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LVPOA MEMBER WINE & CHEESE PARTY & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Phil Cusimano, Gabriella Prigmore & Michael Cusimano

On Saturday, May 18th, the LVPOA hosted its second annual Wine & Cheese Party and Membership Drive. It was a really fun adult social catered by Courtney and Phil at **The Bird's Nest Café!** Thanks to owners, Courtney Enderle and Phil Cusimano, we had quite a variety of excellent wines and champagnes to taste in addition to some amazing food! We had a nice turn out and signed up 5 new members. Thanks to all who attended. See ya next year!



Paul Caboche, Stephen Wolf & Suzie Sherwood



Mark & Ginger LaCour
with Ashley Cusimano



Janis Lovecchio &
Reith McDermott



Jay & Charlene Baudier with Stephanie Hilferty



Courtney Enderle with Pat & Jeremy Gelbwaks



Steve & Janis Lovecchio with Monte Shalett & Dawn Davis



Tammy & Kent Abadie with Steve Bernard



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I would like to welcome [Nathan Junius](#), [Ginger Lacour](#), [Babs Mollere](#) and [Betty Tedesco](#) to the board of directors of the LVPOA and

[Kim O'Brien](#) as the editor of the quarterly *Lake Vista NEWS*, and thank [Jay Baudier](#), [Paul Caboche](#), [Rachel Forstall](#), [Pat Gelbwaks](#), [Chip Mann](#), [Jane Roussel](#) (*non-voting member appointed by the Lake Vista Garden Club*) and [Monte Shalett](#) for their continued service on the Board. I also want to thank [Charlie Cerise](#), [Michael Moffitt](#), [Kim O'Brien](#) and [Bob Romero](#) for their prior service on the Board. Many thanks also to [Brenda Moffitt](#) for her work as the editor of the quarterly *Lake Vista NEWS*.

The work on the Board will be conducted primarily through a committee system. The committees and chairpersons are as follows:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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TECHNOLOGY

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Our goal is to be inclusive and we are always looking for new people to serve on committees of the Board and ultimately the Board. If you have an interest in service on any of these committees, please email the chairperson.

Recently a couple in mid-city heard noises outside of their house by their cars. The couple went to investigate and the juvenile who was breaking into their car opened fire killing the woman and injuring the husband. The advice from law enforcement in the past has been that the best deterrents are: (1) locking your car doors, (2) not leaving valuables or guns in your car, and (3) installing

motion sensor exterior lights and cameras. The sooner we all get into the habit of locking our cars and removing all valuables and guns from our cars, the greater the likelihood that the criminals will leave Lake Vista alone.

Since becoming President of the LVPOA, various discussions about golf carts in Lake Vista's streets, parks and lanes have come to my attention and occupied some of my time. Not knowing the precise answer to this question, I decided to take a look at State and local law on the subject. To my surprise, it turns out that the use of golf carts other than on a golf course is regulated by State law, specifically, Louisiana revised Statutes 32:299.

Under State law, the use of golf carts on streets is illegal. A Parish, however, may adopt ordinances allowing the use of golf carts on streets, provided that the Parish posts signs warning the public of the use of golf carts on streets. I have not found any parochial or municipal ordinance in Orleans Parish authorizing the use of golf carts on the streets in Orleans Parish and certainly no signs have been posted authorizing the use of golf carts on the streets in Lake Vista and warning residents of their usage in Lake Vista. Consequently, it is illegal to operate golf carts in the streets, lanes or in the parks of Lake Vista.

If residents observe the use of golf carts in Lake Vista and are opposed to their use, I suggest that they refrain from getting into an altercation with the people on the golf cart as this is a police issue. They should call the [Orleans Levee District police](#) at (504) 283-9800 to report the location and a description of the golf cart and a description of the occupant(s) along with their address, if known, to let the police deal with the matter.

In the last several years, the LVPOA has hosted a number of social functions. One of our goals this year is to increase the number of functions so that we create a better spirit of community. If you have an idea for an event, please send an email to Rachel Forstall.

We remain committed to enforcing the Lake Vista building restrictions and covenants. Please report any violations to Jay Baudier, the chair of the Architectural Review Committee.

The Board looks forward to serving the residents in Lake Vista, the gem of the Lakefront.

Mark Fullmer
LVPOA President

LVPOA COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

A relatively new concept is about to get its first test. One of Monte Shalett's many accomplishments in his two-year term as LVPOA President was the creation of a solid committee structure. Each board member serves on a least 2 committees. The committee structure allows past board members and non-board members to volunteer on specific committees. We're excited to add experienced volunteer committee persons to, what promises to be, an active eleven person board.

Special Thanks to our Graduating Board Members

As their commitment as LVPOA board members comes to an end, we congratulate and thank them for truly great work. LVPOA Board Membership requires a lot of time and patience. It's often a thankless job. Lake Vista was extremely fortunate to have these five! We look forward to maintaining these relationships and hope to see everyone thrive by continuing to serve on committees. Charlie, Brandon, Michael, Kim and Bob....Lake Vista really owes you one! Thanks for devoting your time and talents.



CHARLIE CERISE
Continuing to serve on
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BRANDON DUMONTIER
Continuing to serve on
Architectural Review &
Infrastructure Committees



MICHAEL MOFFITT
Continuing to serve on
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WELCOME OUR NEWEST LVPOA BOARD MEMBERS

These Candidates were Elected at the Semi-Annual Meeting on April 29th



President, Mark Fullmer and his wife, Patricia, have lived in Lake Vista since 1988. Mark served on the LVPOA Board in the late 1990's and served as President of the Board in 1999 and 2000. He has continued to assist Patricia over the last 20 years in her Lake Vista beautification efforts. Mark wrote a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Orleans Levee Board and five grants for funding used for the design and landscaping of Robert E. Lee Blvd.; the design and landscaping of Spanish Fort Blvd.; new construction signage and garden bed at Spanish Fort Blvd. and the beginning of reforestation of live oaks in Lake Vista's five parks. Mark is an attorney with Phelps Dunbar practicing in the areas of mergers and acquisition, corporate and securities and corporate governance. Mark served on the Board of Directors of the Contemporary Arts Center for 15 years; President of the Board of the Contemporary Arts Center for 3 years and served on the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts for 6 years. Hobbies include traveling with Patricia, sailing and collecting art.



1st Vice President, Betty Tedesco

is a former business owner and director, and active Community Board Volunteer.

