

NOELA News

The Eastern New Orleans Newsletter

May 17, 2010

May Birthdays

*1st – John Steward
Lowe's Store Manager*

*4th - Cyndi Nguyen
Community Activist*

*11th - Cam-Thanh Tran
MQVN Community Development Corporation*

*20th - Aaron Jordan
Lake Bullard HOA 1st Vice President*

*29th – Irene Brooks
Lake Carmel Subdivision Board*

*31st - Charles Beckwith
Lake Bullard HOA Secretary*

Happy Birthday!

Attention State Commission and Taxing District Boards

Financial Disclosure Forms are due today

Forms and instructions can be found at <http://www.ethics.state.la.us/>. Click on Disclosure, then Disclosure Forms, then Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure (Annual).



Many nonprofits could lose tax- exempt status soon

More than 200,000 small nonprofits across the nation (including some homeowner associations) may lose their tax-exempt status because they haven't filed Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service. The Monday deadline applies to groups that report \$25,000 or less in income, excluding churches.

Any organization that fails to file for three consecutive years loses its federal tax-exempt status.

Loss of tax-exempt status makes an organization ineligible to receive tax-deductible donations and some grants. It could take months to restore nonprofit status.

Read the full story [here](#).

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May Events

New! Monday, May 17, 2010. State Financial Disclosure Forms due for Tax Districts commissioners.

New! Monday, May 17, 2010. IRS Forms 990 Due for Non Profits.

New! Monday, May 17, 2010. State Income Taxes Due.

New! Tuesday, May 18, 2010. 7:00 pm. North Kenilworth Neighborhood Association meeting for all officers, board members and residents. Location: Library of the St. Maria Goretti Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd. Call Mike Eugene at 241.5558 for information.

New! Wednesday, May 19, 2010. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) Meeting. 10555 Lake Forest Blvd, Suite 1F. Held every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

New! Thursday, May 20, 2010. City Council Meeting 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 19, 2010. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) Meeting. 10555 Lake Forest Blvd, Suite 1F. Held every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Saturday, May 22, 2010. 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Renaissance Marketplace. 5700 Read Blvd, adjacent to the Lowe's Home Improvement Store.

Saturday, May 22, 2010. 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Einstein Charter School, 5100 Cannes St. is hosting their first Fun, Food, and Family Festival. Includes a Talent/Fashion/Acting/ Show, many activities for children, and great food. Chaired by Dr. Denise Charbonnet.

New! Tuesday, May 25, 2010. 6:00 pm. Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) Commissioners Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting for Neighborhood Association Presidents. St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd. CAB meetings occur on the last Tuesday of the month.

New! Tuesday, May 25, 2010. City Planning Commission Meeting 1:30 pm.

New! Tuesday, May 25, 2010. ENONAC CAB Meeting 6:00 pm.

New! Friday, May 28, 2010. 6:30 pm. Mandatory meet-and-greet for parents of 2010 Excite All-Stars Summer Camp participants. Location: The Church at New Orleans East, 10555 Lake Forest Blvd. Suite 9J. Contact Penny or Gerald Williams at admin@exciteallstars.org or call 717-0085.

New! Saturday, May 29, 2010. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Audubon Louisiana Nature Center, 10601 Dwyer Rd, New Orleans East (behind Joe Brown Park). Volunteer to Help Maintain the Reforested Wetlands Audubon Louisiana Nature Center. Sponsored by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Entergy Corporation, Restore America's Estuaries, Audubon Nature Institute, RPM Ecosystems, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Volunteers will help maintain reforested areas by weeding around the 1,200 trees planted this past winter and removing invasive Chinese Tallow.

New! Saturday – Sunday, May 29 – 30, 2010. Louisiana Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Louisiana Revised Statute exempts the 4% state first \$1,500 of each item's cost. Items include batteries, flashlights, self-powered radios, and storm shutter devices. Click [here](#) for a full list of items.

Subway is now open at 6003 Bullard Ave.!

