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Spring in Walnut Bend



WB Easter Egg Hunt

On of the first signs of spring is the Easter Bunny, who made an early visit to Walnut Bend on Saturday, March 27 at the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at Woodland Park.

Our group, of various ages, was enthusiastic in finding Easter eggs. In addition to the candy filled eggs, participants also received prizes. It was a fun time for all.

New WB Sign at Gen. Meyer

Walnut Bend received a new sign and landscaping courtesy of a Beautification Grant from the Algiers Economic Development Foundation (AEDF).

The purpose of the grant was to improve landscaping and signage for neighborhoods and businesses along the Gen. Meyer corridor. Grant recipients are responsible for maintenance.

The wood in the previous sign had rotted, so it was replaced entirely. The type of wood used and the foundation in the ground means the new sign will last a very long time to come.

The plants include azaleas, annuals, monkey grass, and knock out roses. Many thanks to AEDF!



WALNUT BEND CIVIC ASSOCIATION MAY MEETING

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

Oak Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1110 Kabel Drive

GUEST SPEAKER: NOPD 4th District Quality of Life Officer RICHARD SASNETT

At our May meeting, **NOPD 4th District Officer Richard Sasnett** will talk to us about his duties as **Quality of Life Officer** and how we can work with him to improve our neighborhood.

He'll also discuss the

4th District Google Group set up to send email blasts to residents.

The **March** meeting featured **Council Member-elect Kristin Palmer**, whose priorities include

strong constituent services and blight. She plans a "Listening Tour" to understand District C issues. Residents expressed concerns about code enforcement, speeding and trucks in WB, and street flooding.

Cookie Social at 6:45 p.m.

NOPD 4TH DISTRICT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

March & April 2010 criminal activity in or near Walnut Bend and reported via email blast are listed below.

If you have any information on these incidents, contact the Detective Unit at 658-6045 or call Crimestoppers anonymously at 822-1111. You may also report any suspicious persons by calling 821-2222. In an emergency, call 911.

<p>3/06—Aggravated battery by cutting 3700 block of Gen Meyer, arrest made 3/11—Magazine scam money collected but no magazine is delivered 3/29—Armed Robbery 3300 Block of Kabel, arrest made 3/29—4500 block of Copernicus Aggravated Assault (Domestic), warrant issued 4/05—Armed Robbery 2700 Block of Hudson</p>	<p>4/09—Increase of auto burglaries (in area bound by Wood- land, Gen. Meyer, Kabel & Gen De Gaulle; lock doors, remove valuables from sight) 4/11—purse snatching 4001 block of Behrman, arrest made 4/18—Homicide 3600 block of Gen DeGaulle 4/18—Aggravated battery by shooting 3600 block of Garden Oaks</p>
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Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/NOPD4-EmailBlast?hl=en?hl=en> for complete list, more details and/or to join.

Emails can be sent to NOPD4-EmailBlast@googlegroups.com.

OPD 4th District – Phone 658-6040 – Fax 364-4054

Quality of Life Officer Richard Sasnett 658-6480, rwsasnett@cityofno.com

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING - 4126 FIESTA

On Wed., May 5, the Code Enforcement Bureau held a hearing on the abandoned/derelict property at 4126 Fiesta St. Based on testimony provided by WBCA Treasurer Elmo Peters, COE found the owner, Francine Collins, guilty of violating several City Codes, including being a Public Nuisance. Though the property was in the best condition of all properties considered that day by COE, the owner was assessed a one time maximum fine of \$500, plus a \$75 court cost and \$300 per day for 30 days. If the \$9,575 is not paid, COE will place a lien on the property and the owner will not be allowed to pay property taxes until the debt is settled. However, when/if she brings the property up to code, the fines will be forgiven and the lien lifted. **Thanks to Elmo, Ann Moll, Mitch Yokum, & Mary Cunningham (District C office) for their vigilance on this issue.**

March APAC Meeting Report

U.C.R. Crime Report - Overall, crime is down 35% from this time last year. Residence burglaries are up 52% with 50 incidents reported.

Magazine Scam— This involves people going door to door, collecting money, but no magazines are ever delivered. This tactic has also been used to case the home of unsuspecting residents. Anyone doing door-to-door sales, including magazines, should have an occupational license. Checks can be used for identity theft by using your bank information with someone else's SSN to open an account. A request for cash is even more suspect. Call 821-2222 to report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood immediately.

New Procedures to Report Issues to the City: As reported in the WB March newsletter, call 568-2299 and follow the instructed prompts to report issues/problems. The 311 system is no longer operational.

APAC meets the 2nd Wednesday, 7PM, 4th District Police Station, 1348 Richland Rd.

