

# Eastern New Orleans Newsletter

April 27, 2009

## Last week's NOE stories

### East N.O. Residents review city plan

By Lolis Eric Elie  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009  
Times-Picayune

Citizens of eastern New Orleans got a chance Monday night to weigh in on the rough draft of the city's master plan and comprehensive zoning ordinance. Full story at:

<http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/neworleans/index.ssf?/base/news-10/1240291999277270.xml&coll=1>

### Norman Robinson testifies in MR-GO, corps lawsuit

By Susan Finch  
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Times-Picayune

After Katrina left his spacious home in eastern New Orleans a stinking shambles, TV news anchor Norman Robinson and his wife lived for two years in a 700-square-foot River Ridge apartment.

Attorneys for Robinson and his fellow plaintiffs say that if

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VOB/Old Morrison Homes has asked for and has been granted a "Reconsideration" hearing before the New Orleans Planning Commission on May 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

We need a large turn out for this hearing.

### Community Leaders:

The City Planning Commission has a limited number of black and white unbound copies of the Draft Master Plan available for pickup on a first come – first served basis at 1340 Poydras, # 900. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9am – 5pm. You may call 658-7033 to speak to the planner on duty and reserve one copy.

The Draft is posted on the Master Plan project website: [www.nolamasterplan.org](http://www.nolamasterplan.org). The website also lists numerous locations across the city where you may review a color copy of the Draft Master Plan.

## Sassafras

### Creole and Seafood Restaurant

10100 I-10 Service Rd.

Inside Best Western Avalon Hotel – N.O. East  
378-5001

Tuesday – Saturday 11 am – 9 pm  
Sunday 9:30 – 4 pm

### Banquet Rooms

### Champagne Brunch Every Sunday 10 am – 3 pm

2for 1 Tuesdays    Wednesday is Kids Nite  
20 Lunch Menu Items Under \$10

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U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval, who is hearing the trial without a jury, rules in their favor and higher courts uphold the decision, the stage would be set thousands of other lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, eastern New Orleans and St. Bernard residents to seek compensation from the federal government for their Katrina-related losses. Full story at: <http://nola.live.advance.net/news/top/frontpage/index.ssf?/base/news-12/124046500655340.xml&coll=1>

## Controversial MR-GO officially closed to boats

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The shipping channel was built in the 1960s as a shortcut from the Gulf to New Orleans. It has taken the brunt of criticism in St. Bernard Parish, the Lower 9th Ward and some parts of eastern New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina's deadly flooding in 2005, as well as flooding during Hurricane Betsy in 1965. Although the corps contends the channel had minimal impact on flooding, it became increasingly unpopular in the region after Katrina, leading to its closure.

Against the wishes of some shipping interests and businesses, a corps study concluded it would cost more money to keep the waterway open than it brings in and recommended to Congress that it be closed. The corps also stated the rock barrier will stem saltwater intrusion blamed for the destruction of thousands of acres of wetlands.

<http://www.nola.com/news/top/stbernard/index.ssf?/base/news-3/124046492155340.xml&coll=1>

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, April 27, 2009.** Registration begins for Resurrection of Our Lord School Learn and Play Summer Camp from June 8 – July 17, 2009. For more information, call 504-243-2257.

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.** New Orleans East Streetscape Project Open House. St. Maria Goretti, 7300 Crowder Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70127.

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 6:00 p.m.** ENONAC Commissioners Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting for neighborhood association presidents. St. Maria Goretti, Rooms 3 and 4. Each neighborhood should be represented. CAB meetings occur on the last Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009** Greater New Orleans Immunization Network Free Immunizations for children up to 18 years of age N.O. East Walgreens at Lake Forest and Bullard 2 pm - 6 pm. Bring Child's Immunization Record.

For more information go to <http://www.gnoshots4kids.com/index2.html> or call (504) 733-3268.

**Friday, May 8, 2009 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm.** Step Up to the Mic!!! Jazz City Java Coffeehouse presents Open Mic Nite at 5555 Bullard Ave. Been waiting for an opportunity to showcase your talent? Bring your spoken words, your song, your instrument, your talent to Jazz City Java's monthly Open Mic Night. Come in and sign on the dotted line. It's your night to shine! Rather be on the other side of the mic? Then just come on in and support your home grown talent while sipping on your favorite coffee brew! Drink & Dessert Specials. Families are welcome! Open Mic Nights are held every second Friday of the month. For more information, call 504-245-8282.

**May 11, 2009 New Postal Rates go into effect.** The price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢. **You can still purchase Forever Stamps which are purchased at current first class rates and can always be used even if the rate increases again.**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:00 pm.** Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission monthly meeting. St. Maria Goretti Church. ENONAC meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6:30 pm.** NOPD 7<sup>th</sup> District New Orleans Neighborhood and Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meeting. 10555 Lake Forest Blvd. NONPACC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Friday, May 22 – Sunday, May 24, 2009.** Fourth Weekend. Support our New Orleans East businesses by shopping exclusively in the East! **KEEP THE MONEY IN THE FAMILY!**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009 6:00 p.m.** ENONAC Commissioners Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting for neighborhood association presidents. St. Maria Goretti, Rooms 3 and 4. Each neighborhood should be represented. CAB meetings occur on the last Tuesday of each month.

**New! Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:30 p.m.** VOB/Old Morrison Homes Reconstruction hearing before the New Orleans Planning Commission. We need a large turn out for this hearing.