Local Company receives another order from the US Army

Textron Marine & Land Systems will build another 423 armored vehicles for the U.S. Army. The work will take place at the company's eastern New Orleans and Slidell plants, but will not generate new jobs.

To date, Textron has delivered 2,600 armored security vehicles to the Army. Read the full Times-Picayune article [here](#).

Notes from ENONAC Economic Development Meeting

State Senator Ann Duplessis and City Councilman District E Jon Johnson were attendance at the ENONAC Economic Development Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010, where Cesar Burgos was the featured speaker. Burgos is the developer who will undertake the building of a new “first class” 81 acre, one million square foot mall at Lake Forest and Read Boulevards. The development will be similar to Perkins Rowe in Baton Rouge and Fountain Park Centre on Manhattan Blvd. on the West Bank. The following updates were provided:

- Tax Increment Financing (TIF), was approved by the City Council in October 2009. The TIF, which will provide for 2% of each City sales tax dollar to go towards the development project, is a necessity for a project that, in the current economic climate, is risky. This amount will be matched by the State, and capped at \$4 million. Remaining funds for the project will be provided by the developer.
- State Senator Ann Duplessis and State Representative Austin Badon were instrumental in moving the TIF forward with the State.
- Plans were to build the mall in four phases, but current TIF financing will cover only the first two phases. Phase I is the existing Lowe’s home improvement store. Phase II will consist of 110,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, including 150,000 square feet for a big box retailer that will most likely be Walmart, on 22 acres. Also in Phase II will be a police substation and a gas station. Phase III will consist of 500,000 square feet of additional retail, two hotels, and a rehab of the movie theater. The final phase will be a parking garage.
- The next step is to get a finalized agreement from the State, after the committee meets in June. After this happens, the mechanism to draw funds will begin, followed by the bond market process, which takes about six months. Following the bond process will be the permitting process, which can take another six months.

Some of the suggestions by the residents in attendance were that eastern New Orleanians should *not* give their ZIP codes when shopping in other parishes. This information is not required, and it provides a disincentive for retailers to consider coming to our area when they receive feedback showing that we will travel to their other locations to shop.

It was also suggested that residents write to Governor Bobby Jindal and the New Orleans delegation to tell them how important this mall will be for the economic stability of our area. To make suggestions or give feedback on this project, contact Tangey Wall at tangeyon@yahoo.com.



Fort Pike Tree Planting

Volunteers organized by America’s Wetland Conservation Corps and the Youth Wetlands Education and Outreach Program planted hundreds of bald cypress trees in celebration of Earth Day

Times-Picayune

2010 Graduates

Blake Deveraux Hicks

A senior at East Jefferson High School, Blake received the coveted "Gates Millennium" Scholarship. Blake was one out of 20,500 applicants and one out of 1,000 that was selected.

Blake is the Captain of the East Jefferson Warriors basketball team, a Track Star, works part-time at Rouse's grocery store and has maintained a 3.87 grade point average since the 9th grade.

Blake was accepted to Louisiana State University, St. John's University in New York City, and Arizona State University. He will attend the University at Lafayette in the fall majoring in Sports Medicine.

LeighAnna Marguerite

*Daughter of Veronica Barbarin and Edward L. Watters
Graduating from Cabrini High School*

LeighAnna will attend Xavier University, majoring in Biology Pre-Med

Jihan Nicole James

*Daughter of Darlene James and Kenneth James
Graduating from St. Mary's Academy*

*Captain of St. Mary's Academy Basketball Team
President of St. Mary's Academy Pre-Alumnae*

Jihan will attend Nicholls State University, majoring in Computer Information Systems

Alyseia Mone' Darby

Graduating from New Orleans Math and Science Charter

***AP Courses also completed. 3.8 – 4.0 GPA*

Graduate of New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Discipline--Ballet

A Member of Who's Who among High School Students

Accepted to LSU for Fall of 2010

Outstanding Achiever

Kristen Lee

Loyola University Student

This week Kristen was selected to participate in a Pre Law Studies Program in Chicago for the summer.

