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WBCA General Meeting Thursday, March 1, 2018

Algiers Regional Library
3014 Holiday Drive
New Orleans, La 70131
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

- Meet and talk with your neighbors
- Give your input on WBCA goals for 2018
- Learn about upcoming projects and events in Walnut Bend & Algiers
- Pay 2018 Dues (go to <http://walnutbendno.org/membership/> to pay online!)

Guest:

Justyn Hawkins, New District C Liaison with the Mayor's
Neighborhood Engagement Office

Our meeting was originally scheduled for January 16, but freezing weather, boil water warnings and Mardi Gras caused several reschedules.

We are back on track and we look forward to seeing you on March 1!

WBCA Saturday Social Saturday, March 3, 2018

Corner of Holiday and Fiesta
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Food, Drinks, Music, Fun!

- Talk to your neighbors
- Drop off your WBCA 2018 Dues
- Purchase WBCA 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Color newsletter online at <http://walnutbendno.org/newsletters/>

Important Numbers and NOPD Hotsheet – Click on *Resources* at <http://walnutbendno.org>

2018 WBCA CALENDAR

Membership Meeting 2018

WBCA membership meetings are held Quarterly on the Second Tuesday at 6:15 pm.

April 10 July 10 November 13

The meetings are held at the Algiers Regional Library unless otherwise announced.

Please visit the WBCA website for the most current information:
www.walnutbendnoorg.

Walnut Bend Board Meetings

The WBCA Board meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 pm. The location varies, so contact a board member for the location.

Annual Night Out Against Crime

The Annual Night Out Against Crime is potentially scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6 pm – 8:30 pm***. There will be lots of food & fn!.



Algiers Police Advisory Committee (APAC)

These meetings with the NOPD 4th District Commander are on the Second Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 pm at the 4th District Police Station, 2405 Sanctuary Dr. in Federal City.

NOMTOC Parade

The NOMTOC parade begins in Walnut Bend at the corner of Fiesta and Holiday Drive. Join us on Saturday, March 2, 2019 for the 49th annual NOMTOC parade.

**Dates subject to change, Check the website, Nextdoor & Newsletter for up-to-date listings of WBCA, city and community Events.*

WBCA 50/50 Jackpot

Walnut Bend is sponsoring a 50/50 Jackpot Fundraiser to support neighborhood initiatives. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased from any WBCA board member, at the March 1 meeting or at the March 3 Saturday Social.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 12pm. Winner need not be present to win.

Get your tickets and win!

Volunteers Needed!!!

WBCA is in need of Volunteers to assist in many areas:

- Membership/Special Committee
- Night Out Against Crime Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Newsletter Distributor



One of the better-known **benefits** of **volunteering** is the impact on the community. **Volunteering** allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Helping out with even the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people and the organizations in need.

If you can help, contact Yvonne @ yvonnemg@aol.com or any WBCA Board Member.

2018 Goals

At our March 1 meeting, we will discuss neighborhood goals to for 2018. Some suggestions have already been received:

- Increase membership
- Increase neighbor involvement and opportunities to meet neighbors
- More participation in Christmas Holiday decorating
- Active Neighborhood Watch participation
- Seek grants for neighborhood improvement
- Reach 100% participation in Nextdoor

Do you have goals for Walnut Bend?

Bring your suggestions to the meeting.

Algiers One Issue

- Algiers One Monthly clean ups are held on the first Saturday of every month from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Clean up locations vary and are posted on NextDoor.
- Algiers One Neighborhood Meet and Eats are held once a month on a Friday beginning at 6 pm. Locations vary and are posted on NextDoor.

For more information, contact Chiwanda Duplantier at Walnutbendneighborhood-watch@gmail.com or post on Nextdoor.

Walnut Bend Traffic Box Painted



The Traffic Box at the intersection of MacArthur & Holiday was painted during 2017 by **Jennifer Lindsley**, proprietor of **ACME Studios**, and an accomplished artist and instructor from New Orleans, LA. Jennifer has painted a dozen traffic boxes in the New Orleans area through her collaboration with Community Visions Unlimited (CVU) NOLA utility art box program. A native of Thibodeaux, LA, she currently lives in Gentilly.

Jennifer was formally trained in watercolors and oils through scholarship studies in Europe. She received her BA degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Design Technology, and an AA Degree in Theater from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She earned her certification to teach K-12 Art at North Carolina Central University. Jennifer has private collectors and patrons in New York, Los Angeles and Grand Cayman. Her artwork varies in form and function from large watercolors and illustrative acrylics to classical oil on canvas, lighthearted whimsical furniture and functional one of a kind custom pieces.

From 2001-2005 Jennifer instructed over 400 students at ACME Gallery LTD - New Orleans - and curated over 35 exhibits of professional and student pieces. She genuinely enjoys working with children and adults, teaching one on one out of her studio, or in group settings. Jennifer believes each student has unique perspective, and that developing a love for art can uncover it. She currently teaches art for Inspire Charter Schools at Alice Hart, Andrew H. Wilson and McDonogh 42.

