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PRESIDENT'S PAGE BY MONTE C. SHALETT

The PRC Mid Mod NOLA Block Tour in Lake Vista was held on Thursday, June 21 with four homes representing some of the finest Mid Century Modern architecture in the City, right in Lake Vista! If you missed the Tour, the PRC and the LVPOA are working on another opportunity to see and learn more about the many treasures in your neighborhood. More info and news are on our website: GoLVPOA.com!

SAVE FORT ST. JOHN, THE SPANISH FORT, A TRICENTENNIAL ICON OF OUR HERITAGE

Lake Vista has a very special treasure. I have always loved this old site just across Beauregard Avenue. I submitted it as the oldest and most endangered landmark in the 300 year old City of New Orleans to the Louisiana Landmarks Society for the 2108 New Orleans Nine Most Endangered Sites and on May 31, I was asked to deliver a short address to the New Orleans press! The site predates the City by more than 1,000 years! Built on Indian middens situated at the mouth of Bayou St. John, the Spanish Fort was placed in 1982 on the National Register of Historic Places, having been secured by Sonny Schiro (the wife of Mayor Vic Schiro who lived at 28 Tern).

The site is so important this is the spot that Bienville spent a night in 1699 when Native Americans showed the French explorer the way to the future site of the City of New Orleans from Lake Pontchartrain via Bayou St. John. The plea to save the site and fort was made at the Pitot House, on the very bayou that Bienville paddled to the natural portage onto the Esplanade ridge into the spot now called the French Quarter. History, culture, archaeology, geology and our neighborhood all found in one site!

ENTERGY DISCUSSIONS

There has been a lot going on lately as usual but a big topic for the board is the Entergy discussion which started in September last year. LVPOA representatives met with Entergy for an in-depth technical discussion of the Entergy plans discussion repairs and maintenance of our aging electrical distribution system and the planning for infrastructure improvements as electrical demand increases due to modernization of our more than 750 homes. More questions were asked than could be answered and Entergy will report back when they have generated responses to those queries. Our technical group is working with Councilperson Brossett, the City's Council Utility Regulatory Office, the NFPAMA and the OLD to ensure that our neighborhood (and other lakefront neighborhoods) will be protected from any structures in our parks and lanes.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL NEIGHBOR?

We are thinking that if the LVGC can have a Garden of the Month, then the LVPOA should have a Neighbor of the Month (or Year). Do you have a suggestion for us? This would be a lovely addition to our community, to recognize those who are truly special. Suspect that there are many many candidates in our special neighborhood.

LVGC AND LVPOA SIGN BEAUTIFICATION AGREEMENT

Many of us remember that in 2003, a prior agreement was set in place to increase dues for the LVPOA by ten dollars which was dedicated to beautification and to be given to the Lake Vista Garden Club for that purpose. We realized that this agreement was never fully realized in written form and on May 15th, we were pleased to enter into the restated and formal recognition that the Property Owners Association will dedicate the full ten dollars to the Garden Club as the first step in increasing our joint efforts to more fully realize our mutual objective to beautify our neighborhood.

The POA also agreed to spend \$1,500 to allow the Garden Club to conduct some deferred cleanup at the Zephyr Park flower beds in preparation for the Garden Club planting. We look forward to getting some of our members to help when we move to Ozone Park flower bed and with the substantial corps of volunteers of the GC Beautification Team, we can set our sights onto other areas. How about cleaning out the overgrown lanes next? Anyone in for this?

Monte C. Shaleff 504-982-7363

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 23-27

UMC Vacation Bible School, "Shipwrecked: Saved by Jesus", 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Register at lakevistaumc.org or call Church for info 504-288-2242

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

LVPOA BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY 6:00 - 8:30 PM, Bird's Nest Café

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER SPX Admissions Tours, 8:30 AM.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LVGC Meeting, 11 am – 1 pm, 100 Oriole St.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

LVGC Meeting, 11 am – 1 pm, 74 Spanish Fort Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

LVPOA Semiannual Membership Meeting 6:30 PM, Lake Vista Community Center

NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT **AUTHORITY (NFPAMA) MEETINGS**