Kristen is one of the recipients of the Phi Eta Sigma Scholarship, recognized for her high scholastic achievement. Congratulations on such an outstanding achievement!



Mosquito Control

If you have mosquitoes in your area you should call the Mosquito Control Board. According to residents, the department is very responsive to resident complaints. However, in order for them to spray, they prefer to have calls from more than one person in a neighborhood.

So inform your neighbors to call whenever they are having problems with mosquitos. The phone number for Mosquito Control is (504) 658-2400. This is also the same number for Rodent Control, in case anyone might be having problems with mice.

Myra W

Local Actor in *Treme*

Some of you may have noticed a familiar face and/or name in the credits of the HBO hit show *Treme*. The familiar face is that of Sean-Michael Bruno, son of Sean Bruno and Racquel Turbinton Bruno.

Sean-Michael played a major part in the episode that premiered on May 2. In the show Sean-Michael acted as the youngest son of Wendell Pierce's character. This may prove to be only the beginning of bigger things. Entertaining is in young Sean-Michael's blood. He is the grandson of the late Willie "Tee" Turbinton.

New Orleans Police Department gets New E-Mail

New Orleans, La. - Superintendent Ronal W. Serpas announced today the establishment of a New Orleans Police Department e-mail designed to allow citizens to express concerns. This is an effort by Chief Serpas to provide easy access to the New Orleans Police Department and increase the dialogue and cooperation between the citizens of New Orleans and the New Orleans Police Department. The e-mail address will be effective immediately and will be as follows:

Nopdchief@cityofno.com

This e-mail is not designed to report emergencies or to request police assistance. Please continue to use 911 for emergencies or 821-2222 for non emergencies.

Janssen Valencia

Many thanks to the following contributors to this week's newsletter:
*Cathy Charbonnet, Mtumishi St. Julien, Eileen Spears, Talana Suarez, Tangee Wall,
Yolanda Darby, and Veronica Barbarin.*

Volunteers Needed

Audubon Louisiana Nature Center

Volunteer to Help Maintain the Reforested Wetlands

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Entergy Corporation invite you to participate in a forested wetland restoration maintenance project at Audubon Louisiana Nature Center. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Audubon Louisiana Nature Center was named one of the top five urban nature centers in the United States. The Nature Center suffered considerable damage from Hurricane Katrina which devastated its interpretive center, exhibits and an estimated 75 percent of the forest was destroyed.

This project is being completed through a partnership with Entergy Corporation, Restore America's Estuaries, Audubon Nature Institute, RPM Ecosystems, Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Volunteers will help maintain reforested areas by weeding around the 1200 trees planted this past winter trees and removing invasive Chinese Tallow.

When: Saturday, May 29th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Audubon Louisiana Nature Center, 10601 Dwyer Rd, New Orleans East (behind Joe Brown Park)

All planting equipment (gloves, shovels, loppers, bug spray, etc.) and water will be provided. There may be mud and mosquitoes so please wear long pants and old shoes or boots. Personal clippers are also welcome. Additional information will be provided to volunteers after registration.

Partners



Become a Tree Trooper

Register today to become involved in restoring New Orleans' tree canopy. Take part in a nationally acclaimed local volunteer training program that educates neighborhood-based volunteers to properly care for mature and newly planted trees. Tree Trooper Training is free and open to the public. Dates are June 1, 3, 8 and 12. Participants may come from throughout the greater New Orleans area, including Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes. [Click here for a registration form.](#)

Training Dates and Locations are:

June 1st and 3rd

4 pm – 7 pm

10555 Lake Forest Blvd.

NOLA 70127

June 8th

4 pm- 7pm

Joe Brown Park

NO East

June 12

9 am – 11 am

1137 Baronne St.

NOLA 70113

<http://www.parkwaypartnersnola.org/>

Link to Methodist Hospital Web Site

www.eastorleansmedicalcenter.com

Lot Next Door/Louisiana Land Trust (LLT) Properties

If you have a Lot Next Door (LND) or LLT Property in your neighborhood and have not received first right of refusal letter, contact Dawn D. Domengeaux Community Outreach Manager at dddomengeaux@cityofno.com or 504-658-4423. She is working with the community on behalf of NORA/LLT/LND programs. If you received letters older than six months ago and have not had any contact or never heard anything, you may still be eligible as a first right of refusal status.

