

NOELA NEWS

The Eastern New Orleans Newsletter

October 12, 2009

Bankruptcy court approves N.O., Six Flags settlement agreement

by CityBusiness staff reports

October 8, 2009

A lease termination agreement between the city of New Orleans and Six Flags has been approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Mayor Ray Nagin's administration announced today.

Also under the agreement announced today, according to Nagin's press office:

- Six Flags will vacate the property and hand over any improvements at the site to the city;
- The city is entitled to receive 25 percent of any net insurance proceeds Six Flags recovers on its insurance claims for property damage caused by Katrina to the extent Six Flags' net recovery exceeds \$65 million;
- Six Flags will transfer to the IDB property owned by SFJ Management; and
- All pending legal action will be dismissed.

Full story:

<http://www.neworleanscitybusiness.com/uptotheminute.cfm?recid=27243&userID=0&referer=dailyUpdate>

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What's New in the East

Taco Bell and KFC on Bullard Ave are now open. Throughout the weekend, cars lined up on Bullard to sample the new offerings. And even with this increased traffic at the new eateries, Burger King and McDonald's maintained healthy crowds as well.

The **temporary library** has opened at 5641 Read Blvd. Hours are 10 am – 7 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays; and 10:0 am – 5:00 pm on Saturdays. It is closed on Fridays and Sundays. The telephone number is 504.246.7005.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day

10:00 a.m. Board of Zoning Adjustments City Council Chambers, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
See page 5 for Docket Items in eastern New Orleans

Tuesday, October 13

New! 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Louisiana Small Business Development Center seminar on Five Steps to Secure Financing. UNO Jefferson Center. 3330 N. Causeway Blvd, Room 447, Metairie. Fee: \$25. Call 504.831.3730 or visit www.lsbdc.org to register.

1:30 pm City Planning Commission, City Hall Chambers-1E07. *THIRD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ITEMS ON DOCKET:*

ZONING DOCKET 96-09 - Request by CLOTHESLINE LAUNDROMAT INC. AND DOWNMAN PLACE, L.L.C. for a Zoning Change from a C-1 General Commercial District to an LI Light Industrial District for Lot E, and for a **Conditional Use** and Moratorium Appeal to permit a **truck stop** within the UC Urban Corridor District overlay, on Arpent Lot 19, Section 39, Township 12S, Range 12E, Lots 19-B2-1 and E, in the Third Municipal District, bounded by **Chef Menteur Highway, Downman Road, Jourdan Road and Dwyer Canal**. The municipal addresses are 5835-5855 CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY. (ZBM F-11 and F-12)

New! 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm City Planning Commission Public hearings on the Master Plan. Recommendation to be rendered at its regular meeting October 27th.

Updated! 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. Speakers: Overview of NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility (Michael Dawson and John Filostrat-NASA); Neighborhood Coalition Building/Power in Numbers (Timolyn Sams, Executive Director, Neighborhood Partnership Network)

Thursday, October 15

10 am City Council Meeting, City Hall Chambers

New! 10:00 am – noon. Louisiana Small Business Development Center seminar on Marketing 101. UNO Jefferson Center. 3330 N. Causeway Blvd, Room 447, Metairie. Fee: \$15. Call 504.831.3730 or visit www.lsbdc.org to register.

Friday, October 16

New! 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm City Planning Commission Public hearings on the Master Plan. Recommendation to be rendered at its regular meeting October 27th.

Saturday, October 17

13th annual Walk The Beat 2009. Lafayette Square
This event is not only a great way to get together and take a stand against crime, but it provides an excellent way for our District to raise money for day to day supplies, and equipment, that is much needed. Entry forms can be obtained at the 7th District Station. This year's donation is \$25.00, which includes a blue or white tank-top, your race entry and blues concert.

New! 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Kenilworth Civic and Improvement Association (KCIA) and the Kenilworth Improvement District (KID) General meeting
St. Maria Goretti Church Hall.

Wednesday, October 21

New! Last day to submit written comments on the Master Plan

Saturday, October 24

Updated! 1 pm – 6 pm Renaissance Marketplace, Lowe's Parking Lot, Read Blvd.