Lakefront Airport, 6001 Stars & Stripes Blvd., 2nd Floor Conference Center

NFPAMA Board Meetings - 4th Thursday of the month, 5:30 PM (July 26, August 23, September 27)

Airport, Finance and Legal Committees – 3rd Tuesday of the month; 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM (July 17, August 14, September 18)

Commercial Real Estate, Marina and **Recreation/Subdivision Committees** – 3rd Thursday of the month; 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM (July 19, August 16, Sept. 20)





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LADON WEWBERSHID

As the Membership Chair for the LVPOA, I have two main goals that I hope to accomplish while I am on the board. My first goal is to get membership numbers up from where they have been in the past few years. While it is not a secret, I want to remind you that the past 10 years or so, our membership numbers have been down. Every neighbor should have received a membership drive letter at the beginning of January asking you to support our efforts by sending in your membership dues of \$50. Since then and with the help of membership drive parties, we have had approximately 250 out of 700 neighbors send in their contributions. That is about 35% participation, which is nowhere near my goal of 75% participation. I have spoken to many friends and neighbors in Lake Vista and we all agree there needs to be an easier way to make payments. I have brought these suggestions to your board members and we are working on a more sophisticated way to generate an emailed link for you to directly pay your membership dues.

In the meantime, please help me get these numbers up by joining the LVPOA. You can go directly to our website www.goLVPOA.com and join via the Paypal link, you can mail your payment in to LVPOA Treasurer, PO Box 24430 New Orleans, LA 70184 or you can email me (rforstall@gmail.com) with your address and I will personally come pick it up.

My second goal is to get our neighbors out of their homes to meet each other...our neighborhood was designed specifically for this. LVPOA has hosted several parties for this reason. The most recent was a Wine and Cheese Party hosted at the Bird's Nest Café in June. Our neighbor, Phil Cusimano, who works with Glazer's set up a Wine tasting for our patrons and Courtney Enderle, owner of the Bird's Nest provided appetizers and cheese. It was a wonderful event and I personally had the opportunity to meet some neighbors. I have a few ideas for upcoming events with and without children and will post those dates as soon as they are available.

Please set your calendar for the Back to School Event to take place on August 25, 2018. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan and prepare for our neighborhood events please contact me, I am looking to set up a committee.

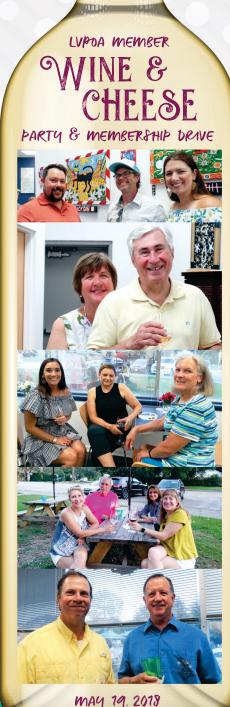
Thank You,

RACHEL FORSTALL

Membership Committee Chair

lvpoa
back to school
party
outside of the bird's nest
august 25, 2018
6:00pm

snowballs bounce house bring your own snacks & drinks



Lake Vista Garden Club ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lake Vista Garden Club, founded in 1949 by Olivia Tricon Vaccaro with the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification of Lake Vista and its home gardens, is now holding its annual membership drive.

For the past 69 years, beautification has remained one of the main objectives of the Lake Vista Garden Club. Throughout the year, volunteer Garden Club members coordinate the planting and maintenance of neighborhood garden bed areas and bus shelters. Along with these ongoing beautification efforts, the Lake Vista Garden Club coordinates special projects such as tree plantings and the revitalization and maintenance of our lane and park signs. The funding for these ongoing beautification projects is primarily supported by the yearly dues from the members of the Lake Vista Garden Club with the help of the LVPOA.

By joining the Lake Vista Garden Club, you will support the beautification of our neighborhood and will meet many friendly neighbors through various social events. MEN AND WOMEN ARE WELCOME AS MEMBERS AND YOU DO **NOT HAVE TO BE A GARDENER!**

Meetings are on the 1st Friday of the month at 11:00 AM from September through April, except the following dates:

Friday, November 16, 2018: field trip to a Historic Home and Garden

Friday, January 11, 2019: "The Meeting of the Clubs" the first ever combined event with the Lake Vista Woman's Club to celebrate Louisiana Arbor Day.

