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President's Message



I hope this newsletter finds you well. My name is **Kevin M. Doucette**. I've met many of you over the years. I've been a Walnut Bend resident since 2001 and a past WBCA president. Following Hurricane Katrina I was transferred to Texas and then Florida. My family and I returned this summer and we are very happy to be home. We missed New Orleans and of course Walnut Bend.

As you make your New Year's resolutions I hope you will consider becoming active in the Walnut Bend Civic Association. The WBCA is YOUR neighborhood association. The WBCA Board of Directors is made up of your neighbors, all volunteers,

who have an interest in preserving the integrity of our neighborhood.

The WBCA has represented our neighborhood in many areas of interest over the years. We have fought or supported zoning issues, worked with NOPD on crime and quality of life issues, worked with our City Council Member, State Representative, and Senator on issues relating to Walnut Bend. The WBCA voices the concerns of the neighborhood to those in positions to offer assistance.

The cost of joining or maintaining a WBCA membership is only \$25 per year. Your membership dues go to maintaining the two Walnut Bend signs and plants on Holiday Drive. We also use the money to print out this newsletter,

host activities like the National Night Out Against Crime and various other miscellaneous expenses. Every dime of your dues is accounted for and spent in support of maintaining or improving our neighborhood. I'm telling you all of this because I'd like for you to become involved. I'd like to see you at the WBCA meetings and hear what concerns you. I'd also like your assistance and advice in maintaining the peace, beauty, and integrity of our neighborhood.

There have been a few incidents recently that have disturbed the tranquility of Walnut Bend. The next WBCA meeting will be Tuesday January 11th, at 7:00 PM at the Oak Park Baptist Church (corner of Kabel and General Meyer). I hope to see you there!

WBCA JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1110 Kabel Drive

GUESTS: New NOPD 4th District Commander Capt. Heather Kouts

DISCUSSION: Quality of Life, Crime Issues & Upcoming WB Anti-Crime Walk

The new NOPD 4th District Commander is not only the district's first female commander, but she is also a longtime Algiers resident.

Capt. Heather Kouts, a 17-year veteran, has previously commanded the de-

partment's Specialized Support Unit Division and the Records and Identification Division.

Kouts replaces Capt. David Kirsch.

At the January 11 meeting Capt. Kouts and Community Outreach Coordinator

Sgt. Larry Gates will address recent incidents in Walnut Bend and the **January NOPD Anti-Crime Walk that will be held in Walnut Bend.** (More info about the Anti-Crime Walk on page 2.)

Cookie Social at 6:45 p.m.

MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDAR



Membership Meetings 2011

Please mark the dates below for our WBCA meetings for this year. Meetings are the **second Tuesday, every quarter** at 7:00 pm. The location is Oak Park Baptist Church .

January 11	April 12
July 12	October 11

Special meetings may be called as needed.

Walnut Bend Board Meetings

The WBCA Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. 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, March 5. The toast takes place at the corner of Holiday & 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, April 16, 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 2, 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 Wed. of each month at 7pm at the 4th District Police Station, 4th District Police Station, 1348 Richland Rd. Meetings are open to the public. Discussion includes monthly crime statistics, reporting of specific incidents that have occurred, and questions from the public are answered.



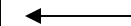
Holiday Decoration Contest Winner



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 (\$50 prize)- The Spellman's of 2734 Holiday Drive had a joyful display of grazing reindeer, angels, and other items that made the holiday spirit bright.

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



- Runner Up - 2035 Easter Lane, the Archie Residence, had a winter wonderland of lights, candy canes, a swinging Santa and more. They are past contest winners.



Jan 11 WB Mtg Agenda



- ⇒ **Capt. Kouts & Sgt. Gates, NOPD 4th District**
- ⇒ Neighborhood Partnership Network
- ⇒ Property Policy
- ⇒ Membership Drive
- ⇒ Newsletter Distribution
- ⇒ Other Issues and Concerns

To add agenda items, contact Kevin at
kmdoucette@aol.com.

WB Crime Walk to be Discussed at January Meeting

Residents have expressed concern about recent incidents in our neighborhood. Your presence and input at the January meeting can help us in working collaboratively with the NOPD to make a positive difference.

The Anti-Crime Walk Program provides an opportunity to assist in combating crime as well as nurture a positive relationship with the police. The Crime Walk has already taken place in several 4th District neighborhoods

and is scheduled for Walnut Bend in January.

