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## Happy New Year!

As you make your 2016 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 as an active part of WBCA.

## WBCA 2015 Accomplishments

1. Sponsored successful Walnut Bend events,

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

2. Collaborated with other Algiers associations to sponsor the forum for candidates for State Senate and State Representative.

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

4. Worked with Quality of Life Officer to address abandoned & illegally parked vehicles, blight and other issues.

5. Restored the WBCA neighborhood & worked with NOPD 4th District Commander Shaun Ferguson, Councilmember Nadine Ramsey & other Algiers elected officials to address crime issues.

6. WBCA representation at Mayor's District C Meetings and Neighborhood Engagement events.

7. Beautification of WBCA entrances.

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

9. Sponsored NOPD 4th Dist. Officer of the Month.

**Here's to a Great 2016!**

## WBCA NEW YEAR MEET & GREET

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Algiers Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Drive

## Food, Refreshments, Information and Fun!

Meet and talk with your neighbors

Meet new NOPD 4th Dist. Cmdr

Elect Officials - Rep. Gary Carter, Sen. Troy Carter & CM Nadine Ramsey

## Come to the Meet and Greet!

Our first General Meeting for 2016 will be a Meet & Greet at the Algiers Library on **Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

Councilmember Nadine Ramsey will be there, as well as newly installed legislators Rep. Gary Carter, Jr. and State Senator Troy Carters. New NOPD 4th District Commander Ceasar Ruffin has also been invited to attend.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



## 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 10/13/16 (Night Out) & 3/31/16
- ⇒ Mail your check to P.O. BOX 740022, NOLA 70174 **OR**
- ⇒ Pay at the Jan. 19 Meet & Greet
- ⇒ Winner will be announced at the April 12 general meeting.

# MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR



## Membership Meetings 2016

WBCA will meet quarterly on the **second Tuesday, except January, 2016**, when we will meet on the **third Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm** at the Algiers Regional Library.

The other 2016 meeting dates are: **April 12, July 12, and November 8**. The location will be the Algiers Regional Library at 6:30 pm unless announced otherwise. Please go to [www.walnutbendno.org](http://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 the King and Queen on **Saturday, February 6** at the corner of Holiday & Fiesta *prior to the 10:45 am. parade start*. Please join us !

## Walnut Bend Easter Egg Hunt

This annual event will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am** at Woodland Park, located at the corner of Woodland and Gen. Meyer. Please be on time. Our Easter Egg Hunters are always anxious to begin the hunt as soon as they arrive!

## Annual Night Out Against Crime - This year the event will be

on **Tuesday, October 11, 6pm - 8:30 pm.\*** There will be lots of food and fun.

\*This date is subject to change, so check the website and upcoming newsletters.

## Algiers Police Advisory Committee (APAC) -

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

*Check our website and facebook page on a regular basis for a list of upcoming WBCA and community events.*



## *2016 Holiday Decoration Contest Winner*



There were many lovely Christmas decorations in Walnut Bend that are too numerous to mention. Thank you to everyone who helped

to make our neighborhood festive!

1st Place (\$50 prize) goes to 2317 Beck, which had a beautiful candy

cane theme. A single picture does not do it justice. Go to [www.walnutbendno.org](http://www.walnutbendno.org) to see it in color.



## Extended Library Hours



As a result of the library millage increase approved in 2015, extended hours for New Orleans Public Libraries will begin on January 3, 2016.

The Algiers Regional Library will be open 7 days a week – M-Th: 10a-8p, Fri & Sat: 10a-5p, Sun: 1-5p. The Hubbell in Algiers Point has the same schedule, but is not open on Sundays.

## Election of Officers and Board Members



Are you a natural leader? Are Do you like being part of a team? Do you like to make things happen? Do you have an expertise that would benefit your community? Can you spare 2-3 hours a month to help your neighborhood?

If you possess any of these qualities, we need you!

We will elect 2016 officers and the January 19 Meet & Greet. We also have openings for volunteer WBCA board and committee positions.

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

If you can help, contact Yvonne at [yvonne-nemg@aol.com](mailto:yvonne-nemg@aol.com) or any WBCA Board Member.



## 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.**

<u>AD SIZE</u>	<u>ISSUE COST</u>
Business Card	\$25.00
1/4 page	\$40.00
1/2 page	\$60.00
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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](mailto: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](mailto:yvonnemg@aol.com)*

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## Garden of the Month—December 2015



Congratulations to 2522 Valentine Ct., the December 2015 Garden of the Month. The beautiful front yard featured 24 fresh poinsettias for the Holiday season. If you would like to nominate a neighbor or yourself for Garden of the Month, contact Lisa Baldwin at labaldwin@cox.net

## WBCA 2016 Dues Invoices

2016 invoices for the Walnut Bend Civic Association are included in the packet with this newsletter. Dues are \$25 per household. Pay by 3/31/16 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](mailto:info@walnutbendno.org).

WBCA membership dues can now be paid online via PayPal! Go to our website at [www.walnutbendno.org](http://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 to everyone for supporting Walnut Bend !**

### Pictures:

1. Yvonne with WBCA Officer of the Month & Cmdr Ferguson.

2. & 3. WBCA Board mbrs at 4th District Christmas Party.



## 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 responsible

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 follows 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.