Friday, February 1, 2019: evening event: wine and cheese reception.

The Garden Club also sponsors an annual Barbecue and Easter Egg Hunt in order to promote friendship and raise additional funds. Please consider joining the Lake Vista Garden Club either as an Active Member or as a Friend of the Garden Club so that our neighborhood will always look its best!

Yearly Membership levels:

Active: \$50/year: attend meetings, participate in committees as available, and be listed in the directory.

Friend of GC: \$30/year: support garden club objectives and be listed in the directory



PROJECT COMPLETION AND REMOVAL OF THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

COURTESY OF THE NEW ORI FANS DISTRICT U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS



MAY MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE PERMANENT CANAL CLOSURES AND PUMPS (PCCP) AT THE MOUTHS OF THE THREE OUTFALL CANALS IN NEW ORLEANS. THESE FACILITIES ARE NOW PART OF THE PERIMETER OF THE HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE RISK REDUCTION SYSTEM, WHICH DEFENDS AGAINST A 100-YEAR STORM.

WITH THE PCCP FACILITIES COMPLETE THE OUTFALL CANALS ARE NO LONGER ON THE FRONT LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST STORM SURGE. DURING A TROPICAL EVENT GATES AT THE NEW PCCP STATIONS CLOSE OFF THE CANALS FROM SURGE IN LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN AND TIE IN TO THE 133-MILE PERIMETER AROUND THE METROPOLITAN AREA. HOWEVER, THE CANALS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CITY'S INTERNAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM. THE SEWAGE AND WATER BOARD'S PUMP STATIONS MOVE WATER FROM AROUND THE CITY TO THE CANALS SO THE PCCP STATIONS MUST PUMP WHAT IS IN THE CANALS OVER THE GATED STRUCTURES INTO THE LAKE

SINCE 2006 THE INTERIM CLOSURE STRUCTURES (ICS) HAVE BEEN IN PLACE AT THE OUTFALL CANALS AND PROVIDED THE 100-YEAR LEVEL OF RISK REDUCTION, BUT THESE WERE ONLY INTENDED TO BE IN SERVICE UNTIL THE PCCP FACILITIES WERE COMPLETE. CURRENTLY, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS DEVELOPING THE

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ICSS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED, BUT THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF ABOVE GROUND STRUCTURES AND RETURNING THESE AREAS TO GREEN-SPACE AND REPLANTING TREES. AERIAL PHOTOS FROM BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISCS WILL GUIDE THE CORPS' PLANS. (SEE THE GRAPHIC FOR THE PRELIMINARY PLAN OF THE ORLEANS AVENUE SITE.)

THE NEW PCCP FACILITIES ARE AN ENGINEERING MARVEL AND COMBINE TO MAKE THE SECOND LARGEST DRAINAGE PUMP STATION IN THE WORLD, BUT THEY DO NOT ELIMINATE RISK. THE NEW SYSTEM THE CORPS BUILT HAS A DESIGN TO DEFEND AGAINST A 100-YEAR STORM BUT AT SOME POINT THERE WILL BE A LARGER STORM. RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO LOWER RISK WITH FLOOD INSURANCE AND TO FOLLOW ANY EVACUATION ORDERS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.

RIGHT NOW NEW ORLEANS HAS THE BEST HURRICANE RISK REDUCTION SYSTEM IT HAS EVER HAD AND THE CORPS IS CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE LEVEE ARMORING ALONG THE LAKEFRONT, BUT NO MATTER HOW HIGH WE GO OR HOW MUCH WE SPEND WE CANNOT ELIMINATE RISK, ONLY REDUCE IT.

by Renee Lehon



Debbie Buchler honored at Prix d'Elegance Luncheon

On April 18th of this year, Debbie Buchler was honored for her fashion presence and community service at the Men & Women of Fashion's, Prix d'Elegance Luncheon. A model of leadership in community activism, Debbie began her volunteer work in 1971 as an Air Force wife helping young families during the Vietnam War cope with separation or other problems associated with the war. She has maintained a career as an audiologist in private practice for the past 35 years, and in 1992 she volunteered to chair a committee for the Louisiana Speech Language Hearing Association, that helped reform the delivery of audiological services and hearing aids to children.

