



Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE,

Disaster Response: Congratulations on an incredible evacuation for Gustav. Most of us left, and those who did not leave had a plan. We're home again!

You have probably heard or read about climate neutrality and carbon neutrality from the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development or elsewhere. There is a lot in the media these days about climate change. Here are some quick explanations about climate and carbon neutrality and what they can mean.

Climate-neutrality: Dictionary Definition: The process of offsetting carbon-producing activities with those that either reduce or capture carbon, thus credibly neutralizing the net amount of carbon released in the atmosphere from a particular activity.

To me, this means: Taking advantage of all our resources and building or rebuilding to our environment- For instance, in the Holy Cross and Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods, elevating your home when possible. Using building materials that are as healthy as possible and adapted to our hot, humid climate, exorbitant cost of utilities and history of levee breaks-paperless sheetrock, low VOC paint, radiant barrier for example. If you build from the ground up, when you can, you would site your house correctly and allow for cross ventilation. If you must demolish all or part of a structure, you would deconstruct and re-use or make salvageable materials available to others.

Carbon-neutrality: Dictionary definition: carbon neutrality refers to achieving net zero carbon emissions by balancing a measured amount of carbon released with an equivalent amount sequestered or offset. Best practice for organizations and individuals seeking carbon neutral status entails reducing and/or avoiding carbon emissions first so that only unavoidable emissions are offset.

The term can refer to the practice of balancing [carbon dioxide](#) released into the atmosphere from burning [fossil fuels](#), with [renewable energy](#) that creates a similar amount of useful energy, so that the carbon emissions are compensated, or alternatively using only renewable energies that don't produce any carbon dioxide.

What it means to me: Being carbon neutral means that our community recognizes its contribution to global warming and takes responsibility to offset its carbon footprint or the effect of greenhouse gas emissions, so that our activities will not contribute to global warming.

VOTE on November 4 and sustain the 9!

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From the President's Pen

Dear Friends,

As I know you are all aware, the winds of change are blowing through our country's political landscape at the moment. We are well into the home stretch of the local, state and national election cycles. And, I hope you are all very motivated to continue to exercise your right to bring about the necessary change we need to improve the quality of life for our country and local community. Please remember that November 4, 2008 is Election Day. Vote early if you can and bring a neighbor to the polls to vote. Don't think for a moment that your vote doesn't count. Let's all remember the very close elections of recent times and let's realize that these days, each vote is a make or break vote for a candidate or issue. So, exercise your right on November 4th. And, let's bring about the change necessary to turn this country and local community around in a positive progressive direction.

Also, I wish to thank all HCNA/CSED officers and staff for all their tireless work in our community. Your service to our community is to be honored given the fact you all do your work on top of your day jobs and family commitments. And, all of us in the Lower 9th ward appreciate what you do.

Finally, let's remember in prayer all those members of our community who passed on this summer. Let's honor their memories and keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Charles*

REBUILDING TOGETHER IN HOLY CROSS HISTORIC DISTRICT

Heartfelt thanks to all those who volunteered with Rebuilding Together to work on houses in our neighborhood. Your efforts are uplifting and inspiring for our whole community. In many instances, thanks to YOU, another house is restored and another neighbor can return home.



723 Caffin Avenue, Folgers Coffee Company employees with homeowner, Evelyn Stanley



723 Andry Street, with the Marine Corps Reserve with Homeowner's daughter Jacqueline Haynes



1005 Tricou Street, with Rebowe & Company employees and homeowner, Bessie Lewis



5419 Chartres Street, and Tulane University students.

REBUILDING TOGETHER CONTINUES TO REBUILD



5428 Dauphine Street, homeowner Sydney Butler and Gibbs Construction employees



The Bell Family Home, 5010 Royal Street, with the Capital One employees



5441 Chartres Street and employees of Liberty Mutual.



Sacred Heart Academy at 919 Lizardi Street,

Rebuilding Together is a home repair/renovation program for low-income homeowners who are elderly (62) or disabled (any age) or who are first responders, fire fighters or police officers. Rebuilding Together is a project of the Preservation Resource Center and is sponsored and facilitated in our Holy Cross Historic District by Holy Cross Neighborhood Association and the Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development. Contact Kathy Muse 939-9028 for more information.