CURRENT COMMUNITY BOARD SERVICE: Lake Vista Women's Club, Treasurer / National Alliance for Mental Illness, New Orleans Chapter, Membership Committee Chair / Louisiana Guardianship Services, Board Secretary / Willwoods Community, Board Member / Catholic Foundation, Professional Advisory Board. She looks forward to working on the infrastructure needs of our neighborhood, and is passionate about improving the sidewalks on our lanes and parks. Professionally, Betty is a Social Worker, retired from the elder care services company she founded and directed for 25 years. She and her husband Ken Tedesco enjoy their relaxed Lake Vista lifestyle, traveling, and their grandchildren.



Secretary, Babs Mollere

is an Experienced Managing Director, Education/Outreach Leader and Community Board Member

RECENT COMMUNITY BOARD WORK:

2018 to present - Lake Vista Garden Club, Corresponding Secretary

2013 to present - Secretary, New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute

2016 to present - Board Member, Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services

2017 to 2019 - Stewardship Chair, Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

2015 to 2016 - Benjamin Franklin High School Strategic Planning Committee



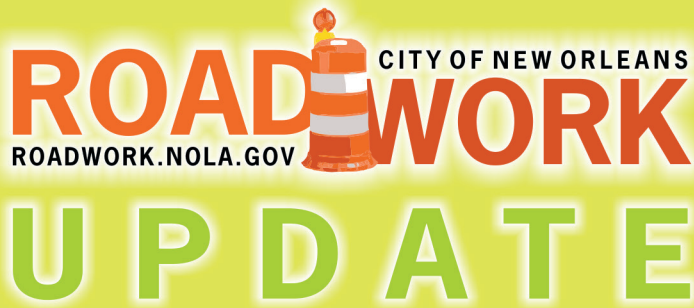
Nathan Junius grew up in Lake Vista since 1979 and attended St. Pius X School, Christian Brothers School, Jesuit High School, received a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tulane University and a Masters of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas. Nathan and his wife, Sarah, have lived in the Lake Vista neighborhood since 2016. They have four young sons, two of which attend St. Pius X School. Nathan is a registered civil engineer and land surveyor and is Vice President of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. He has been the engineer of record for numerous commercial, municipal and industrial projects throughout the country. He currently serves as the President of the American Council of American Engineers (New Orleans Branch), a board member of the Volunteers of America, and also of the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation and various other professional organization boards. Nathan and his family enjoy the outdoors including hunting, fishing and sailing.



Ginger LaCour and her husband, Mark, have three young children. Ginger has lived in Lake Vista for the better part of the last 20 years and looks forward to working with Betty Tedesco on the infrastructure needs of our neighborhood. Her favorite part of Lake Vista is that, in this neighborhood, one truly gets to know one's neighbors and build a sense of community-- that is "uniquely Lake Vista".

As a Sr. Wells Engineer with Shell Oil Company, Ginger is the Completions Project Lead over the Auger TLP. With 10 years experience as a Deepwater Completion Engineer in the Gulf, her job is to take a previously drilled well and effectively design and develop a plan to make it ready to start producing.

Ginger currently serves on the Junior League of New Orleans Board as the Community Council Director. In her 'spare' time she enjoys chasing her three children around the house and through the park, watching them grow, and cultivate new friendships in the neighborhood. *Photo courtesy of Jessica Bachmann Photography*



ROADWORK UPDATE

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FROM THE DESK OF JARED C. BROSSETT

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has five roadwork projects scheduled for Lake Vista. The first project, Lake Vista Group A, is slated to begin later this year. Lake Vista Groups B-E have staggered start dates in 2021. The projects cover nearly every street in Lake Vista. Repairs range from replacing damaged sidewalks to complete roadway reconstruction.

As part of Lake Vista Group A, 11 streets in Lake Vista will undergo incidental road repairs. Incidental road repairs encompass removing damaged portions of the asphalt roadway and replacing it with new smooth pavement. Sections of Marconi and Robert E. Lee will receive a patch mill/overlay, which includes curb to curb re-paving of the asphalt roadway and repairs to damaged sidewalks. Rail Street will also receive non-paving incidentals to repair sidewalks, driveway aprons and curbs within the public right-of-way.

You can check the status of roadway projects online at Roadwork.Nola.Gov. Any issues or concerns on RoadworkNOLA projects should be emailed to Roadwork@nola.gov or reported by phone to (504) 658-ROAD. You may also report the issues to my office, CouncilDistrictD@nola.gov and (504) 658-1040.

BUDGET UPDATE

As Chair of the Budget Committee, I requested that the Mayor's Office provide the City Council and the public with Quarterly Reporting on Grant Revenues and Operating Expenses. Quarterly Reporting improves governmental transparency by providing detailed accounting of grants, operating budgets and expenses. The Budget Committee received the first quarterly report on June 4th.

CRIME UPDATE

Most residents in New Orleans believe in redemption and reform, but they also believe in and expect personal responsibility and justice when a crime has been committed. We cannot make excuses for or attempt to normalize the current situation, where residents are being victimized daily.

Every year during the budgeting process, I've advocated for increased funding for public safety measures. As this is an area in which we still need to see much improvement, I again want to stress the importance of taking every fiscally-reasonable step possible to increase public safety. This includes supporting supplemental funding to New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORDC) to ensure we can offer a robust package of recreational programming and summer job opportunities for at-risk juveniles.

On June 3rd, the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) began strict enforcement of the City's curfew law. Juveniles aged 16 or younger may not be in a public place after 9pm Sunday through Thursday and after 11pm on Friday and Saturday. The curfew will remain in effect until August 31st.

The purpose of strict curfew enforcement is to identify juveniles roaming the streets with nothing to do. The NOPD has discretion to place juveniles violating curfew into protective custody. Covenant House will supervise and offer preventive services to juveniles placed in protective custody until their parents can pick them up.

Report any suspicious activity to 911. Additionally, you can report curfew violations directly to NOPD's 3rd District at (504) 658-6030. To speak directly with the Orleans Levee District Police, call (504) 283-9800.

