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Lakefront Management Authority

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August 26, 2020

To:

All Lake Vista Subdivision Property Owners

From:

Mr. Louis J. Capo, Executive Director Lakefront Management Authority 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., Suite 219

New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

Re:

Clearance of Passageways, Utility Servitudes, and Rights-of-Way.

Dear Lake Vista Property Owners,

The Lakefront Management Authority, formerly known as the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, wishes you and your families the very best as our community, state, and country manage the Covid-19 pandemic and as we are confronted with hurricane season. The Management Authority continues to operate and is doing so in accordance with Governor Edward's Phase 2 proclamation, which is in effect through August 28, 2020 and may be extended.

I am writing to let you know the Management Authority will begin inspecting the passageways, utility servitudes, and rights-of-way in the Lake Vista subdivision depicted on the attached plat. Specifically, we will be looking for any personal property and obstructions that might be on or in the passageways, utility servitudes, and rights-of-way. We plan to inventory what we find and to prioritize obstructions for removal due to the community need to ensure that these areas remain fully open and unimpeded by landscaping, fencing, personal property and other obstructions.

The Management Authority would appreciate your cooperation in removing any privately-owned materials and property that you may have or know of in these public areas at your earliest convenience. Reasonable efforts will be made to identify the owners of any items that do not belong in these common passageways before removal actions are taken. The Management Authority plans to remove any obstructions for which the ownership cannot be determined and as well as any obstructions that are not voluntarily removed by the owner(s). Where permissible, the Management Authority will seek to recover any expenses it incurs in clearing the passageways, utility servitudes, and rights-of-way.

Please contact me at either (504) 355-5990 or lcapo@nolalakefront.com with any issues or concerns that you would like to discuss. Your cooperation is very much appreciated and will help make this process go smoothly. With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours.

Louis J. Capo, CFE, CIA, Executive Director

Cc: Board of Commissioners

Lake Vista Property Owners Association



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE BY MARK FULLMER



Over the last several months, I have seen more of our neighbors enjoying our beautiful parks than I have ever seen in the past. You may not realize it by looking at our beautiful parks but the

LVPOA, the Garden Club and many residents of Lake Vista have planted over 400 new trees over the last 20 years on our streets and in our parks to preserve the tree canopy of Lake Vista for future generations.

COVID-19 required that we have a very unusual semi-annual meeting of members of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association to elect directors. The meeting was held in the breezeway at the Lake Vista Community Center in July. I want to thank all of those who showed up at the meeting to vote.

Monte Shalett was the President of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association and on the board for a number of years. Monte has rotated off the board, and I want to thank him for his leadership and the programs that he sponsored and implemented during his period on the board.

Chip Mann was also on the board for two years and rotated off the board. I want to thank Chip for his expertise in the area of technology and the countless hours he invested in the new Lake Vista website.

Pat Gelbwaks also finished a 3 year term, performing a fantastic job as our Treasurer.

I would like to welcome Chad Caldwell, Thomas Colosino and Katie Harrington to the board. Each new

members bio appears on the next page.

Many thanks to those of you who joined the LVPOA this year. For those of you who have not joined, I ask that you consider joining and making a \$75 investment in your community.

I hope that next time that I have an opportunity to write this newsletter, our lives will have returned to the pre-COVID days.







Chad Caldwell,

Committee Chair / Communications Committee

Roston, MA. After graduating high school

Aerbilt University where he

Auating, Chad

Ampanies analyzing system interoperability within enterprise architectures. Chad currently lives in Lake Vista with his wife, Casey, and two daughters Reese and Cameron who both attend St. Pius.

Katie Harrington, Treasurer

Originally from Naperville, IL, Katie Case Harrington fell in love with the City of New Orleans on a visit to tour Tulane University. Katie played volleyball for the Green Wave, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a BSM in Management and Marketing in 2005. After Katrina, Katie returned to New Orleans to work at Tulane in the Athletics Department and Development Office, meanwhile earning her MBA from the A.B. Freeman School of Business in 2010 with concentrations in Finance and Consumer Behavior. Katie now works as an Assistant Vice President of System Finance at Ochsner Health. Katie has lived on Jay Street with her husband, Mike Harrington, and kids (Jack and Jane) since 2015.





