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## Renewed Commitment to Walnut Bend



2009 was a great year for Walnut Bend, but we have much to do to maintain our quality of life and to revitalize our neighborhood association.

This year we ask you to :

- Attend WB meetings
- Volunteer to serve on a committee or help distribute newsletters
- Pay annual dues
- Give us your ideas to help the WBCA better represent you

As the saying goes, "the squeaky wheel gets the oil". The more participation by residents, the more likely our concerns and issues will be addressed by our city and state.

### What have we done for you lately?

WBCA 2009 accomplishments include:

- Successful lobbying for street and light repairs, maintenance of MacArthur Post Office grass, trash removal and at least 10 abandoned vehicles towed
- Reporting of 40 abandoned/blighted houses, with at least 10 hearings held by the city.
- Successful objection to code change that would have allowed truck stop and video poker near Walmart.
- Maintaining presence as a strong neighborhood & attended meetings with City Council, Mayor's Office, NOPD , Code Enforcement, S&WB, Federal City, state representatives, Algiers Econ. Dev. Foundation (AEDF), Corps of Eng, and more!
- New, city permitted, professional meeting signs placed on steel posts and maintenance of WB signs at both ends of Holiday Drive.

- Night Out Against Crime, attended by over 100 residents, with food, door prizes, info from Sheriff, Entergy, & Crime Stoppers, AEDF; and Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

- Speakers at bi-monthly WB meetings to address concerns, including Rep. Arnold, Sen. Heitmeier, City Council Pres. Clarkson, DA Cannizzaro, Mary Cunningham from Councilman Carter's office, Gen. David Mize, Dir. of Federal City Project, School Board Member Lourdes Moran, owners of Aurora Shopping Center, etc.

- Membership & participation in Algiers Neighborhood Pres. Council & Algiers Police Advisory Cmte (APAC).

- Newsletter Distributor appreciation dinner.

- Awards of \$50 for Best Xmas decoration; \$25 Ace Hardware Gift card at Night Out; WBCA logo cups, key chains & ink pens for guest speakers and for Garden of the Month.

- Publication of 6 newsletters and maintained website.

## WALNUT BEND CIVIC ASSOCIATION JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1110 Kabel Drive

Guest Speaker: Robert Mendoza, Director of Public Works

Why are street lights out?

When will our streets be fixed?

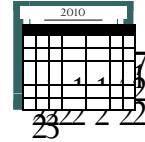
Robert Mendoza's department at City Hall handles these issues and many others that affect our neighborhood.

Come to the meeting with your questions so that Mr. Mendoza can respond. To submit questions in advance to insure that he has the answer for the meeting, email information to [yvonnemg@aol.com](mailto:yvonnemg@aol.com).

Candidates for the Feb. 6 election have been invited to attend near the end of the meeting to "meet and greet" WB residents. Attendance will be based on their availability.

**Cookie Social at 6:45 p.m.**

# MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR



## Membership Meetings 2010

Please mark the dates below for our WBCA meetings for this year. Meetings are the second Tuesday, every other month at 7:00 pm. The location is Oak Park Baptist Church (see story below).

January 12	March 9
July 13	May 11
September 14	November 9

## Walnut Bend Board Meetings -

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

## Krewe of Nomtoc Parade -

WBCA will toast the King and Queen of NOMTOC when their parade rolls through Walnut Bend on Saturday, February 13. The toast will be at the corner of Holiday and Fiesta prior to the parade start at 10:45 am. NOMTOC is a great parade and we are glad to have them in Walnut Bend.

## Walnut Bend Easter Egg Hunt -

This annual event will be held on Saturday, March 27, 10:00 am at Woodland Park, located at the corner of Woodland and Gen. Meyer. Please be on time. Our Easter Egg Hunters are anxious to begin the hunt as soon as they arrive!

## Annual Night Out Against

Crime - It's usually hot, but it's always fun at the Night Out. This year the event will be on Tues, August 3, 6- 9pm. There will be lots of food and fun.