Achieving Summer BALANCE



by Michelle Tanner Gruntz, CHHC, RYT, RCYT

Certified Holistic Health Coach, Registered Adult Yoga Teacher and Child Yoga Teacher
Founder and owner of Vista Yoga & Wellness, 6516 Spanish Fort Blvd. in the LVCC

Summertime in the Big Easy can feel anything but easy - sweltering heat, an unpredictable hurricane season, a change in schedules for families balancing careers and summer camps, mosquitoes the size of small teradactyls, and for some, the self imposed desire to look a certain way in a swimsuit while enjoying all the festivals... well, you get the picture. So, what's a New Orleanian to do? How can you relax, enjoy the change of pace and routine, and take care of **YOU**... so you feel refreshed at the end of the season?

Self care can be surprisingly simple when we break it down to the basics. Below are six ways you can simplify your life and achieve the balance you are looking for this summer.

Nourish. Summer brings plenty of fresh, local fruits and vegetables! Eating locally supports your local farmers and nourishes to create vibrant health. The most effective way to create health for yourself and your family is to meal plan and meal prep. It is effortless once you get into the habit of it. Stocking up on fresh produce is so easy this time of year and requires little to no prep. Take five to ten minutes once or twice a week and write out your meals for the following days. In my home, we meal plan twice a week - on Sundays for Sunday to Thursday, and on Thursdays for the weekend. We create our grocery lists from these plans, shop for the ingredients, and have healthy, nutrient dense, delicious food ready to go every day! We usually make extras so we can take leftovers for lunches or add protein from the night before to salads. One trick I learned years ago to get my then younger kids to eat fresh fruits and veggies was to wash and prep the produce once I came home from the store so they would be ready for them to grab when the munchies strike!

Breathe. Pranayama, or breath work, can be done anywhere at any time by anyone regardless of age or physical ability. Start by noticing how you are breathing right now in this moment. Are you breathing a full deep breath or is your breath shallow and short? Take a full, deep breath, expanding the lungs, ribs and belly. Let it go completely as you exhale. Repeat five times. Bring your awareness to your breath several times a day and in times of stress.

Stretch. Exercise, movement and stretching in the summertime should be adapted for the heat. Adding restorative yoga during this time of year can aid the body from becoming inflamed due to excessive heat. Add in cooling, calming exercises to prevent the body from burning out. No one ever regretted attending a yoga class!

Relax. Seriously. Relax. Balancing a successful career with a loving home life and creating time for yourself and important relationships is not easy. Make sure to get enough rest. This includes uninterrupted sleep, downtime and time to get bored. Sometimes saying no to things is the best thing you can do for your own mental health. Taking time to recharge will allow you to perform to higher standards in the world versus being completely drained.

Create. Take time to play. New Orleanians traditionally don't have trouble doing this, but everyone can get caught up in the routine of life and forget to take time to have fun. Set aside a few hours each week to do something you truly enjoy doing. Your family and friends will thank you!

Hydrate. Water is key to a happy healthy body. Get a reusable water bottle, fill it up several times a day, and enjoy! Know how much water you should drink each day. Divide your body weight by two - so, a 150 pound person should aim to drink 75 ounces of water a day. If you drink caffeine or alcohol, or if you sweat, you should add more water. You can change it up by adding fruit to the water for a flavor punch!

There you have it! Take a few minutes each week to schedule in your movement and fun, plan and prep your meals, fill up that water bottle and breathe. A little bit of planning goes a long way to a happy, healthy, relaxing summer.

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THE *Lake Vista* GARDEN CLUB

2019-2020 OFFICER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON HELD ON MAY 6TH AT RALPH'S ON THE PARK

Awards Presentation

Olivia T. Vaccaro

Woman of the Year Award

**Presented to
Susan Coco**

Lunch followed by

Installation of Officers

**by Joni Diaz
& Kimberly Zibilich**



2019-20 Officers: Judi Russell, Charlene Baudier, Andre Deckert, Xiomara Brewster, Diana Mann, Yvonne McCulla, Debbie Buchler and Delia Perez

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2nd Vice President: Jackie Shreves

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Charlene Baudier**

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LVPOA President, Monte Shalett, gives Garden Club Treasurer, Lynn Long, funds for beautification portion of your LVPOA dues (\$10 per member).



Woman of the Year Award winner, Susan Coco with Gia Blanchard and Roberta Stewart

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A Walk in the Parks

With the theme of "A Walk In The Parks," the Lake Vista Garden Club is ready for a great year, and the members would love to have you join. Each membership helps keep Lake Vista a beautiful place to live. *Plus, we have a lot of fun, too!*

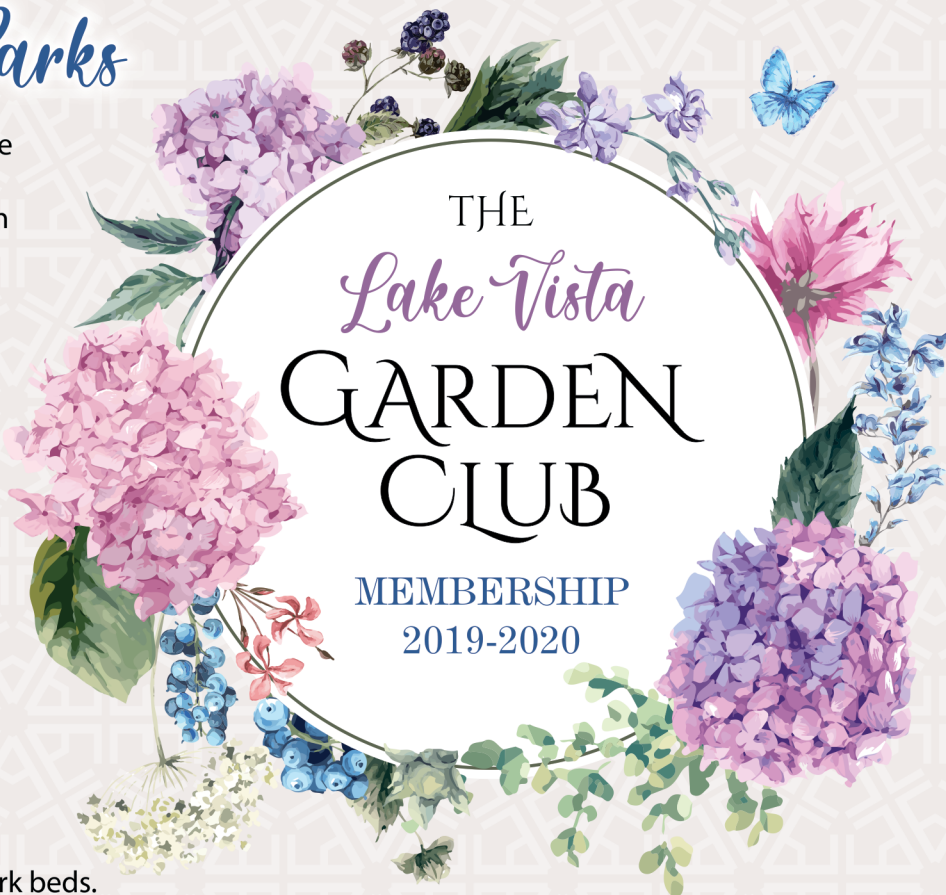
Since 1949, the Garden Club has spearheaded beautification efforts such as:

- Encouraging the planting and care of trees,
- Keeping the public areas planted with flowers each season,
- Educating our members on a variety of garden topics,
- Making sure our parks, lanes and signage are in tiptop shape, and
- Recognizing Lake Vista residents whose gardens uplift the whole neighborhood with our Garden of the Month awards.