Thomas Colosino, Architecture Review Committee

Hello. I am a born and raised New Orleanian and I went to Brother Martin High School. My wife and I both grew up in Lake Vista and it has always been our dream to make it back to here in a house of our own. Last year we moved to our current home on Plover Street, a house we renovated ourselves, and we couldn't be happier. We love enjoying the parks and spending time with our close neighbors. I am an Architect and I work for a local construction company, Broadmoor, LLC. There I help manage a wide range of projects from small restaurant buildouts to renovations at the Superdome. Hook forward to helping out the LVPOA and my fellow neighbors in any way that I can.

ALSO RE-ELECTED FOR A NEW TERM WERE:

Jay Baudier, Architecture Review Committee Chair / Legal Committee Paul Caboche, Communications Committee Chair / Membership Committee / Designer/Co-Editor of Lake Vista News

THANKS TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR TERMS:

Monte Shalett, Pat Gelbwaks & Chip Mann



As our long-time residents know, the four Lake Vista bus shelters are historic, dating to the 1940's. In addition to their function as actual shelters on public bus lines, these four structures have added both aesthetic style to the neighborhood as well as shelter for rest and social gathering over the decades. The Lake Vista Garden Club and the LVPOA have historically funded the decorative gardens and landscape maintenance near each bus shelter, using both neighborhood volunteers and contract labor to keep them attractive and inviting. These areas are highly valued by all our residents, as well as by visitors who enjoy strolling or bike-riding around our neighborhood.

The maintenance of the bus shelters has unfortunately been neglected over the years. Repairs and restoration are needed for the roofing, rafters, broken bench seats, painting and lighting. The structures themselves are the responsibility of the Lakefront Management Authority (Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority). We have been working with the LMA staff to gain their attention for this project – and we understand that work will soon begin on the Lake Vista bus shelter project.

Earlier this year, representatives of LVPOA and the Lake Vista Garden Club Beautification Team met with LMA staff engineer Daniel Hill to inspect each shelter and plan the specific repairs needed to restore them to their original standard. Patricia Fullmer, head of the Beautification Team prepared a detailed document covering the scope of the repairs, as well as resource contacts for the work of restoring them

to their original beauty. (This document is available for

those who would like to see it.)

We are pleased that we now have a joint "working project plan" with LMA on this important neighborhood project. Our focus going forward will be to continue collaborating with their staff as they work to restore our historic Lake Vista bus shelters for public enjoyment.



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THEY FOUND WHAT ON KILLDEER STREET!?

A LAKE VISTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY

On June 26th, while performing waterline replacement on Killdeer Street, the construction crew came upon some unusual findings. Archaeologists were called in and quickly got to work. This is when the rumors started flying!

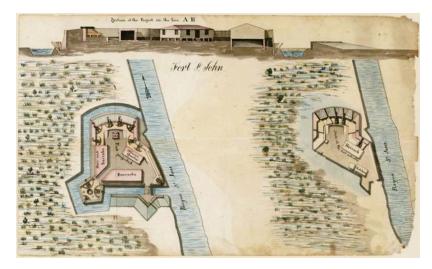


Lake Vista resident and aspiring investigative journalist/scientist **Charlotte LaCour**, Age 8, was determined to get the real dirt . . . and discover what was found beneath it!

City Archaeologist, **Michael Godzinski** was willing to share his official Killdeer findings report with Charlotte and agreed to an exclusive interview. Godzinski, a New Jersey native and Staff Archaeologist for the City of New Orleans, has a master's degree in Anthropology from Rutgers University with a focus on American History. He has been an archaeologist in New Orleans for over 25 years.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AREA

Thousands of years ago, as Godzinski explained, Killdeer Street was part of the original Lake Pontchartrain shoreline and the location of an ancient Indian midden. A midden is a heap, dump and/or kitchen in which the American Indians would have disposed of shells, animal bones, and other types of domestic waste. This particular shell midden, or mound, would have been constructed of Rangia shells (Rangia Clams are native to our lake and were eaten by the Indians.) The



continuous dumping of the shells and other waste by the Indians built up the mound into a slightly raised hill, above the surrounding swamp.

