



Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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News from the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable



Engagement and Development

A Project of Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

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2007 CSED Report and wrap- Part 1

Bayou Bienvenue

CSED's mission is to stimulate civic engagement and restorative rebuilding, repopulate, sustain natural systems, assist community leadership and preserve resources in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods. The Center's goal is the re-creation and repopulation of a strong community mindful of its history, resources and vulnerabilities that is active, engaged, resilient, prosperous, energy independent and as beautiful as possible. The restoration of Bayou Bienvenue is a key component of our community's restoration.

Bayou Bienvenue forms the northern border of our community and has great potential for storm protection, recreation and as an engine for economic development (eco tourism) and education. With lots of help, support and guidance from our wonderful partners including University of Wisconsin at Madison, Austin Allen and the University of Colorado School of Architecture, the Sierra Club, Sarah Mack, Tulane/Xavier Center for Bio-environmental Research, Southern Illinois University School of Architecture, John Williams, Common Ground, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade and with the leadership provided by our neighbor, Steve Ringo, we've made great strides including:

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Constructing a trail and bridge from Florida Avenue to the bayou

Testing, analysis, documentation and planning for restoration, education and economic development

4 workshops/symposia which included the community, professionals, academics, the Municipality and international experts

5 community workshops

Study and survey of community knowledge and attitudes regarding wetlands

Ongoing coordination with municipal projects

Planning, permitting, research, fundraising, curriculum development for a wetlands education research center

Land/canoe tours and trips connecting the community and the bayou

Plans for this year include:

Trail maintenance and enhancements

Formal Economic Development/Historic Preservation Plan and implementation

Ongoing land/canoe tours

Formal agreements with local schools

Economic Development initiatives related to the bayou

Further water, flora, fauna, soil identification, testing, analysis and documentation

Ownership analysis

Landscape and design studios and projects

Carbon sequestration/carbon credit study

Next month...Green Rebuilding Report, Plans, Zero Carbon

From the President's Pen

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and that your new year is off to great start.

As previously mentioned, we in Holy Cross/Lower 9th are gearing up for a major effort to help residents in their post-Katrina/Rita rebuilding. This event, called Historic Green, will be held from March 8th -23rd. This effort is being hosted by our Lower 9th Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED) in coordination with the Emerging Green Builders and numerous other partners and friends. This event promises to be very beneficial in the rebuilding of our community.

Secondly, we are all very excited for neighbors-Rashida Ferdinand and Marna David-who were recently featured on the This Old House television show. In particular, This Old House recently helped in the renovations of Rashida's 1892 Creole shotgun style home on Lizardi Street. Way to go, Rashida! And, thanks to the entire staff and family of This Old House.

Lastly, and on a much more sobering note, we in the Holy Cross/Lower 9th have been experiencing a rash of burglaries and other crimes. I'm asking all residents to please be very vigilant and careful. Also, please report any crimes to the Crime Prevention Committee of neighborhood association. In fact, you can forward such reports to Ariane Wiltse by email to arianewiltse@gmail.com. And, please don't hesitate to give such reports to Ariane or her co-chair-Jeff Chambliss-at our weekly neighborhood association meetings. As always, I look forward to continuing our work as we further chart a path of recovery for our beloved community.

Sincerely,

Charles

Coming Soon ...

Look for our Billboard of services offered to Lower 9th Ward Residents. The Billboard will be at your right as you cross over the St. Claude Bridge entering the Lower 9th Ward.

WELCOME HOME...WE'RE HERE TO HELP



HCNA/CSED

HCNA/CSED 324-9955

Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement & Development
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ACORN	943-0044	Lower 9th Ward Homeowners Assn.	229-269-9078
All Congregations Together	304-2281	Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Council	261-2768
Common Ground Relief	583-0742	Lower 9th Ward NENA	373-6483
lowernine.org	278-1240	Lower 9th Ward Village	948-0777
Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic	309-0918	New Life Intracoastal CDC	606-2603

Sustain the Nine

HOLMES ONE STOP RESTAURANT



Specializing in Gourmet Soul Food
5340 St. Claude Ave.

Phone (504)309-8560

Serving Breakfast and Lunch
Open Daily 6:00am – 2:00 pm

Ms. Charlotte is back in the kitchen, cooking all of your favorite foods! She'll be serving up red beans and rice, fried chicken, mustard green, lasagna, cabbage, baked chicken, jambalaya, fried trout, blackened fish, shrimp, green beans, and cornbread.

Henry Holmes, Owner & CEO
Charlotte Hayward, Cook

Historic Green is Coming!

March 8 to 23, 2008

For two weeks in March, hundreds of volunteers are coming to New Orleans – bringing their energy and ideas to help the people of Holy Cross and the Lower Ninth Ward rebuild and revitalize their community. They will be students as well as many architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects, interior designers and contractors who'll work hand in hand with neighborhood residents on their historic houses, parks, playgrounds and community spaces.

We call this "Historic Green", to reflect the event's focus equally on historic preservation and sustainability. This builds on the neighborhood's ongoing work since Katrina to make the community a safer, healthier, *greener* place. Vibrant, tradition-rich and architecturally significant as an historic district, Holy Cross is the perfect place to host *Historic Green*.

Green Homes. Green Spaces. Green Community.