Remembering Flo Benes

If your home was selected for Garden of the Month, you had an opportunity to talk with Flo Benes.

Flo enjoyed viewing the beauty in our neighborhood, and talking with the winners to congratulate them and tell them a little bit about the WBCA. She always had a smile and nice things to say about her neighbors.

Flo passed away in December 2009. She and her husband of 53 years, Ed Benes, were among the founders of the WBCA. Flo is survived by Ed, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Membership Contest

All paid members as of March 31, 2010 are eligible for a **\$50.00 prize drawing**. The winner will be announced at the May General Meeting.

Paid Membership by Street

Beck - 5	Comet - 4	Cupid-2
Easter -5	Fiesta - 2	Gallinghouse - 1
Gen Meyer - 1	Holiday - 5	MacArthur - 1
Mediamolle - 1	Prancer - 16	St. Nick - 12
Valentine - 12	Vixen - 2	

2740 Valentine, corner of Vixen, is the location of the April Garden of the month.

Michael & Ileana Adams take great pride in their yard and their

Garden of the Month

neighborhood. See the newsletter and the garden in beautiful color at <http://walnutbendno.org/cardinal.html>



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

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END OF QUARTER RECOVERY UPDATE

REVIVE

City of New Orleans FEMA Funding as of April 29, 2010

FEMA Versions Written	2,971	Value: \$615,570,330.41	FEMA Versions Obligated	2,917	Value: \$599,074,919.51
Versions Written to be Obligated (waiting for DRF)	54		Value: \$16,495,410.90		

REBIRTH: 650 Active Recovery Projects as of March 31, 2010

RENEW

Projects in Bid Award Phase in 1st Quarter 2010

Joe Brown Indoor Pool	\$3,600,087.00	Cut Off Center	\$569,063.00
NOFD Engine 26 S. Jefferson Davis Pkwy.	\$269,095.00	Pratt Playground	\$166,870.69
NOFD Engine 12 Franklin Ave.	\$389,461.00	Evans Playground	\$98,900.00
NOFD Engine 10 Morrison Rd.	\$394,886.00	Easton Playground	\$500,000.00

TOTAL: \$5,988,362.69

***\$49.4 Million Recovery Projects Scheduled for Bid Award Summer 2010**

St. James Playspot Tennis Court (EP)	\$58,548.00	7-May-10	Kenilworth Playground	\$362,861.00	10-Jun-10
Oak Park Playground Tennis Court (EP)	\$9,818.00	8-May-10	Lyons Center	\$2,847,417.00	19-Jun-10
Donnelly Playground	\$106,689.00	11-May-10	Joe Brown Park Lighting,		
NOFD Engine 33 Gen. Meyer	\$191,233.00	11-May-10	Ball Fields, Shelters	\$8,502,345.00	20-Jun-10
<i>Brechtel Park Golf Course, Club House, Maintenance</i>			<i>Algiers Courthouse Phase 1</i>	\$2,579,802.00	20-Jun-10
<i>& Cart Storage Buildings</i>	\$3,317,614.00	15-May-10	Comiskey Playground	\$494,951.00	20-Jun-10
Treme Center	\$4,888,911.00	20-May-10	NOPD Second District	\$1,000,000.00	23-Jun-10
<i>Skelly Rupp Stadium</i>	\$255,016.00	28-May-10	NOFD Engine 21 Paris Ave.	\$1,122,074.00	2-Jul-10
Allie Mae Williams			Maria Goretti Playground	\$335,490.00	5-Jul-10
Multi- Service Center Phase 1(Bldg B, D, E)	\$380,707.00	10-Jun-10	NOPD 5th Dist. Police Station	\$7,787,474.00	26-Jul-10

**This is sample listing of projects.*

Streetscape Enhancement Projects Start Construction This Summer:

Beginning in November 2008, the City of New Orleans met with various community and neighborhood organizations throughout the City to discuss the upcoming streetscape enhancement projects. For each of the 20 streetscape enhancement projects, representatives from the City of New Orleans and the A/E firm assigned to the project met with area community members. Following the series of meetings and architectural/design follow-up work, the first streetscape enhancement projects was released for bid in March 2010 and most projects will be in construction by mid to late summer.

Over \$100 million of Roadway Projects Currently In Construction

Stretching from the Westbank to the Eastbank roadway projects are in full rebuilding and construction. To date, 38 projects are under construction with total project costs over \$100 million, that include: Fleur de Lis Blvd. Carrollton Ave. Earhart Blvd. MacArthur Blvd. Elysian Fields Ave. Paris Ave. St. Bernard Ave. Downman Road Douglas Street N. Andry Street

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