The early French fortified the shell midden in the early 1700s, using the high and dry location to protect the trade route along Bayou St. John. Later, when the Spanish took over in the mid-18th century, a larger brick fort was constructed. In 1803, the American government took over the site. After the War of 1812, the location was deemed no longer necessary for defense purposes and became an amusement park known as "Spanish Fort Park" complete with a roller coaster by 1922! Now, all that remains of the midden-turned-fort are the ruins between the bayou and Beauregard Avenue and the relics that hide beneath.

Artifacts uncovered on Killdeer included items from Native Americans, French and Spanish settlers and early 20th Century developments around the historic Fort.



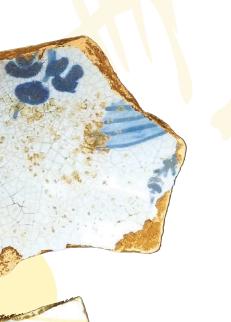


Many Native American ceramics were uncovered. This piece is from a large bowl or jar with Natchez designs identified in the etching. The pottery likely dates sometime between 1300 – 1500 AD, but could be as late as 1750 AD if this pottery was brought to the location by the French who may have been trading with Indians.



Button believed to be from a military uniform – likely Spanish.







Glass mug with "Spanish Fort Park" printed on the front; true to amusement park style, this mug, although substantial in weight, would have only held about 5oz of beer. Numerous coins, bottles and even a Mardi Gras medallion from 1892 were found on site.

Q&A INTERVIEW WITH CITY ARCHAEOLOGIST MICHAEL GODZINSKI

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Q: How long have you been an archaeologist?

A: 25 years. After graduation, I moved down to New Orleans in 1995 and started work at Gallier House Museum.

Q: Did you always want to be an archaeologist?

A: I grew up in a house with lots of antiques and always loved old things and history. My father worked for an Engineering Firm and wanted me to go into engineering, however, after a year of school I realized my true calling and went into archaeology.



Q: What is the most interesting thing you have found?

A: The Seignouret-Brulatour House was the most interesting site. In the courtyard we found an old abandoned well with artifacts from 200 years ago: beautiful tin cans with gold labels, a teapot used for target practice and numerous other things.

Q: How do you know it is an old plate? How do you know someone didn't break it and bury it a few years ago?

A: It was likely from between 1400–1500. We can tell by a number of things: what it is buried with, material, and markings. The Native Indians would have made shell middens in this area.

Normally we use stratification (or layers) to identify when something was placed there; however, at Killdeer the mound had been previously upset and moved. This could have been done when the amusement park was built or even when the fort was erected.

For example, the findings from a hotel that burned down in 1890s were found 3-4 feet deeper than the Indian pottery which would have been from around 1300 - 1500; therefore, the Indian mound was probably moved after the fort was originally built in the 1700s.

We can tell how big the jar and bowl were from the curvature of the top piece that was found. The markings on the piece are indicative of the Natchez Indians.

The pretty blue pottery is French Normandy blue and white, which would have arrived here with the French in the 1700s – 1800s.

Q: Will the pieces that you found go into a museum?

A: Some may go in a museum while many things we find go in display cases in the area that they were found. Since Hurricane Katrina, millions of artifacts have been recovered.

Q: Why were there coconuts? Did we have coconut trees here?

A: No coconut trees here; those would have been from the days of the French and the Spanish. They would have likely come from trading ships from the East; but again, because of stratification or layering of the artifices, it is hard to tell who was eating the coconuts.

Q: How many turtle shells were found, and how old are they? And where are they from?

A: Lots of turtle shells were found, including large sea turtles. Turtles would have been eaten by both Indians and the men on the trading ships. Sea Turtles were easy to catch at sea and they would be pulled onto the boat and be kept alive until the men needed to eat. One turtle could provide the crew with enough meat to eat for days.

Q: Why were there so many shells, turtle shells and bones in that same spot?

A: We recovered lots of bones from many animals, pigs, and even a cow. The Indians ate the shells that grow in the lake, like oysters, and then discarded the waste in the shell midden.

Q: Do you think there are a lot more things to find under our neighborhood?

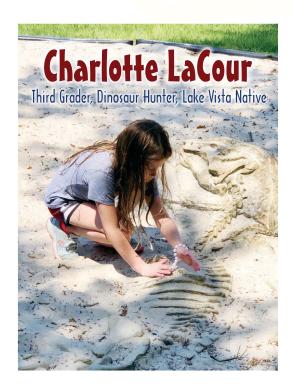
A: Absolutely!