At the January 11 General Meeting:

- The date and starting location for the January Crime Walk in Walnut Bend will be announced.
- Residents will be asked to provide specific problem streets and addresses (in writing if preferred) so these locations can be included on the Walk.
- If you can't attend, please provide relevant information to a board member or a neighbor.

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

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Oak Park Baptist Church Blood Drive



Oak Park Baptist Church invites the residents of Walnut Bend to participate in their January Blood Drive on January 26, 4pm—8pm. It's an opportunity to do something good for our community as well as providing a source of blood for your family if needed.

Contact the church office at 3921-1818 for more information.

November 2010 Annual Meeting Summary

- Treasury Balance - \$1,419.86.
- Bylaws change approved: "The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Corporation shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month of the last meeting of the year.", instead of the 2nd Tues. of Nov. in accordance with the change from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings.
- 2011 Officers Elected:
 - ⇒ President - Kevin M. Doucette
 - ⇒ Vice-Pres. - Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb
 - ⇒ Treasurer - Elmo Peters
 - ⇒ Secretary - A volunteer is needed!

December 2010

A message from Councilmember Kristin Gisleson Palmer

As this year comes to a close, we have all been saddened by the loss of life suffered by so many throughout the city. Through senseless acts of violence and/or homelessness, our communities have been severely affected and some families forever changed. It is my prayer that we continue to work diligently, with one voice, to assist in providing solutions to address the challenges at hand.



As requested by Mayor Landrieu, if you are aware of any individual occupying vacant and/or blighted property, please contact City Hall at 504.658.4000 or call

your local police district at the number listed above or citywide at 504.821.2222. In addition, if you see individuals who are homeless, we implore you to report this situation as well. The city is actively working in cooperation with multiple agencies to provide assistance to those in need.

It is the responsibility of the community, as well as individuals, to personally make an attempt to seek the solutions that result in everyone being safe and secure. I implore you all to work with us to resolve these issues as we move forward in rebuilding and restoring our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Kristin Gisleson Palmer

New Orleans City Councilmember District "C"



Information from the Nuisance and Complaints Committee

The Walnut Bend Civic Association has heard from residents regarding property use, property upkeep and general "neighborliness." So all residents will be familiar with these areas, we are summarizing some common city regulations and suggestions for neighborly consideration. Feel free to contact Shelia Green or any member of the board with specific complaints.

Fences, Hedges, Walls: They are limited to a height of 7 feet and none may be within 20 feet of any street intersection.

Boats & Trailers: May not be stored in front yards.

Accessory Buildings: No accessory building may be less than 3 feet from a side lot line not less than 40 feet from a front property line. This includes carports. A carport attached to a house must be open on the side nearest to the side lot line and open on the front. A detached carport must be open on the front and on both

sides. Any part of a carport projection (such as a roof) must be at least 2 feet from the property line.

Swimming Pools: Any swimming pool in a back or side yard must be at least 4 feet from the back or side property line. The pool must be surrounded by a fence that is approved by the Director of Safety and Permits. A walk space at least 3 feet wide must be provided on two sides of the pool or on 50% of the exterior of the pool, whichever is greater.

Building Changes: You must have a BUILDING PERMIT for most types of building alterations, additions or repairs. If you are in doubt about needing a permit, it is your responsibility to consult the proper agency. A building permit placard must be displayed prominently and it must be up-to-date. (A permit expires, for instance, if work does not commence within 6 months of issuance of the permit or if work is discontinued for 6 months. A new permit then must be applied for.)

It is the duty of the Police to see that work requiring a permit is authorized, and

it is their duty to report the absence of a permit to the proper authority.

Any permit obtained under misrepresentation (cost, plans, etc.) constitutes fraud. Any work done contrary to the permit issued shall be stopped. When work is not in accordance with the permit, the work shall be corrected.

Walnut Bend Zoning: Walnut Bend is a Single Family Residential District. Any other use of the residential dwelling is a violation of the zoning code.

Basketball Goals: between the sidewalk and the curb are illegal.

Animals: If you have animals, you are required to keep their living quarters and the yard cleaned of all waste materials and other offensive materials. You are not allowed to keep any wild, exotic, or vicious animals as pets.

Additional information will be published in the next newsletter.

