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Michoud site transitions to Jacobs management

New Orleans City Business

by Emilie Bahr Staff Writer

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By this time next year, the number of workers Lockheed Martin employs at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans will be significantly whittled, though some are likely to remain in the facility under new company badges.

Lockheed has for the past three decades manufactured the external fuel tank used in the space shuttle program at the Michoud site, where it has also served as facility manager.

But on July 1, those management duties will be handed over to Jacobs Technology, a Tullahoma, Tenn.-based subsidiary of the Jacobs Engineering Group of Pasadena, Calif.

NASA awarded Michoud's management contract to Jacobs in May as part of a retooling of the site

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Barriere low bidder on state's most expensive project in May

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BATON ROUGE — Barriere Construction Co., of Boutte, was the apparent low bidder on a \$9.5 million road project in eastern New Orleans at the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's May bid openings.

The project, the most expensive let by DOTD in May, includes asphalt overlay, pavement patching and related work on Franklin Avenue from Interstate 610 to Louisiana Highway 46, on Downman Road from Hayne Boulevard to U.S. Highway 90, on Almonaster Avenue from Jourdan Road to Read Boulevard and on Alvar Street/Poland Avenue from St. Claude Avenue to Florida Avenue.

Other apparent low bids on New Orleans-area projects included:

- An \$823,000 bid by Baton Rouge-based Coastal Bridge Co. to perform mechanical and electrical system repairs on the Danzinger Bridge on Highway 90 in Orleans Parish;

- A \$1.6 million bid by Chesterfield, Mich.-based RMD Holdings Ltd. to install guardrails and other related work along U.S. Highway 61 from Alemdia Road to Apple Street in St. Charles Parish; and

- A \$2.4 million bid by Madison, Miss.-based Key Constructors Inc. for asphalt overlay, installation of

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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 23, 2009 1:30 pm. City Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall Chambers.

New! Wednesday, June 24, 2009. 6:30 pm & 7:45 pm. Live Music. "An Evening of JAZZ" with Victor Goines (Saxophonist, Clarinetist, Educator, Composer) & David Pulpus (Bass). Jazz City Java Coffeehouse, 5555 Bullard Ave., New Orleans, LA 70128. Admission is free, however, reservations are required due to limited seating. Please call to reserve your seat: 504-245-8282. Drink & Dessert Special. Families are welcome! Enjoy your Wednesday with some “Java & Jazz”.

New! Thursday, June 25, 2009. Jazz City Java Coffeehouse. Chess Club every Thursday evening beginning on, June 18th. Game Time is at 5:00 pm (or as soon as you arrive). We’ll keep the doors open until 8:00 pm so you’ll have time to Get Your Game On!! So, bring your boards and your game!!! Come be a part of the chess community in New Orleans East. All ages and skill levels are invited. 5555 Bullard Ave, NOLA, 70128 504-245-8282 JAZZ CITY JAVA COFFEEHOUSE

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!**

New! Friday, June 26, 2009. 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Family Advocacy & Neighborhood Services 14th annual Seniors Screen for Life Celebration. Sponsored by Mayor Ray Nagin and Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis. Crystal Palace Ballroom, 10020 Chef Mentour Highway. Free medical screenings and hurricane preparation info. Hot lunch, music, door prizes, and a 4th of July costume and dance contest. RTA ADA-certified riders call 504.827.7433 to schedule a free RTA bus ride. Contact Jim Hutchinson for more information, at 504.343.7173 or 504.658.1050.

Saturday, June 27, 2009. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. 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.

New! Saturday, June 27, 2009. 10:00. Top Fuel Drag Racing Team presents its Car, Truck & Bike Show at Pep Boys, I-10 Service Rd & Bullard. Judging starts at 2:00 pm. Awards presented at 5:00 pm. Space Walk, Food, Drinks, Music, Vendors, Raffles. For more information, call Roland (504) 812-8906 or Troy (504) 756-1180.

Sunday, June 28, 2009. 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Women’s Tea. Jazz City Java Coffeehouse. Fashion show, inspirational speaker. Tickets on sale June 15, 2009 -- \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door.

