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## President's Message

Hello neighbors of Walnut Bend!

### Holiday Dr. Repairs

By now you have all noticed the road construction happening on Holiday Drive. This project has been delayed several times but I am happy to see it is finally underway.

The project began on June 1<sup>st</sup> and is scheduled to be completed in February 2012, in time for next year's NOMTOC parade.

The scope of the project is to remove and replace concrete panels in the roadway and then overlay with asphalt. Some sidewalks and driveway aprons will be removed and replaced with concrete. The roadwork will extend from MacArthur north to General Meyer on both north and southbound lanes. The work is being done by Barriere Construction Company, LLC.

Holiday Drive residents will be inconvenienced

from parking in their driveway and along Holiday Drive from time to time. We hope any interruptions to driveway access are minimal and coordinated with homeowners in advance.

### Revamped Website

I'm pleased to inform you that our VP, Yvonne, has been working to upgrade our website. It is more user-friendly and robust. Please take a look and send any comments to Sunada Brookins, our new Web Master.

### WB Covenants

We have also taken initial steps to review our covenants and eventually will present proposed rules, regulations and standards that reflect how we want our properties/neighborhood maintained.

If you have ideas or want to help please contact us, or better yet, come to the next general meeting and talk to us. We need your input and assistance. We

don't want to propose regulations that the majority do not agree with and we don't want to omit something that you want included.

This is about ensuring that properties, not properly maintained, come up to the quality standard of maintenance most of us hold dear. At the end of the day, our property values are impacted by what our neighbors do or don't do.

### New Night Out Date

The city has decided to move the National Night Out Against Crime from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 11<sup>th</sup>. The reasons for the change cited by NOPD Superintendent Ronald Serpas was the intense heat in August and concern for the health and well being of citizens and participants in the night out events.

We will make the adjustment and move our **(Cont'd on page 2)**

## WBCA JULY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1110 Kabel Drive

**GUEST: Sen. David Heitmeier**

**DISCUSSION: Legislative report, CCC Task Force, Gen. DeGaulle repairs, etc.**

Cookie Social at 6:45 p.m.

## President's Message (cont'd)

annual event to coordinate with the new date. October should hold more moderate temperatures and we hope to have our biggest event ever. We'll pass along more information as we finalize our plans.

If you'd like to volunteer to assist with the Night Out please contact our neighborhood coordinator Alan Delery at [adelery@cox.net](mailto:adelery@cox.net) or 394-3532.

### NOPD 4th District

We continue to enjoy a friendly and helpful relationship with NOPD's 4th District. Commander Kouts, SGT Gates, and the 4th District Team were out in force for our April

Anti-Crime Walk. They also attended our April meeting and were able to answer questions and provide insight on issues. Officer Sannett has been diligent in pursuing Quality of Life issues brought to his attention. I've been a resident of Walnut Bend for 10 years and we've never had a better working relationship with the NOPD's 4th District.

### Senator Heitmeier will attend July General Meeting

We are pleased to announce that State Senator David Heitmeier, will be the guest speaker at our July meeting. Senator Heitmeier represents the residents of District 7 and will speak to us about projects and initiatives that impact Walnut

Bend. I've had conversations with Senator Heitmeier about the tolls on the Crescent City Connection and other issues on the Westbank.

I'm sure he'll want to hear from you about the CCC tolls and other issues in our district. This is an opportunity to let your state senator know how you feel on issues important to you.

I hope you will join us for our quarterly meeting July 12th at 7:00Pm @ the Oak Park Baptist Church.

Sincerely,  
WBCA President Kevin Doucette

## *Garden of the Month*

Congratulations to 2110 Medi-molle Drive, location of the June Garden of the month.

**Joan Hollins-Carter** takes great pride in her yard and in our neighborhood. See the newsletter & the garden in beautiful color at <http://walnutbendno.org/newsletters>.

If you would like to nominate your neighbor's garden, or your own for this recognition, contact Anne Brown at [gabrown@bellsouth.net](mailto:gabrown@bellsouth.net).