Debbie D. Gordon
ENONAC Secretary



**KUUMBA INSTITUTE
ASHÉ CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
YOUTH ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM**

CHILDREN AGES: 6-16

JUNE 14 - JULY 23, 2010 FROM: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**DRAMA / DANCE / SPOKEN WORD / PHOTOGRAPHY /
AFRICAN DRUMMING / MARTIAL ARTS / VISUAL ARTS /
FILM / FITNESS / STEPPING / BEADING**

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00/CHILD (INCLUDES TWO T-SHIRTS)

TUITION: \$375.00 FOR 1 CHILD / \$600.00 FOR A FAMILY OF UP TO 3 CHILDREN

(LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE)

For more information call 504-569-9070 Ashé Cultural Arts Center, 1712

Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., NOLA 70113

Kesha McKey, Kuumba Institute Program Coordinator

REGISTER NOW!

(LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE)

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Kesha McKey, Kuumba Institute Program Coordinator

Commercial Space for Lease

Starting at \$8 per square foot
9930 Lake Forest Blvd.
Contact Charbonnet Realty
504-237-0756

Notes from Transform-Her General Meeting

A group of concerned women from eastern New Orleans met at 5615 Read Blvd. on Saturday, May 15 to discuss a list of community needs, including a hospital, more schools, Walmart, a theater, parks, and other social and recreational services. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to sign up for various committees associated with these needs.

The mission of the Transform-Her organization is to work with our elected officials to rebuild a "bigger and better" New Orleans East community. Members are committed to monitoring the progress of the rebuilding efforts, holding elected officials accountable, and speaking with one voice in the fight for the greater good of New Orleans. There is also a commitment to helping those who want to start businesses.

Shirley Mitchell, founder of the organization, shared the feeling that the New Orleans East community is being overlooked.

Those in attendance were encouraged to call and write to Mayor Mitch Landrieu, tell him who you are, tell him that we need Methodist Hospital opened, and tell him that we need it now.



Calling All Woman of New Orleans East

Are you concerned about the slow progress that has been made to restore our community since Hurricane Katrina? We now have a newly formed female organization called Transform-Her that will lead the way to rebuild a bigger and better New Orleans.

For more information about Transform-Her
Contact: Shirley Mitchell, Founder
Location: 5615 Read Blvd. (Across from Abramsom School and Greater St. Stephen)
Phone: (504) 245-2752 office
(504) 452-8144 cell
joymitchell78@yahoo.com email

Your Participation is Greatly Needed "Together We Can Make A Difference"

Joy Mitchell, *CAO/Owner* - Children's Palace Learning Academy
5615 Read Blvd.-New Orleans, LA 70127
(504) 245-2752 office - (504) 245-2709 fax

Job Opportunities

HRI Lodging: Chief Engineer, Concierge, Housekeeping Supervisor, Sous Chef, Kitchen Steward. Hilton Garden Inn, New Orleans Convention Center. 1001 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130.

HRI Lodging: Guest Room Coordinator, Guest Service Agent, Room Attendants. Chateau Bourbon. A Wyndham Historic Hotel 800 Iberville Street New Orleans, LA 70112

HRI Lodging: Chief Engineer, Kitchen Steward, Room Attendants. Hilton Garden Inn. New Orleans French Quarter/Central Business District. 821 Gravier Street New Orleans, LA 70112.