Tuesday, June 30, 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! Thursday, July 2, 2009. Jazz City Java Coffeehouse. Chess Club every Thursday evening beginning on, June 18th. Game Time is at 5:00 pm (or as soon as you arrive). We’ll keep the doors open until 8:00 pm so you’ll have time to Get Your Game On!! So, bring your boards and your game!!! Come be a part of the chess community in New Orleans East. All ages and skill levels are invited. 5555 Bullard Ave, NOLA, 70128 504-245-8282 JAZZ CITY JAVA COFFEEHOUSE

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

New! Thursday, July 9, 2009. Jazz City Java Coffeehouse. Chess Club every Thursday evening beginning on, June 18th. Game Time is at 5:00 pm (or as soon as you arrive). We’ll keep the doors open until 8:00 pm so you’ll have time to Get Your Game On!! So, bring your boards and your game!!! Come be a part of the chess community in New Orleans East. All ages and skill levels are invited. 5555 Bullard Ave, NOLA, 70128 504-245-8282 JAZZ CITY JAVA COFFEEHOUSE

New! Thursday, July 16, 2009. Jazz City Java

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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:

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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.

PLEASE PROVIDE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM YOUR WORKPLACE TO POST HERE

Crime Tips

The Vieux Carre Property Owners and Residents Association offered these crime tips to its members:

Car prowls, in which windows are smashed and valuables are grabbed, appear to be on the rise in the Lower Quarter area during the past few weeks.

Car prowls are crimes of opportunity that, on average, take less than 60 seconds to complete. They generally occur between midnight and 6:00 AM and often aren't discovered until people head out to their cars for work in the morning. They are lucrative, take seconds to complete and are generally punished minimally even when prosecuted.

Frequently stolen items include GPS systems, laptops and other electronic devices. CDs, purses, wallets, luggage, cell phones and even loose change are also common targets for thieves. Because car prowls are crimes of opportunity, we need to work together to remove the opportunity and prevent the crime.

Typically the break-ins occur in clusters. Please take the time to bring everything of value inside with you at the end of the day.

If your car is prowled (broken into), please report the incident to the NOPD using 9-1-1, even if you decide not to report it to your insurance company.

The police department needs your assistance to best determine which areas are experiencing car prowl activity. Tell the operator, "I want to report a car prowl."

Before leaving your parked car, take the following precautions to reduce the possibility of having it prowled:

* If you have the ability to do so, park your car in a closed and locked garage.

* Regardless of where you park, always remove the keys, roll up the windows, and lock your car. Any valuable items which can be removed should be taken into your home. If valuables must be left in the car, store them completely out of sight. Try to mount stereo systems, iPods, car phones, etc. inconspicuously. Whenever possible, use mountings that allow you to take the item itself with you (such as removable face plates for stereo systems). Be sure to remove automatic garage door openers from your car, as this could give thieves easy access to your home.

* If your car is parked in a carport or parked in a driveway near your home, leave the exterior lights on (front and back) throughout the night.

* If you must store loose change or money in your car, NEVER leave it in plain sight. If it can be seen from outside of the car through a window, the windshield or a sunroof, someone will eventually go after it.

* If you must store large and potentially valuable items in your car for a period of time when you know that your car will be parked on the street unattended (items you've purchased while running errands, luggage, etc.), then take the time to load them into your car's trunk. Do not wait until you've parked and are leaving to run another

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The Making of a City Part II

Last week, we looked at the successful incorporation of Miami Gardens, FL, a city whose demographics are very similar to those of eastern New Orleans. This week, we take a look at Prince Georges County, MD.

In November 2006, *Ebony* magazine published a story about Prince George's County, Maryland, which it dubbed "America's wealthiest black county."

East of Washington, D.C and at one point, home to slave plantations and tobacco farms, it has become home to championship golf courses, Olympic-size swimming pools, horseback riding stables and ice-skating training centers. Prince George's County is also home to approximately 500,000 Black county residents--many of whom are doctors, lawyers, hotel owners and restaurateurs.

At the time of the *Ebony* story, the county ranked in the top 2 percent in the nation in income level, and in people who are employed in executive jobs. Two-thirds of its work force were in white-collar professions, and the average price for a new home was more than \$700,000, with many worth more than \$1 million.

The county has an average household income of \$74,000, and has young residents. Important to its growth is high standards. They even have their own slogan: "Gorgeous Prince George's". The area is committed to environmental protection, reliable city services and beautification projects. According to the story, virtually every entrance into the county has been turned into a welcoming garden. One roadway median near the famed D.C. beltway has more than 300 trees, 800 shrubs and 50,000 ornamental plants. In a single day in 2005, volunteers planted more than 10,000 trees across the county.

