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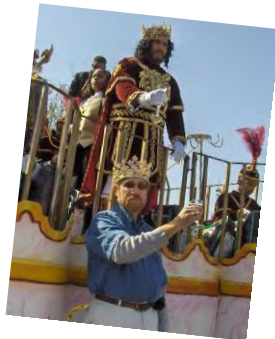
Mardi Gras in Walnut Bend



NOMTOC rolled again in Walnut Bend on Sat., Feb. 13 with the theme "40 Years of Pastimes". Reigning as Queen NOMTOC XL was Miss Casey Angelle Coleman. King NOMTOC XL was Mr. Alan Jerome Hendrix.



Walnut Bend welcomed NOMTOC with a large



banner and presented the King and Queen with beautifully decorated broom scepters, created by resident Lucretia Peters, owner of *Angel Scents*. King NOMTOC shared a champagne toast with resident royalty Joseph Neal, King Grela LXIII, who lives on Holiday Drive. Mardi Gras was also King Grela's 50 birthday. Grand Marshall was WDSU meteorologist Damon Singleton, who did some microphone time before the parade.

The champagne toast was also enjoyed by the WB Board, including secretary Millie Sarpy, who explained the festivities



to the visiting brother of Beautification chair Sunada Brookins. WB President Yvonne

Mitchell-Grubb reminisced with former NOMTOC



King James Henderson.



WALNUT BEND CIVIC ASSOCIATION MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1110 Kabel Drive

GUEST SPEAKER: DISTRICT C COUNCIL MEMBER ELECT KRISTIN PALMER

Come and hear from our new councilmember-elect Kristin Gisleson Palmer. She wants to hear our concerns, issues, and expectations for the new administration which will take office on May 3, 2010.

The January meeting featured Public Works Director Robert Mendoza, who addressed issues concerning streets, speeding, changes to parking meter costs, and more. See page 4 for more information.

Candidates Jackie Clark-

son, Arnie Fielkow, Cynthia Willard-Lewis and Kristin Palmer were also in attendance

Our May speaker will be Cynthia Rico with Lake-wood Country Club.

Cookie Social at 6:45 p.m.

Reporting Problems and Issues to the City

With the dissolution of the 311 system, we want to make sure that all of you are aware of the current procedure in place for reporting issues / problems. Please continue to call 658.2299 (this was the landline for the 311 system) and follow the prompts:

1. Press #1 for Public Works (Streetlights, potholes, clogged drains, missing street signs and traffic signal outages) *******SEE BELOW RE STREETLIGHTS*******
2. Press #2 for Housing / Code Enforcement (status of a hearing, report a blighted structure)
3. Press #3 for Environmental Health (vacant lot with high grass)
4. Press #4 for Department of Revenue (property tax, sales tax, occupational license, sanitation fee removal)
5. Press #5 for Parks & Parkways (City tree trim request or downed trees)
6. Press #6 for Emergency Preparedness (house elevation, hazardous mitigation, city assisted evacuation plan, Dept of Homeland Security)

Press #0 for all other Department / Agencies

*****Particularly with streetlight outages, we have been informed by Public Works that the most efficient reporting mechanism is to call 658.2299, and follow the prompts for streetlights. You will be directly connected with "Robinson Industries", the City contracted streetlight repair vendor. Once you have reported the streetlight to "Robinson", please call or e-mail us so that we may follow up with DPW (Department of Public Works) as well.*****

As always, we are here to assist with any and all problems you may have, however, we recommend reporting the issue to the appropriate department first, and following up with us after that first step.

Mary Cunningham, Director Constituent Services
Office of James Carter, Councilmember, District C, Telephone: 504.658.1030



11th Annual Walnut Bend Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27



Promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Woodland Park
Corner of Gen. Meyer and Woodland
Fun and Prizes for All!





Ages 1-12
Walnut Bend Residents

Membership Drive

Our goal this year is to increase membership to at least 50% of households. We've been going door to door dropping off membership forms and talking about the benefits of Walnut Bend membership.

If you can participate in one of our "membership walks", contact Millie Sarpy at msarpy@aol.com or 914-3787.



Be a "SAINT" and pay your membership dues! All paid members as of March 31, 2010 will be eligible for a \$50.00 prize drawing. The winner will be announced at

Membership Contest

"All paid members as of March 31, 2010 will be eligible for a \$50 prize drawing."

the May general membership meeting. Let's keep Walnut Bend a great place to live and play!

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1/2 page	\$50.00

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

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 to place an ad.

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Information from the Department of Public Works

Public Works Director Robert Mendoza attended the January WB general meeting, along with members of his staff. He stated that street light outages were due to circuit problems that had to be addressed first by Entergy. On MacArthur, some of the lines have been cut due to the street repair.

The \$20M project to improve drainage on Gen. DeGaulle will begin in 14 months and work on Holiday Drive will begin this year. Residents voiced concerns about speeding, lack of traffic signs, lack of response from the city and potholes. The "Pothole Killer" was seen in WB several days after the meeting!

The following numbers were given to report issues:

- Street Maintenance – 658-8151 or 658-8152
- Abandoned Vehicles – 658-8200
- Streetlights – 254-1000 (Robinson Industries)

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.

⇒ Suggestions for Committees: Our committees, such as Nuisance and Complaints, need members to work with the chairs and provide input. We also need committees to focus on communication, housing issues, streets and sidewalks, lawn maintenance and more. Volunteer for a committee today!

Give your input at WBCA meetings, or by emailing or calling any of the WBCA board members.

NOPD 4th District Email Blast / Google Group

This site keeps you informed, via email blast, of criminal activity, significant arrests and provides information on wanted subjects in the 4th District. A link to the NOPD crime maps allows you to view maps of criminal activity in our neighborhood, and the entire city. There are also Crime Prevention tips and more.

Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/NOPD4-EmailBlast?hl=en?hl=en> to join. Emails can be sent to NOPD4-EmailBlast@googlegroups.com.

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