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## WBCA General Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Algiers Regional Library  
3014 Holiday Drive  
New Orleans, La 70131  
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

- Meet and talk with your neighbors
- Give your input on WBCA goals for 2019
- Learn about upcoming projects and events in Walnut Bend & Algiers
- Pay 2019 Dues (go to <http://walnutbendno.org/membership/> to pay online!)

#### Guests:

Councilmember Kristin Palmer (or representative)  
Allison, District C Liaison, Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office  
NOPD 4<sup>th</sup> District Community Liaison Office

## Upcoming Elections

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Saturday, November 16, 2019

- March 30 - Proposition to add 2.0 mill property tax for 5 years as of 1/1/2020, solely for senior citizen programs in Orleans Parish.
- May 4 – Proposal to adjust current millage rates to allow City Park to receive dedicated funding, reduce rates for Audubon, and increase rates for NORDC and Parks and Parkways.
- October 12 – Gubernatorial primary, as well as legislative and other state wide offices.
- November 16 – Gubernatorial general election (runoffs)

For more information got to <https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/>

Color newsletter online at <http://walnutbendno.org/newsletters/>

Important Numbers and NOPD Hotsheet – Click on *Resources* at <http://walnutbendno.org>

## 2019 WBCA CALENDAR

### Membership Meeting 2019

WBCA membership meetings are held Quarterly on the Second Tuesday at 6:15 pm.

**April 9      July 9      November 12**

The meetings are held at the Algiers Regional Library unless otherwise announced.

Please visit the WBCA website for the most current information:  
[www.walnutbendno.org](http://www.walnutbendno.org).

### Walnut Bend Board Meetings

The WBCA Board meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 pm. The location varies, so contact a board member for the location.

### Annual Night Out Against Crime

The Annual Night Out Against Crime is potentially scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, 2019, on Fiesta, 6 pm – 8:30 pm\***. There will be lots of food & fun!



### Algiers Police Advisory Committee (APAC)

These meetings with the NOPD 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander are on the Second Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 pm at the 4<sup>th</sup> District Police Station, 2405 Sanctuary Dr. in Federal City.

### NOMTOC Parade

The NOMTOC parade begins in Walnut Bend at the corner of Fiesta and Holiday Drive. Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2020 for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual NOMTOC parade.

*\*Dates subject to change, Check the website, Nextdoor & Newsletter for up-to-date listings of WBCA, city and community Events.*

### Nextdoor.com

We encourage all Walnut Bend residents to join!

- Nextdoor is a source of up-to-date information about neighborhood, Algiers and city issues, including city notifications.
- Find lost pets, learn about neighborhood and Algiers events.

If you left Nextdoor because of inappropriate behaviors by some participants, come back! Neighborhood leaders are working to delete or eliminate those who violate rules.

## Volunteers Needed!!!

WBCA is in need of Volunteers to assist in many areas:

- Membership/Special Committee
- Night Out Against Crime Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Newsletter Editor
- Newsletter Distributors



One of the better-known **benefits** of **volunteering** is the impact on the community. **Volunteering** allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Helping out with even the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people and the organizations in need.

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

### 2019 Goals

- Increase membership
- Increase neighbor involvement and opportunities to meet neighbors
- Address Blight, street and SW&B issues
- Active Neighborhood Watch participation
- Seek grants for neighborhood improvement
- Reach 100% participation on Nextdoor

Do you have goals for Walnut Bend?

Bring your suggestions to the meeting on April 9

### Walnut Bend 2018 Meeting Review

- Guests included Councilmember Kristin Palmer, State Senator Troy Carter, State Representative Gary Carter, NOPD 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Ceasar Ruffin, representatives from the New Orleans Finance Authority, from Parks and Parkways and more.
- The District C representative from the Mayor's Neighborhood Engagement Office, currently Allison Cormier, was present at each meeting to hear directly from residents about issues and concerns.
- Walnut Bend officers participated in events such as the quarterly Neighborhood Leaders Summit, and the Mayor's Community Meeting in November 2018.

*The more you go to the meetings, the more you'll know!*



## Algiers Community Office Hours

We encourage you to meet your neighborhood liaison from the Mayor's Office weekly at Community Office Hours. Community Office Hours provide the opportunity for residents to engage with representatives from various city departments.

Algiers hours are the Monday and Wednesday at the Arthur Monday Center 1111 Newton St) from 10:30am – 4:00pm.

There are often special Community Office Hours for established to address issues of concern.

For more information: [www.nola.gov/COH](http://www.nola.gov/COH)



## 2018 Review in Pictures

### Gardens of the Month



April – 2812 Holiday Dr.



June – 2411 Prancer



August – 2000 Comet

October 2600 Holiday

## NOMTOC Parade 2019





The Algiers Tricentennial is a year-long celebration created by Algerines to commemorate its founding in 1719. With programming that honors our past, we hope to inspire our future through economic, educational and cultural programs and by advocating for appropriate development throughout Algiers. To find out more, visit [algiers-tricentennial.org](http://algiers-tricentennial.org).

### YOUR STORY, OUR STORY

Bring an item or a photograph of something with sentimental value and tell your Algiers family's story. University of New Orleans faculty and students will be on hand to assist in uploading video and/or audio stories to the **Your Story, Our Story** website. Everyone with a history is invited!

**Your Story, Our Story** is a program initiated by the New York Tenement Museum and managed locally by the Midlo Center at UNO.



**Next Public Session:**

**MAY 11, 2019**

**PRIDE OF ALGERS MASONIC LODGE**

922 Teche Street, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

During the Old Algiers Crawfish Boil

Contact [info@oldalgiersmainstreet.org](mailto:info@oldalgiersmainstreet.org) for information about this program.

Tricentennial events are made possible by the following sponsors:



**Algiers Tricentennial Honorary Co-Chairs:**

Hon. Kristin Gisleson Palmer and Hon. Troy A. Carter

**[Algiers-Tricentennial.org](http://Algiers-Tricentennial.org)**

## Algiers Neighborhood President Council Issues

- **Algiers Improvement Plan** – The ANPC has developed goals and objectives in the areas of Blight/Beatification/Code Enforcement, Public Safety, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Transportation, Utilities, and Efficiency on Government. This plan has been presented to our mayor, city council and state representatives to develop a joint plan of action to move forward towards reaching these goals. For more Information, go to [www.anpcnola.org](http://www.anpcnola.org).
- **Blight Committee** – ANPC members meet with Councilmember Kristin Palmer to address blighted properties in Algiers. Please report concerns regarding blighted properties to Yvonne at [yvonnemg@aol.com](mailto:yvonnemg@aol.com)
- **Belle Chase Bridge** – ANPC will be gathering information and participating in meetings related the Belle Chasse Bridge construction and the effects, both temporary and permanent on Algiers traffic patterns.

## 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
¼ Page	\$40.00
½ 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 @ [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).

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!!

### WBCA 2019 Dues

2019 Walnut Bend Civic Association Bend Dues can be paid at the April 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting, via Paypal on <http://walnutbendno.org/membership/>, or by mailing to P.O. Box 740022, New Orleans, La.

Your Dues are necessary to continue the growth of Walnut Bend, assist in beautification, fund Community Events, etc. Please let your voice be heard by not only attending the General Membership Meetings Quarterly but by paying your Annual Dues.

### Per Household Dues

\$45 Two Year Membership (20% discount)

\$25 One Year Membership

Volunteers are also needed, please see a Board Member to sign up for a committee or write in your availability.

**Thanks for supporting Walnut Bend!**