Q: Why do you think the Mardi Gras medallion was there?

A: During the 1920s there were many amusement parks along the lakefront. There were also beer gardens, hotels, and restaurants—this would have been common debris for that time period.

Q: Could we find dinosaur bones?

A: Not likely. This land is only a few thousand years old. There is no rock here, which is why Indians made tools from animal bones, like alligators.





Throughout the interview, conducted on Zoom thanks to COVID-19, Michael shared the findings along with a local history lesson which revealed his deep passion for the subject matter. The closing paragraph of his Killdeer Report sums it up well: "There were lots of other interesting items amongst the thousands recovered. Unfortunately, the future research potential of the shell midden is limited in that the prehistoric, colonial, and ca. 1900 items were all mixed together. The older shell midden with all the colonial and prehistoric mix is certainly interesting but without being in the original context from which it was removed, we cannot even tell who was eating the turtles and the coconuts. Overall, we have an array of artifacts that allow us to help interpret and illustrate this dynamic place in New Orleans history."

For additional information regarding the Killdeer archaeological findings, Michael Godzinski can be reached via email, Michael. Godzinski @nola.gov

LAKE VISTA CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT REPORT



The LVCPD held their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at the Lake Vista Community Center. Minutes of the meeting are available upon requests via the website: **lvcpd.com**

Captain Mike Brenckle with OLD reported that there was a total of 13 crimes reported since January 1, 2020 which included Lakeshore Drive's reports as well. Clearly, we are one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. That being said, remember to lock your cars and don't leave bikes unsecured in your yard or in the lanes. Report any suspicious activity to OLD.

Hopefully, by now everyone has seen or met Officer Vincent Yetta on his bike riding throughout the lanes and parks. Please introduce yourself and thank him for his efforts at keeping Lake Vista safe. This new patrol was in direct response to the bike thefts that were occurring in the spring but have since abated.

In June, Lake Vista sadly had a homeless woman staying in the bus shelter on Beauregard & Robert E. Lee Blvd. Attempts by several residents to obtain help for her were unsuccessful. At the recent LVCPD meeting, Officer Donna Hogan, 3rd District, NOPD invited Officer Sam Scalffidi with the NOPD Homeless Unit to speak about the homeless problem in the city. He gave an information card listing services available for the

homeless as well as his contact information: 504-250-1543.

Lastly, the Lake Vista Crime Prevention special tax assessment will be up for renewal on the November 3, 2020 ballot. Because of the surplus accumulated over the past four years, the board was able to lower the assessment request from \$220/parcel to \$200/parcel without decreasing service and continuing the outstanding camera program. The next LVCPD meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30pm in the LV Community Center. Hope to see you there. Visit the website: **Ivcpd.com** for more information.



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Summertime Neighborhood Benutification



A summertime trim took place on our neutral ground on Robert E. Lee in July. Just like it felt good for all of us to get haircuts...finally, the crape myrtles took on a neater look, too.

Thanks to the Lake Vista Beautification Committee organizing the project and funding from Lake Vista Property Owners, the crape myrtle trees sported a lifted appearance and our spirits did the same.

Park and Parkways picked up the tree trimmings; this is a true public/private effort.

Take time to enjoy the results.

BONUS: The person performing the work discovered a gas leak on Robert E. Lee. Thanks to his quick notification, Energy repaired the leak without incidence.

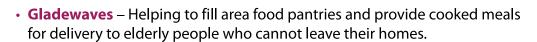
Taking care of the neighborhood is a community effort!





Woman's Club Digs in to Help

As Covid-19 continues to heap hardships on many local families and cultural institutions, the Lake Vista Woman's Club is stepping up. For 65 years the club has supported organizations that address the critical needs of individuals and families throughout New Orleans. This year, after evaluating groups suggested by members, the board chose for funding support five non-profits that focus on some of the community's most acute needs. In coming months the club will hear presentations (in person or via video) from each of these organizations:





MARGARET GRAVOLET
Woman of the Year

- Greater New Orleans Foundation Service and Hospitality Family Assistance Program Providing
 grants for service and hospitality workers whose families are experiencing pandemic-related financial crisis.
- Jazz & Heritage Music Relief Fund Launched by the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation to assist musicians and others in the music industry who are affected by the pandemic.
- Son of a Saint Providing ongoing mentoring, career-readiness counseling, recreation and emotional support for fatherless boys starting at age 10 and continuing to age 21.
- Youth Empowerment Project Providing mentoring, counseling, education and skills-development services to impoverished and at-risk girls and boys aged 8 to 21.