This year two of our primary objectives will be to refurbish the park signs and revitalize the park beds.

Joining the Garden Club is also a great way to get to know your neighbors. Our monthly meetings include knowledgeable speakers and delicious lunches. This year we've planned an outing to learn more about the plants and statues at the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden in City Park, a festive Christmas holiday party, an evening wine-and-cheese get-together, and a joint meeting with the Lake Vista Woman's Club. Our spring BBQ and Easter Egg Hunt is another yearly highlight.

If you're interested in joining us, membership in the Lake Vista Garden Club is \$40 annually. For those who want to support our beautification efforts but prefer not to attend meetings, we invite you to join as a "Friend of the Lake Vista Garden Club." Either way, just fill out the form below and send it in! Contact Jackie Shreves at Jackie@jackieshreves.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you!



Join the LAKE VISTA GARDEN CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Check One)

☐ **ACTIVE \$40 BEFORE JUNE 1ST / \$50 AFTER:** Attend meetings and participate in committees as available.

☐ **FRIEND OF GC \$30:** Unable to attend meetings but support the Garden Club and be listed in the directory

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The Entryway into Lake Vista

Keith and Kimberly Zibilich purchased a small ranch house in 1997 from the succession of local realtor, Joseph Zollinger. His family admired that their name also began with a “Z” so their offer was accepted. After a couple of years of planning and design, the new house was built and they officially called Lake Vista “Home” in October of 1999.

The warm, inviting wood front door and arched entry of the Zibilich home faces the corner of Marconi and Robert E. Lee, earning it the title of *“The Entryway into Lake Vista”*, according to some neighbors. While it became a focal point of the landscape in Lake Vista, the original design did not include this signature feature. The front door was intended to overlook Robert E. Lee, giving the design a common square shape. While having dinner with Keith’s sister at R&O’s, she suggested facing the door to the corner in order to give the house more architectural detail than previous planned. She drew the front door design on a napkin, and from that, completely changed the dynamic of the house.



Delightful Views from every Angle

Keith and Kimberly enjoy the tranquility of Lake Vista, especially from their outdoor patio with built in kitchen. This cozy extension of their home overlooks Foliage Park and provides a perfect sanctuary for a summer BBQ or a fall football game while, on occasion, sighting a rare Red-tailed Hawk and many other varieties of birds.



View of the Bayou across Marconi



View of Foliage Park from their patio

Serving the Community of Lake Vista

Keith & Kimberly immediately became active in the Lake Vista Community. Kimberly joined the Garden Club the year before they actually moved in and was on the executive board the very first year. Having held every position in the Garden Club over the years, she was awarded the *Olivia T. Vaccaro Woman of the Year Award* in 2004.

In 2002, Kimberly organized a termite treatment for all residents of Lake Vista. She served as Secretary on the board of the LVPOA from 2003-2004. In October of 2004, Kimberly and Alice Mace organized a weekly Saturday park clean-up, tackling a different park each weekend.



Kimberly repainting park signs

Hurricane Katrina Strikes

The house took on three feet of water in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Keith and Kimberly lived in Houston for the next six months. Almost immediately following the storm, Keith started the first Lake Vista website for neighbors to be able to communicate with each other and get news about what was going on in the neighborhood.

The National Guard was stationed at the Lake Vista Community Center. They set up a dog pound for all strays in the neighborhood, Keith took photos and posted them to the website, successfully reuniting lost pets with their owners.

Keith continues to donate his time to the cause of safety and security in Lake Vista, serving a four-year commission as the co-chair of the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District.



POST HURRICANE KATRINA



3 FOOT WATER LINE HURRICANE KATRINA 2005



POST HURRICANE KATRINA AUGUST 2005

Pilots N Paws

Keith is an instrument rated pilot. He previously owned a Columbia 400 Airplane and was a volunteer for **Pilots N Paws®**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose goal serves to arrange pilots to assist in animal transportation for the purposes of rescuing, sheltering and adopting animals.



Delivering Jayne to her new home in San Antonio

Lately, Keith and Kimberly can be found chasing sunsets on their 51 ft. Sea Ray Sedan Bridge with their Scottish Terrier, Henry. They purchased the boat in Minnesota and floated it home, across 1700 miles, 42 locks and 7 rivers.

Professionally, Keith is part owner of a software development company and Kimberly is an event planner and owner of *Event Resources New Orleans*.

If you've not met these two neighborhood gems, Halloween at the Zibilich house is a good time. Keith loves making candy apples...last year he made nearly 100! Kids come looking for these treats every year while parents enjoy a glass of wine. They enjoy seeing the kids in costume.





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Louisiana Legislative Session Review



Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Neighbors,

On June 6th, we completed the Louisiana Legislative Session.

From the first day I took office, I focused my attention on much-needed infrastructure upgrades and repairs in our neighborhoods. Like many of you, I was appalled by the condition of our streets, and I was always concerned with gloomy weather forecasts due to the condition of our drainage program.

Sometimes legislation takes longer than one session to enact. That was the case with the success we had this year with HB 43, HB 522, and HB 617. Passage of those bills resulted in a one-time \$50 million appropriation and a recurring \$26 million for infrastructure in New Orleans. I accelerated state funding for better streets and drainage when I filed HB 622 and HB 623 in 2017, two bills that would have re-directed funding reserved for a future convention center expansion into immediate use for road repairs and other infrastructure upgrades.

We were also successful with HB 578 which will allow \$690 million in economic development settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon Gulf oil spill to be used on 10 shovel ready road projects across the state. These projects will provide regional economic impact and represent the largest infrastructure package the state has seen in decades.

