

Next Board Meeting
April 2, 2020
7:00 Meeting
922 Touro Street

Next General Meeting
April 20, 2020
6:30 Potluck
7:00 Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran
2624 Burgundy Street

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

Coming Attraction: 48th Annual Spring Home and Garden Tour

Sunday, May 20, 2018 from Noon to 4 p.m., and an After Party from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In the aftermath of Katrina, we used to hear, "If God's willing, and the creek don't rise...Well it did." There are similar sentiments about the world-wide scourge happening now. Perhaps we will luck out. The Home Tour, our only fundraiser of the year, consists of small groups of folks, moving from one building to the next, in a span of four hours. While we plan for 200 attendees, and 80 or so at the after party. No guarantees, but while we live, let's live, and let the planning ensue.

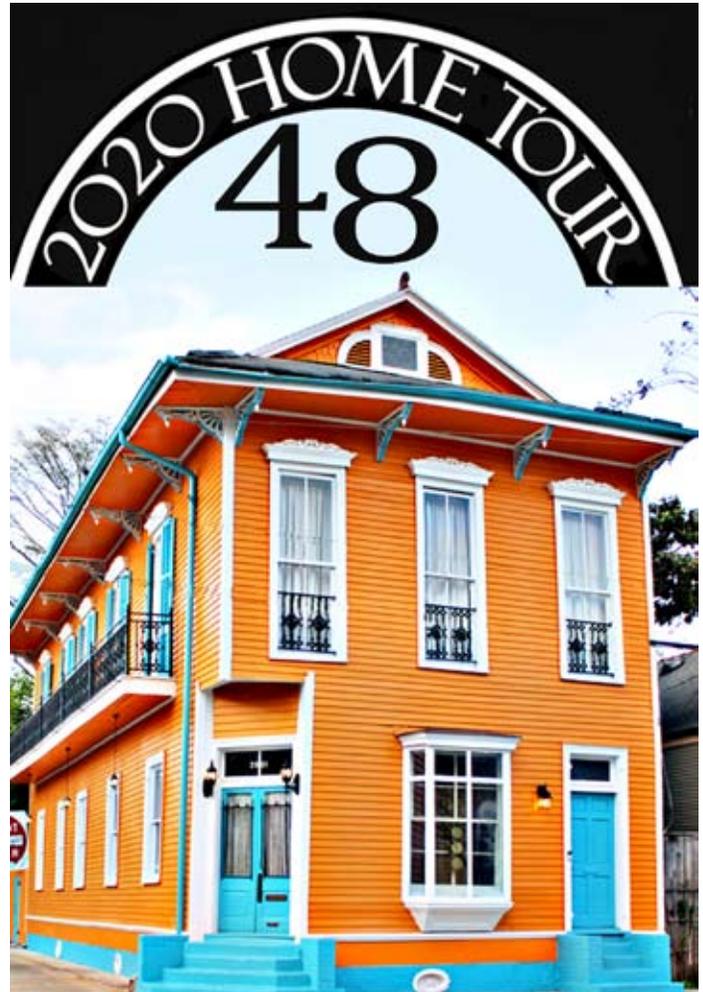
Additional note: while writing this, it seems our General Meeting is probably being cancelled due to the same reason everything else is being cancelled. Hope to see you in April, until then, please email me with your vocal support, or not, for having a Home Tour. Thanks.

If there is a Tour, it will feature the Faubourg Marigny rectangle, from Elysian Fields to Homer Plessy Way. The Party will be at the Den of Muses, home of the Krewe du Vieux floats, with refreshments.

Yes, we still need homes! How about yours? It does not have to be from the pages of House Beautiful: charming works. While show places often get the press, folks are always curious to see how we manage to fit into a Historic District in real life.

Please email by April 11. So far, we have a Victorian Steamboat Corner Store, Craftsman Cottage, Two-Bay Single Shotgun, two Classic double-level Townhouses, a Bayed Cottage, plus maybe yours? Again, please write me with some encouragement, or a desire to be part of the tour. Lisa Suarez: suarezinmarigny@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this month's newsletter is only 8 pages.



Street Tree Info

Sustaining Our Urban Landscape (SOUL) is working to reforest New Orleans strategically and at a meaningful scale through community oriented tree plantings. Trees have the capacity to absorb an enormous amount of stormwater runoff, mitigate subsidence, clean our air, soil, and water, lower our air temperatures and energy bills, and make our city more livable and beautiful. We need more of them! To date SOUL has planted over 3,300 large, native, water-loving trees since 2016. It is our goal to plant an urban forest of

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FMIA General Meeting Minutes

2/17/2020 7:00 PM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Allen Johnson
STR - Rules active as of December. Fell short on enforcement, limited by current city computer situation.
Krewe de Vieux - Seeking feedback on route, parade, etc. Will attend April meeting.
CPC Meeting - Beginning study on outdoor music. There has been no prior ordinance. CPC's study and report will influence first ordinance.
1030 Port Street STR - Building behind Hanks seeks commercial zoning for whole house short term rental. FMIA sent letter opposing.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT - Lisa Suarez

