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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY MARK FULLMER



Bancroft Property Investments (Sam Mickal Solomon) filed for permits to construct 11 townhouses at 106 Wren Street. This lot is one of two lots in Lake Vista zoned S-LRM1 Suburban Lake Area Low-Rise Multi-Family District; the other lot with similar zoning is the lot occupied by the condominiums that were built across the cul-de-sac from 106 Wren Street.

In Lake Vista, the front yard of the lot faces the lane, the rear yard of the lot is generally directly opposite the front yard and faces the street and there are 2 side yards. The setback for each side yard is 6 feet from the property line, and the setback for a rear yard is 20 feet from the property line.

During the process of obtaining the required building permits, the City's Department of Safety and Permits decided that 106 Wren Street has a front yard, one side yard and 2 rear yards. This decision is inconsistent with the condominiums across the cul-de-sac where the same City Department determined that the lot on which the condominiums were built had a front yard, two side yards and a rear yard.

The developer disagreed with the City's determination that 106 Wren Street has two rear yards and only one side yard and had two options available to it to contest the City's decision. The developer could appeal the City's determination that 106 Wren Street has two rear yards. Alternatively, the developer could accept the City's interpretation of two rear yards and apply to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a 14 foot variance for the second rear yard so that the second rear yard meets the 20 foot setback requirement. The developer chose to apply for the variance.

The developer held a meeting on May 30 at the Lake Vista Community Center where the developer and his architect and consultants discussed the townhouses, the City's decision that 106 Wren Street has two rear yards, and the requested variance. The meeting was well attended by the residents who asked a number of questions and voiced concerns over the requested variance. Residents from Wren Street delivered a petition signed by approximately 20 households objecting to the requested variance.

On August 12, the Board of Zoning Adjustments considered the developer's request for the 14 foot zoning variance for the second rear yard. Approximately nine Lake Vista residents attended the meeting, including the Chair of the LVPOA's Architectural Review Committee. The Chair of the Architectural Review Committee and three Lake Vista residents voiced their opposition to the requested zoning variance; three Lake Vista residents voiced their support for the requested zoning variance. The Board of Zoning adjustments unanimously voted in favor of granting to the developer the requested zoning variance. The developer anticipates commencing construction of the townhouses in the Fall.

The Sewerage and Water Board continues to make the headlines in the local newspapers and primetime news reports, albeit poor headlines. If there is a catch basin adjacent to your lot, please take the time to routinely clean the catch basin so that the water on your street drains properly. The Sewerage and Water Board is not going to do this for you.

It is important that all residents of Lake Vista join the LVPOA and participate in its affairs. Only 325 households were members of the LVPOA on August 31. If you are not a member, please make the \$75.00 investment in your community and join the LVPOA. If you have ideas on how to improve the LVPOA and its initiatives in our neighborhood and for our residents, such as social activities and enforcement of building restrictions, please send me an email (mark.fullmer@phelps.com).

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The custom designed LED, battery operated light set adds just the right amount of twinkle to this festive Table Top Christmas Tree.

These nursery grown Dwarf Alberta Spruce Trees are about 22" tall. They will remain fresh through the holidays with regular watering as per the care instructions which accompany each tree. These trees can be planted outdoors after the holidays to enjoy for years to come!



THE CANDLELIT CENTERPIECE \$32

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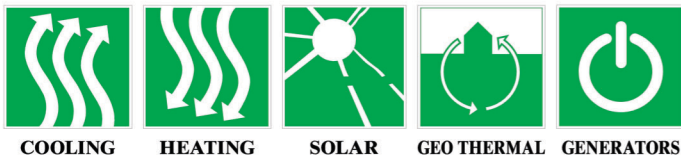
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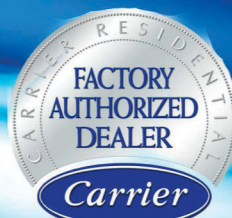
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RAMON F. RODRIGUEZ, MD

How did you end up living here in Lake Vista?

I was actually born in Lake Vista. After my parents' home was destroyed by a fire, we relocated to East Lakeshore where we lived for 30+ years. I returned to the neighborhood eight years ago with my Wife, Rodi, and our children, Veronica and Javier.

What are some of your favorite memories growing up on the lakefront?

Going to Vista Shores Country Club and swimming on the swim team; Rowing with my family on Bayou St. John.

What do you love most about the neighborhood now?

I enjoy the camaraderie with my neighbors, and love that my children can walk to and from school at St. Pius X.

Where did you go to school?