As a young mother of two, I understand first-hand how important early education is to the overall development of a child. For the first time in years, early education will receive state funding (\$20 million). The Childcare Assistance Program receives most of this funding and is only open to parents in the workforce, job training or in school. I was also supportive of legislation that included a \$1,000 teacher pay raise and \$500 raise for support staff. We also raised overall per pupil funding by 1.375 percent (\$39 million total). The budget we passed fully funds the TOPS scholarship program and provides an additional \$9 million to higher education and \$2 million to the LSU Health Sciences Center.

I also care deeply about our safety. I passed legislation requiring people convicted of violence against a police officer and those convicted of terrorist activity to register with law enforcement, placing a flag on their record. This flag will be visible to law enforcement in the field and serve as additional protection for both our police and people. Our terrorism registry will be the first created in the country.

By the session's end, I had reviewed 863 bills and 454 of those bills completed the legislative process. Among the bills fully considered, here's a snapshot of some legislative matters of interest:

On October 12, the following constitutional amendments will be on the ballot:

HB 62 provides appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund for the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, Thrive Academy, and laboratory schools operated by public postsecondary institutions.

HB 234 exempts raw materials destined for the Outer Continental Shelf from ad valorem taxes.

HB 428 extends the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals to matters concerning the constitutionality of taxes and fees.

SB 79 authorizes ad valorem tax exemptions in Orleans Parish to promote affordable housing.





Other legislation that will go to the Governor for signature includes:

HB 508 would allow grocery stores to hire drivers to deliver alcohol. Drivers would be required to check the customers identification upon delivery and could refuse delivery to intoxicated customers.

HB 491 legalizes the growing of industrial hemp. The legislation also authorizes the sale of CBD products containing less than 0.3% THC concentration.

Both sports betting and fantasy sports betting failed in the final hours of the legislative session. Both measures were supported by a majority of our district, and I voted in support of these measures.

SB 184, which Gov. John Bel Edwards signed on May 30, 2019 bans abortion when a fetal heartbeat is present, except to prevent death or substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the woman who is pregnant.

We also developed universal state standards to allow for ride-sharing businesses like Uber and Lyft.

Finally, I passed legislation authorizing the Office of State Lands to lease the water-bottoms in West-End to make way for reviving the former New Orleans landmark into a thriving redevelopment. I am proud to be working with both Jefferson Councilwoman Jennifer Van Vrancken and District A Councilman Joe Giarrusso as the parishes work towards a cooperative endeavor agreement so that a joint request for proposals may be issued. I also passed legislation renaming the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority to the Lakefront Management Authority.

I hope everyone has a great summer. Please keep in touch with my office: **504-885-4154** or **hilmfertys@legis.la.gov**



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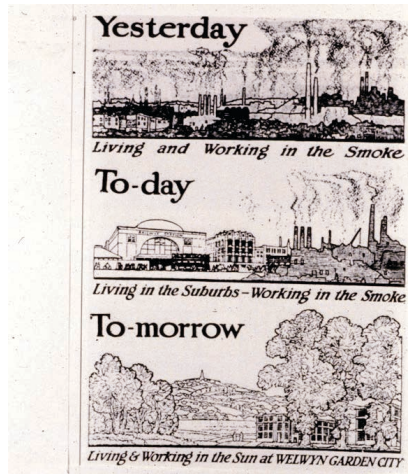
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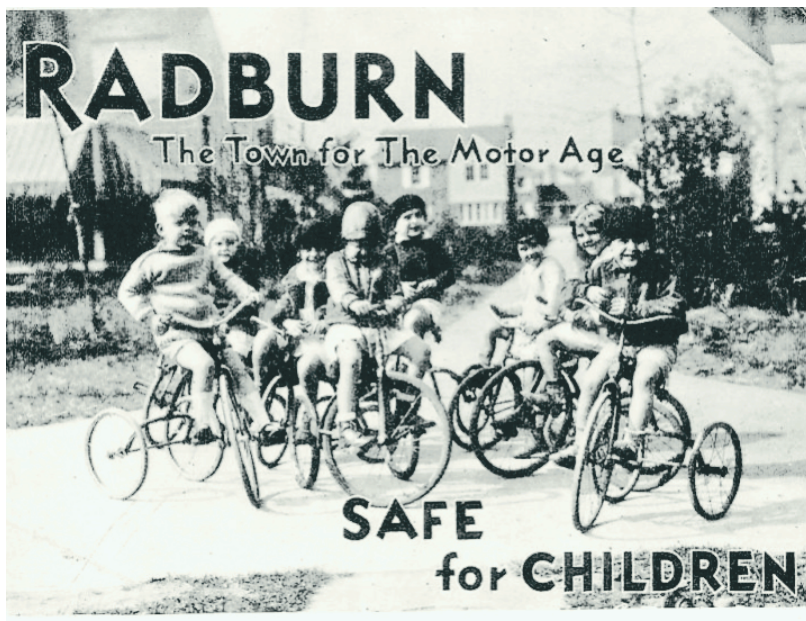
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Lake Vista owes its unique design to the Garden City Movement, an idea that dates back to the late 1800s in England. Sir Ebenezer Howard developed the concept of the garden city in his 1898 book entitled *To-Morrow: A Peaceful Path to Real Reform*. The ideas in the book were so popular, that it was reprinted in 1902 under a new title, *Garden Cities of To-Morrow*. The goal of the garden city was to encourage people to move from the congestion of the city to a self-sustaining and enjoyable community built upon the foundations of nature and activity.

It wasn't long before the Garden City Movement reached the United States. In 1929, the garden city of Radburn, New Jersey was built. The Radburn footprint is much larger than Lake Vista and arguably more true to the scale that Howard envisioned. The plan (pictured to the right) shows clusters of houses around cul-de-sacs with roadway overpasses that allow children to walk to school without crossing the street. To market this new garden city, Radburn developers published posters like the one below touting the benefits of children's safety.



Around the same time New Jersey builders were working on Radburn, New Orleans planning officials were responding to the growing needs of their city's population. In 1924, the Orleans Levee Board commissioned Col. Marcel Garsaud to develop a concept that would expand the lakefront and create valuable real estate. Referred to as "The Lakefront Reclamation Project," Garsaud proposed infilling 2,000 acres (highlighted in pink top right) with sand dredged from Lake Pontchartrain, raised 5 feet above sea level, anchored by a stepped-concrete seawall, and drained regularly by a sophisticated system of canals.