The club's board recently conducted an online survey of members about how we should move forward in light of the pandemic. Meeting via video conference, the board determined that in order to protect members' safety, gatherings of the full membership should occur online during the next several months. Survey results indicated that most members are willing to meet online using the Zoom app for now and would like the board to explore ways to safely gather in-person as soon as is appropriate.

A new membership directory will be published in digital format and emailed to members soon. Any member who prefers to receive a hard copy may request one from Diana Mann (mann.dh@gmail.com or 225-937-2304).

Past President Connie Quave recently announced her choice for the club's Woman of the Year. The honor goes to **Margaret Gravolet**, whose work on the club's November 2019 fund-raising auction was crucial to the event's great success.

The Woman's Club invites all women who live in Lake Vista to join us, share in our charitable mission and enjoy socializing with neighbors. Dues are just \$40 and you can download an application form on our Facebook page – facebook.com/groups/LakeVistaWomen – or request a copy from Diana Mann.

The Woman's Club officers for 2020-21 are: Diana Mann, president; Kathy Finn, first vice president; Laura Carman, second vice president; Betty Tedesco, treasurer; Jane Eiden, recording secretary; Thania Elliott, corresponding secretary. We urge all of our neighbors to stay well, and we hope to see you at our first online meeting on Sept. 11!



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And as always, if you ever have a question, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Patrick M. Schoen, Managing Partner

2020 Legislative Update State Representative Stephanie Hilferty



Dear Friends,

Louisiana's 2020 Regular Legislative Session convened on March 9 and was to run continuously until June 1. However, much like all events of the year 2020, attempts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus interrupted this year's session. In response to the pandemic, the Legislature suspended its regular 2020 session from March 16 until March 31. After reconvening, the Legislature further suspended its session indefinitely, finally resuming on May

Given the vast number of items on the calendar for debate, and the limited time available to complete the Regular Session by the June 1 deadline, a 30-day special session was necessary to complete the work. It marked only the second time in Louisiana's history that the Legislature called itself together.

A joint effort of House and Senate members developed a \$30 billion-plus budget in House Bill 1 that funds necessary services without spending all state monies. The Legislature fine-tuned the budget in the special session to close a funding gap created by the pandemic and took steps to prohibit health insurers from denying coverage for Coronavirus tests ordered by doctors.

The multi-year spending plan for construction projects, House Bill 2, saves the state money and for the first time in remembered history, has enough financing to cover the top priority projects, in the hopes of creating safer roads and byways throughout the state. Another likely first, an additional \$105 million that was available in surplus dollars was not spent as is the custom, and instead saved to fill potential shortfalls in the budget that may be caused by Covid-19. Projects for New Orleans City Park and the Bucktown Harbor jetty are included in House Bill 2.

After businesses were forced to close their doors, the legislature passed temporary tax relief for local companies to help save the jobs they provide our communities. To help establish the stability needed for businesses and schools to reopen safely, the legislature passed commonsense liability protections related to COVID-19.

The Main Street Recovery Grant Program was established through the Department of the Treasury where \$275 million was made available for small businesses, impacted by Covid-19 and allowed the businesses to be eligible for \$15,000 grants. More information can be found at <u>www.louisianamainstreet.com</u>. Louisiana Frontline Workers were granted a total of \$50 million. Grants of \$250 will go to more than 200,000 front line workers for their efforts to save lives and serve the public during an unprecedented time. Both grant programs mentioned above were made available from a \$1.8 billion federal relief package and carved out by the Louisiana Legislature.

HB 521 will require the Orleans Parish assessor to deliver notification of assessment increase for homestead exempted properties, valued at over 50% of current assessed value, via certified mail to ensure that this important information is received by the resident. HB 525 is a constitutional amendment on the November 3 ballot increasing the income level for the senior citizen age freeze on homestead exempted properties to \$100,000.00.

