

Faubourg St. John

January 24, 2007

What have you done for me lately?

Your neighborhood association has been working diligently to stay on top of issues that affect the quality of life for us all.

Have you noticed your world getting brighter lately? Over 20 street lights have been repaired in Fortier Park and the several blocks surrounding the park. Entergy was very responsive and repaired many of the lights in three business days after initial contact with the rest lighting up after some burned feeder lines were replaced.

Street lights are a significant deterrent to crime. You can help yourself and your neighbors by reporting any street light outages to 1-800-ENTERGY or online at <http://www.entergy-neworleans.com/>. Click on the drop down box that says online services and go to street lights.

You may have noticed the appearance of Fortier Park constantly improving over the past year. A fundraiser in December, 2005 at Fortier Park helped make the renewal possible. The neighborhood's efforts did not go unnoticed. A letter from Senator Mary Landrieu thanking the group for their efforts can be seen in the window of Fairgrinds Coffee. An article about the event also appeared in Gambit. You can access the article here:

http://www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/2006-01-31/news_feat.php

Community Activism

The benches in Fortier Park, fleur-de-lis trash receptacles throughout the area, and dispensers with bags to pickup after dogs, were all obtained through a "Keep America Beautiful" grant spearheaded by Daphne Lesage and Bobby Wozniak.

All of these items will certainly serve to improve the quality of life for all of us.

2006 was a year of transitions for everyone in New Orleans. No less so for Bellsouth. At the beginning of the year Bellsouth installed a new communications substation in the median on Ursulines Street. The equipment installed is state-of-the-art.

But for some living in the area accustomed to beautiful flowers and manicured lawns, it was rather like having sand thrown in one's eyes. Fortunately, after numerous complaints were received from local residents, Bellsouth redesigned the communications substation to better blend in with the area.

To see a short film of the substation as it looked when originally installed and after the beautification efforts go to <http://www.katrinafilm.com/beforeafter.wmv> on the internet.

Your Interest and Action CAN make a difference

Become a member today!

Go to <http://fsjna.org/> then click on Membership Application. **Please join us!**

How can I help?

You can start by attending **any** of the meetings you see posted at <http://fsjna.org>.

To help right now, you can contact Herman Howard of the Unified New Orleans Plan and ask that Broad Street be specifically listed in the district-wide plan which is known as the Galvez St. Corridor in the Unified New Orleans Plan. You can email Mr. Howard at herman.howard@hok.com

An even easier way to keep your neighborhood vibrant is to shop at one of the many businesses that surround our area.

Join us on January 27th and help your neighbors and yourself to a cleaner neighborhood.

Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday, January 27 9:00 am - Noon

Meet at the Morris Jeff Elementary School
at the corner of St. Anne and Rendon Streets.

Walk the neighborhood daily. Neighborhoods that have residents out in force generally have fewer crimes.

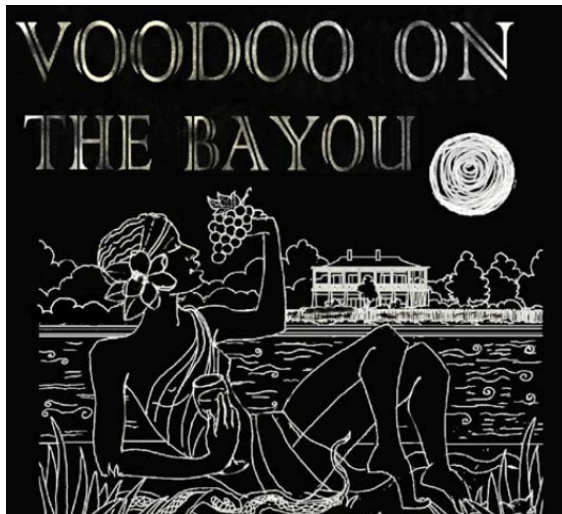
Report any street lights that are out at 1-800-ENTERGY or online at <http://www.entergy-neworleans.com/>.

See a pothole? Call 311 and the person on the line will take your name, phone number, and a description of the problem. The 311 service will give you an item number and then forward your request to the proper department. It's easy to help. Just call 311.

The biggest way you can help is to become a member.

*Check out the last page of this newsletter for an application. **Please join us!***

Yes, We Have Fun Too!



Voodoo on the Bayou is the annual Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association fund raiser with food tastings presented by local restaurants and live music. Attire is costume or black tie. For more info call (504) 482-7667 or visit www.fsina.org

Besides being a great party, Voodoo On The Bayou is the major fund raiser for the neighborhood group. It is held the Saturday before Halloween each year.

See a short film of last year's party at:
<http://www.katrinafilm.com/bayou.wmv>

Happy Mardi Gras February 20



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Saturday, January 27th
9:00AM - Noon

MEET AT THE MORRIS JEFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AT THE CORNER OF ST. ANN AND N. RENDON.

- Bring your own brooms, rakes, lawn mowers, and work gloves.
- Plastic gloves and garbage bags will be provided.
- Refreshments will be served. (Please feel free to bring snacks to share.)
- Meet your neighbors! Get involved and make a difference!

THIS CLEAN UP WILL INCLUDE MOSS ST. TO N. SALCEDO AND
ORLEANS TO ST PHILIP. EVENTUALLY WE WILL COVER OTHER AREAS.

This event is sponsored by the
Faubourg St John Neighborhood Association (FSJNA).
To become a member or questions about the clean-up,
call Michael Nuwer 486-1375.



Esplanade Fest

What a great time everyone had at Esplanade Fest.

Held December 16th, it featured a live band, lots of food and drink from all the local businesses, and a visit from Santa on his horse drawn sleigh!

And if that wasn't enough, there was snow in the air made from very tiny shavings of soap. Way cool!

Here's an excerpt from an article written by Amanda Anderson at bloggingneworleans.com:

"Lola's, Cafe Degas, Liuzza's By The Track, and others will be hosting a holiday block party for those shoppers who need to unwind after a grueling day at the mall. Or, if you're not inclined to fight the Jefferson Parish crowds, give your loved ones some holiday cheer from Swirl, Bayou St. John's newest wine shop, or support the artist vendors setting up outside Fair Grinds. No, Fair Grinds still isn't open for business, but Robert and Elizabeth, the proprietors, are still giving away free coffee and holding down the fort...

La Vita, a new Italian place opening in the old Gabrielle's triangle, will be offering samples. They previewed some of their food last night at Swirl's weekly wine tasting, and the tortellini in alfredo sauce was enough to make me take notice. Usually pasta at a free event turns out to be a pretty bland experience, but not La Vita's handmade linguine in red sauce: that sauce got some kick!

Like any New Orleans festival worth its salt, there will be music and drinks and general revelry. And is so probable this time of year, Santa might even show up. Come see the world's largest Christmas lights, strung across Ponce de Leon. Each bulb is bigger than your head!"

Fight Crime, Meet New People, Help Yourself and Others

JOIN the FAUBOURG ST. JOHN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

Membership Application

Like a thread in a patchwork quilt, keeping the neighbors together...!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Current FSJ eGroup Member?: Yes: _____ No: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____ work: _____

New Member? _____ Renewal? _____

Individual \$10: _____ Household \$15: _____ Business \$50: _____

If Business Membership, Business Name: _____

Neighborhood Interest? _____

Committee interest? _____

Please mail check and membership form to: FSJNA P.O. Box 19101 New Orleans, La. 70179-0101