Because the project extended out 3,000 feet from Robert E. Lee Boulevard (the original lakefront edge), major engineering had to be funded immediately.

of a Garden City Neighborhood :: PART ONE

By James Rolf

Unfortunately, the Levee Board could not bear the financial strains of the Depression-Era project and work had to be completed through the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

As the lakefront infill phase neared completion, design work for the new neighborhood developments began. The blank canvas created by the reclamation project offered a unique opportunity for planners. Levee Board officials agreed on a design for Lake Vista that would marry the benefits of both country and city living. The pedestrian-friendly layout of parks, cul-de-sacs, and lanes would allow residents to forget the busy polluted city streets and live in a neighborhood steeped in nature. Houses would all face the parks and lanes, which led to the only commercial property, flanked by two churches and a school, at the epicenter. New Orleans would have its own garden city in Lake Vista.

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Lake Vista Woman's Club

Installation Luncheon & Year in Review

by Connie Quave, LVWC President

The Installation Luncheon for the 2019-20 Board of the Lake Vista Woman's Club was held in May at the beautiful setting of the New Orleans Country Club. The day began with quite a storm and plenty of lightning but all was clear and sunny before we were done.

The Board for 2019-2020 was duly installed: Connie Quave, President; Thania Elliot, 1st Vice President; Patricia Pierce, 2nd Vice President; Betty Tedesco, Treasurer; Margarita Harvey, Corresponding Secretary; and Jane Eiden, Recording Secretary. Betty Tedesco was awarded the Glorain Curry Woman of the Year Award for her dedication and outstanding service to our club this past year.

Installation Committee Chair Gloria Moore, and her Committee Members Molly Burk and Wendy Ruckman delivered a lovely event, centered around a Puzzle Theme: we are all pieces of the Lake Vista Woman's Club puzzle and each of us is necessary to complete our Club. Puzzle pieces were used as decoration, including handmade puzzle name tags for all. Board members each received a silvertone puzzle necklace and the Club gave President Connie Quave a whimsical set of bamboo wine & cheese boards shaped like puzzles to be used individually interlocked as a larger serving piece.

We Are Family! We were happy to support the following local organizations this past year: New Orleans Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness, Bastion Community of Resilience, Boys Hope Girls Hope, Ronald McDonald House, NOLA Tree Project, & New Orleans Musicians Clinic.

Our Club had a few firsts this year: We held our very first joint meeting with the Lake Vista Garden Club, something that is planned to be an annual event. We ushered in a new spirit of communication with the Lake Vista Garden Club, Lake Vista Property Owners and Lake Vista Crime Prevention District, something that we hope will continue as we really are family and we do all have to work together! We had a relaxing outing with our neighbor in the Lake Vista Community Center, Vista Yoga, to remind us that we need to be good to ourselves so that we can do for others. We also enjoyed supporting our neighborhood businesses like Vista Yoga and the Bird's Nest Cafe, which

helped us tremendously with our catering efforts this year! Through donations of items and services, we raised the highest amount of funds to date this year at our Holiday Auction Fundraiser, which allows us to support our local charities. And last, but certainly not least, we currently have the largest membership to date with 100 members going into our 2019-2020 year! I'd say that It was a very successful year for the Lake Vista Woman's Club!

We are hard at work over the summer planning another fun and successful philanthropic year to begin in September! If you would like to donate an item or service to our fundraising efforts, or desire more information about the Lake Vista Woman's Club, please contact LVWC President Connie Quave at cquave7@gmail.com.



Committee - Wendy Ruckman, Connie Quave, President, Gloria Moore & Molly Burk



Suzanne Parker



Maria Meyers, Jean Hall & Gloria Martinez



SHARON NELSON WEILBAECHER

Lake Vista's beloved resident artist passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at age 80. In Sharon's early career, she was a medical artist who did roughly 800 detailed illustrations for medical textbooks and journals. In 1976, she left the medical world to spend time with her family and began to paint watercolor and focus on subjects found in her everyday life and travels. Sharon's work has been featured and praised in many publications and galleries. As an Arkansas native, Sharon once painted a portrait of President Bill Clinton and presented it to him in Little Rock before his second term inauguration in 1997. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and husband, [Dr. Robert G. Weilbaecher](#).








Sharon was featured in the October 2017 issue of *Lake Vista NEWS*, available for viewing at [goLVPOA.com](#). Sharon's art can be seen at [www.sharonweilbaecher.com](#)

HEAT SAFETY FOR YOUR PETS

by Chris Forstall, DVM, Southshore Animal Hospital

IT'S OFFICIALLY SUMMER...AND A LOUISIANA SUMMER MEANS IT'S **HOT!** WE, AS HUMANS, ARE AWARE OF THE HEAT AND FIND WAYS TO KEEP COOL, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO THINK ABOUT OUR PETS DURING THESE EXTREME TEMPERATURES.

HERE ARE SOME QUICK TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PET:

-  Avoid walking or leaving your pets outside for long periods of time during the hottest part of the day.
-  The ground is hot...the pads on their paws can burn from the heat just like your feet.
-  Make sure when they are outside, they have a shady spot to relax in.
-  Humans sweat to cool themselves off, but pets (especially dogs) pant to cool themselves off.
-  **WATER, WATER, WATER:** When dogs pant, they lose a lot of water. Keep their water bowls filled with cool water. Take a bottle of water on your walk for you and your pet.
-  Fill a baby pool with a low level of water to let them cool off in or wet them down with the hose.
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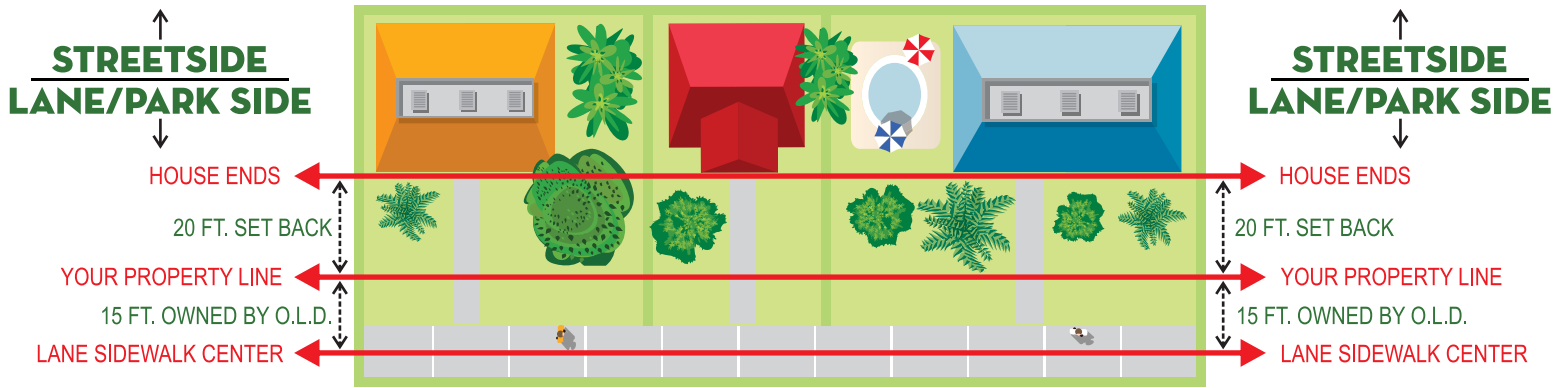


