



Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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News from the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development



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From the President's Pen

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds everyone in good health and spirits as we go through another hot summer in New Orleans.

First, it gives me great pleasure to announce the presence of two young students from Bard College in New York. Their names are Alexander Kaplan and Nathalie Jolivert and each is working with us at our Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development. Please join me in welcoming them to our community.

Secondly, I wish to thank Ariane Wiltse, Jeff Chambliss, Ken Foster and numerous others who made our May 10th *community walk against crime* a huge success. Overall, I want to applaud and thank Ariane and Jeff for their sterling leadership in co-chairing our neighborhood's crime prevention committee.

Third, I wish to remind everyone we have another group of students from the University of Wisconsin working with us this summer in our community. Their names are: Ashley Wallace, Dalayna Tillman, Ben Tansey, Dan Cornelius, Michelle Scott, Amanda Perzdock, Yoshi Hiroko, Andy Leaf, and Ashleigh Ross. Please join me in welcoming these friends to our community. We wholeheartedly thank the entire Professor Herb Wang and the entire UW family for their undying support of our community.

And lastly, I wish to acknowledge the presence of a field school in our neighborhood this summer. The school is titled, *Traditional Trades and GREEN Preservation - Sustaining Culture, Place and Heritage* and it's a project of the Preservation Trades Network in partnership with the World Monuments Fund, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association and the University of Florida/School of Architecture's Historic Preservation Program. The will run from June 9 to August 1 and it's designed as an interdisciplinary, project-based learning experience to aid in our neighborhood's recovery.

So there you have it. At least 3 groups of friends coming to our community to further help us along our long journey of recovery. We greatly appreciate them and all friends from near and far who are helping us in ways unimaginable. Also, let's keep in our thoughts and prayers any and all neighbors who have since passed away or recuperating from injuries and incidents of all kinds. God bless us all!

Sincerely,
Charles

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Resident's Crime Walk
Council Woman Cynthia
Willard-Lewis participated

4th of July Event @ PRC House

Winn Dixie and Nature's Grill
Make a donation to Community
Garden

Clothing and some Furniture Give Away on Friday, July 11th @ 2:00 PM
Silver Creek B.C. 2334 Tupelo Street

Lower 9th Ward Farmers Market every Sunday 10 AM – 1 PM RAIN OR SHINE
St. David Church 5617 St. Claude Avenue

Evacuation Preparedness Meeting – Tuesday, July 15th @ 7:00 PM
Lower 9th Ward Village 1001 Charbonnet Street

Community Festival

Sam Bonart Playground (corner of Forstall and Marais Street)
Saturday, July 19, 2008
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tickets \$10 each – children 12 and under Free Admission
All proceeds will be used to cut grass in the lower 9th ward
This event is sponsored by the Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Coalition, Inc.
For more information and tickets: (504)481-6429

Lower 9th Ward Community Meeting – July 26th @ 11:00 AM
Lower 9th Ward Village 1001 Charbonnet Street
(These meetings are held the 4th Saturday of every month @ 11:00 AM)

The Global Green House Tours – 409 Andry Street
Mon., Wed, Fri 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sat., 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
For information: (504)525-2121 – www.globalgreen.org

St. Claude Sankofa Market
Saturday, August 9, 2008
10:00 AM – 3:PM
Corner of St. and Caffin in the parking lot of All Souls Episcopal Church

ARE YOU LIVING IN A HOUSE IN THE LOWER 9?

If so, our **CSED** (Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development) in partnership with Alliance for Affordable Energy, Americorps and Sierra Club would like to help you

INCREASE YOUR COMFORT

SAVE MONEY

SAVE ENERGY

REDUCE PESTS

If you are living in a house in the Lower 9, we would like to evaluate your home for our **weatherization program**. If your home qualifies, volunteers will weather strip your doors, caulk your windows and caulk or foam any holes around plumbing, etc., install CFL bulbs, install a hot water heater blanket, install foam outlet insulators, install low flow shower and sink aerators and inspect and repair your ductwork.

Give Kathy a call at 939-9028 or stop by our office at 5130 Chartres to learn more about this program.

SUSTAIN THE NINE



AmeriCorps volunteers weatherizing homes in Lower 9

Thanks to our Volunteers

Teachers, Jessica Bates, Michelle Joseph, Marney Murphy, Phyllis Scherer and Joe Deffner all teachers took time out to assist L9 Resident Leona Falls with painting her home.



Actor, Michael T. Mykelti Williamson, Hilton Kelley with resident Ms. Willie McGowan, Dr. Herb Wang and the students of University of Madison Wisconsin, Jewish Funds for Justice of Atlanta, Interns, Nathalie Jolivet, and Alexander Kaplan of Bard College in New York, and The Preservation Trades Network Field School Students working in Lower9.

Community Garden Update



What a success! On June 7, 2008, about 50 volunteers from AmeriCorps, Common Ground and lowernine.org came out to assist in developing community gardens in the Lower Ninth Ward. Thanks to all the volunteers! The new Community Garden Annex (on Forstall Street next to the levee) receives some lovin' from enthusiastic volunteers. The land was cleared of rocks and other debris, then tilled. Finally, a layer of newspaper was laid on top in preparation for new soil. Volunteers worked all morning to clear and till the lot on Andry St. and Douglass St. Then, they added a rock path surrounding the future main garden bed. One of three lots (between Claiborne and Florida Avenues) in lowernine.org's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project gets cleared out. The goal of the CSA is to provide fresh produce for reasonable prices while supporting local farmers.



Resident, Calvin Young purchasing fruits and vegetables at our Lower 9th Ward Farmers Market. Please show your support. Sunday's Rain or Shine 10am to 1pm. 5617 St. Claude Avenue

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)583-0742**
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)948-0777**
- **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

Earn While You Learn

Common Ground Relief - job training program for local men and women to learn the electrical, plumbing, carpentry and masonry trades so they will be able to participate in the reconstruction of their community.

Participants will receive a \$10 per hour stipend during their training.

For more information contact Thom Pepper, Operations Director
504.583.0742 or visit the offices at 1800 Deslonde Street in the Lower 9th Ward.

Let's Welcome Our Neighbor's Back Home!



Mrs. Tilton retired after 28 years as a teacher just 2 days before Katrina. She and her husband are still waiting for their road home money but with the help of family and volunteers they have finally been able to move back into the home they purchased in 1967.

Other Residents Returning Home Ring the Bell at our Community Meeting



Top left, New Resident, David Fields of PRC, Returning Resident, Ms. Augustine Greenwood, Right Top Returning couple. Bottom left, Returning resident Mr. Nolan and Right bottom, Mr. Kevin Mercadel, of Rebuilding Together.



Thanks to all the organizations, non profit groups, churches, neighbors, and friends who help make our Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Newsletter great. A special thanks to Darryl Malek-Wiley, of the Sierre Club for always having your camera ready.

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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:

Charles Allen, III, President
William Waiters, Vice President
Linda Novak, Corresponding Secretary
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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.

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