LET'S WELCOME HOME OUR RETURNING AND NEW RESIDENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By: Linda Novak



Above: Originally from South Carolina, Mr. Young settled in New Orleans after being stationed at the Algiers Naval Base during WWII. He's lived in his Holy Cross home since 1954.

Below: Sara and Simon are both school teachers. They are newlyweds who became first time homeowners last year. They completed their home renovations in June of this year and are now full time Holy Cross residents.



Left: Homeowner Georgia rings the "I'm back Home" bell during the weekly HCNA weekly meeting.

Lower 9th Ward Bayou Bienvenue Days Nov. 1-4th

Beginning on November 1st and concluding on election day, the *Lower 9th Ward Bayou Bienvenue Days* is a community event that will seek to celebrate the Bayou Bienvenue Wetland Triangle that is the northern boarder of the Lower 9th Ward. The schedule (subject to change) is as follows:



All events will take place within the Lower 9th Ward, and there is no fee to attend. Below is a schedule of the events. Come be a part of the fun and the future!

Nov 1st - At 4-7pm Memorial Art Fire exhibit at the Bayou Bienvenue platform in conjunction with the Prospect One New Orleans Biennial Art opening happening across the city. Wine and cheese reception courtesy of Jeanell Holmes of NOW Bienvenue.

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November 3rd - Mini-Conference and Stakeholder Meeting to be held at the Lower Ninth Ward Village.

9:00-11:00 Presentations will be given by participant groups outlining individual projects.. Possible presenters: UW-Madison, HCNA/CSED, UC-Denver, LSU-LA, CWPPRA, NOLA SWB, SELU assimilation, Mark Davis-Tulane Water Policy Institute, Sierra Club

11:00-11:45 Work Session: Enhancing Collaboration Amongst Groups

11:45-12:30 Lunch Break

12:30-1:30 Work Session: Brainstorming and Planning for the Next Phase of the Restoration

1:30-3:00 Work Session: Strategically Moving Forward in a Cohesive Manner Break for one hour (lunch provided)

4:00- 6:00 Community meeting with residents of Lower 9th Ward. Earlier participants will give neighborhood updates and provide information on upcoming CWPPRA and SWB proposals. Leave Lower 9th Ward Village go to Bayou Bienvenue platform

6:30-8:30 Reception at Bayou Bienvenue platform with Art Fire exhibit. Wine and Cheese
**Dinner will be served either at the Lower 9th Ward Village or the Bayou, and food is provided courtesy of Jeanell Holmes of NOW Bienvenue.

November 4th: Tabling at voter site to spread the word further in the community and get more signatures on the petition.

The St. Claude Initiative

Three years after the flooding that followed Hurricane Katrina, many of the businesses along St. Claude Avenue in the Lower 9th Ward have yet to reopen. Prior to the storm, St. Claude Avenue was a vibrant commercial zone that served many of residents' immediate needs. The businesses along St. Claude were integral to neighborhood life in Holy Cross and the Lower 9th Ward, and slow business recovery has hampered the re-population of both areas.

A first step towards reviving St. Claude was the establishment of the St. Claude Initiative, an open group committed to the Avenue's revitalization. As a second step in the recovery process, the St. Claude Initiative proposes to undertake a large-scale construction and public art project that will span fifteen block faces along the street. Using both existing structures and sheets of plywood as "canvases", the project will create a mural depicting a vibrant street scene on a fully recovered St. Claude Avenue. Volunteer teams will erect the required facades, and a variety of artists will be recruited to paint a recovered streetscape. Each artist will be given artistic license to create artwork concordant with the project's vision of depicting a recovered, vibrant, and sustainable St. Claude Avenue.

By better securing buildings along the street and painting murals on the buildings of willing property owners, this project will tangibly improve the built environment along St. Claude Avenue. By "re-imagining" St. Claude, the project will prompt those who see it to perceive *potential* where before they saw blight. By generating media attention, the project will raise St. Claude Avenue's profile both locally and nationally, making it easier to raise money in support of business recovery along the street. Finally, by creating artwork on plywood panels, the project may be able to generate funds for business recovery along St. Claude through the eventual sale of this artwork.

Plans for the St. Claude Initiative are discussed every Monday at the Get It Done Committee meeting, which takes place at 5:30pm. Either at The Greater Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church at 5130 Chartres or at All Souls Episcopal Church on 5500 St. Claude Ave.