### July 12 WB Mtg Agenda



- ⇒ **Sen. David Heitmeier Legislative Update, Bridge Tolls and more**
  - ⇒ WB Covenant
  - ⇒ Street Repairs
  - ⇒ Website
  - ⇒ Night Out Against Crime
  - ⇒ Other Issues and Concerns
- To add agenda items, contact Kevin at [kmdoucette@aol.com](mailto:kmdoucette@aol.com).

### Membership Contest!



Don't be "locked out" of the benefits of Walnut Bend Membership.

Be a "SAINT" and pay your membership dues! All paid members as of

*"All paid members as of July 31, 2011 will be eligible for the \$50 prize drawing."*

July 31, 2011 will be eligible for a \$50.00 prize drawing. The winner will be announced in August on the WBCA website under membership. Let's keep Walnut Bend a great place to live and play!

## Support Our Local Businesses

### 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.

AD SIZE	ISSUE COST
Business Card	\$15.00
1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$50.00

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

To share good news / graduations, retirements, etc. with your neighbors, send the info to [yvonnemg@aol.com](mailto:yvonnemg@aol.com)

## Construction Started on Holiday Drive



Reconstruction, including new asphalt overlay, on Holiday Drive between MacArthur Boulevard and Gen. Meyer. **Cost:** \$2.9 M. **Scheduled Completion:** February 2012

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## East Egg Hunt 2011



### April 2011 Meeting Summary

- **Treasury Balance** - \$1,433.36
- **Guest Speaker (s):** Brother Bobby Stults, information regarding Oak Park programs and Angel Food Ministries, [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).
- **Spring Crime Walk** - April 19, 6pm.
- **Problem Residences, Business Activity/Zoning Issues** - Rept'd to WBCA and NOPD; letters sent; resident reported suspected business activity does not take place at her home.
- **WB Covenant** - To be reviewed for potential changes, send suggestions to WBCA Board.
- **Volunteers Needed**  
⇒ WBCA Secretary, Newsletter Distributors



## Don't Forget to Recycle

You can still register for recycling services at <http://recycle.nola.gov>. Residents may also fill out the Recycling Service Notice manually and mail it or drop it off to City Hall at 1300 Perdido Street, Room 1W03, New Orleans, LA 70112 or fax it to (504) 658-3801.

Carts will be provided, or use the blue recycling bins that were used before Hurricane Katrina. The plastic bins must be marked for recyclables.

E-waste drop-off is on the second Saturday of each month, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2829 Elysian Fields Avenue. Drop off unused or unwanted electronic items (computers, monitors, keyboards, speakers, cell phones, digital cameras, etc.) or recycling items on these days.

City of New Orleans  
CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:



PAPER PRODUCTS such as office paper, newspapers and color inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail and telephone books  
CARDBOARD such as used for moving or to package merchandise; also includes box board such as used for cereal, food, detergent, paper egg cartons, 12-pack drink cartons (flatten and fold, if necessary)  
PLASTICS (coded #1 through #7) such as water, soda, milk, bleach and detergent containers and plastic pots from plant nurseries  
WAXED CARTONS such as juice boxes and milk cartons  
METALS such as aluminum, tin or steel cans, clean foil, pie pans and metal lids

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:



PLEASE KEEP YOUR CARTS CLEAN  
RINSE OUT FOOD CONTAINERS  
BEFORE PLACING IN CARTS



A COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY!

### District C Report

Councilmember Kristin GislesonPalmer has issued her first annual report for District C. The report covers infrastructure, capital projects, and other items of interest. The report can be found at: [http://www.nolacitycouncil.com/docs/news/2011/DistrictC\\_AR.pdf](http://www.nolacitycouncil.com/docs/news/2011/DistrictC_AR.pdf).

### Crime Maps

To view criminal activity in Algiers and the rest of Orleans Parish, go to <http://www.nola.gov/GOVERNMENT/NOPD/Crime-Maps/>. It shows the violation, time period, location, and reported criminal activity near stated addresses or other locations, such as schools.

### Get Ready for Hurricane Season

Go to <http://www.getagameplan.org/> for information about family and business plans, emergency phone numbers, etc.

Register at [www.nolaready.info](http://www.nolaready.info) for real-time updates and instructions for weather and other emergencies.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Membership / Social       Beautification       Neighborhood Watch

Public Information & Affairs / Nuisance & Complaints       Newsletter Distribution