Her fundraising efforts include serving as president and gala chairperson of the Friends of Jackson Barracks Military Museum, auction co-chair for the Louisiana Nature and Science Center, Holy Cross School Blue and Gold gala chairperson, St.Mary's Dominican High School Building Fund Committee, Cenacle Retreat House Heavenly Gala volunteer chairperson, New Orleans Recreational Department playground board member, BRAVO, WYES, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Team Leader, Ladies Leukemia League Fete de Noel raffle committee and auction co-chairperson, East Jefferson General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Great Lady/Great Gentleman Auction and parade prizes co-chairperson and St. Mary's Dominican College Alumni Association board member. She is an active member of and has served as President of Cancer Crusaders where she also volunteers on the Golf Tournament Committee which is their biggest fundraising and charity event.

Debbie was also recognized by Outstanding Young Women of America for professional achievement and community service in 1980. She was the recipient of the Louisiana Speech, Language and Hearing Association Outstanding Service Award in 1993, was honored as a 2001 East Jefferson General Hospital Auxiliary Great Lady, and in 2004 was honored as a St. Elizabeth's Guild Volunteer Activist. She is twenty year resident of Lake Vista, and most recently completed her successful term as President of the Lake Vista Garden Club (2016-2018.)

In addition to her prolific volunteerism, Debbie is also devoted to her family as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is married to Peter, and has 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren. On Sundays, the entire family can be found at their home for dinner. In addition to family gatherings, she has graciously hosted multiple functions for the organizations with which she has been involved.

FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

Over the past couple of years, the **Flood Protection Authority** has undergone an internal reorganization and culture change that have resulted in the transformation of every department. Consequently, the Authority is the strongest and most capable it has ever been. Knowing that, when the suggestion was made that the Flood Protection Authority operate and manage the permanent closure structures at the three outfall canals, we answered the call. We did so because we knew that there was no agency better equipped and able to carry out that most important mission. The success we have experienced is due in large part to the support and confidence we continually receive from the citizens who live in our jurisdiction, including those who live in the Lakefront neighborhoods. So, I wanted to take a moment to simply say thank you. Thank you for your encouragement, for your appreciation, and for your ideas. Thank you for challenging us, for your feedback, and for your partnership. Those things are invaluable to the 200+ men and women who work hard every day to help keep us all safe.

Joe Hassinger, President Flood Protection Authority

Meet your Newest LVPOA Board Members



LAWRENCE MANN

Hi, I moved to New Orleans 5 years ago from Baton Rouge my hometown. My mother was from New Orleans (uptown), so I have strong ties to the city. I work in technology as an IT Program Manager and have worked for General Electric, Hancock Whitney, and Pan American Life. I look forward to my time on the Lake Vista Property Owners Board, having served on the Lake Terrace Board and the Pollard Estates Board in Baton Rouge. My volunteer associations include WRKF public radio where I was board chair and professional organizations including Project Management Institute where I am the past president. My hobbies include photography and model railroading. I am most impressed by the sense of community and history the residents of Lake Vista have. I hope to contribute to maintaining the strong ties found here in Lake Vista.



MATT CHESTER is a lawyer at the national law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. Previously, Matt worked at the Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor in New Orleans. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Matt spent most of his time as a federal prosecutor focusing on white collar crime, fraud and public/official corruption prosecutions. Matt's experience includes multiple high-profile trials and convictions obtained against former elected and public officials, for which he earned awards from a variety of agencies, including the Department of Justice's Award for Superior Performance in Litigation in 2015 in connection with a high-profile public corruption prosecution in New Orleans. In addition to practicing law, Matt teaches Negotiation and Mediation Advocacy as an adjunct faculty member at Tulane University Law School, and also sits on the Community Advisory Board of the local chapter of the American Diabetes Association. Matt has been a Lake Vista resident since 2010, along with his wife, Alana, and their two sons, Jackson and Will.