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*The Lower 9th Ward Village Presents:
A BENEFIT CONCERT & DINNER FEATURING
THE CHARMAINE NEVILLE BAND
THE DAVELL CRAWFORD BAND*

AND

BLAME SALLY (an all Women Band, on tour from San Francisco)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 8PM

AT: THE HOWLIN' WOLF

907 South Peters Street

New Orleans

\$10 Concert

\$18 Concert and Dinner

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

RIGHT: NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA STUDENTS SPENT THE WEEK PREPPING AND PAINTING A HOUSE ON LIZARDI STREET.

BELOW: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STUDENTS WORKED AROUND THE GLOBAL GREEN HOUSE AND CUT DOWN TREES FROM HURRICANE GUSTAV.



A Better Night's Sleep for Local Residents



The Resurrection Project and members of the All Soul's Unitarian Church in Manhattan, New York distributed much needed beds to families living in the Lower 9th Ward on October 11th and 12th. Overall, they were able to find loving homes for over 100 mattresses.

Left: Ginger Gouveia of New York, organized this event for the second time in our community. She continues to seek donors in her home town for continued assistance with such projects.

Also pictured is Jerry Regney "The Gov" of WWOZ Radio 90.7 FM. Jerry was the volunteer driver.

Lower 9th Ward Community Rebuilding Information

- **Total Community Action, Inc.**
Low income Home Energy Assistance Program call (504)324-8609 for an appointment.
- **St. Jude Community Center Furniture Bank-** Selling used Hotel Furniture at a very reasonable price. Contact Kevin – (919)345-8516.
- **New Orleans Survivor Community Meeting Every Saturday, Old Pathway Baptist Church 1910 Alabo Street, 11am – 1pm.** For more information call: (504)655-2715 or (504)655-3014.
- **ACORN (504)943-0044**
- **Rebuilding Together – Helping Senior Citizens age 62, Disable, and First Responders in Holy Cross Rebuild their Home.** Pick up an application @ CSED office.
- **Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Planning Meeting every Monday 5:30 pm Greater Little Zion Church**
- **All Congregations Together (504)304-2281**
- **Common Ground Relief (504)304-9097**
Free legal Clinic (504)717-7324
CGR Media Collective (504)583-0750
The Meg Perry Healthy Soil Project (504)913-5635
Common Wetlands (504)442-2314
- **Lowernine.org (504)278-1240**
- **Lower 9th Ward Clinic (504)309-0918**
- **Lower 9th Ward Homeowners Assn. (229)269-9017**
- **Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Council (504)261-2768**
- **Lower 9th Ward Village (504)402-4284**
- **Lower 9th Ward NENA (504)373-6483**
- **New Life Intracoastal CDC (504)606-2603**
- **Green Light New Orleans (504)324-2429**
- **Historic District Landmarks Commission (504)658-7040**
- **Debris Removal 311**
- **Code Enforcement 658-4300**
- **Louisiana United Methodist Southeast Disaster Recovery Ministry (504)248-7558**
- **Red Cross – (800)814-1477**
- **Catholic Charities (Free Exterior Painting) (504)281-7230**
General help rebuilding (504)895-5439

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About the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

Established in 1981, the mission of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association is to make our community the best place in the city to live and raise a family. Elections are held on the 2nd Thursday in May. Membership dues must be current by the end of April each year or the member will not be able to vote or participate in the May election. The association meets every Thursday night from 5:30pm – 7:00pm @ The Greater Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 5130 Chartres Street. Annual membership dues are \$10.00 T-Shirt included.

The Board of Directors 2008/2009 is as follows:

Antoinette Ackerson
Charles E. Allen, III
Calvin Alexander
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Jeffery Chambliss
Pam Dashiell
Charles Digrange
Elois Parker
Linda Novak
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Evelyn Stanley
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Linda Novak, Corresponding Secretary
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Evelyn Stanley, Treasurer
Pam Dashiell, Past President

Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Crime Committee

Mission Statement

To facilitate an alliance between Lower Ninth Ward residents, community partners and public officials that fosters a safe, just and healthy community. In spirit of activism, resiliency and compassion that characterizes our neighborhood, the crime committee is dedicated to encouraging residents and partners to participate in both crime prevention and intervention for the betterment of our diverse and historic neighborhood.

Jeffery Chambliss & Ariane Wiltse, Committee Organizers

**Please report all crime to the NOPD's 5th district at:
(504)658-6050. Report Drug activity to the FBI:
(504)813-3000. National Guard (504)304-2673**

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