

Eastern New Orleans **Newsletter**

June 8, 2009

SENATOR DUPLESSIS WORKS WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO SECURE FUNDING TO REOPEN METHODIST HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

(New Orleans, LA.) State Senator Ann D. Duplessis is proud to announce the approval of \$40 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to reopen Methodist Hospital in Eastern New Orleans. Thanks to the Governor's Office and Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), Senator Duplessis has started the process of securing resources to provide health care to her constituents. Negotiations are also underway to acquire another \$10 million in hazard mitigation funding for this project.

"The reopening of Methodist Hospital is not only important to residents of Eastern New Orleans, but also for the residents of the Lower Ninth ward, Gentilly, and St. Bernard parish", says Duplessis. "The ability to provide adequate healthcare is essential in the rebuilding and repopulation of this community and its surrounding neighbors."

One of Hurricane Katrina's most devastating blows to New Orleans was the annihilation of the primary health care facilities. Though Eastern New Orleans residents have returned in force to rebuild, the revitalization of the health care system in that area has moved at a deliberate pace.

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING 1:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

**CONSIDERATION – ZONING DOCKET
47/09** - Request by ARC INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. for a Zoning Change from an RS-2 Single-Family Residential District to a C-1 General Commercial District, within the UC Urban Corridor District overlay, on Square 12, Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, in the Third Municipal District, bounded by Chef Menteur Highway, Hickerson Drive, Grant Street and Read Boulevard. The municipal address is UNASSIGNED. (ZBM G-12) (SK)

Exciting Announcements Coming!

According to local authorities, before summer's end, two major announcements regarding the Plaza on Read Blvd. will be made involving national retailers.

Although the deals are almost finalized, they will not be announced until the parties involved are ready to break ground.

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“Health care remains one of the greatest challenges in our recovery, particularly in the New Orleans area. By acquiring these vacant properties and redeveloping them, the citizens of New Orleans get better access to health care and fewer blighted buildings, both of which will improve the community and encourage more residents to return home,” said Paul Rainwater, executive director of the Louisiana Recovery Authority. “Although we are still conducting the project and environmental review processes, this investment is a sign that, at the state level, we are committed to seeing this project become reality and seeing New Orleans continue its vibrant return after near total devastation just years ago.”

Calendar of Events

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 Planning Commission Meeting. 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 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009 6:00 pm. Walmart Petitions due to ENONAC. **Please print the petition sheet in this newsletter and get everyone on your street to sign!**

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. 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>

Tuesday, June 16, 2009. School Rebuild Meeting. Osborne Elementary School. Input on preliminary schematic design is needed from neighbors, teachers and students. Visit www.rsdl.net for more information.

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 6:30 pm. NOPD 7th District New Orleans Neighborhood and Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) meeting. 10555 Lake Forest Blvd. NONPACC meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Thursday, June 18, 2009. School Rebuild Meeting. Osborne Elementary School. Input on preliminary schematic design is needed from neighbors, teachers and students. Visit www.rsdl.net for more information.

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

New! Tuesday, June 23, 2009 1:30 pm. City Planning Commission Meeting. City Hall Chambers.

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.

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!**

Job Opportunities

Various Employment opportunities at **McDonald's restaurants**. Visit 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.

Faith for a better New Orleans East

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Don't forget!

The Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) will meet Tuesday night at 6 pm at St. Maria Goretti Church.

This meeting is open to all eastern New Orleans residents and will include speakers and topics relevant to our area's recovery.



Scenes from the East
"Tri-Colored Heron at Bayou Savage"
Contributed by Bill Walsh

Neighborhood of the Week Chimney Wood

There are approximately 40 neighborhoods in eastern New Orleans. Neighborhoods featured in past editions are Venetian Isle, Kingswood, Lake Willow, and Lakewood East.

Chimney Wood is a Townhome community of 74 homes bounded by Morrison and Chimney Wood Lane. The Chimney Wood Homeowners Association has been in operation for 30 years. Officers will be elected in an upcoming election.

The subdivision is still rebuilding, and there currently are homes for sale in the neighborhood. There are currently 15 homes under construction.

The subdivision is still struggling, and needs funding to restore the clubhouse and pool, and there are hopes that the vacant units will be purchased soon.

(Contributed by Debbie Gordon)

Would you like to provide information about your subdivision?
Email lakebullard@aol.com.