I hope you will find the information provided in this document helpful. If you want more information, you can contact my office. You can find details of bills and videos of House committee and floor debate by visiting www. legis.la.gov. For assistance or additional information, please contact my office. I consider it a pleasure and honor to represent you at the Capitol in Baton Rouge. Please contact me if you have concerns about issues in our district and our state. Your input is important to me as we work together to build a stronger Louisiana.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hilferty **State Representative** District 94





Constitutional Amendments November 3, 2020 Election

- HB 267 allows the use of the Budget Stabilization Fund, commonly called the Rainy Day Fund, for expenses due to a federally declared disaster.
- HB 360 allows the presence of oil or gas to be included when determining the fair market value of an oil or gas well for ad valorem taxes.
- HB 425 (2019 RS) declares that no provision of the state constitution protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion.
- HB 464 requires the legislature to establish a procedure to determine the expenditure limit, keeping growth below 5% in a single year.
- HB 525 increases the income threshold for purposes of qualifying for the special homestead exemption assessment level.
 - SB 12 (ES) creates the Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund and dedicates unclaimed property funds.
 - SB 272 establishes an ad valorem tax exemption for property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement requiring the property owner to make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT).



During this time when the coronavirus is keeping us at home, isn't it wonderful that we have our beautiful neighborhood to enjoy and to bring comfort. Your Lake Vista Garden Club exists to preserve all that we love about our surroundings.

We were not able to gather in May to thank Xiomara Brewster and Janis Lovecchio for their leadership as co-presidents. Although the 2020-2021 year may look a bit different, your 2020-2021 LVGC Board is planning to offer regular social distancing opportunities beginning in October.

Meet the Board

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Look for your new yearbook with all the details in late summer and don't be left out. Renew your membership or join us today. You may even choose to support the club as a "Friend." Please use the form below or contact Yvonne McCulla (504-909-2222 or ymcculla@latterblum.com) or any of the board members listed above.

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6/24/20	25 RAIL ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	699,000	972,000	2600	3/3
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL AND OPEN CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION

This will include elections for U.S. President, Senator, and Representative; Judges for 4th Circuit Court of Appeal and other local courts; District Attorney; Public Service Commission; School Board; Lake Vista Crime Prevention District; and proposed constitutional amendments.

October 5 - deadline to register to vote in person or by mail

October 13 - deadline to register to vote through the GeauxVote Online Registration System

October 20-27 - (excluding Sunday, Oct. 25) Early voting is from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 30 - deadline to request an absentee by mail ballot is 4:30 p.m. You can request an absentee by mail ballot online https://voterportal.sos.la.gov or in writing through the registrar of voters

November 2 - deadline for registrar of voters to receive a voted mail ballot is 4:30 p.m.

(other than military and overseas voters).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2020 CONGRESSIONAL AND OPEN GENERAL ELECTION

This will include run-off elections

November 4 - deadline to register to vote in person or by mail

November 14 - deadline to register to vote through the GeauxVote Online Registration System

November 20 – Early voting begins. Early voting is Nov. 20-28 from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (excluding Sunday, Nov. 22, Thursday, Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, Nov. 27 (Acadian Day); early voting is advanced one day because of the holidays)

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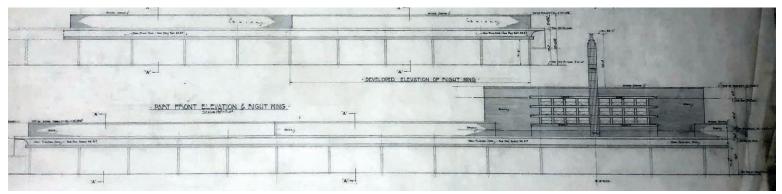


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/LAKE VISTA/::The Evolution

At the heart of the Mid-Century Garden City Neighborhood lies its one commercial building, two churches and a school. The designers of Lake Vista intended to bring residents together with these buildings at the epicenter of activity.

Coinciding with the post WWII construction boom, the Lake Vista Community Shopping Center was designed by Wogan & Bernard & August Perez in 1946. The Orleans Levee Board built the Community Center in 1947 with the goal of housing businesses like pharmacies, grocery stores, beauty shops, and bookkeeping while also providing a space for community-related events. The Streamline Moderne structure features curvilinear corners, storefront and glassblock windows, terrazzo floors, and a central vertical projection.



