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As you make your 2017 New Year's resolutions, we hope that one of them is to become more active in the Walnut Bend Civic Association.

If you are a past member, please come back! If you are a new resident, join us to be an active part of WBCA.

WBCA 2016 Accomplishments

1. Sponsored successful Walnut Bend events, in-

cluding the Easter Egg Hunt, Night Out Against Crime, and salute to NOMTOC.

2. Worked with Algiers Neighborhood Presidents Council and Councilmember Nadine Ramsey to address blight at the Higgins Gate site.

3. Used NextDoor, the Website and Facebook to provide info about WBCA and Algiers issues and happenings.

4. Worked with the city and NOPD 4th District to address code enforcement, including abandoned & illegally parked vehicles, neighborhood

blight and related issues.

5. Worked with NOPD 4th District Cmdr Cesar Ruffin, Cnclmbr Nadine Ramsey, Sen. Troy Carter, Rep. Gary Carter, & other elected officials to address crime, the budget and other issues.

6. WBCA representation at City Leadership and Neighborhood Roundtable events.

7. Beautification of WBCA entrances.

8. Provided **Welcome Packages** to new Walnut Bend residents.

9. Provided the NOPD 4th Dist. "Officer of the Month" award in August.

WBCA JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - 6:15 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Algiers Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Drive

INFORMATION and DISCUSSION WITH:

Bryan Lagarde, ProjectNOLA Crime Camera System

Lisbeth Pedroso, Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office

Our first General Meeting for 2017 will be held at the Algiers Regional Library on **Tuesday, January 10 at 6:15 p.m.**

Bryan LaGarde, founder of ProjectNOLA, the crime camera system that provides assistance to the NOPD, will be there to provide info and answer questions.

In addition, Lisbeth L. Pedroso, the new Algiers Neighborhood Liaison, will bring news from the Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office.



It pays to be a member!

Would you like to win a \$25 Walmart Gift Card?

Just pay WBCA Membership Dues by March 31, 2015!

- ⇒ Dues must be paid between 10/18/16 (Night Out) & 3/31/17.
- ⇒ Mail your check to P.O. BOX 740022, NOLA 70174, pay online **OR** Pay at the Jan. 10 meeting.
- ⇒ Winner will be announced at the April 11 general meeting.

MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDAR



Membership Meetings 2017

WBCA will meet quarterly on the **second Tuesdays at 6:15 pm.** The 2017 meeting dates are:

January 10 April 11
 July 11 November 14

The location is the **Algiers Regional Library** at 6:15 pm unless announced otherwise. Please go to www.walnutbendno.org for the most current information.

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 location.

Krewe of Nomtoc Parade

WBCA will toast king Wilfred Dennis Jr. and queen Jada Cymone Washington on **Saturday, Feb. 25** at the corner of Holiday & Fiesta *prior to the 10:45 am.* parade start.

New Orleans actor Lance Nichols, who appeared in HBO's "Treme", and WDSU reporter Casey Ferrand will serve as the grand marshals.

Walnut Bend Easter Egg Hunt

This annual event will be held on **Saturday, April 8, 10:00 am** at Woodland Park, located at the corner of Woodland and Gen. Meyer. The kids are ready to start when they get there, so please be on time.

Annual Night Out Against

Crime - is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6pm – 8:30 pm.*** There will be lots of food & fun, including the annual Doggy Costume contest. **Date subject to change, so check the website, Nextdoor & newsletter.*

Algiers Police Advisory Committee (APAC)

- These meetings with the NOPD 4th District Commander are on the **second Wednesday of the month, 7pm** at the 4th District Police Station, 2405 Sanctuary Dr. in Federal City.

Check the website, facebook and Nextdoor for up-to-date listings of WBCA, city and community events.



2017 Holiday Decoration Contest Winner

Thank you to everyone who helped make the holiday season festive in in Walnut Bend.

1st Place goes to 2740 Valentine,



Another winner

District C at the Algiers Library

Every Tuesday, 10am—12pm, Freddie King, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Nadine M. Ramsey, is at the Algiers Regional Library to meet with District “C” constituents.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Mr. King can also be contacted at 504-658-1030 and frking@nola.gov.

Cynthia Walters was the winner of the first WBCA Community Raffle. She won a dinner for two at Copeland's and two AMC movie tickets.

The drawing was held at the Nov. 15 General Meeting.

Watch for details on the next raffle. You could be the next lucky winner!

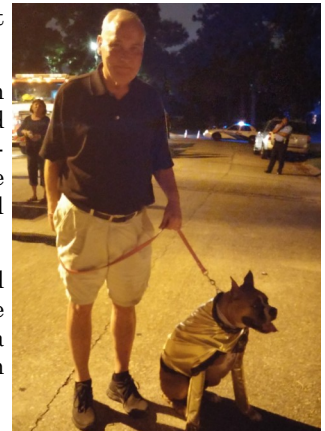


2016 Doggy Costume Contest

Frankie Wilson won the 2016 Doggy Costume contest at the October 18 Night Out Against Crime.

Her golden costume and commanding presence bedazzled the judges!

Her proud owners are Bob & Lisa Baldwin Wilson.



Volunteers Needed!

We have openings for volunteer WBCA board and committee positions.



- Board Officer
- Membership/Social Committee
- Night Out Against Crime Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Distributor

If you can help, contact Yvonne at yvonnemg@aol.com or any WBCA Board Member.

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.**

<u>AD SIZE</u>	<u>ISSUE COST</u>
Business Card	\$25.00
1/4 page	\$40.00
1/2 page	\$60.00
Full page	\$100.00

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 Yvonne at yvonnemg@aol.com to place an ad.