St. Pius X, Christian Brothers, Jesuit High School, Tulane University, and LSU School of Medicine, all in New Orleans. I moved to Mobile for my Orthopaedic Surgery residency at the University of South Alabama, then completed additional specialty training through a foot and ankle fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, AL.

What is your medical specialty and where do you work?

I am a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon, which means that I treat musculoskeletal problems of the entire body, but I primarily focus on foot and ankle conditions, including acute sports related injuries, trauma and adult reconstructive orthopaedics. I am part of the Tulane Orthopaedics Department, and see patients in the uptown and lakeview clinics.

What are the most common injuries you treat?

Ankle sprains are one of the most common injuries to the musculoskeletal system, and I see many of these in my clinics. Internally, an ankle sprain is excess stress placed on ligaments which stabilize the ankle. The ligaments may tear (partially or totally), or may become inflamed from the excess stress. Treatment for ankle sprains begins with bracing in a walking boot or ankle brace. Functional physical therapy is initiated early to minimize swelling and to prevent stiffness in the ankle. Most patients' symptoms improve drastically after 4-6 weeks. In patients who do not improve with more conservative treatment, an MRI scan is obtained to evaluate the ankle ligaments. Based on MRI results, surgical intervention to repair the ligaments may be required.

What advice can you give to people who may have sprained their ankle?

Remember RICE! As soon as possible after an injury, you can lessen pain and prevent excessive swelling with Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. Rest your ankle. Apply ice/cold packs for 10-20 minutes several times a day. Use an Ace type bandage to wrap your ankle or your doctor may recommend a protective boot or brace. Elevate the ankle at or above the level of your heart while applying ice and anytime you're sitting down. If pain and swelling does not improve or you suspect you may have a more severe injury, visit an orthopaedic foot and ankle specialist.



Dr. Rodriguez sees patients with his Tulane Orthopaedics physician partners at the new Tulane Doctors Sports Medicine Plus clinic, which is convenient to Lake Vista, at 7030 Canal Blvd. They offer after hours appointments and welcome walk-ins. Call 504-988-0100. Dr. Rodriguez also offers appointments at Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine uptown and Tulane Orthopaedics downtown, 504-988-2177.

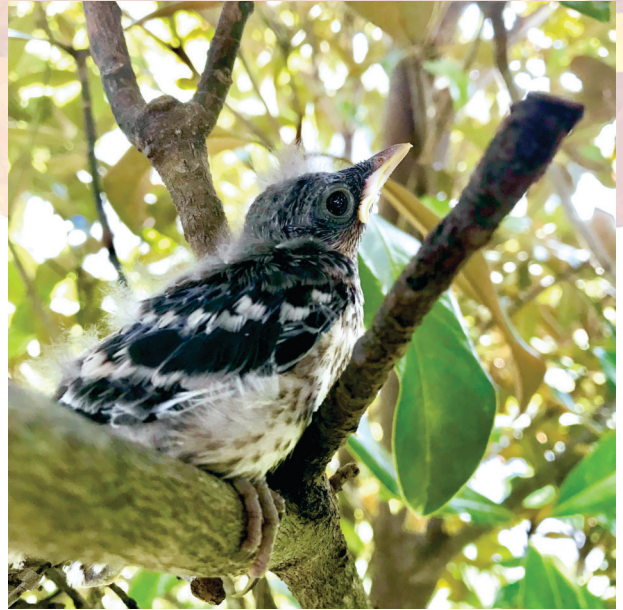
THE NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD

in Lake Vista

by **Annelise Blanchette**

PhD Student | Tulane University

Studying the impact of lead on the northern mockingbird
in New Orleans neighborhoods including Lake Vista



A 12 day old mockingbird fledgling

The northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) is a successful urban dweller who nests in dense shrubs, trees, and bushes. They are most renowned for their complex songs that mimic other bird songs, automobile noises, and non-avian animal calls but homeowners will also recognize their tenacity when defending their nests from squirrels, blue jays, crows, and sometimes people.

Males use complex songs and acrobatic-like flight displays to court females March through mid-July. Males begin the twig-based foundation of several nests while attempting to court a female and will show her several potential nest sites. The females are very selective, but once she finds a suitable nest foundation, she will add the inner lining of grass, dead leaves, and/or pine needles. In urban areas however, mockingbirds will use discarded human objects like plastic bags, string, cigarettes, and paper to build their nests.

Once a male and female are paired, they will remain monogamous for the duration of the breeding season. The female will lay an average of four eggs per clutch, which she will then incubate for two weeks. Upon hatching, the male and female will feed the growing nestlings for approximately 12 days, at which point they will be ready to fledge and leave the nest. Once the nestlings depart, they are fed by both parents for several days, but the male will stop feeding to construct a new nest. After the male finishes the new nest foundation, he will resume feeding the fledglings so the female may add the lining and lay a new clutch of eggs. The male will continue to feed the fledglings until the female is done incubating the new egg clutch.



