



Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Season's Greetings

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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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Happy Holidays, Happy Christmas and a blessed, smart, prosperous, resilient and civically engaged New Year!

It's hard to believe 2009 is almost here. Thanks so much to people and supporters of the Holy Cross and Lower Ninth Ward neighborhoods for standing our ground and for standing up, working towards restoration and protection of our community and for providing a model and inspiration for people from all over. A good cause, hard work, civic and civil engagement, endurance and intelligent, strategic persistence can and will triumph.

By a unanimous decision of the membership, the regular Holy Cross Neighborhood Association Community Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The change is effective Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Greater Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 5130 Chartres starting at 5:30 p.m.



From the President's Pen

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that the year 2008 is coming to a close. But as it does, let us reflect on a year just all other years that has brought joy and an even some pain along with challenges and opportunities of all kinds. Let us remember that 3 years after Katrina, our community is still not quite where it should be in terms of its recovery. But, we as a people are stronger and more resilient for having gone through the last 3 years. And, most important to remember is that we have gone through our experiences together. Perhaps, we didn't always agree with one another. That's natural. It takes all opinions to move this world. And, perhaps we didn't always see projects to a successful completion. What's important is that we don't give up on our goals. We must always learn lessons that life brings us. And, resolve to work harder at what we wish to achieve. And, let's always remember that we need one another.

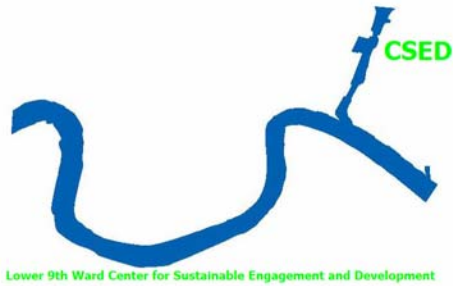
This year has been no different from the previous three in that numerous volunteers and friends from all around the world have to come to assist at various times. And, we are oh so grateful to those friends for what they done for us. We also want our friends to know that they always have a home here in the Lower 9th.

We should also take the time to reflect on those dear friends and family members that left our world this year. We cherish their memories and honor them by dedicating our work and lives to them. We miss them immensely but we can be assured that we take from them the many valuable lessons that will continue to guide our steps in our earthly journey.

Let's also thank all members, officers and staff of our Holy Cross Neighborhood Association. Your hard work and continued dedication to our association and community once again has carried us over an almost insurmountable threshold. And, to the people of the Holy Cross/Lower 9th community, we thank you for giving our work and lives purpose and meaning. We of course could not have done it all without you.

Happy Holidays to all and may God continue to bless us in the coming year!

*Sincerely,
Charles*



REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USAGE! UPGRADE YOUR HOME!

!"GREEN-UP" THE LOWER NINTH WARD!!!!

WEATHERIZATION & RADIANT BARRIER PROGRAM IN LOWER 9

The attic of a house gets extremely hot, especially in the summer, even reaching temperatures of over 140 degrees. Radiant barrier is construction grade aluminum foil that can be installed in the attic to lessen this effect and save you money on your utility bill! Radiant barrier reflects heat from the sun. This prevents the house from getting too hot, and makes it easier for the air conditioner to cool the house. Radiant barrier can be done at any time, BEFORE or after the house is occupied and functional.

Thanks to a grant from our friends at the **Sierra Club** and with the help of good-hearted volunteers, we are able to offer radiant barrier installation at an affordable cost to **property owners in the Lower Ninth Ward Community.**

<u>Square Footage of Attic</u>	<u>Installed thru CSED</u>	<u>Your Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Retail</u>
1,000 SF or Less		\$275	\$648+
1,001 – 1,800 SF		\$300	\$740+
1,801 SF or More		\$350	\$1200+

Call Kathy Muse at **939-9028** or **324-9955** or come to the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED) at 5130 Chartres St. , New Orleans LA 70117 for more information.

SUSTAIN THE 9!!!