Wal-Mart Petitions Due to ENONAC on June 9

You may have received a petition from your homeowner association or subdivision president to sign to bring Wal-Mart back to New Orleans.

If you have not received a petition, please print the sheet on page 6, print your name and address, and get as many other people as you can to do the same.

Other areas have been successful in getting the businesses that they want by doing this.

Vendors Needed

Renaissance Market Place

Saturday, June 27, 2009

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

5700 Read Blvd

504-261-5067

<http://www.renaissancemarketplace.net/>
email renaissancemarketplace@yahoo.com

Businesses in the East **TRI MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR** LICENSED AND INSURED

A/C and Heating
Electrical Wiring
Commercial Kitchen Equipment
(504) 952-0723

Churches in the East

Abundant Life Church
9900 Haynes



Scene from the East
Baby Alligator and Water Moccasin
Contributed by Bill Walsh

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Past issues of the Eastern New Orleans
Newsletter can be found at www.enonac.org.

Hurricane Season is Here. Are you Ready?

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

From Louisiana Rebuilds

<http://www.louisianarebuilds.info/publicsafety#emergency> :

City of New Orleans Office of Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.cityofno.com/Portals/Portal46/portal.aspx?portal=46&tabid=1>

The OEP website contains information on hurricane preparedness, disaster information, evacuation plans, and more.

General Evacuation Guidelines

<http://www.cityofno.com/portal.aspx?portal=46&tabid=18>

Guidelines for the City of New Orleans.

NOLAReady: New Orleans Community Alert System

<http://www.nolaready.info>

Sign up to receive instant alerts in the event of a local emergency. This alert system allows city officials to contact you via email or a text message to your cell, pager, or blackberry in the event of an emergency such as life-threatening weather, amber alerts, boil orders, extremely disruptive road closures, and other emergency situations.

Jefferson Parish Emergency Alert System

<http://jeffersonparishla.mystateusa.com/>

This alert system will warn citizens of impending emergencies such as tornadoes, hurricane evacuations, hazardous material spills and terrorist attacks. Sign up on the website to receive alerts via email and/or cell phone, blackberry, or pager. This service is free.

Prepare for a Hurricane Get a Game Plan

<http://www.getagameplan.org>

This website can help you prepare for hurricane season, outlining steps to create a comprehensive plan for before, during, and after a storm.

Know Your Stuff

<http://www.knowyourstuff.org>

This website from the Insurance Information Institute is a step by step application that helps you maintain a home emergency that is easily accessible in the event of a disaster.

FloodSmart.gov

<http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>

FloodSmart.gov features information about flood risk and the benefits of purchasing a flood insurance policy. You can enter your address to find out your home's flood risk. Visit the website for more information or call 1-888-379-9531.

Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/hurricanerelated/hurricaneindex.htm>

The Louisiana OHSEP site has extensive hurricane preparedness information including an evacuation planning guide, disaster supplies kit fact sheet, flood safety tips, and hurricane terms and information.

From Times-Picayune Inside Out Green Thumb column, Saturday June 6, 2009 edition and Money Watch Sunday May 24, 2009 editon:

- Prune weak, rotting or dead branches from trees
- Decide how you will store loose objects like potted plants and outdoor furniture
- Check your roof

From Times-Picayune Inside Out Green Living column, Saturday June 6, 2009 edition:

- Home Depot stocks the GE Automatic Standby Generator System (whole-house generator) with models starting at \$2,900. Installation requires licensed plumber and electrician.
- Home Depot stocks hurricane-resistant impact glass for windows and doors, which can resist winds up to 130 mph.

- Are your coverages for homeowners and flood insurance adequate?
- Do you have a hurricane deductible?

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

Registration Open to Eastern New Orleans Residents Only

Disaster Supply Kit / Storm Checklist

Sources:

National Hurricane Center

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/prepare/supply_kit.shtml and Rouses Storm Checklist

- Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
 - Powdered or evaporated milk
 - Powdered drink mixes and soda
 - foods for infants or the elderly
 - canned meats and fish
 - canned fruits, vegetables and soups
 - instant coffee, tea and cocoa
 - prepackaged snack foods
 - jars of peanut butter
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools
 - sterno & small grill or outdoor burner
 - wooden kitchen matches
 - charcoal
 - ice chest
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.**
- Clothing** - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
 - Rubbing alcohol
 - Sterile adhesive bandages, gauze pads & rolls
 - Scissors
 - Hydrogen Peroxide
 - Aspirin
 - Antacid tablets
 - Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
 - Tweezers
 - Antiseptic spray
 - Ointments for burn and cuts
 - Latex gloves
 - Eyeglasses / contact lense / supplies

- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**

- toilet tissue and paper towels
- bleach for cleaning

- Disposable diapers & wipes for baby**

- Flashlight / Batteries**

- Radio** - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio

- Telephones** - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

- Keys**

- Toys, Books, Crayons, Cards & Games**

- Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag

- insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, birth and marriage certificates, divorce papers, tax records, wills and deeds, professional and drivers licenses, etc.

- scan important documents and store on a portable drive or CD

- Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm

- Vehicle fuel tanks filled**

- Pet care items**

- proper identification and picture / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water

- cat litter

- a carrier or cage

- muzzle and leash

- Mosquito repellent**

- Candles and lantern**

- Duct tape**

- Disposable cameras**

Preparing for the storm

Posted by [Times-Picayune](#) May 31, 2009

Here is a checklist to get your family prepared and keep them safe before, during and after the storm.

BEFORE THE STORM

- Plan an evacuation route. Contact your parish Office of Emergency Preparedness or Sheriff's Office for information.
- Have disaster supplies on hand: flashlights and extra batteries; first aid kit and manual; battery-operated radio and extra batteries; emergency food and water; nonelectric can opener; essential medicines; cash; credit cards; sturdy shoes.
- Make arrangements for pets.
- Ensure that family members know how to respond after a hurricane.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, the police or Fire Department.
- Protect windows with shutters or 5/8-inch plywood.
- Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- Know the difference between a hurricane or tropical storm watch and a warning. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a watch is issued when there is a threat from hurricane or tropical storm conditions within 24-36 hours. A warning is issued when hurricane or tropical storm conditions, high winds or dangerously high water and rough seas are expected in 24 hours or less.

DURING A STORM WATCH

- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for progress reports.
- Check emergency supplies.
- Make as much ice as can be stored in the freezer. Set the refrigerator to maximum cold and try not to open it after the power goes out.
- Recharge emergency equipment, such as electric drills, tools, cellular phones and batteries.
- Fill pools to a foot below the edge. Add additional chlorine. Turn off electricity to pump and cover it.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, and anchor down larger or heavier items.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Store drinking water in bottles, jugs and a clean bathtub.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boats securely or move them to a safe place. Use tie-downs or anchor to the ground.

DURING A WARNING

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tiedowns and evacuate immediately.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your

home.

- Avoid elevators.

If at home:

- Stay inside. Keep away from windows or glass doors.
- Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy.
- Avoid open flames such as candles.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power surge when electricity is restored.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and bridges.
- Do not take FEMA trailers or mobile homes.
- Unplug appliances and turn off electricity and the main water valve.
- Empty freezer and refrigerator. Remove perishable food from house.
- Pack enough clothing for five days.
- Tell someone out of the storm area where you are going.
- Tape a note inside your home, maybe on the refrigerator, saying you have evacuated and listing your contact information in case emergency officials need to enter while you are away.
- Elevate furniture to protect it from flooding, if time permits.
- Take preassembled emergency kit and warm protective clothing.
- Take blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
- Lock home securely and leave.

The aftermath of a storm can bring as much danger as the storm. Electrocutions, cleanup accidents, fires and other recovery-related accidents can cause many post-hurricane deaths. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security just because the wind and rain have subsided. Be on your guard.

After a hurricane, remain where you are until you receive official word from authorities that the storm has ended and it is safe to leave. Remember, even after a storm, it is possible you will be without power, water and other services. Monitor local radio and TV broadcasts for information regarding emergency medical aid, food and other types of assistance.

- Avoid driving as roads may be impassable. Also, emergency vehicles and relief workers will be able to respond more efficiently without additional traffic congestion.
- Stay clear of downed power lines.
- Look out for snakes, insects and animals driven to higher ground by storm surge and flooding.
- Beware of weakened tree limbs.
- Secure your pets to keep them safe.
- Clear your street, making a path for emergency vehicles. Get neighbors to pitch in.
- Avoid the use of candles, matches and other open flames in your home.
- Open windows and doors for ventilation.
- Use your telephone only for emergencies.