Tuesday, October 27

1:30 pm City Planning Commission, City Hall Chambers-Room 1E07) *THIRD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ITEMS IN EASTERN NEW ORLEANS ON DOCKET: None.* Recommendations on Master Plan to be presented.

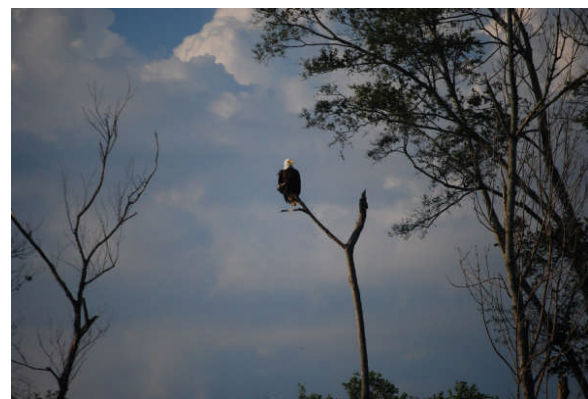
6 pm ENONAC CAB Planning Session. St. Maria Goretti Church

Monday, November 9 – 13

New! Code Enforcement hearings at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans East.

Tuesday, November 10

New! 1:30 pm City Planning Commission to consider Master Plan and render a recommendation



Eagle In New Orleans East
Photo courtesy of Bill Walsh

Dear neighborhood group representatives,

Following the Code Enforcement Training Day on September 12th, 55 neighborhood groups submitted lists of the ten most blighted properties in their area. Code Enforcement has finished inspecting these properties and is preparing them for a large hearing event at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans East. These hearings will take place from **November 9 to 13th**. Below is information about how groups can get involved with these cases.

Over the next ten days we will be sending each group a spreadsheet with the results from their list. We will also be sending weekly emails leading up the November hearings. These emails will answer questions about the enforcement process and explain what some neighborhood groups are doing to combat blight.

We at Code Enforcement are looking forward to developing these partnerships and hope that they will become an important part of blight removal in the City.

How to get involved with the properties that your group submitted

Experience has shown that neighborhood groups can significantly increase the likelihood of an owner coming into compliance. This is especially important given the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority's limited ability to expropriate properties. There are four major steps that a neighborhood group can take:

1. *Gather information on reliable contractors and realtors within your area.* Many owners, especially the elderly and disabled, are inclined to make repairs but don't know where to begin or are wary of fraud. The City cannot recommend individual businesses, but neighborhood groups can. Contractors should include construction and demolition services, as well as lawn maintenance.
2. *Try to contact the owner.* Some neighborhood groups get up to thirty percent of owners to make repairs just by contacting them. These groups explain how the property is affecting quality of life, warn them of the potential for large daily fines and give them information on contractors and other resources.

This can be extremely helpful for Code Enforcement's efforts. Generally if an owner knows about their hearing, they will make an effort to bring the property into compliance. However, many people do not update their contact information with the Assessor's office, which can make it difficult for Code Enforcement to find them.

Neighborhood groups can have greater success with finding owners because of their contacts within the community. Some groups ask surrounding neighbors if they have any information. Others place signs in front of the property asking for assistance, which can also embarrass owners into making repairs.

3. *Attend the hearings.* All Code Enforcement hearings are open to the public and neighbors can observe and request to testify. This can provide valuable information to Hearing Officers and ensure that owners don't mislead them about repairs. At the hearings many owners become interested in making repairs and the information about contractors and realtors can get them started.
4. *Warn other owners about Code Enforcement's presence.* As Code Enforcement prosecutes more properties in your area, neighborhood groups can warn other owners who haven't been cited yet. Telling them about other owners who have received large daily fines will help create a culture where people are making repairs before the City contacts them.

*Andrew Holbein,
Office of Code Enforcement*

Meeting to address issues impacting women entrepreneurs

A town hall meeting at the University of New Orleans will focus on the challenges faced by women entrepreneurs in the metro area.

The National Women's Business Council, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans' Women's Business Resource Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Louisiana District Office and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center will host the meeting from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 at UNO's Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center, 2054 Lake Shore Drive.