Lake Vista Community Shopping Center for The Orleans Levee Board, 1946: Courtesy of Southeastern Architectural Archive, Special Collections Division, Tulane University Libraries.

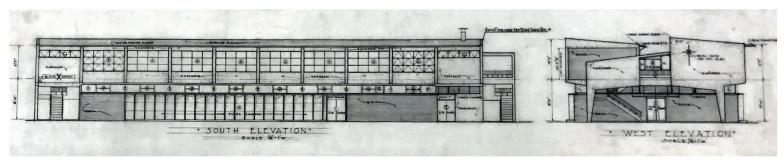
Directly behind the Community Center stands Saint Pius X School. Designed by William R. Burk in 1952, the first two story building was constructed in 1953 and included eight classrooms on the upper floor and a chapel on the lower floor at a cost of \$207,000. This first building was dedicated on August 16, 1953. A number of similarly designed buildings would soon follow to meet the demand of a growing student population. The original drawings show the name of the school as "Blessed Pius X" since Saint Pius X was not canonized until May 1954. According to a January 1954 Times-Picayune article, an authority of school architecture noted the Blessed Pius X school as "one of the best modern schools in the South."

To the west of the school, St. Pius X Church was designed by Burk & Lamantia in 1964 and dedicated in May 1966. The building's unique concept was not the only one considered. There were at least two other models proposed for the church. Today's copper clad roof plan may be considered conservative compared to the other proposals.

Unique School

The school is somewhat unique, according to William R. Burke and Associates, architects, in that cross ventilation has been provided for the top floor, although it has a double loaded corridor. A continuous skylight is provided over the corridor upstairs. The building will be completely acoustically treated. Construction will be largely of brick and reinforced concrete. Completion is expected in time for the 1953-54 school year.

The Times-Picayune. January 25, 1953. p 286



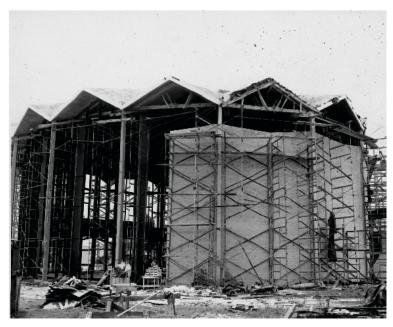
Blessed Pius X School, Lake Vista, New Orleans, LA 1952-1953: Courtesy of Southeastern Architectural Archive, Special Collections Division, Tulane University Libraries. William R. Burk Office Records, Collection 42, Folder 55.

of a Garden City Neighborhood: : PART FOUR By James Rolf





Frank Lotz Miller Negatives of St. Pius X Church Models: Courtesy of Southeastern Architectural Archive, Special Collections Division, Tulane University Libraries. Box 6, File 61-191-2



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Completing the central community hub and to the east of St. Pius X School is the Lake Vista Methodist Church. This cylindrical building was designed by August Perez and built in 1961. Shown in the top right image, the rear half of the building is a solid masonry wall, while the front half, housing the windows, is lightweight metal framing. The front half of the church is clad in floor to ceiling stained glass panels, protected by ornate metal shutters. These shutters, which reflect the undulating roof line, cast decorative shadows inside the church when the sun shines through.

When the Lake Vista Community Shopping Center, Blessed Pius X School, St. Pius X Church, and Lake Vista Methodist Church were built, they were all considered modern for their time. Each marked a departure from traditional building styles and forms. To this day, these community-oriented buildings continue to distinguish Lake Vista for its Mid-Century Modern architecture in a Garden City Neighborhood.



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PERMEABLE PAVING ORDINANCE

I proudly authored Ordinance 32,933 requiring the Department of Public Works (DPW) to use permeable paving on sidewalks, walkways, parking lots and parking lanes. The ordinance, which passed during the May 21st Council meeting, was co-sponsored by all of my colleagues and also received full support from local environmental advocates like Water Wise Gulf South.

Permeable paving allows rainwater to flow through the pavement so that it can be absorbed by the ground underneath. In contrast, traditional paving prohibits rainwater absorption resulting in rainwater being pushed into the City's drainage system, which can be quickly overwhelmed. Permeable paving also lightens the burden on the City's drainage system during heavy rainfalls and curbs storm water runoff.