BOB ROMERO

Following retirement in 2010, Nicole and I moved to New Orleans in 2012 to be nearer our family. My retirement was after 46 years in healthcare, some as an ICU nurse and then as a Cancer Specialist in the Oncology Division at Merck. We have two children and five grandchildren. I graduated from U of Louisiana-Lafayette with degrees in in microbiology, chemistry and nursing. Following college, I served 5 years in the Army, then returned to begin my professional career in Baton Rouge. We live on Beauregard Avenue, and I have served two previous terms on the Lake Vista Property Owners Assn. During those terms, my board focus was primarily on infrastructure such as street signage, traffic lights and street lights.



PAUL CABOCHE

While I am relatively new to the LVPOA Board, I have been very involved for the past 5 years. Most of you know my work, as I am the designer of this **LAKE VISTA NEWS** publication. As a professional graphic designer and print broker, I have been volunteering to design and print this newsletter since 2014. As a ten year resident of Lake Vista, I recognize what is unique about our community and also see areas that need attention. As time evolves, it has become a challenge to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood without the support of our neighbors. As our neighborhood pre-dates the common HOA's that exist in most newer neighborhoods, we cannot make our membership mandatory. We have 5 parks to maintain and a lot more! If you are not currently an LVPOA member, please consider paying your very modest annual dues of only \$50, so that we can maintain what is truly great about Lake Vista.

Lake Vista Woman's Club



The Lake Vista Woman's Club's Installation Luncheon was held at the New Orleans Country Club on Friday, May 11, 2018. With a Kentucky Derby theme, "Run for the Roses", Wendy Ruckman and Molly Garcia planned a special afternoon for our incoming Officers: Connie Quave - President, Thania Elliott - 1st Vice President; Patricia Pierce - 2nd Vice President; Laura Carman - Recording Secretary; Margarita Harvey - Corresponding Secretary; Betty Tedesco - Treasurer.

Each year the LVWC President selects a member to receive the Glorain Curry "Woman of the Year" award. Glorain Curry was a longtime resident of Lake Vista, the Club's founding member and first President in 1955. This year, Thania Elliott was selected the 2018 "Woman of the Year" for her dedication and

generous support in continuing the Club's philanthropic efforts.

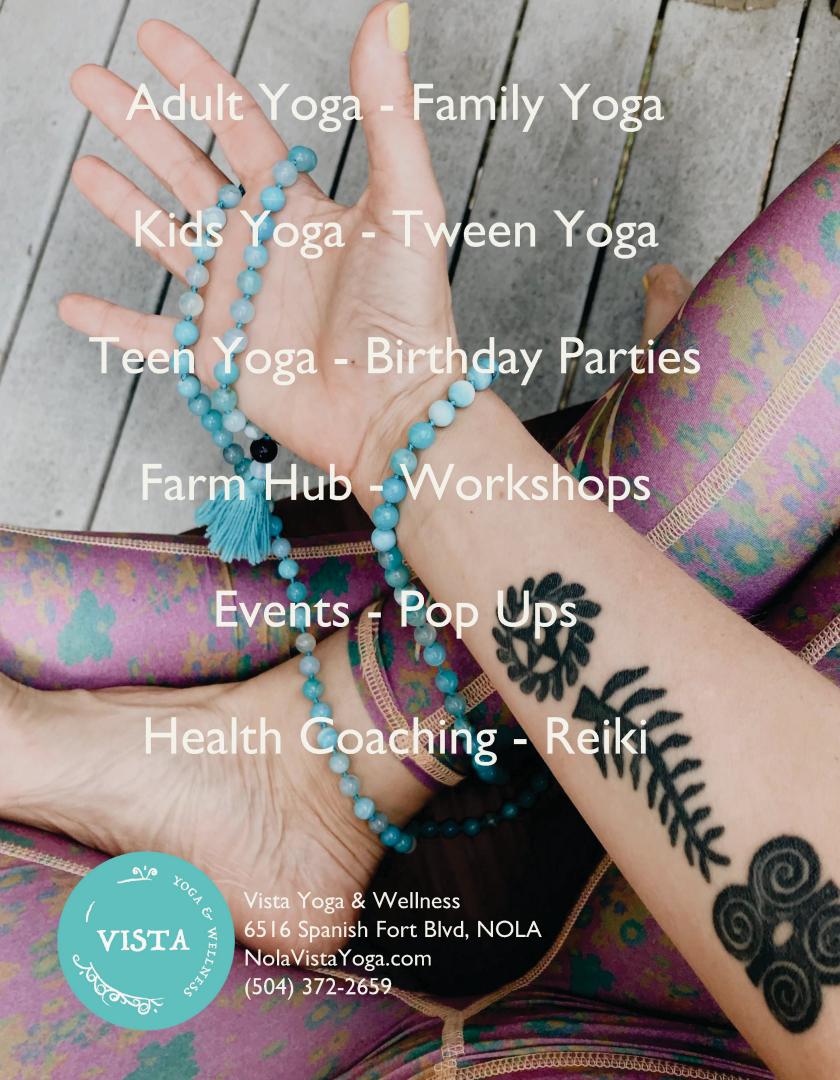
Seven past Presidents were in attendance: Dawn Davis, Jean Hall, Betty Kenner, Liz Leonard, Brenda Moffitt, Betsy Reising, and Ann Wink. A special thank you to these ladies for their support and hard work in making this club what it is today.