Homebuilders are required to build a certain size, put houses on a certain size lot, and provide certain amenities. Through smart financial investments and an increasing tax base, the

county had a \$50 million surplus that it is using to build new schools, raise teachers' salaries and increase county services. At a time when school systems across the country fight for limited funding, the county fully funded its board of education's budget that year.

The area has high commercial development with international focus. It also launched an initiative to build a development along the Potomac River that was expected to be an economic engine for the entire Washington, D.C., metropolitan region.

Lessons Learned from Prince George's County: Volunteerism, Pride, and High Standards are necessary for a successful community.

Help Is Here Express™ Bus Comes to GREATER NEW ORLEANS June 29-July 2 To Help Patients in Need Access Prescription Medicines

Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao, area legislators, and city officials are joining efforts in bringing the Help is Here Express™ bus tour to Orleans and Jefferson Parish communities Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2 to help uninsured and financially struggling Louisianans access information on programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free.

Partners like the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, LouisianaAnswers.com and the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) are also working to get out the word about the free service.

The Help is Here Express™ is staffed by trained specialists able to quickly help uninsured or underinsured patients of all ages access information on more than 475 patient assistance programs, including 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. Individuals should bring identification, their Medicare card if applicable, and a list of their prescriptions when they visit the bus to see what programs are

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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

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Two shows only
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Admission is free, however, reservations are required due to limited seating.
Please call to reserve your seat: 504-245-8282

Drink & Dessert Specials
Families are welcome!

Enjoy your Wednesday with some
"Java & Jazz"

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related to the space agency's transition to its next-generation Constellation program.

The move will eliminate about 200 Lockheed jobs.

Soon, Lockheed will see its Michoud employment ranks further diminished as the company winds down its work for the space shuttle. By next summer, Lockheed will have built and delivered all of the external fuel tanks required for the remainder of the shuttle program and will cut its 2,000-employee presence at the site by more than half, company spokesman Marion LaNasa said

"Those individuals can make a determination of whether they'd like to stay with Lockheed Martin and likely relocate to other facilities and other programs or pursue some other course," LaNasa said.

Some employees might remain at Michoud to assist in the manufacture of components for two new vehicles that will succeed the space shuttle: Ares I, a manned vehicle that will carry a crew capsule dubbed the Orion, and Ares V, a heavy lift cargo vehicle.

Lockheed has been awarded a contract for work on Orion, a program LaNasa said would require 200 to 300 employees. Boeing will manufacture the upper stage of Ares I at the site, Michoud facility manager Sheila Cloud said.

NASA is renovating Michoud to function as a multi-program site.

"The program requires that we do some alterations to the facility and build on to the manufacturing plant," Cloud said. "Those are in the design and approval process now."

Lockheed's work on Orion has already begun while Boeing should start building in about a year. Representatives expect the facility to be close to full production by the end of 2011, opening the gate for significant employment opportunities in jobs ranging from construction to engineering, Cloud said.

In the near term, Lockheed expects Jacobs to hire a number of its workers formerly employed under the company's facility management contract with Michoud.

Jacobs officials did not respond to requests for comment, but Cloud said the company has received more than 1,000 applications for jobs

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a concrete slab span bridge and related work to replace a bridge on Carr Drive in St. Tammany Parish.

The DOTD considered more than \$43 million in bids at the May 20 and May 27 openings.

Normally there's just one bid opening a month, said DOTD spokesman Dustin Annison, but there's been a surplus in projects stemming from the stimulus package last year.



Watch for 'local flavor' commercials filmed in our very own eastern New Orleans Winn Dixie. They will start airing in a few weeks.

Neighborhood of the Week *Castle Manor*

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

Castle Manor Extension Subdivision is a neighborhood of 150 single families and home owners, bounded by Camelot on the east; Charlene on the west; Chef Menteur Highway on the north; and Dwyer Canal on the south.

The subdivision was established on February 23, 1959, and there are Restrictive Covenants in place.

The Association President is Angela Gamell. Association Officers are Beverly Ally Goodwill, Secretary; and Mary Perez, Treasurer.

The Association address is 4419 Knight Dr., 70127, and the Association phone number is 504-242-2556.

Some of Castle Manor's special qualities are oak trees and well cared for homes. The neighborhood currently is dealing with abandoned homes in dire need of repair, and residents are looking into informing new residents about maintaining their property, and following restrictions that prevent parking on lawns, speeding, and playing loud music from vehicles.