## Algiers Police Advisory Committee (APAC) -

These meetings with the NOPD 4th District Captain and staff are on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Woldenberg Village. Meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend. Discussion includes monthly crime statistics, reporting of specific incidents that have occurred, and questions from the public are answered.

## Christmas Decoration Contest Winners

The Christmas decorations in our neighborhood keep getting better and better. It was difficult to select a winner, but after much review, the following selections were made.

1st Place - 2035 Easter Lane had Winter Wonderland of lights, candy canes, a swinging Santa and many other and sign that said JOY. It was certainly a joyful display.

2nd Place - 2712 Holiday Drive has beautiful decorations for every holiday, and Christmas is no exception.

The display seemed to have additions this year that made it even better.

3rd Place - 2350 Beck had a well

lit star to guide you to its array of lights. Very nice job.

We encourage residents to decorate for every holiday. It brightens and brings cheer to the neighborhood and shows the fun spirit and pride in Walnut Bend.

*"The winners receive prizes, starting with a value of \$50 for 1st place. You must be a paid Walnut Bend member to receive the prize."*

## Our New Meeting Location—Oak Park Baptist Church

After several years of meetings at Woldenberg Village, we now have a new meeting location — The Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1110 Kabel Drive.

Walnut Bend residents are a part of their membership. "Pastor Bobby" Stults and his staff have enthusiastically welcomed us. Pastor Bobby

also looks forward to working with our neighborhood in other ways.

The church asks that we park in their lot next to McDonald's. The walkway to the Fellowship Hall is directly across from the parking lot. Go down the walkway and through the set of double doors on the right, and then first door on the left.

Parking is also available on the side of the church on Hyman Place.

Signs will be posted to direct you.

Many thanks to Oak Park Baptist Church for providing this opportunity.

## Support Our Local Businesses

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1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$50.00

*If you would like to share good news / graduations, retirements, etc. with your neighbors, contact the newsletter editor!*

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Contact **Natasha Anthony Wells** at [natashaw@vzw.blackberry.net](mailto:natashaw@vzw.blackberry.net) to place an ad.

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### **Paid Ambassador Positions for our City**

The city is recruiting local people to be paid ambassadors at three large conventions coming to New Orleans in the first quarter of 2010. The dates are :

February 25 - March 2	AAAAI
March 4 - March 9	ORS
March 7 - March 13	AAOS

Duties include registration data entry, greeters and customer service. Applicants can register at [www.remedystaff.com](http://www.remedystaff.com) or call 504-835-6465 to schedule an appointment by January 15, 2010, Monday - Thursday @ 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please mention that you heard about it in the WB Newsletter.

### **Improving Our Association**

We want to hear what you have to say about improving our association or any other suggestions, questions, or thoughts you may have.

We've already received some ideas including:

- ⇒ Membership drives (we'll do several this year)
- ⇒ Working more through committees (this requires committee members, so please volunteer)
- ⇒ Maintaining e-mail addresses for all residents. (This will help us get last minute information to you and maintain contact during emergency situations, evacuations, etc.) Please include your e-mail on your WB membership form or send it to [msarpy@aol.com](mailto:msarpy@aol.com).

Give your input at WBCA meetings, or by emailing or calling any of the WBCA board members. More suggestions in the next newsletter.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Our goal this year is to increase membership to at least 50% of households. Our first Membership Drive for 2010 will take place on Saturday January 16. We'll go door to door on as many streets as possible to talk about the benefits of Walnut Bend membership and how your participation helps us to be a vital organization.

If you can participate, contact Millie Sarpy at [msarpy@aol.com](mailto:msarpy@aol.com) or 914-3787.

## **Join the WBCA Today!**

### **Walnut Bend Civic Association Membership Form**

**Join us in becoming a strong and active neighborhood by filling out this form and sending it with your \$25 dues to:**

Walnut Bend Civic Association

P.O. Box 740022 New Orleans, LA 70174

*New Member*       *Returning Member*       *Send a WBCA Decal*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address (es) \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to serve on the following committee(s):*

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Public Information & Affairs / Nuisance & Complaints