Questions asked about moving the KdV Ball site. After four years after large scale events including the NBA All-Star games two years ago. Last-minute decision made just before parade by State Fire Marshall.
Feb 10th, Spain and Royal attempted carjacking took place. Recorded on Ring. Juveniles identified and charged.
Feed the 5th will take place Bacchus Sunday. Will be in next month's issue of the Newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKER

1st City Court Judicial Candidate - Sara Lewis
Pro mediation and supplying additional mediators. Also well work to aid resources and education regarding evictions. Democrat. Objective. Tulane Graduate. Lewisforjudge.com for more information and/or to provide affidavits of support. Endorsed by Alliance for Good Government. The election is April 4th, early voting begins week prior.

District 99 Representative - Candace Newell
Thanked neighbors for their votes. Seeking feedback from citizens. House is currently comprised of 40 freshmen. Predicts a challenging session. 25 republicans have worked positively with the Democratic Party. Representative Newell has been working to network with all freshmen to forge good relationships to make progress in this session possible. Asks to call and email representatives with your needs and opinions. Asks neighbors to pay close attention and participate in the census. Every person counted goes towards funds from the state to the city. Encourage friends. Each person counted counts for over \$2,300 in funding. Her current committees include The House and Governmental Affairs and Local (opportunity zones) and Municipal Committee and Commerce (raising money).

Questions raised about raising city fines per offense for full home STRs. Asked what legislation is currently being worked on with the Mayor. Working with other freshmen to update and quicken the succession process. Researching fraud by succession with affidavit.

Her administrative assistant is Jonetta Faye Bennett (Faye) Cell: (504) 900-5128. Email: hse099@legis.la.gov New office is at Lakefront Airport. Free parking.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM. -- *Elisa Cool Murphy*

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President's Letter

by Allen Johnson

STILL STANDING BY...

Last month, I talked about the cyber attack, and how it has slowed down much of what we do, especially as it pertains to the City Planning Commission and all that it encompasses. But I was certain that we would be much closer to normal by the time I wrote this President's Letter. How wrong I was!! The recovery from the cyber attack is still far into the future, and now we have COVID-19. In the most social and celebratory city in America, "social distancing" has become our new mantra. We're a town that is not un-

familiar with challenges. Everyone knows of the shots we took from Katrina and the BP Oil spill. We monitored the news, and rallied together. But how do you rally together when you're supposed to stay separate?

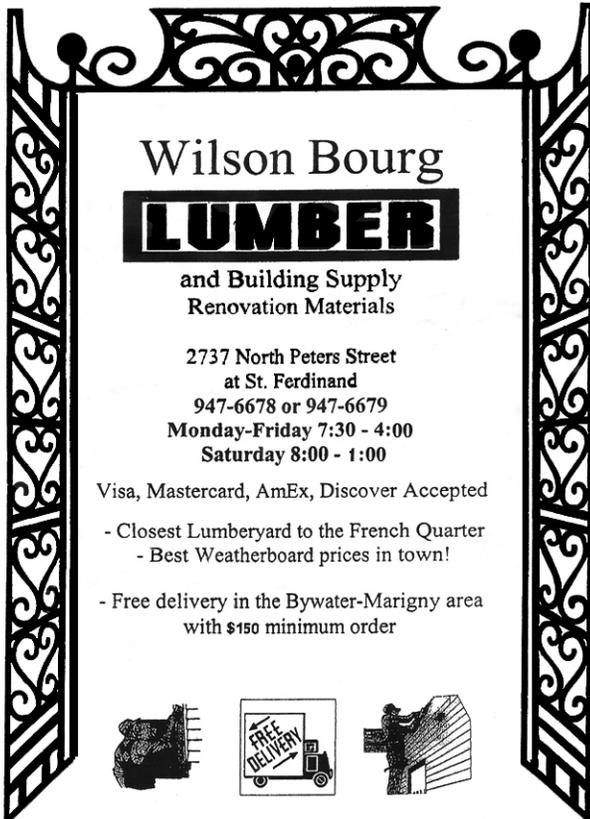
Not everything is new, however. Like hurricanes, with its tracking updates every four hours, we're becoming used to the pattern of twice daily updates of infection rates' and unfortunately, deaths. Unlike hurricanes, however, we can't see it, or know when it comes ashore, and is over, letting us begin the recovery. As I write this on March 16, I have no idea how this will come across when you read this the first week in April. Naively optimistic because the numbers all ticked significantly upward, or over the top alarmist as "the curve" flattened? I'm hoping it's the latter. What I do know is that many events have been postponed and cancelled, throwing off the normal economic cycle for our service industry. So, when and where you can, please make sure to frequent our local small businesses and support our friends and neighbors.