## Job Opportunities

**New! Systems Accountant** GS-0510-07/11 \$38,117 - \$73,329 . Closes Thursday, May 21, 2009. National Finance Center (NFC) in eastern New Orleans. The incumbent is responsible for the reconciliation of cash transactions and the preparation of related financial and accounting reports required by the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget. The incumbent is also responsible for analyzing erroneous data identified in various accounting reports to assure the accuracy of the transactions and the reliability of reports. The work includes but is not limited to: reviewing various reports and testing transactions to identify errors, trends and recurring problems; and recommending improvements to processes and systems.

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80546781&brd=3876&AVSDM=2009%2D04%2D22+00%3A03%3A00&sort=rv&vw=d&Logo=0&FedPub=Y&lid=17707&FedEmp=Y&tm=1d&SUBMIT1.x=53&SUBMIT1.y=12&ss=0&TabNum=1&rc=3>

**Agency Vendor Liaison Assistant.** \$30,772 - \$40,005. Closes Friday, May 08, 2009. The National Finance Center (NFC) in eastern New Orleans is currently recruiting for two (2) Agency Vendor Liaison Assistant, GS-0503-05, positions via an OPM (DS251873-BM). Full Time Temporary not to exceed 1 year. Current vacancies are located within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), Controller Operations Division, Administrative Payments Branch (APB).

[http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80358457&AVSDM=2009%2D04%2D10+08%3A44%3A59&Logo=0&jbf574=AG90&lid=17707&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency\\_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=77&SUBMIT1.y=21](http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80358457&AVSDM=2009%2D04%2D10+08%3A44%3A59&Logo=0&jbf574=AG90&lid=17707&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=77&SUBMIT1.y=21)

**Sassafras Restaurant East N.O. Now hiring all positions.** Apply Tues-Fri, 9 am – 11 am or 3 pm – 55 pm. 10100 I-10 Service Rd. Inside Best Western Hotel.

Various Employment opportunities at **McDonald's restaurants.** Visit [www.mcstate.com](http://www.mcstate.com) or call 504-569-0120

**Appeals Officer,** Internal Revenue Service, New Orleans, LA. \$83,445 - \$108,483. Closes Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Conduct legal research into applicable rules, regulations & court decisions; Analyze case files, supporting documents & other information involving tax liability issues. Responsible for arriving at final resolution taking into consideration both the Government's & the Taxpayer's perspective & submit the final settlement recommendations on tax cases to Manager. More information: [http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80176931&aid=76675419%2D3139&WT.mc\\_n=MKT000125&TabNum=1&rc=3](http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80176931&aid=76675419%2D3139&WT.mc_n=MKT000125&TabNum=1&rc=3)

**Auditor (Contract Audit),** Department Of Defense, Defense Contract Audit Agency, New Orleans, LA, \$38,117 - \$49,553. Closes Friday, August 28, 2009. Progressively challenging assignments that involve the systematic examination and appraisal of financial records, reports, management controls, policies, & practices affecting or reflecting the financial condition & operation of DOD & other Federal agency contractors. Will be in front of top level decision makers—from CEO's of Fortune 500 companies to high-level military & civilian government personnel. Gain broad-based professional experience. Work often performed on-site at major defense & other contractor installations in inclusive environment which fosters teamwork, open communication, trust,

**ENONAC Administrator.** Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) seeks Part Time Administrator. Application period ends April 30, 2009. Must be resident of Eastern New Orleans (ENO). Maintain thorough knowledge of city zoning and permitting laws for ENO areas. Chief Liaison between the Executive Board of ENONAC and all city and state municipalities. Represent ENONAC at City Council meetings. Maintain working knowledge of city planning agenda. Advocate interests of ENONAC and ENO residents in such plans. Maintain database of ENONAC members. Assist ENONAC Executive Board. Must be organized, possess excellent communication skills, be computer literate, possess basic clerical skills. Excellent salary. For more information, email [info@enonac.org](mailto:info@enonac.org).

**US Census positions available.** Good pay, flexible hours, paid training. Field employee selection aid test every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM and 1 PM. St Bernard Parish Government Building Room 213, every Friday 10 AM Nunez Community College, Classroom J-4. No appointment necessary. Bring I.D. and social security card or birth certificate.

**TARGET is giving a FREE pair of glasses to any child 12 or under**

Target is doing a special promotion for their optical service. It could end any time but will definitely end no later than April 29th.

Children 12 and under can get a free pair of glasses. They need to bring in a valid prescription for glasses from their doctor and Target will let the child pick from about 40 different frames.

They will place their best lenses in the frames which are non-glare and scratch resistant and normally sell for \$200.00. There are no income guidelines.

Any child 12 or under is eligible.

You can find stores with optical departments at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) to confirm they are participating before making a trip to their store.

Please pass this information on to anyone who can benefit from this promotional offer. If you know someone with lost or broken glasses please share this information with them ASAP, as the promotion could end at any time. They would like families to come in as soon as they can.

**New Orleans will sue Six Flags, attorney says**

Thursday, April 23, 2009

By Alan Sayre  
Times-Picayune

Negotiations between the city and financially troubled theme park operator Six Flags Inc. over reopening the company's hurricane-shuttered park in eastern New Orleans have reached an impasse, and the city intends to sue, a top official said Wednesday.

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