

# ***Eastern New Orleans***

## **Newsletter**

**May 25, 2009**

### **Calendar of Events**

**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.

**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.

**New! Thursday, May 28, 2009 5:30 pm.** **New Orleans East Business Association (NOEBA)** "THE STATE OF THE EAST ADDRESS". Thursday, May 28, 2009. City Cathedral. 13123 I-10 Service Road. Moderated by: CNN's Tom Foreman. For more information, contact Alicia Plummer, NOEBA Vice President. (504) 458-5809 or [aplummer@eastovercc.com](mailto:aplummer@eastovercc.com). [www.noeba.biz](http://www.noeba.biz)

**Saturday, May 30, 2009 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 2nd Annual Health Fair at 6828 Chef Menteur Hwy in New Orleans East. The event is free to the public and will provide various screenings and guest speakers. The fair will service all ages in the entire community.

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### **Demolitions in Eastern New Orleans**

From Councilmember, District E, Cynthia Willard Lewis:

I am very pleased to bring to you some very good news. After two years of testimonies and countless complaints I am proud to finally say that what many of us know as 8181 Lake Forest or LA Provence Apartments will soon be demolished. The owners have just sent us a letter agreeing to demolish the entire complex. They are currently in negotiations with a demolition contractor and New Orleans East will soon reap the benefits.

Also I am elated to say that 14101 Michoud Blvd formerly known as Oak Island apartments will be demolished. The permit was granted on May 20, 2009.

Both of these units were posing health risks to the citizens of New Orleans as well as negatively affecting the quality of life. Since Hurricane Katrina the community has been working diligently to bring New Orleans East back and I am glad to say that with this great news we are two steps closer.

These units were constant reminders of government's failures, as well as symbols of the greatest natural disaster to ever strike our country. By demolishing these units we can begin to put our dark past behind us and look to a much better and brighter future.

I would like to thank the community for being so engaged and staying involved in the process, I would like this to serve as a reminder that when we come together as one, with one goal, things change.

THE NEW ORLEANS EAST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**The  
State of the East**  
LAKES, LEISURE, LUXURY & BUSINESS

Thursday, May 28th  
City Cathedral in New Orleans East  
13123 I-10 Service Road @ Bullard Exit



5:30 to 6:00 PM  
Networking Reception

6:00 PM to 7:30PM  
Forum on Recovery & Rebuilding New Orleans East

**This summit is hosted by CNN's Tom Foreman**  
with guest speakers from healthcare, utilities, real estate,  
economic development, banking, restaurants, law enforcement,  
education, shopping, industry and technology,  
the U.S. Senate and Congress, and the New Orleans city government.

This is a **free event** that is **very important to residents of New Orleans East.**  
Questions from the floor will be taken.

**Monday, June 8, 2009 – Friday, July 17, 2009.** 7:30 am – 3:30 pm daily. Operation S.O.W. Summer Camp. 9869 East Wheaton Circle in New Orleans East. \$60 per week. After care 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, \$15 per day. Operated by Mrs. “Bess” Bynum-Vaughn. Activities include culinary arts, multicultural activities, field trips, basketball swimming, bingo, singing, dancing, and much more. For more information, call (504) 245-4100 or (504) 259-4398.

**Monday, June 8, 2009 – Friday, July 17, 2009.** Resurrection of Our Lord School Learn and Play Summer Camp. Call (504) 243-2257 for more information.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009 1:30 pm.** City Hall Chambers. CPC Public Hearing on Zoning Change from RS-2 Single Family to C-1 Commercial. Square 12 (Chef Menteur Hwy, Hickerson Dr, Grant St & Read Blvd). (*Change requested by owner of Ace Hardware, who previously attempted to place a trailer park on Chef Hwy*)

**Tuesday, June 9, 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.

**Friday, June 12, 2009.** By law, full-power television stations nationwide must begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format.

**Friday, June 12, 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.

**Saturday, June 13, 2009 8:00 am – 12 noon.** Community Yard Sale. 5555 Bullard Ave. To register for a table (eastern New Orleans residents only), call (504) 352-0227 or e-mail lakebullard@aol.com.

**Monday, June 15, 2009.** Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program deadline. The grant provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Grants of up to \$2,500 are made in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials. Other Deadlines: Sept 15 & Dec 15. More information: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>

**Wednesday, June 17, 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.

**New! Saturday, June 20, 2009 6:00 pm.** Rev. Barbara Murray’s Piano Class Recital. Cornerstone United Methodist Church. 5276 Bullard Ave.