Check in will begin at 10:15 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited, so advance registration is required.

To register, go to www.lsbdc.org/workshop.aspx?key=1290338

From New Orleans CityBusiness

MAF Employees Support Sara T. Reed Elementary School

Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) employees recently donated \$1,000 worth of school supplies and a check for \$500 to Sarah T. Reed Elementary School.

MAF is also conducting an outreach program to speak to school children.

*Michoud Messenger
October 1, 2009*

State Panel halts new bonds for affordable rentals

Does N.O. have too much subsidized housing?

A state panel seems to think so. It has halted new bonds for affordable housing.

Times-Picayune

Sunday, October 11, 2009

By Katy Reckdahl

During a five-hour State Bond Commission hearing last month, longtime New Orleans landlord and former banker Donald Vallee called the city's rental market "overbuilt" and successfully sought a temporary moratorium on new bonds for subsidized affordable-housing construction in New Orleans.

The Bond Commission hearing was prompted by a recent Bureau of Governmental Research finding that, since the storm, a larger share of New Orleans families receive federal housing subsidies. The BGR report suggested that the city may be in danger of having too much affordable housing. It projected that, if all proposed projects came to fruition by 2012, one in four households in New Orleans would be subsidized, compared with one in 10 pre-Katrina.

Full story: <http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/frontpage/index.ssf?/base/news-13/125523904289410.xml&coll=1>

Notes from Lake Bullard Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District and Lake Bullard Homeowners Association was held at Cornerstone United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Jean Fahr, of Parkway Partners provided information on the Releaf New Orleans program. Parkway Partners is gathering information from neighborhoods on trees that can be planted in the area between the street and the sidewalk. Jean noted that New Orleans East is of particular concern because it lost 80 – 90% of its tree canopy after Katrina. She observed that many residents are placing lost trees with palms. Palms, she says, are not real trees and offer a short-term solution to the problem, whereas trees provide long-term benefits and protection from sun and wind. She also noted that New Orleans East is a “heat island”, meaning that it has too much concrete without enough shade. She said that over time this can contribute to more strokes, heart disease, and asthma. Parkway Partners can also assist with planting community and school gardens and neutral grounds.

Jean also talked about the need for restoring Joe Brown Park. On the way to the meeting, she stopped by the Park and happily found that every shelter was occupied and many people were engaged in a wide range of activities. She says that the citizens need to pressure the city to open the other half of the park that remains closed. She also offered to help start a Friends of Joe Brown Park organization that can help manage the park’s upkeep.

Before leaving, Jean distributed free flower seeds and tree planting guides.

NOPD Officer Harold Chambliss reported that burglaries and car thefts are up in surrounding areas, with an increase in daytime crime. The following warnings were also issued: make sure you check your surroundings when entering or exiting your vehicle, and consider getting a cell phone backup for your security system, in case the wires to your landline are cut.

Also on the agenda was election of officers for 2010. Since nominations consisted only of existing officers, the current officers will remain for next year. Those officers are: Lisa Stafford, President; Aaron Jordan, 1st Vice President; Darlene James, 2nd Vice President; Charles Beckwith, Secretary; Carrie Phillips, Commissioner-At-Large; and Mtumishi St. Julien, Commissioner-At-Large.

George Marcell, who has served as Treasurer for over 10 years, resigned. He will be greatly missed. Any resident of Lake Bullard who is interested in serving as Treasurer, or helping in any other way, should call 504.352.0227 or e-mail lakebullard@aol.com.

New resident Dent Hunter was welcomed into the Lake Bullard family.

Lake Bullard meetings, which are currently held quarterly on Saturdays, will be held every other month in 2010 on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning in January (not the second Tuesday as stated in the meeting).

**City of New Orleans
Board of Zoning
Adjustments
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 12, 2009
10:00 a.m. City Council Chambers
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, Louisiana**

(Items in eastern New Orleans shown below)

ITEM 7 – Docket Number: 203-09 MDO

Applicant or Agent: Donya Dalcour-Ralph
Property Location: 4430 Laine Avenue
Zip: 70126

Bounding Streets: Laine Ave., Grant St., Dodt Ave., & Chef Menteur Hwy.