Treasures from the Past

Rebuilding Together Salvage Store Gives New Life to New Orleans Architectural History

Peter Hadley
December 10, 2008
New Orleans, LA –

Looking for cheap materials for your home renovation project? Do you love New Orleans' historic architecture and want to see it preserved?

The Rebuilding Together Salvage Store, located at 2801 Marais Street, is currently overflowing with rare and unique architectural elements for rebuilding, renovating, or simply making something special. An abundant selection of doors, windows, ironwork and more are on display outside in the salvage yard. Inside one can find smaller treasures, such as columns, mantels, corbels and those sought-after New Orleans summer cast-iron grates. Proceeds from items sold in the store go to support Rebuilding Together, a non-profit working to rebuild and restore homes for low-income elderly and disabled people in Orleans Parish.

A number of beautiful and antique items now adorn many of the houses in Holy Cross. Rebuilding Together carries many old and handcrafted traditional pieces, perfect for these historic homes. Come see for yourself, Monday through Saturday, 10 – 4 pm, and find the perfect something for your house while supporting a great cause!

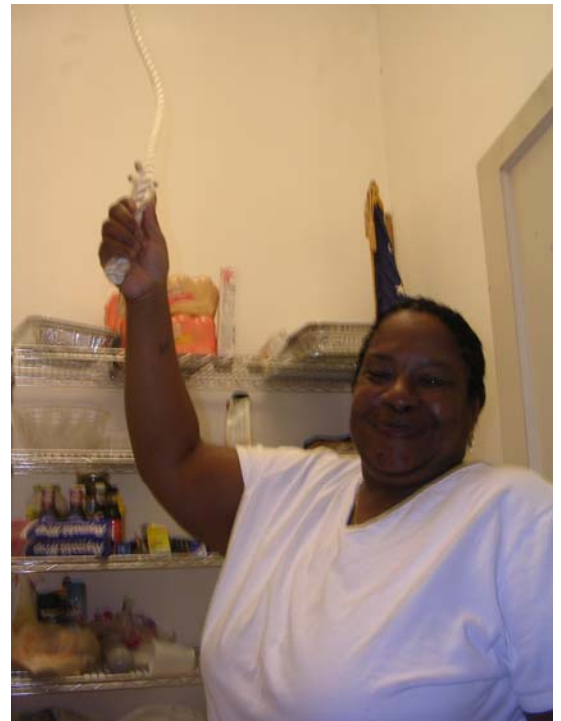
Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm
2801 Marias St. (right next door to The Green Project)

Rebuilding Together New Orleans renovates the homes of low-income elderly and/or disabled homeowners using volunteer and professional labor. If you own a house in the Holy Cross neighborhood and fit our program requirements, please contact our Community Outreach Officer, Geoffrey Leonard at gleonard@prcno.org or 504.636.3389.

LET'S WELCOME HOME OUR RESIDENTS



Left: Resident Carietha Kirk joyfully rings the "I'm home bell at the weekly community meeting. Bottom left: Ms. Kirk Neighbors: Rick and Hazel Denhart finally moved into their newly renovated home in Holy Cross. Bottom Right: Georgia Johnson rings the bell with great pride as she finally moves back into her family home on Sister Street.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS... WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



Above: Law School students from: George Washington University in D.C. and resident Ann Schnexyder. Below: Mr. Lee Morgan and Ms. Denise Payne and students from North Carolina A & T State University.



Left: Volunteers from the Jewish Funds For Justice Service Corps in Atlanta

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.
- **Get It Done Community Meeting** every Monday 5:30 pm All Souls Church 5500 St. Claude Avenue @ Caffin and St. Claude Avenue
- **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**
- **Make It Right (504)620-3213**
- **NORA Lot Next Door Program (504)658-4400**
- **Code Enforcement 658-4300**
- **City Home Ownership Program (504)5533**
- **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 2nd and 4th 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 E. Allen, III, President
William Waiters, Vice President
Linda Novak, Corresponding Secretary
Elois Parker, Recording Secretary
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Elois Parker
Linda Novak
Rev. Gilbert Scie
Evelyn Stanley
Mary Patsy Story
Ann Schnexyder
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.

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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