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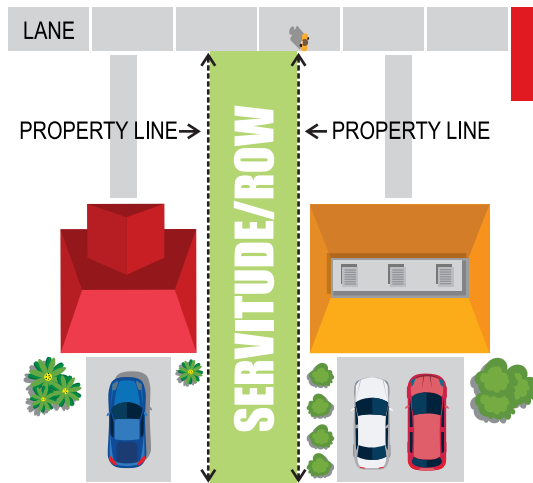
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SERVITUDES or ROWS (RIGHTS OF WAY)

SERVITUDES OR ROWS EXIST ON ALL STREETS IN LAKE VISTA

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HOW DO I REPORT VIOLATIONS TO THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT?

NFPAMA (Now LMA): Orleans Levee District

Wilma Heaton: wilmaheaton@lakefrontairport.com

Louis Capo: lcapo@nolalakefront.com

Felton Suthon: fsuthon@nolalakefront.com

LVPOA Board: info@goLVPOA.com

In April, you received a lavender colored letter from the [NFPAMA/LMA](#) in your mailbox with the last newsletter. In that letter, the [NFPAMA/LMA](#) informed us of plans to clean up violations on servitudes and lanes in Lake Vista. **REPORT VIOLATIONS ON LANES, PARKS & SERVITUDES** by emailing pictures, address and a description of the problem(s) to **ALL** email addresses to the left.

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1 CAN OF ARTICHOKE HEARTS

2 TOES OF GARLIC

1 SMALL RED ONION

1 BAG OF BABY SPINACH

1/4 CUP OF OLIVE OIL

FETA CHEESE TO TASTE

SALT AND PEPPER



DIRECTIONS

Boil your pasta in heavily salted water (we prefer it a little al dente). In a separate saucepan pour in ¼ cup of olive oil. Mince garlic and dice red onion and add to oil. Sauté over medium to low heat. Add your tomatoes and roughly cut artichoke hearts. Add some sea salt and fresh cracked black pepper. When the garlic and onions are somewhat soft, turn off the heat. Drain your pasta and put into a large bowl. Rinse the spinach, then add the raw spinach to the pasta. Toss the pasta and spinach before pouring the ingredients from the saucepan on top. The heat from the saucepan ingredients will perfectly wilt the spinach. If you are adding a protein, this is the time to mix them in, but save some to lay on top as garnish. Add the feta (as much as you like) and toss it all together and enjoy! This can be served any way you like: warm as an entrée, cold as a salad or as a delicious side. It also holds up at room temperature which is perfect for family and friend gatherings or barbeques. As you can see above it makes for a beautiful dish.

- **THIS LIGHT AND REFRESHING CROWD-PLEASER IS QUICK AND EASY TO MAKE AND PERFECT FOR SUMMER**
- **SERVE AT ANY TEMPERATURE, WARM OR COLD AS A PASTA SALAD**
- **ADD ANY PROTEIN YOU LIKE...CHICKEN, SHRIMP OR BEEF**
- **REMOVE THE FETA CHEESE TO MAKE IT VEGAN...MAKE IT GLUTEN FREE WITH QUINOA INSTEAD OF PASTA**
- **PAIRS WELL WITH RED AND WHITE WINE...TRY IT WITH A SAUVIGNON BLANC!**

Sauvignon Blanc will pair perfectly with the flavor of the feta cheese. The acidity with balance with the fresh vegetables are perfect for this time of the year. If you are a red wine fan you can go with a soft red like a Pinot Noir. It will work with the Feta but really pairs with the Kalamata olives to enhance the experience. The spiciness of the Pinot will work great with the black pepper and red onion. Both varietals are found readily available at any local grocery store and at affordable price points.

DID YOU KNOW THE BIRD'S NEST OFFERS CATERING?