We select four charitable organizations a year and invite a Speaker to a meetings to talk about the work they do. A donation is presented and a light lunch served with an opportunity to mingle with neighbors. The organizations selected last year were: K9's for Warriors, The Choroideremia Research Foundation, One Heart Nola and Eden House. We had an EJGH nurse demonstrate Self-Breast Examination in October. The December Holiday Luncheon was festive and well attended, considering it was a cold day with snow! In March we visited City Park's Grow Dat Youth Farm for an outing. We had an educational tour of the farm, learned about their sustainably-designed Eco Campus, youth leadership programs and enjoyed a relaxed lunch, just blocks away from our beautiful neighborhood.

Our new LVWC Board is planning a great program for 2018-2019! Membership dues are \$40 for the year, a portion of which goes to our philanthropic efforts. If you are interested in learning more about the Club or joining us, contact Connie Quave at (504) 430-9817 or cquave 7@gmail.com







LOOKING BACK A DECADE...FROM PLANNING TO PERMANENT PUMPS

At the ribbon-cutting celebrating the permanent pump stations, my thoughts drifted back to an invited roundtable with the Corps of Engineers. John Davis and I offered Lake Vista's feedback on construction designs for the failed outfall canals (hosted by Colonel Sinkler who led operations on Leake Avenue – ironic names that still bring a smile).

I imagined what Lake Vista would be like today, if crazy ideas heard in those days had come to pass. Some wanted to sell Lake Vista parks to residential developers; abandon electric and plumbing utilities along Lakeshore Drive; build offshore breakwaters along the Lakefront: and leave the Seawall - not technically defined as part of the hurricane protection system - as a broken relic. There were references to Fort St. John as "that pile of old bricks," and the ubiquitous question-why rebuild New Orleans!

When the BNOB Commission released their report, my concern was not being permitted to rebuild because parts of the neighborhood's southwestern guadrant flooded, so I contacted our LVPOA President, Holly Callia.

During a time of public disarray and private angst, neighbors and neighborhoods, both flooded and spared, rolled up shirtsleeves and joined forces. Holly asked me to join her in community meetings. Together we advocated for both existing quality of life and fresh policies for displaced homeowners.

There were dozens of meetings each month, with the Corps, elected officials, non-profits, other neighborhoods, and most valuable, the Lakefront Presidents' Council for problems common among Lakefront residents, and the Neighborhood Recovery Steering and Zoning Committees (led by Freddy Yoder and Martin Landrieu). Priorities were established through collaboration among District 5's seven neighborhoods.

Lake Vista, Lakeview, Lakewood, Lakeshore, City Park, Country Club Gardens, and Parkview established unique chapters in Councilmember Shelley Midura's zoning ordinance - one step toward the City's recognition of Lake Vista's building restrictions, with our parks designated as permanent greenspaces, building and fence size limits. These and other projects continued under the leadership of Susan Garcia and every LVPOA board that followed us.

The Louisiana Landmarks Society recently spotlighted Fort St. John, as one of the city's oldest structures and so much more than a "pile of old bricks." A long and winding road led from Hurricane Katrina to the Lake Vista that we all enjoy today. Mitigation is ongoing, and our residents' active engagement is necessary to maintain a safe, vibrant and beautiful neighborhood.