**New! Friday, June 26, 2009 10:30 am. Civil District Court, Division K.** The blighted La Provence Apartments at 8181 Lake Forest Blvd., will be addressed.

**New! Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28, 2009.** Fourth Weekend. Support our New Orleans East businesses by shopping exclusively in the East! **KEEP THE MONEY IN THE FAMILY!**

**New! Saturday, June 27, 2009.** Renaissance Market Place monthly arts/crafts/food market offering fresh produce, fine arts and crafts, cuisine from area restaurants, and live music. Occurs on the fourth Saturday of every month.

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**New! Friday, July 3, 2009 10 am – 3 pm** (registration at 8:30 am). Behrman Stadium, 2529 General Meyer Ave, New Orleans, LA. Robert Royal (Cleveland Browns) & Ryan Clark’s (Superbowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers) T.E.A.M. Camp (Together Each Achieves More). For additional information, please contact T.E.A.M. Camp coordinator Katrina Leonce at [profilesgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:profilesgroup@yahoo.com)

## Visualize...

Eastern New Orleans with state of the art healthcare, diverse shopping, various restaurants and exciting entertainment. It can happen. We **MUST** make it happen.

## Job Opportunities

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

**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, & mutual respect. More information: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=75202192&AVSDM=2009%2D02%2D13+07%3A26%3A53&Logo=0&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&customapplicant=15513,15514,15515,15669,15523,15512,15516,45575&q=contract+auditor>

**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.

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions".

-Albert Einstein  
(1879-1955)

## 2009 Eastern New Orleans Graduates

### **Dr. Christopher Edward Bell**

*Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder  
Son of Cynthia Bell, President of the  
Evangeline Oaks Subdivision*

*Dr. Bell is the first African American Male to  
be awarded a Ph.D. at Boulder (out of student  
population of over 28,000)*

## **Congratulations!**

## JAZZ CITY JAVA welcomes artist Adewale Adenle

Jazz City Java Coffeehouse presents an exhibit by local artist, Adewale Adenle, with works on display May 18th through July 6th, 2009. Adewale will host an opening show on Saturday, June 6th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Adewale Adenle obtained his Fine Art degree (specializing in painting and drawing) at Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, Nigeria in 1991. Adewale has lived and had his studio in New Orleans since 2001. He returned after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2007. 'Wale, as he is called, works mostly in oil, acrylic, pen, and wood-veneer collage. 'Wale's paintings / political cartoons are in various private and public collections in Africa, Europe and The U.S. His subjects are predominantly positive musical and sociopolitical images, projected towards uplifting human spirits. In his words: "my art is joyous, a celebration of the best aspects of the world: our music, our arts, and our humanity."

In addition to painting, Adewale was also a political cartoonist for several newspapers / magazines in Nigeria and Britain. He currently illustrates and draw cartoons for the New York based 'Black Enterprise' magazine. He has won numerous awards and exhibited his works in over 12 countries.

These awards include the:

- 2007 Best of Show' at The Zora Neal Hurston Arts Festival- Eatonville, Florida
- 2006 Award Of Excellence' at The Chrysler Arts, Beats and Eats- Pontiac, Michigan
- 2005 Most Unique Artist Award and '2006 Best of Show' Award at The New Orleans Jazzfest
- 2000 Reuters News Graphics Award, U.K. and Spain, among others.....

Come out to Jazz City Java Coffeehouse on Saturday, June 6th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m to meet the artist and view his works. 'Wale will be there to introduce his art. The show is free and open to the public. His art works are now being displayed at the coffeehouse and are available for purchase.

### **ABOUT JAZZ CITY JAVA**

Jazz City Java is a newly established, family-owned jazz-themed coffeehouse in Eastern New Orleans. We are located in the Lake Bullard corridor on Bullard Ave. near Lake Forest. Jazz City Java serves gourmet coffee, teas, espresso, smoothies and frozen blended drinks along with desserts and fresh pastries. Our environment is friendly and inviting, offering Free WIFI.