DPW is already using permeable pavements on projects in District 'D', like on St. Bernard Ave., and expanding this to other areas of our city is a part of the resiliency we need.

Working together, we can decrease our vulnerability to frequent flooding by incorporating storm water management wherever possible, be that on a residential, commercial, or governmental project.

LAKE VISTA GROUP A

Construction began on the Lake Vista Group A in June. The \$2.8 million project is awarded to Roubion Roads & Streets. The project includes a complete overhaul of at least fifteen blocks. In total, twelve streets will receive repairs including: Killdeer, Lark, Oriole, Plover, Warbler, Snipe, Thrush, Bluebird, Dove, Gull, Heron, and Marconi Drive between Hawk and Finch.

Crews are currently focusing on improvements to Gulf, Heron, Killdeer, Lark, and Oriole streets. Construction is expected to last until early 2021.

CANAL BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION

Palmisano Construction is continuing progress on the \$4.5 million complete reconstruction of Canal Boulevard. Crews completed installation of new curbs and gutters in June. Now, work is focusing on the installation of new sidewalks and driveway aprons. Construction on the northbound lane is expected to be completed in July. Crews will then shift to the southbound lanes of Canal Boulevard between Robert E. Lee Boulevard and Amethyst Street.

\$35 MILLION HUD GRANT

I recently sponsored two ordinances, 32,977 and 32,978, appropriating over \$35 million in grant funding to the Office of Community Development to support affordable housing. The funding comes from a combination of Federal CARES Act funding, unspent 2019 HUD funding, and a \$10 million grant from the State. It will be used to support a variety of activities including expanded rehousing opportunities for our homeless population, case management, funding for legal services for evictions, and utility assistance. Additionally, some of the money will be dedicated to funding forgivable loans and grants to micro-businesses. These are businesses with five employees or less who were left out of recent federal funding programs like the Paycheck Protection Program.

These ordinances represent a \$35 million step forward for residents struggling with housing insecurity.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING

Fulfilling commitments made last year, I recently authored, and the Council passed, two ordinances allocating \$1.5M to support early childhood education initiatives across the city, following the initial appropriation of \$1.5 million in late 2019. As a result, the Council has quadrupled the City's investment in early childhood education over the past three years. We've gone from \$750,000 in 2017, to \$1.5 million in 2018, to an unprecedented \$3 million for early childhood education in 2020.

The funding will be used to support a new pilot program, City Seats, which provides free childcare to families at or near the poverty line. The program not only provides at least 150 spots; it also includes access to support services that further facilitate early education success.

As Budget Chair, I recognize that the current need for affordable childcare far exceeds the available funding and am committed to continuing to push my colleagues and the Administration to maintain and expand early childhood education. Given the financial strain families are facing with COVID-19, this funding is especially critical for our children and families. Everyone always talks about the importance of our children and the need to invest in their future and the future of our City. Well, now is the time for action. Until quality, affordable education is accessible to every single child in New Orleans, it must remain a top priority.

FREE FOOD PANTRIES

I am proud to be able to provide free food pantries for our neighbors in these unprecedented times as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of our neighbors are food insecure, and the need is increasing to levels we have rarely seen. Hundreds of thousands of Louisianans have filed unemployment claims, are struggling to pay their bills, and seeking emergency food assistance for the first time. Now is the time to show compassion and lend a hand to those in need.

I held the first food pantry in Gentilly on April 21st in partnership with Beacon Light Baptist Church. Since then, I have continued to host food pantries across the city including a bi-weekly event at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in the Upper 9th Ward and another reoccurring pantry at Abundant Light Church at 1701 Franklin Avenue. Most recently, I partnered with Training Grounds and the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center to assist families with young children and seniors in the Lafitte community. These events provide baby food, diapers, free face masks and thousands of pounds of food to those in need.

Thank you to all of my partners and the many volunteers who have made and continue to make these events a success.

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Interest Income	1	226	(225)			
Donations	922	225	697			
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Transaction Fees	216	441	225			
Fees		304	304			
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Lake Vista Website		250	250			
InsuranceD&O Liability	2,831	2,831				
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Total Beautification Expense	3,851	2,448	(1,404)			
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Meeting Expense	172	706	533			
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