Jennifer combines her theatrical background to add energy and enthusiasm to her teaching. Group discussion, concepts and explanation set a dynamic rhythm that encourages students to interact and share their thoughts freely. Her curriculum is an excellent addition to social activities allowing students to experiment, discover and learn outside the classroom. To learn more about Jennifer and her work visit her website at: <http://www.acmegal.com/>.

The cost of painting the Traffic Box was donated by our neighbor Mr. Raul Mena.
Thank you!

2017 In Review

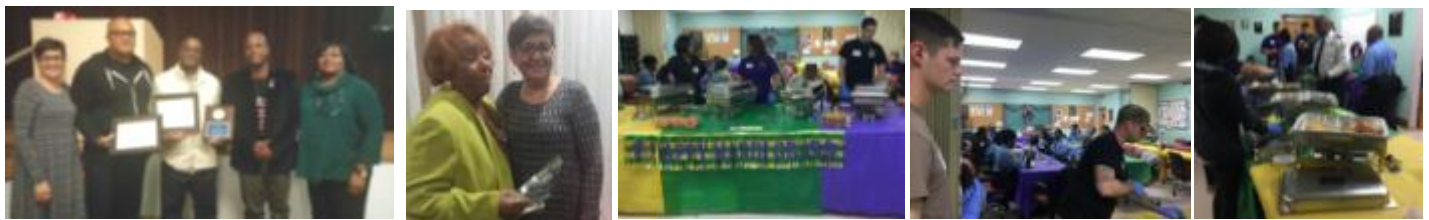
Gardens of the Month



NOMTOC Parade



NOPD 4th District Christmas Party & Awards and Mardi Gras Breakfast



Night Out Against Crime



New Orleans Tricentennial Neighborhood Grants

As part of the New Orleans 2018 Tricentennial celebration, Tricentennial Neighborhood Grants, funded by the 2018 NOLA Foundation, will provide an opportunity to further the city’s future by distributing 73 grants of \$1,000 each to support events or projects that uplift New Orleans neighborhoods. Projects must be completed by October 31st, 2018 in one or more of the following areas:

- A neighborhood celebration of the Tricentennial
- A collaborative neighborhood beautification or quality of life project commemorating the Tricentennial
- A capacity building project for youth (17 years of age and under)
- A Tricentennial outreach project for the organization

Walnut Bend’s grant application was submitted by Vice-President Kevin Doucette and includes repairs to our Walnut Bend neighborhood signs and surrounding landscaping, creating a Tricentennial booklet to document the history of Walnut Bend, and hosting a combined Tricentennial Celebration / National Night Out Against Crime block party.

Grant Announcements will be made on Wednesday, February 28th. Go to <https://nola.gov/city/neighborhood-grant/> for more information.

Algiers Neighborhood President Council Issues

- Canal St Ferry & Algiers Ferry – The new the Canal St. Ferry and renovations at the Algiers Ferry have been funded, but there are continuing issues about the pedestrian bridge at the Canal St. Ferry. We encourage you to keep up with this information in the medi, Nextdoor, etc., and to attend related meetings to make your voice heard.
- Shell – The station at DeGaulle & Sandra will be remodeled and, adding a storage center, coffee shop, etc.
- Higgins Gate - was purchased. We are seeking a date for cleanup and renovation.
- Proposed Condominiums in Algiers Riverview – Input had been given at various community meetings.

ADVERTISING IN THE CARDINAL

The cardinal receives support from neighboring businesses, many of which are owned by residents of Walnut Bend. We thank our advertisers & we ask you to support our advertisers and neighborhood businesses.

<u>AD SIZE</u>	<u>ISSUE COST</u>
Business Card	\$25.00
¼ Page	\$40.00
½ Page	\$60.00
Full Page	\$100.00

One free issue of advertisement is given to those who pay for yearly publication. An additional 10% discount is given to Walnut Bend residents who pay for yearly advertising.

Payment must accompany the ad request.
Contact Yvonne @ yvonnemg@aol.com to place an ad.

Share good news including graduations, retirements, etc. with neighbors at no cost. Send info to yvonnemg@aol.com.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE!!!!

WBCA 2018 Dues

2018 Walnut Bend Civic Association Bend Dues can be paid at the March 1, 2018 General Membership Meeting, via Paypal on <http://walnutbendno.org/membership/> , or by mailing to P.O. Box 740022, New Orleans, La.

Your Dues are necessary to continue the growth of of Walnut Bend, assist in beautification, fund Community Events, etc. Please let your voice be heard by not only attending the General Membership Meetings Quarterly but by paying your Annual Dues.

Per Household Dues

- \$45 Two Year Membership (20% discount)
- \$25 One Year Membership

Volunteers are also needed, please see a Board Member to sign up for a committee or write in your availability.

Thanks for supporting Walnut Bend!