**Back by Popular Demand!  
Community Yard Sale!**

Saturday, June 13  
8:00 am – 12 noon

**5555 Bullard Ave.**

Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, More!  
To register for a table (eastern New Orleans residents only, please), call (504) 352-0227 or e-mail [lakebullard@aol.com](mailto:lakebullard@aol.com)

**Businesses in the East  
CHAMPION MEDICAL CENTER  
and URGENT CARE CENTER**

9890 Lake Forest Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70127  
504.241.3656 (Office)  
504.241.3560 (Fax)

**Churches in the East**

**Household of Faith**  
9300 I-10 Service Road  
New Orleans, LA 70127  
(504) 302-1562



***Lake Bullard***

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Lisa Stafford, Editor**

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## Eastern New Orleans Representatives Tour Mall

Senator Ann Duplessis and members of the ENONAC Economic Development Committee toured the Fountain Park Centre Mall on the West Bank as guests of Cesar Burgos, the developer tapped to rebuild the now defunct Lake Forest Plaza mall.

Fountain Park Centre may be a model for the proposed development on Read Blvd. The West Bank development boasts a large central pond with fountains, a play area, and a variety of restaurants and shops.

Burgas envisions an establishment in the East with a Mediterranean theme and suggested changing the proposed name from "Renaissance Town Center".

Burgas is anxious to work with area residents and wants our input in plans for the development. The new mall should have upscale stores not currently found in the area. Some stores we may be able to choose from: Neiman Marcus Last Call, Ikea, Saks Off Fifth, Bloomingdale's, Ann Taylor Factory Stores, Ann Klein Factory Store, a gourmet bakery, and a Borders Outlet. For a list of outlet stores, visit <http://www.primeoutlets.com/our-brands.aspx>.

To view information about the Fountain Park Center, visit <http://www.fountainparkcentre.com/>



Fountain Park Centre



Senator Ann Duplessis and Developer Cesar Burgos



ENONAC Economic Executive Board and Economic Development Committee at Fountain Park Centre

## ROBERT ROYAL & RYAN CLARK'S T.E.A.M. CAMP

A wonderful opportunity for the children in Eastern New Orleans to not only meet, but be coached by some of the greatest players in the NFL:

Together Each Achieves More

Sponsored in part by the City of New Orleans

WHAT: Free football Camp for Kids 7-16. Open to the first 300 campers; Cheer camp open to the first 50 Kids 7-14

WHEN: Friday, July 3, 2009

TIME: 10 am – 3 pm (registration begins at 8:30 am)

Parents or Guardians will need to sign camper information form and release

WHERE: Behrman Stadium, 2529 General Meyer Avenue, New Orleans, LA

### CAMP DETAILS:

This non-contact free camp is led by Robert Royal of the Cleveland Browns and Ryan Clark of the Superbowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Robert, Ryan and their NFL colleagues will teach fundamental football techniques as well as mentor the campers about the importance of getting an education, rejecting negative attitudes, avoiding drugs and alcohol, and hard work equals success.

NFL player participants scheduled to attend include: **Antonio Pierce (New York Giants), Ike Taylor and Anthony Smith (Pittsburgh Steelers), Marcus Washington, Rock Cartwright and Fred Smoot (Washington Redskins), Angelo Crowell and Marcus Stroud (Buffalo Bills), Patrick Surtain and Dwayne Bowe (Kansas City Chiefs), George Wilson (Buffalo Bills), LaRoi Glover (St. Louis Rams) and others to be announced.**

The camp will provide lunch and drinks, but campers will need to provide their own transportation.

For additional information, please contact T.E.A.M.

Camp coordinator Katrina Leonce at

[profilesgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:profilesgroup@yahoo.com)

From Lake Carmel:

# **RESIDENTS OF THE EAST WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**This is a Call To Action  
Come out and Let your Voices be Heard**

**Where:** City Council Chamber – City Hall  
1300 Perdido Street

**When:** Tuesday, May 26th

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

1. Come and voice your opposition to the proposed VOB/OLD Morrison Homes construction on Morrison Road.
2. These lease/purchase homes are no more than rental units designed to make the developers rich and we the home owners poor by decreasing our property values.

**Are you CONCERNED about:**

- Crime
- Burglaries
- Lack of retail shops/hospital/park
- Decreased property values
- Traffic congestion
- Excessive “affordable” housing in our area

**IF YOU ARE, THEN WE NEED TO SEE YOU ON  
MAY 26TH**

**THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER  
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

COME OUT TO THE

# Eastern New Orleans COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

5555 BULLARD (NEAR JAZZ CITY JAVA COFFEEHOUSE)

8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

CLOTHING, JEWELRY, MAKEUP, ARTWORK AND  
OTHER ITEMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR A TABLE

CALL (504) 352-0227 OR

E-MAIL [LAKEBULLARD@AOL.COM](mailto:LAKEBULLARD@AOL.COM)

*Registration Open to Eastern New Orleans Residents Only*