Share good news including graduations, retirements, etc. with neighbors at no cost. Send info to yvonnemg@aol.com

Civic Leadership Academy



Millie Sarpy and Sunada Brookins are graduates of the Fall 2016 Civic Leadership Academy. The Civic Leadership Academy is a free program that gives residents the opportunity to educate themselves about City government so that they can improve their communities. It provides an in-depth look at local government as well as opportunities for residents to interact with City staff and elected officials.

CLA's eight weekly interactive sessions, led by representatives from City departments and include tours, hands-on demonstrations and presentations that give participants an insider view of how the City of New Orleans operates. Fall session topics included the City Budget, Planning, City Services, Policing and Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The session included a tour of the Water Treatment Facility in Algiers. The director issued an invitation for other residents to take the tour as well. We plan to set up a tour for Walnut Bend residents, which we announce on Nextdoor when scheduled.

We will provide information about the next Civic Leadership Academy when announced.

Painted Traffic Box Challenge

You may have seen the painted traffic boxes up and down General deGaulle. There is one at Lennox/Kabel, one at WestBend across from Wendy's, one at Shirley near the FireStation and one on Kabel at MacArthur. CVUNOLA.ORG (Community Visions Unlimited) has obtained permission from the City to paint these boxes all over the city.

City neighborhoods are raising the funds to get traffic boxes in their area painted. Aurora West got this started on the Westbank when they paid for the one on Kabel & MacArthur. Lennox Blvd HOA and Lakewood Estates chipped in to pay for the Kabel/Lennox box. Bocage and other neighborhoods have done the same. The cost of getting a Traffic Box painted is \$750.

On Nextdoor, a challenge has been issued to paint boxes honoring the different branches of the military. WBCA Vice-President Kevin Doucette is working with the pledge for a traffic box honoring the Navy. It is hoped that the box honoring the Navy will be the one at the corner of Holiday and General Meyer.

The Algiers Development District will contribute \$250 to get to the total of \$750 needed to have the box painted. Residents who have donated to date participated in a meeting to make recommendations on the design of the artwork for the box.

If you would like to contribute toward the traffic box honoring the Navy, contact Kevin Doucette at kmdoucette@aol.com.

We would also like to have the additional Walnut Bend traffic box at General MacArthur and Holiday painted in the near future. Keep watching on Nextdoor for a challenge to get that one done.



Neighborhood Summit

On Saturday, Nov.19, Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb and Millie Sarpy attended the 2016 Neighborhood Summit. The purpose of the day-long summit, was to bring together community leaders, non-profit agencies, and city government to share information, discuss issues and develop new skills.

One Issue

Neighborhood Watch Chair Chiwanda “DeeDee” Duplantier has started the “One Issue” initiative to address issues in Algiers.

The initial focus is litter. Two cleanups have held: at the corner of DeGaulle and Holiday near Walgreens and one near the Shell Station on Kabel Drive.

Look for announcements on Nextdoor about future cleanups .

WBCA 2017 Dues Invoice

2017 invoices for the Walnut Bend Civic Association are included in the packet with this newsletter. Dues are \$25 per household. Pay by 3/31/17 to be eligible to win a \$25 Walmart Gift card . If you have already paid , just ignore the invoice. If you aren't sure if you've paid, contact us at info@walnutbendno.org.

WBCA membership dues can also be paid online via PayPal! Go to our website at www.walnutbendno.org and click on the Membership tab.

Consider paying for \$45 for two years, a 20% discount in year two. In addition, you can pay dues and place a business card ad for one year for only \$100. Residents can take the 10% discount, making the total \$90. Just indicate the 10% discount on the invoice and return it with your business card.

Sign up for a committee or write in your availability to help distribute the newsletter, help with the website, or anything else you would like to do.

Thanks for supporting Walnut Bend !

November 15, 2016 General Meeting Summary

We had a very good meeting with Senator Troy Carter. Everyone got a chance to ask questions and Senator Carter updated us on some things that are being planned for Algiers, the coming Legislative session and possibly another special session.

Senator Carter pointed out several times during our meeting:

- An engaged community is the best way to get things done.
- The more people involved in a community effort the better the chances are for a positive outcome.
- Strong neighborhoods equal awareness and attention from officials.



Information from Nuisance and Complaints

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. Contact Kevin Doucette or any member of the board with specific complaints.

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

Boats & Trailers: It is illegal to leave a non-motorized vehicle (boats, trailer, etc.) on the street at any time , and they cannot be parked in the front yard. Under city law, vehicles parked on the street must be moved every 24 hours. Fines can be levied against offenders.

Sidewalks and Streets: Owners or occupants of residential premises are responsi-

ble for keeping the bordering sidewalk and 18 inches from the curb into the street free of trash and litter. This includes leaves, dirt, and pine needles.

Sweeping Trash into the Street: This is strictly against the law. It follow the precept of keeping sidewalks and streets clean.

Garbage and Trash: Under city law, garbage and trash is not to be put out more than 12 hours before the day of collection. For Walnut Bend, trash should not be out prior to 6pm on the day before pick up on Monday and Thursday. This keeps the area looking neat and clean and shortens the time animals or others can get into and spread the garbage.

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.

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

Noise Pollution: Loud noises of music from radios, TV, stereos, etc. are in violation of the city’s anti-noise pollution law. If music or talking from any of these instruments can be heard over a fence into a neighbor’s yard, it is in violation. If on the street and it can be heard 25 feet from its source, it is in violation.

This law also applies to barking dogs and other animals. If the barking annoys a neighbor of normal sensitivity, the barking is against the law. We also have had such violations as roosters crowing! Fines can be levied against the offending pet owner.

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.