Approximately 50% of the homeowners are back in their homes, about 25% are being rented, and there are homes for sale in the neighborhood.

Future plans for the neighborhood are to get organized so that residents can effectively deal with issues.

(Contributed by Mary Perez)

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

Piano Recital at Cornerstone United Methodist Church

Rev. Barbara Murray, Music Director at Cornerstone United Methodist Church presented her 2008 – 2009 Piano Students in Recital on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Church. Rev. James Haynes, Senior Pastor, offered the prayer.

Students performed sacred selections, classical selections, folk songs, and contemporary pieces. Students participating were Endia Williams, Laila Woodfork, Cam'ron Caldwell, Candace Smith, Andre Stafford, Stephen Walker, Kaila Bobb, Katherine Dukes, Darrian Ford, and Zeta Williams.

Special awards were given to Andre Stafford, Composer of the Year, for his original piece titled *Just Foolin' Around*; and Zeta Williams, Arranger of the Year, for *Little Tug Boat*.

The 2009 – 2010 year will begin in July.



"Cultivate optimism by committing yourself to a cause, a plan or a value system. You'll feel that you are growing in a meaningful direction which will help you rise above day-to-day setbacks."

— Dr. Robert Conroy
in *Bottom Line-Personal*



Report littering in our area to
658-3800.

Attention Food Vendors

The cafeteria services currently being used by the employees located at the Michoud Assembly Facility, is transitioning to a new contractor.

During the course of this transition, the cafeteria will be closed for renovation during the time period of June 29 – July 3, 2009. The cafeteria, under the new management, will reopen on July 6, 2009.

Even when the cafeteria is in operation, there are many opportunities for vendors to provide lunches to the employees, which number around 2,000.

The cafeteria services the employees located at 13800 Old Gentilly Road.

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Deadline for inclusion in the Monday newsletter is Friday at 5 pm.

Information submitted for inclusion in the newsletter must be in a format that can be copied and edited.

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available for them. Help will be available in Spanish, Vietnamese, French and other languages.

PhRMA President and CEO Billy Tauzin, a former Louisiana Congressman, said, "A prescription does no good if it sits on a pharmacist's shelf. Millions of Americans have been added to the jobless rolls over the last several months and there could be a sharp increase in the number of our citizens losing health care benefits. PPA is here to help."

The bus tour is part of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), a nationwide effort sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies to raise awareness of patient assistance programs among residents who face layoffs or a loss of health care benefits in a struggling economy. Additionally patients who visit the bus can also learn about developing medicines to fight chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and asthma. To date, the PPA has helped more than 5 million patients, including more than 130,000 Louisianans.

Since its launch in April 2005, the PPA bus tour has visited all 50 states and more than 2,500 cities to raise awareness about patient assistance programs.

This is the 10th tour of Louisiana. When the Help is Here Express™ moves on, patients can visit PPA's easy-to-use Web site (www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) where trained operators field calls in 150 languages.

The scheduled New Orleans area stops include Thursday, July 2 9-11 a.m. Mary Queen of Viet Nam Church. 14001 Dwyer Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70129

With the number of people affected by chronic disease going up every year, and economists predicting that unemployment will continue to grow well into 2009, the PPA and its message of hope are now more relevant than ever,

PhRMA CEO Tauzin said. In Louisiana, we will continue to help folks all over the state for as long as the assistance is needed.

Sharon Buchert, LouisianaAnswers.com State Coordinator, said, "One of the most important ways to help adults stay healthy and independent is to make healthcare, especially medicines, affordable and accessible. Senior Rx and other programs exist to serve that purpose." Her program and others in Louisiana will be traveling with the PPA bus.

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Tip from Fedweek Retirement & Financial Planning Report Thursday, June 18, 2009 Issue:

Ever wondered how much you should invest in stocks? A traditional rule of thumb for retirement planning is to take 100 minus your age and allocate that percentage of a portfolio to stocks. The remainder can go into fixed-income investments such as bonds and CDs. Thus, a 65-year-old would have 35 percent of his or her portfolio (100 percent-65 percent) in stocks and 65 percent in fixed income.

As life expectancies have increased, though, this formula has been adjusted.

More growth is needed to support a longer retirement. The rule of thumb now used by many advisors is to invest 120 minus your age in stocks.

With this new rule, a 65-year-old would have 55 percent in stocks (120 percent-65 percent) and 45 percent in fixed income. This portfolio would have more year-to-year risk but also would probably return more over a 30-year retirement.

