT Team

Reported to Bywater: 5th District had a meeting with the city about the abandoned Naval Support Property, in which the entire perimeter is compromised. NOPD cannot babysit this problem when their prime directive deals with Violent Crime.

Consent Decree, (continued), a sweeping mandate, the most extensive in history, focuses on protecting Constitutional Rights. The order of accomplishments began with Policy 1st, moving to Training, then Supervision. The Office of the Consent Decree Monitor's (<http://consentdecreemonitor.com/>)

2017 Annual Report points to a better, stronger organization, and public satisfaction is demonstrably

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higher: https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/crime_police/article_46c7ce3a-bfa8-11e8-9d20-4b948f07cfec.html/

Chief Murphy touched on all the areas of Policy intended to Meet the Needs of Citizens:

- Use of Force (Force Investigation Team, Use of Force review Board), resulting in safer interactions as the material impact on the street.
- Crisis Intervention Team, de-escalates mental health and drug situations. All officers get training, some specialize, and social workers are required to be present if mental health issues are in question.
- Constitutionally fewer Bias Incidents, 87% Interactions with Police are professional and courteous. (See the Advocate link.) Audits available on Consent decree site.
- Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: Remember the scandal a few years ago when it was discovered that many reports and evidence were hidden, never to see the light of day? Will never happen again: vast

improvement.

- Photo line-ups and Custodial Interrogation: NOPD now working with the Innocence Project (Wow!)
- Community Policing: All departments appropriately reinforced and tracking implementation. Have a question about specifics? Go here: <http://nopdnews.com/transparency/max/>
- Recruit Investigations: New Class just graduated; Academy has new building; 5th should see slight increase in officer population.
- Secondary Employment: Coordinated by City office, and not NOPD.
- Officer Assistance Program: Support services, including mental health, for officers and their families.
- Supervision: Audits of body-worn cameras are helping. Metrics available on the MAX link above. Tremendous progress in compliance; decrease in public complaints. Transparency and oversight, a model of reform.
- Peer Intervention: 1st in the Nation!

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- City Council Regulations: Core principles, no back-sliding.

When does it end? Hopefully, within next year, and then two years of monitoring.

Questions about the NOPD 5th District, or criminal activity in the Marigny Rectangle? Please don't hesitate to contact me. Since I am no longer FMIA Vice-president, but will continue as Public Safety Chair for the Rectangle, please email me here: suarezinmarigny@gmail.com

Some follow-up from the Summer:

Remember this story? https://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2018/06/group_of_juveniles_arrested_ro.html From the June 13 Public safety Report, "...a rash of burglaries, personal and property crimes by 5 juveniles, from 9 to 15 years old."

The Justice and Beyond Coalition had a meeting at Café Istanbul on Monday, July 30, to ask, "What can be done to make better outcomes for children and families involved in the juvenile justice system."

Co-moderators were Ms. Janice Long, Mrs. Sylvia McKenzie, Rev. Gregory Manning, Mr. Pat Bryant, Ms. Nakita Shavers.

Aaron Clark-Rizzio, executive director of the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, <http://www.laccr.org/who-we-are/> (formerly Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to New Orleans City Councilmember Jason Williams), said "Children are over-policed and over-prosecuted." LACCR is the juvenile public defender in New Orleans, representing the majority of children who come in contact with the juvenile justice system. They provide each child with a holistic team – a lawyer, social worker, investigator, and advocate – to address the causes and consequences of an arrest.

It appears that contact with LACCR could be the most helpful going forward. Please take a look at their website and see what contributions may interest you.



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'Unprotected' Stockpiles

By Jane Morgan

In NOLA an adequate drainage system is essential to even the short-term survival of the City. Recently, public awareness has been raised and actions have been taken regarding clean-up of the drainage culverts.

GO ACTIVE PUBLIC!

While litter has been identified as a contributing factor to storm water drain blockage, I have seen **NO** outreach regarding the runoff that occurs from sand and debris stockpiles. There are Federal and State Regulations that require Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPP) measures to be taken on construction sites greater than 0.5 acres.

The purpose is
2-fold:

1. to slow the storm water leaving the site and overflowing the storm drain system, and further
2. to prevent sediments from leaving the sites with storm water and blocking the storm water system.



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To be honest, in general these regulations rely on self-implementation of best management practices which include covering stockpiles, protecting drains. They rely on socially conscious contractors (think Sts. Peter & Paul on Burgundy). I would bet that contractors who win low bid public contracts don't have adequate budget for SWPP.

Further, if a contractor is in violation, I have found it extremely difficult to get someone out to inspect and control. In NOLA there appears conflict between the City and the Sewerage & Water Board which depends on the size of the pipes.

As far as I am aware there are no specific NOLA regulations controlling storm water runoff, but I contacted NOLA's Emergency Preparedness because they have taken the lead on cleaning up our drains. Clear drains are essential for emergency preparedness.



Louisa & Burgundy

I received a reply from Laura Mellel:

"Thanks Ms. Morgan. These are both great points. You can call 311 to report unsecured issues at a construction site. Our Department of Safety and Permits will be notified and can investigate.

Best,Laura

Laura A. Mellel
Public Engagement Manager, NOLA Ready
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and Emergency Preparedness



North Peters & Franklin

I have also sent her photos of unprotected stockpiles and drains.

In contrast Allison, FMIA's NOLA outreach, has failed to get a reply from PUBLIC Works.

Since, I believe clear drains are essential for emergency preparedness, then I consider that department would be a better contact to pursue.



Silk Road 2483 Royal St

Sundays 12pm till 6 pm

Menu for Opening week Sept 9 th

Smoked Chicken Tikka \$ 12

Herbed Baby Back Ribs \$ 12

Tamarind spiced Chickpeas \$ 10

All plates served with Vegetable Biryani, & Spicy Slaw

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General Meeting: November 19

Meet the Neighbors: TBD



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A New Way of Being

The FMIA is implementing a streamlined way to become a member. Now, joining or renewing is made easy at our website: www.faubourgmarigny.org. If anyone should have difficulty joining or renewing this way, they should contact Elisa Cool at ecool@faubourgmarigny.org.

Benefits of Membership

As a member of the FMIA you'll receive valuable information on our local community and the City of New Orleans. You'll also receive opportunities to get involved including but not limited to:

- Member only News & Information (coming soon!).
- A Newsletter detailing new improvements and developments on issues affecting our neighborhood.
- A forum to ask questions and find helpful answers.
- Invites to neighborhood events and volunteer opportunities.
- Voting rights for FMIA board elections and other important organization decisions.

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