Square Number: 1 **Lots:** 31 & 32

Zoning District: RD-2 Two-Family Residential
ZBM: G-12

Historic District Classification: N/A

Existing Use: Single-Family Residence & Vacant Single-Family Residence

Proposed Use: Two Single-Family Residences

Request Citation: This request is for a variance from the provisions of Article 1, Section 1.4 and Article 4, Section 4.5.7 (Table 4.E) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Request: This request is to permit the reestablishment of two main uses on one lot of record with insufficient minimum rear yard depth.

Requested Waivers:

Section 1.4 – Location on a Lot Required

Required: 1 Main Use Provided: 2 Main Uses
Waiver: 1 Main Use

Section 4.5.7 (Table 4.E) – Minimum Depth of Rear Yard

Required: 20' Provided: 12'
Waiver: 8'

ITEM 12 – Docket Number: 208-09 AZ

Applicant or Agent: Andre Baugh Revocable Living Trust

Property Location: 7210 Arbor Drive **Zip:** 70126

Bounding Streets: Arbor Dr., Cover Dr., I-10 Service Rd., Mayo Rd.

Square Number: C **Lot:** 2-A

Zoning District: RS-2 Single-Family Residential

ZBM: F-11

Historic District Classification: N/A

Existing Use: Single-Family Residence

Proposed Use: Single-Family Residence w/ Accessory Structure

Request Citation: This request is for a variance from the provisions of Article 15, Section 15.5.12(4) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Request: This request is to permit the construction of an accessory structure with excessive height.

Requested Waivers:

Section 15.5.12(4) – Accessory Buildings and Structures (Height)

Required: 14' Provided: 20' Waiver: 6'

ITEM 28– Docket Number: 224-09 AZ

Applicant or Agent: Gregory Jefferson

Property Location: 4607 Haydel Street

Zip: 70126

Bounding Streets: Selma, Reynes, Dreux, & Haydel Sts.

Square Number: 15 **Lots:** 3 & 4

Zoning District: RD-2 Two-Family Residential
ZBM: F-11

Historic District Classification: N/A

Existing Use: Single-Family Residence

Proposed Use: Two-Family Residence

Request Citation: This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 4, Section 4.5.7 (Table 4.I) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

Request: This request is to permit the conversion of a single-family residence into a two-family residence with insufficient minimum lot area per dwelling unit.

Requested Waivers:

Section 4.5.7 (Table 4.I) – Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling (Two-Family)

Required: 5,000 sq. ft. Provided: 4,901 sq. ft.
Waiver: 99 sq. ft.

Job Opportunities

HRI Lodging, Inc.:

New! General Manager, Chief Engineer, Food Server, Line Cook Hilton Garden Inn, New Orleans Convention Center. 1001 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130.

New! Sales Managers, Housekeeping Supervisor Chateau Bourbon A Wyndham Historic Hotel 800 Iberville Street New Orleans, LA 70112

New! Chief Engineer, Bartender, Food & Beverage Supervisor, Food Server, Line Cook Histon Garden Inn New Orleans French Quarter/Central Business District 821 Gravier Street New Orleans, LA 70112

Fax your resume: (504) 565-4508 Job Line: (504) 565-4506
Email address: hoteljobs@hriproperties.com (Specify hotel and position in the SUBJECT line) Excellent benefit package includes Health Coverage, Personal Time off, free lunch break meals and more. *Pre-employment Drug Screening & Background checks will be conducted. EOE/Drug Free Workplace.*

IT Specialist (APPSW). Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: SS-281269-JE. \$80,402 - \$104,525/year. Closes Friday, October 16, 2009.

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=83222559&li_d=17707&sort=rv%2c-dtex&jbf522=2210&vw=d&re=134&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&caller=series.aspx&AVSDM=2009-09-18+00%3a03%3a00&rc=4&TabNum=1

AUDITOR (CONTRACT AUDIT) GS-07. Department Of Defense, Defense Contract Audit Agency. Job Announcement Number: PH-RS-170287. \$38,117 - \$49,553/year. Closes Saturday, August 28, 2010. Examination and appraisal of financial records, reports, management controls, policies, and practices affecting or reflecting the financial condition and operation of Department of Defense and other Federal agency contractors.