Deborah J. Langhoff

LVPOA Past President, 2007-2008

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12/15/17	15 SWALLOW ST	Residential	Very Good	\$635,000	\$590,000	2,866	3/2	64 Days
12/21/17	60 N LARK ST	Residential	Excellent	\$849,000	\$813,011	3,100	4/3	4 Days
12/22/17	47 THRASHER ST	Residential	Average	\$329,900	\$300,000	1,292	2/1	117 Days
1/26/18	4 STILT ST	Residential	Excellent	\$554,999	\$525,000	2,082	4/2	63 Days
2/27/18	30 TERN ST	Residential	Excellent	\$1,950,000	\$1,700,000	5,536	4/3	131 Days
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4/30/18	96 TERN ST	Residential	Excellent	\$744,000	\$740,000	2620	4/3.5	3 Days+
5/11/18	33 SWAN ST	Residential	Excellent	\$1,750,000	\$1,600,000	4784	4/3.5	7 Days
5/18/18	52 N LARK ST	Residential	Very Good	\$469,900	\$460,000	2100	2/2	10 Days
6/01/18	22 EGRET	Residential	Excellent	\$699,000	\$690,000	3962	4/3.5	281 Days+



TO ALL OUR NEIGHBORS:

FALL ELECTIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND OUR VOTE IS OUR VOICE. WE NEED TO MAKE THOSE VOICES HEARD! IN 2016, 40% OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS STAYED HOME AND THIS ELECTION IS EXPECTED TO HAVE FEWER VOTERS. DON'T LET IT HAPPEN.

IN NOVEMBER, ALL SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CONTESTED AS WELL AS A THIRD OF THE SENATE. SOME STATE LEGISLATIVE SEATS ARE UP FOR GRABS; HAVE YOU LIKED WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING SO FAR? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK. AND SEVERAL JUDGES WILL BE VOTED ON AS WELL AS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. WE WILL KNOW WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT BY JULY 18.

LAKE VISTA LANES



by Michael Moffitt

I would have sworn I saw Woody Guthrie, sauntering down the lane, singing a lively ditty. You all know the tune....

This lane is your lane, this lane is my lane From parks so shady to the quiet roadways; From low shrubs and fences to those of neighbors This lane was made for you and Me.

As I was walking that ribbon of byway, I saw green lawns and those spacious vistas: An idyllic setting open and alluring: This lane was made for you and me...

Oops, he stopped singing, scowled, pulled clippers from his pocket and trimmed back a head high hedge intruding on the sidewalk. He re-started his saunter, but stopped again to scowl at a board privacy fence narrowing the lane, and again in front of a gazebo with permanent seating for ten. These may be nice for them he thought, but not so much for you and me.

The lanes of Lake Vista were made in Woody Guthrie's heyday, and they were made for you and me. They were made to have wide vistas and to be open and alluring. In many places they still are all of that, but in others not so much.

Each of the lanes in Lake Vista is a thirty-foot wide servitude in favor of the neighbors, that also include rights of way for underground utilities. The property does not belong to us individually, but rather to the NFPAMA for the benefit of the community. None of us have a right to build anything in this area. Our restrictions (Section XIV) are clear:

"All parks, except Lake-Vista Park, and lanes are reserved for the common use of the property owners of "Lake-Vista", and nothing shall be placed thereon...."

As with rights of way for streets, or any municipal walkway, it is the adjoining property owners responsibility to maintain the lanes, but not within their prerogative to occupy or alter them.

The restrictions (Section XV) also limit fences to eighteen inches high and hedges to two feet high in our front yards. The combination of twenty foot setbacks on each side of open lanes provides a vista for the length of the lane, seventy feet wide from front door to front door, interrupted only by fences and hedges less than two feet high, magnificent shade trees and other modest plantings. Surely this open vista is worth writing a song about, and worth a little effort and consideration by each of us to keep the song alive.



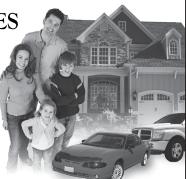
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We read and hear a great deal about disruption these days, and the one constant about disruptions is confusion. Short-term rentals are no exception. Prior to the Ordinance establishing short-term rental rules last November, there was a good deal of debate, but apparently not enough planning.