Historic Green will focus on three key project areas in the Lower 9:

- "Greening Historic Homes": will include weatherization assistance, installing radiant barriers and compact fluorescent light bulbs in homes throughout the community as well as free sustainable rebuilding consulting services.
- "Greening Community Spaces": will include clean-up and repair of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Playground, planting the Community Garden, creating new "rain gardens", and restoring pocket parks and other green spaces through the community.
- "Greening Community Places": will include rebuilding assistance for local churches, The Village Community Center, and other neighborhood workdays that team skilled professionals and student and professional volunteers.

The Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED) is the official event host for Historic Green New Orleans. We're proud and honored to have Charles, Pam, Kathy, Warrenetta and Darryl as members of the *Historic Green* Organizing Committee.

And we need your help! *Historic Green* needs local leaders and volunteers to help with all aspects of the event: Historic Homes, Green Spaces, Community Places – *plus* helping with Registration, Food & Entertainment, Tours of the Lower 9, Lectures at the MLK School, and much more. To learn more, go to www.historicgreen.org or email us at info@historicgreen.org and volunteer@historicgreen.org

See you soon!

Join Us!

Historic Green headquarters will be The Village (1001 Charbonnet Street), with additional events held at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church and throughout the neighborhood. Look for the signs!

A series of lectures featuring several national speakers will be held at the Martin Luther King School on Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Music on the Levee" (@ 4700 Dauphine) and a crawfish boil – featuring the Marsalis Brothers – Sunday, March 16, beginning at 3 p.m.

**HCNA, REBUILDING TOGETHER, NBA WORKING TOGETHER
IN HOLY CROSS NEIGHBORHOOD**

Supported by the HCNA, Rebuilding Together, a program of the Preservation Resource Center, has worked in our neighborhood for over ten years providing assistance to elderly and/or disabled homeowners. Along with volunteers from the National Basketball Association and community volunteers, nine houses on Lizardi Street will be brought new life through painting on Friday, February 15th. **Special Thanks to the NBA volunteers and Rebuilding Together for helping to rebuild our community and bring our neighbors home.**

THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS who signed up to help paint those homes. Our friends at **Common Ground** sent 6 volunteers and the **Lower Ninth Ward Village** sent 5 volunteers. Friends of the community and neighborhood residents included **Warrenetta Banks, Pam Dashiell, Kathy Muse, Bucket Brigade friends Ann Rolfes, Issac Offei, and Holly Witherington, Veronica Nolan, John Koeferl, Bruce Harris, Evelyn Stanley, Charles Allen, Rev Scie, Christine DeCuir, Derrick Rattler, Ariane & Alyssa Wiltse, Kyley Robinson, Leslie Robinson, Collins Phillips, Kelvin Hewitt, Linda Novak, Leslie Francis, and Darryl Malek-Wiley.**

YOUR TIME AND ENERGY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

TOGETHER, WE CAN SUSTAIN THE NINE!

BECOME A PART OF THE RADIANT NINE

Be sure and join us at the **HCNA meeting Thursday, February 21st**, to see a presentation by Forest Bradley-Wright of Alliance for Affordable Energy on how radiant barrier insulation can SAVE YOU MONEY on your utility bill! Thanks to the support of the Sierra Club, the CSED and Alliance for Affordable Energy are ready to start our second phase of the **Radiant Barrier Program**. Thirty-nine Lower Nine residents have already taken advantage of this program and have radiant barrier installed in their attics. YOU can join them! All Lower Nine residents are eligible for this program. Learn more about radiant barrier at the HCNA Meeting February 21st and sign up for the program at the CSED office, 5130 Chartres Street, 10am-4pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday or at our regular 5:30pm Thursday meetings.

SUSTAIN THE NINE !

Upcoming Events and Community Information

HCNA annual membership dues of \$10 is currently being accepted for the 2008 calendar year see, Evelyn Stanley, Treasurer.

Girls ages 5 - 18 interested in joining a local **Girl Scout Chapter** should contact the CSED for more information.

Mardi Gras bead recycling program. Please bring this years catch to the CSED office. All collected beads will be donated, sorted and repacked by a local organization.

Young adults between the ages of 16 and 21 are encouraged to contact the CSED regarding an upcoming **Job Skills Training program**. Participants will train full time and be paid to learn in the fields of deconstruction, gardening, or radiant barrier installation.

Laurentine Ernst's Community Garden



The ACGA (American Community Garden Association) board visit is February 23rd. ACGA board members will volunteer their time and expertise to complete 2-3 projects in our garden. Also, Mrs. Laurentine Ernst's birthday is February 22nd, so we'll be hosting a small recognition party on the 23rd in tandem with the Board work day. Hopefully, Mrs. Ernst will be able to make it!!!

A Lower 9th Ward/Holy Cross Neighborhood view from the sky

Pictures taken by Pam Dashiell on her recent helicopter ride. Other HCNA members Reverend Gilbert Scie and Kathy Muse went along for the ride.



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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.

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 yard signs are Free.

Charles Allen, III, President
William Waiters, Vice President
Linda Novak, Recording Secretary
Evelyn Stanley, Treasurer
Pam Dashiell, Past President

The Board of Directors 2007/2008 is as follows:

Antoinette Ackerson
Charles Allen
Calvin Alexander
Pam Dashiell
John Koefel
Elois Parker
Linda Novak
Stacy Rockwood
Rev. Gilbert Scie
Evelyn Stanley
Mary Patsy Story
William Waiters

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.

**You're invited to attend the Committee Meetings on
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm
Greater Little Zion MBC
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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