Kristen Lee Receives Internship with Senator Mary Landrieu

Eastern New Orleans Resident Kristen Lee arrived in Washington D.C. on Saturday, June 6, 2009 to begin her summer internship with Evergreen Associates, a lobbying firm. The second day on the job Kristen was invited to Capitol Hill to sit in on a budget hearing.

Kristen Lee, a sophomore at Loyola University New Orleans, and a lifelong resident of eastern New Orleans, was selected to participate in The Washington Center Internship Program and Academic Seminars. Kristen is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Political Science and plans to attend law school. Kristen joins Evergreen Associates after her recent internship in the New Orleans office of U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA).

During her freshman year at Loyola University, Kristen achieved Dean's List honors, pledged business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, served as the Professional Chair of her pledge class, participated actively in Loyola's Society for Civic Engagement, and served as an intern for Loyola University's Student Government Association. In the fall, Kristen will serve on the student government as a senator of the College of Social Sciences.

Prior to entering Loyola University, Kristen participated in the University of Southern California Summer Seminars and studied Argumentation and Debate and Entrepreneurship as a Wallis Annenberg Scholar. Kristen also studied law and advocacy at the University of California Berkeley through the National Student Leadership Conference.

Kristen has competed on both the local and national level in events such as Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Student Congress, and Extemporaneous Speaking. In her senior year at St. Mary's Dominican High in New Orleans, Kristen was ranked among the top three Lincoln-Douglas debaters in the New Orleans League of the National Catholic Forensic League.

Kristen is driven by Mahatma Gandhi's call to "be the change you wish to see in the world."

(Contributed by Karen Lee)



*Did you know that
eastern New
Orleans has at least
7 beautiful lakes?
No other community
in New Orleans has
that!*

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Coffeehouse. Chess Club every Thursday evening beginning on, June 18th. Game Time is at 5:00 pm (or as soon as you arrive). We'll keep the doors open until 8:00 pm so you'll have time to Get Your Game On!! So, bring your boards and your game!!! Come be a part of the chess community in New Orleans East. All ages and skill levels are invited. 5555 Bullard Ave, NOLA, 70128 504-245-8282 JAZZ CITY JAVA COFFEEHOUSE

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errand, as someone could observe you moving the item from the interior of your car to the trunk and know that an opportunity for thievery exists.

* If your car is not already equipped with one, consider adding an alarm system. Please make the effort to be neighborly and respond to the alarm promptly should it be set off.

* If your home is located at street level or you have good visibility of the street, please pay attention for the sound of breaking glass; it could mean that a car prowling incident is occurring. If possible and from a safe distance, look in the direction of the sound and observe as much as you can while reporting the incident by calling 9-1-1. The sound of breaking glass should always be worth a few minutes of your time and attention.

Please also be aware that auto theft continues to be an issue in the French Quarter at this time; whether or not there is an increase in the rate of these incidents is unclear, however. The tips to prevent car prowling will also help to prevent auto theft.

You may have received a Property Description Report from Tyler Technologies and wondered what it is.

The Tax Assessor for the Third Municipal District (Wards 7, 8, & 9) , Erroll Williams, in an ad in Saturday's Times-Picayune, stated that in 2006, the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors (OPBOA) contracted with the CLT Division of Tyler Technologies to photograph, measure and develop detailed property characteristics for ever parcel of property located in Orleans Parish.

The data collection phase is ending, and data validation is beginning. The questionnaire you received will help verify if the information they collected is correct.

This information will be used to produce more accurate and uniform assessments under the mass appraisal concept.

The OPBOA can be reached at (504) 658-1330. The web site is www.opboa.org.

Bill would put N.O. master plan to a vote

Panel OKs measure now headed to House

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BATON ROUGE – New Orleans voters should get the final say on a master plan for redeveloping the city in a post-Katrina era, a House committee decided on a 9-7 vote Wednesday. Senate Bill 75, which has already cleared the Senate, now goes to the full House for debate.

Citizens last year voted to give the master plan the force of law, but Sen. Edwin Murray, D-New Orleans, and backers of the bill said the plans floated so far have not addressed the needs of the entire city, despite dozens of meetings to gather input from various groups. Some people have not seen the plan, he said.

“The fear is the final plan will not reflect what the people are asking for,” said Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis, who represents the Lower 9th Ward and eastern New Orleans.