For Lake Vista, there should be no confusion. Even in the commercial district of Lake Vista, overnight lodging is not among the enumerated services permitted. In our homes, no businesses are permitted. Our deed restrictions, accepted in the transfer of every title, are very clear: "SECTION IV PARAGRAPH (D) "No parcel of ground or (residential) lot or lots, shall ever be used directly or indirectly for business purposes of any kind or character; nor shall any building or structure be erected on said lots, and/or after erection, no building or structure shall ever be re-erected, altered, or remodeled, in whole or in part, for any purpose except for private dwelling purposes, (except as defined elsewhere for commercial, church or school lots.)"

This provision has always prevented private business activity from being is licensed at a residential address or labeled as a business or when customers or employees are visible in the neighborhood. Overnight short-term lodging violated several of these criteria and is prohibited by Lake Vista restrictions.

Because of the disruption in many neighborhoods across the city, caused by nearly 9000 new "mini hotel licenses", the City Council has called for a moratorium and the Planning Commission is reviewing the impact of the new ordinance. LVPOA, along with several neighborhood and condominium associations testified at the planning commission hearing, asking the city not to license short term rentals where existing covenants prohibit them. (The city has issued two licenses in Lake Vista. One, on Stilt Street, an accessory license for one half of an owner occupied duplex expires this November. The second, a temporary license on Spanish Fort issued in March, cannot be renewed under the current moratorium, as it does not have a resident owner. Unlicensed rentals are subject to a \$500 fine per day occupied by the City.) We hope and expect the city will honor these existing covenants in the future.

There were many complaints at the planning commission hearing, especially about behavior and density of renters. The biggest complaints were from neighbors where non-resident property owners renting to transients were not residents. A new ordinance is expected to include the requirement that an owner resides at the location, that is, the tax bill shows a homestead exemption. If any neighbors know or learn of short-term (less than 30 day occupancy) rentals operating in Lake Vista, please contact us at webmaster@golvpoa.com or notify any member of the LVPOA Board.

MEET OUR NEW LOGO



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PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE: It occurred to us recently, that neither Lake Vista, nor the LVPOA, had an official logo. We felt that developing one had definite benefits to the neighborhood. As we grow our level of communication with our neighbors, we feel that this logo is a strong, recognizable tool to help easily identify our correspondence within the neighborhood. Look for our new logo when we communicate through Nextdoor.com, Mail Chimp, goLVPOA.com, Lake Vista News, as well as email correspondence with board members.

THE DESIGN: I sought to create a logo that felt representative of our great neighborhood. I wanted it to feel modern, but not trendy...so it will look current for years to come. I wanted it to feel friendly and inviting with the incorporation of waves and birds, while choosing shades of blue and green to represent both the lake and our vast parks and green space. I hope everyone will enjoy it for many years to come!

PAUL R. CABOCHE

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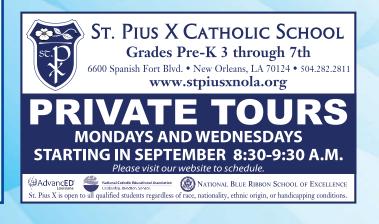
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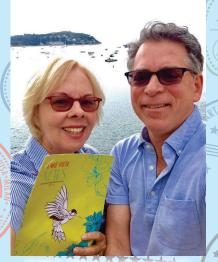
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	\$ Change
75th Anniversary		50	(50)
Advertising Income	4,173		4,173
Total Association Dues	12,010	13,470	(1,460)
Interest Income	39	30	9
Donations	120		120
TOTAL INCOME	16,341	13,551	2,791
EXPENSE			
Lake Vista Newsletter	2,669	910	1,789
Lake Vista Website	105	1,633	(1,528)
InsuranceD&O Liability		2,762	(2,762)
Total Professional Fees	800		800
Total Beautification Expense	4,556	1,865	2,690
Neighborhood Events	240		240
Meeting Expense	(280)	164	(444)
Total Postage Expense	226	99	127
Printing Expense	183		183
Computer Expense	394		394
Total Taxes	60	131	(71)
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NET INCOME	7,290	5,916	1,375

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