Seattle's Best Coffee. Baristas. 520 Saint Andrew Street. New Orleans, La 70130

To apply for HRI Lodging jobs, 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.*

Click on links below to view information on posted jobs:

[Physical Scientist GS-11/12.](#) Department Of The Interior, Minerals Management Service. Job Announcement Number: MMSO-ZG-10-MM328274. \$57,408 - \$89,450/year. Closes Monday, May 17, 2010.

[Office Automation Assistant GS-0326-05/05.](#) Department Of The Army, Army Corps of Engineers. Job Announcement Number: SWGY10264878D. \$31,315 - \$40,706/year. Closes Monday, May 17, 2010.

[IT Specialist \(APPSW\) GS-2210-12.](#) Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: DS321348-BM. \$68,809 - \$89,450/year. Closes Monday, May 17, 2010.

Systems Accountant GS-0510-07/11. Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: DS-340014-JE. \$38,790 - \$74,628/year. Closes Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

www.usajobs.gov

[SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR GS-1810-13.](#) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Job Announcement Number: D10NO346588-112-TMD. \$81,823 - \$106,369/year. Closes Thursday, May 20, 2010.

[Administrative Support Assistant GS-0303-07.](#) Department Of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service. Job Announcement Number: CK343248MA. \$38,790 - \$50,431/year. Closes Thursday, May 20, 2010.

New! [Health Systems Specialist GS-0671-12/13.](#) Department Of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration. Job Announcement Number: KL-10-LMo-346129. \$68,809 - \$89,450/year. Closes Thursday, May 20, 2010.

[IT Specialist \(SysAdmin\) GS-2210-12.](#) Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: DS-340047-JE. \$68,809 - \$89,450/year. Closes Friday, May 21, 2010.

[Petroleum Engineer, GS-0881-13.](#) Department Of The Interior, Minerals Management Service. Job Announcement Number: MMSS-ZG-10-341640. \$81,823 - \$106,369/year. Closes Monday, May 24, 2010.

[Social Worker GS-0185-00/00.](#) Department Of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. Job Announcement Number: 10-218-38. SALARY RANGE: To be determined by Professional Standards Board. Closes Monday, May 24, 2010.

[IT Specialist GS-2210-13.](#) Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: DS-339436-JE. \$81,823 - \$106,369/year. Closes Wednesday, May 26, 2010

[Administrative Assistant, GS-0303-07.](#) Department Of The Army, National Guard Units. Job Announcement Number: LA 346392. \$38,790 - \$50,431/year. Closes Thursday, May 27, 2010.

See Job Opportunities, continued on page 12

[IT Specialist \(OS\) GS-2210-12.](#) Department Of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Job Announcement Number: DS328215-BM. \$68,809 - \$89,450/year. Closes Friday, May 28, 2010.

New! [Information Technology Specialist \(INFOSEC\) GS-2210-09/12.](#) Department Of Veterans Affairs. Job Announcement Number: OI&T-RG-10-GW346940. \$61,245 - \$95,429/year. Closes Thursday, May 12, 2011.

[Management & Program Analyst GS-0343-13/14.](#) Department Of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection. Job Announcement Number: IHC-318355-OCA-DE. \$71,674 - \$110,104/year. Closes Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

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. Click [here](#) for announcement.

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. Click [here](#) for announcement.

Telecommunications Specialist GS-0391-11/12. Department Of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection. Job Announcement Number: IHC-299202-CDH-DE. \$49,544 - \$77,194/year. Closes Monday, November 29, 2010. Click [here](#) for announcement.

IT Specialist (Information Security) GS-2210-13/14. Department Of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection. Job Announcement Number: IHC-307678-DE OCA. \$71,674 - \$110,104/year. Closes Monday, January 10, 2011. [Job Announcement](#)

Federal Jobs: www.USAJOBS.gov

New Orleans Jobs:
www.workNOLA.com

New Orleans Jobs:
www.nola.com/jobs/

McDonald's: www.MCSTATE.COM

Jacobs Technology (Michoud):
www.cytiva.com/jacobs/jolts/tpl.asp

Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Financial Officer jobs are located at the Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans.

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