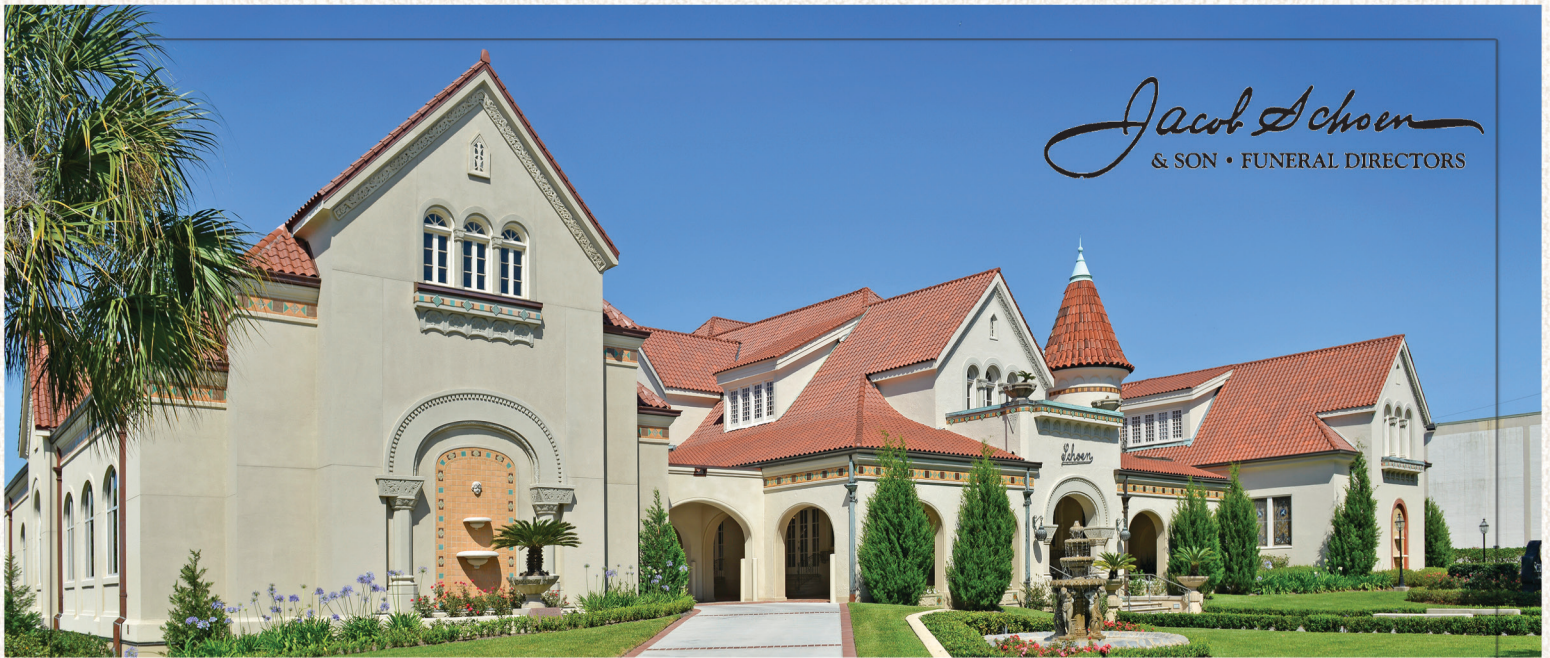
Outside of our café menu, we also offer many other items for catering including a **BLISTERED TOMATO PASTA, BBQ SHRIMP AND CHEESE GRITS, PROSCIUTTO WRAPPED ASPARAGUS, TOMATO BASIL BRUSCHETTA, HOMEMADE FLATBREADS** and **COURTNEY'S FAMOUS ESPRESSO BROWNIES**...just to name a few. Please call to inquire about menu....we offer custom menus! We can do set up with chaffing dishes or just a drop off food. Whatever you need!

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This community-sourced record allows residents and decision-makers in New Orleans to understand which rain rates cause what type of flooding and in which areas. The civic effort not only provides the City with additional situational awareness during storms, but it can also help inform where to focus stormwater mitigation efforts. Already, rain gauge hosts in Gentilly have altered stormwater project designs.

You can create an ISeeChange account at our website: **iseechange.org** or on the **ISeeChange** Tracker mobile app. If you're interested in hosting a gauge, post a photo or observation to our New Orleans Storms and Flooding investigation and click "Request a gauge."

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UPDATES FROM THE NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY "NFPAMA" NOW KNOWN AS THE LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY "LMA"

NAME CHANGE: The Louisiana Legislature has formally changed the name of the Non-Flood Protection Assets Management Authority (NFPAMA) to the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA).

GRASS CUTTING: Beginning in June, the grass in the Lake Vista Parks is scheduled to be cut three times per month. By late September, the schedule will revert back to two times per month.

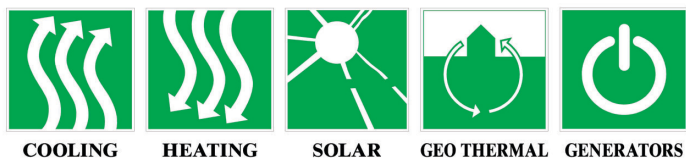
CLEARING OF BLOCKED EASEMENTS (SERVITUDES/ROWS): Consistent with the letter sent to all residents April 8, 2019, the LMA has begun inspecting the Easements/Lane Access & Walk-Throughs to identify any that are blocked. Please remove any encroachments, including furniture, plants, vehicles, etc., as these areas are legally reserved to allow access by emergency vehicles, and are designed for pedestrians passage from streets to lanes. You may contact the LMA office to receive another copy of the letter.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: As mentioned at the Spring LVPOA Membership meeting, the LMA is working to obtain funding to rebuild sidewalks that border and encircle the Lake Vista Parks. The Grant process is still being finalized, so work will not begin until Fall at the earliest. Note that this project will not include the sidewalks along lanes. Sidewalks in lanes remain the responsibility of property owners.

LAKEFRONT BIKE PATH: There have been several inquiries about a bike path project along the Lakefront, following the south side of Lakeshore Drive. This project is still in early planning stages. The Project Design Phase has been awarded to an engineering company, and a general plan is expected for review no earlier than this Fall.

Residents are invited to attend LMA meetings, held the 4th Thursday of each month, at the Lakefront Airport, 2nd Floor Conference Room, at 530PM. For more information, contact info@nolalakefront.com, or 504-355-5990

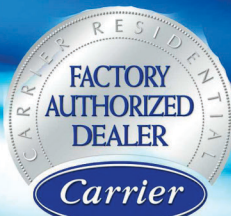
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Interest Income	26	39	(13)
Donations	-	600	(600)
TOTAL INCOME	24,760	16,916	7,844
Expense			
Transaction Fees	321	94	227
Fees	233	-	233
Lake Vista Newsletter	3,448	2,699	749
Lake Vista Website	250	105	145
Insurance--D&O Liability	2,831	-	2,831
Total Professional Fees	600	800	(200)
Total Beautification Expense	1,148	4,556	(3,408)
Neighborhood Events	200	240	(40)
Meeting Expense	-	200	(200)
Total Postage Expense	234	226	8
Printing Expense	173	183	(10)
Computer Expense	-	394	(394)
Bank Charges	59	-	59
Office Expense	19	-	19
Total Taxes	36	60	(24)
Utilities-Electric Expense	80	69	11
Total Expense	9,631	9,625	6
NET INCOME	15,129	7,290	7,838

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