Hard Rock collapse, followed by the cyber attack, and then followed by COVID-19. Just when you thought you'd seen it all....

Street Tree Info *continued from page 1*

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April 2020

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922 Touro St.

Meet the Neighbors (2nd Wednesday)

April 8-- 6:30 – 8:00pm
Venue to be announced

General Meeting (3rd Monday)

April 20 – 6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church—2624 Burgundy St.

May 2020

Board Meeting (1st Thursday) May 7—7:00pm
922 Touro St.

Meet the Neighbors (2nd Wednesday)

May 13-- 6:30 – 8:00pm
Venue to be announced

General Meeting (3rd Monday)

May 17—6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church—2624 Burgundy St.

NONPACC Meetings

5th District

2nd Wednesdays—6:00pm, 3900 N. Claiborne Av.

8th District

4th Tuesdays—6:00pm, 334 Royal St.

Please send event info to editor@faubourgmarigny.org

About the Newsletter

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Present: Allen Johnson, president; Mark Malouse, treasurer; Lisa Suarez, vice president; Pat Galloway, Donna Wakeman; Bobby Moffett, past president.
Not Present: Elisa Cool Murphy; Jeff Bromberger; Ray Buntin
Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

President's report

1020 Port St. deferred at CPC until 3-17-2020. No consensus from neighbors, was ruled a "Spot Zone."

Request made for Councilmember Kristen Palmer to attend March (16) General Meeting.

5G towers coming to Marigny, Architect Rick Fifield will discuss at General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

QuickBooks reports shared with Board Members.

Old Business

Riverfront Alliance- Report from Donna Wakeman: Strenuous objection from Nathan Chapman and Sandra Stokes to FMIA inviting all neighborhoods tangential to Riverfront, including Algiers, to Working Group. There is no actual structure to this group. Decision made to move "action items" ahead in the agenda. Acknowledgement made that other neighborhoods need to be included.

Feed the 5th: Monies collected at January General Meeting, \$125.00; spent \$144.00. (Photo and more details in this publication.)

Newsletter, Lisa Suarez: A few kinks in the transition of Editors.

New Business

Outdoor Music Study, Allen Johnson: City Planning Commission will take public comments Tuesday, March 10.

Community Impact Grant for Storm Water Management: GroundworkNOLA will implement. Still

need location: St. Ferdinand between N. Rampart and St. Claude, unnavigable during/after rain, suggested.
Home Tour 2020: Still need homes; Appeal to be made at 3-16 General Meeting.

Request for City Planning Variance Study. Early stages.
Sidewalk Repairs: Council Office initiative. Motion was made to submit suggestions. Passed by acclimation.
Meeting closed, 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Interim Note Taker, Lisa Suarez

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3-11-2020 Public Safety Report; 5th District

New Orleans Neighbors & Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC).

Attendance 7 Officers, and 6 Citizens.
Captain Frank Young opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

All crimes are down, except homicides, a product of retaliatory group and/or gang violence.

Parades requiring a Mayoralty Permit have been cancelled (Covid 19).

Ongoing city cyberattack recovery continues to cost a lot of money, plus hamper some NOPD interface, which has been requiring carbon copies for processing and back-up. The Captain said long-time members of the force had become reacquainted with the process during Katrina. (At that time there were also no phones available.)

Recently there was a homeless encampment "sweep," with accompanying social services, near Claiborne and St. Ferdinand, near the train, due to rats and other unsanitary conditions.

Numerous complaints have been made recently concerning daytime drug dealing up and down St. Claude Avenue. This activity is driving increased requests for Crime Cameras.



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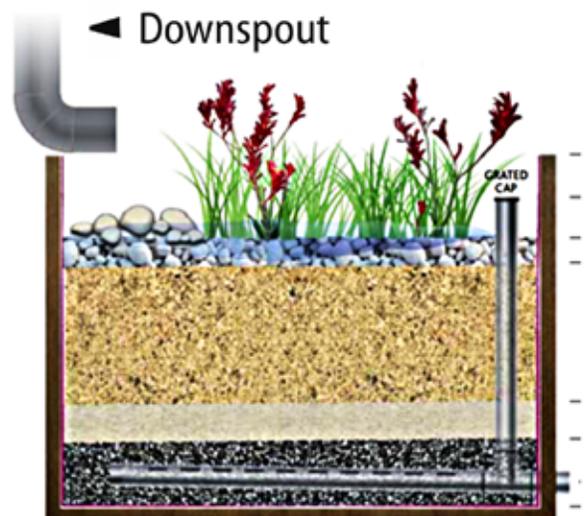
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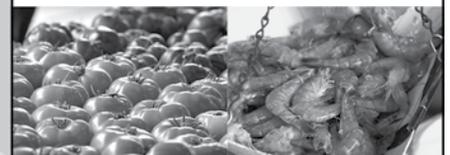
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