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=83069949&ai_d=88334853-3089&WT.mc_n=125&rc=3&TabNum=1

AUDITOR (CONTRACT AUDIT) GS-09. Department Of Defense, Defense Contract Audit Agency. Job Announcement Number: PH-RCS-207966. \$46,625 - \$60,612/year. Closes Saturday, August 28, 2010. Examination and appraisal of financial records, reports, management controls, policies, and practices affecting or reflecting the financial condition and operation of Department of Defense and other Federal agency contractors.

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=83069978&ai>

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Federal Jobs: www.USAJOBS.gov
New Orleans Jobs: www.workNOLA.com
New Orleans Jobs: www.nola.com/jobs/
Jacobs Technology Jobs (Michoud):
www.cytiva.com/jacobs/jolts/tpl.asp

DSAGNO Buddy Walk

The Down Syndrome Association of Greater New Orleans (DSAGNO) is having its annual **“Buddy Walk” on Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 12:30 – 5:30 pm.** Registration is from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

Families are asked to form teams. One team is Karina’s Butterflies, in honor of 21-month-old Karina Angelique Brown, a resident of Lake Willow Subdivision, who has Down Syndrome. Registration and donations can be made through Karina’s website at www.firstgiving.com/karinabrown. The team that raises the most funds for the association is recognized at the event.

More information can be found at www.dsagno.org.

**BUDDY WALK
OCTOBER 24, 2009
ZEPHYRS PARKING LOT
6100 AIRLINE HIGHWAY
METAIRIE, LA
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, cake, jambalaya, funnel cakes, smoothies, snoballs, soft drinks, water.

Entertainment by Topcats, Johnette Downing, JP Firemen and Smoke Firehouse, JP Crimestoppers, Boudreaux, Sparky the Firedog, games, booths

Tina Raines

Eastern New Orleans Recovery Watch

Project	Location	Due	Status
Public Library \$5.5M, 30K sq ft	Read / Lk Forest	06/2010	Begin Aug 2009*
Methodist Hospital	Read Blvd	12/2011	Not Started
NOPD Station \$7.3M	Dwyer Rd	12/2010	Demo started 8/29/09
NOFD Stations	Read, Lk Catherine		
Joe Brown Park	Read Blvd	12/2010	
La Nature Center	Read Blvd		Not Started
MRGO Closure		07/2009	Complete
MRGO Wetlands Restoration (Study compl 2011. 3 yrs to impl)		2014	Not started
Levee Strengthening		06/2011	In process
FCW Elem Rebuild	Dwyer	08/2011	Not Started
Lk Forest Elem Reblid	TBD	TBD	Not Started
Osborne Elem Rebuild	Curran	2011-12	Not Started
Little Woods Elem	Curran	2012-13	Not Started
Abramson HS Rebuild	Read		Not Started
Livingston HSs	Dwyer	2012-13	Not Started
La Provence Apt Demolition			In process
Major Retail Centers			
Michoud Blvd Bridge	Michoud		Complete
Lawrence Creek Apt Demolition	I-10 Svc Rd		Complete
Bern-Mas Apt Demolition	I-10 Svc Rd		Complete
Lincoln Beach			After levee completion
Fencing/Beautification along I-10			Start by Fall 2009
Nickelodeon Universe NO (Six Flags)		2010	Start by Fall 2009
Morrison Rd Str Lts			
Eastshore Playground			
Kingswood Park			
Kenilworth Park			
Village de Lest Playground			
Goretti Playground			
Downman Rd Repaving		2010	
Streetscapes			
Oak Island Apt Demolition	Michoud		Complete
Elaine Pump Station	Intercoastal waterway	11/2010	Contract Awarded
St. Mary's Academy			\$27.8 M awarded from FEMA/LRA
Office of Motor Vehicles	Lake Forest		Not Started
NO East Marketplace/Phase I	Read	June 2011	Start Jan 2010
NO East Marketplace/Phase II	Read	July 2013	July 2011
NO East Marketplace/Phase III	Read	Dec 2014	July 2013

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