Annelise with a mockingbird fledgling (12 days old).

Both parents assist in nest defense to protect the eggs, nestlings, and fledglings against potential predators. In New Orleans, a serious threat to mockingbird nests are cats but crows, jays, and squirrels are also potential predators. Researchers at the University of Florida and University of North Georgia have shown that mockingbirds can recognize human faces and will increase their defensive behavior towards people who disturb their nest for several consecutive days. Mockingbird defensive behavior includes calls, swooping at, and chasing potential threats until they leave the nest site. The mockingbirds seen on homeowner's properties are likely the same as previous years – there is a short period in the fall when males begin to sign again to establish territory dominance for the following breeding season and his paired



Adult Northern Mockingbird
Photo by Dorothy Rambin



female likely stays. The mockingbirds are year-round residents here in New Orleans, and most likely recognize the human faces they see every day, especially when their territory is in a suburban residential neighborhood.

As a PhD student at Tulane, I will be asking several questions over the next few years about the mockingbirds living in New Orleans. More specifically, I am interested in how soil-based lead, from its historical use in house paint and lead-based gasoline, may impact the behavior of these birds. Mockingbirds are omnivores, meaning they eat a variety of fruit and insects which may contain lead. In future field seasons, I will study the mockingbird's memory to compare mockingbirds living in high-lead neighborhoods to those living in low-lead neighborhoods, like Lake Vista and Lakeshore. I am excited to continue my work on the northern mockingbird and contribute to our knowledge of how lead may impact animals living in the urban environment.



Akhila Gopal, a Tulane graduate with her MS degree, who worked with me during 2019 field season.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2020 Operating Budget

Fall is here, and that means it's time for focus on the 2020 budget for the city of New Orleans. Over the next several months, as chair of the City Council's Budget Committee, I will be working with Mayor LaToya Cantrell to develop the 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets.

In my 2020 budget priorities letter, I provided Mayor Cantrell with a proposal to leverage Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 revenues to expedite the construction of hurricane protection and coastal restoration projects including related drainage projects. Infrastructure is our City's backbone, but every day, we see examples of the growing number of infrastructure challenges and vulnerabilities. As New Orleanians are regularly inconvenienced by boil water advisories, low water pressure, persistent potholes, drainage issues, and water leaks, we must continually seek innovative ways to address the City's infrastructure issues.

My proposal recommends that the City leverage GOMESA bonds to generate additional revenue. This will put the city in a better position to address our most pressing needs - hurricane protection, coastal restoration, and our aging drainage system. Please contact my office at 504-658-1040 to get a copy of my budget priorities letter.

Automated Flood Warning System Legislation

I recently worked with the Cantrell Administration, the Office of Homeland Security, and NOPD to introduce an ordinance regarding the city's new Automated Flood Warning System. The ordinance requires motorists to obey the automated signs that warn when a roadway is flooded. These signs were recently installed at 12 underpass locations and the system is scheduled to go live soon. The software will integrate data with S&WB and be shared with Real Time Crime Center and National Weather Service to keep residents safe.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

I also introduced legislation that appropriates \$12,451,579 in grant funding from FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program to the City of New Orleans. This award will provide relief to more than 50 homeowners who have experienced severe and repetitive flooding.

Equal Pay Advisory Committee

I established the Felicia Kahn Equal Pay Advisory Committee in January. The purpose of the Committee is to provide the City Council with concrete steps it can take to identify and remedy wage discrimination. Over the next year, the committee will work to publish a report detailing how the city can implement best practices to track and reduce pay inequality in New Orleans. Committee meetings are open to the public and occur on the last Friday of the month in City Council chambers. Please call my office at 504-658-1040 if you want more information on the committee or to confirm an upcoming meeting date.

Prohibition on Salary History

- Salary history often is used to perpetuate wage discrimination.
- Women have traditionally earned less wages than a men through the years. And by requesting salary history from job candidates, employers knowingly or unknowingly have perpetuated this wage inequality.

- At the August 22 City Council meeting, I introduced an ordinance to prohibit the requesting of salary history for both classified and unclassified City jobs. My legislation has already prompted action by the city's Chief Administrative Officer. It is now against city policy to request salary history from candidates for any classified or unclassified position. I hope to make the policy change permanent with my proposed legislation.

Illegal Dumping Cameras

- This year I have worked with the Office of Homeland Security to fund the installation of 10 illegal dumping cameras around the city. Since the cameras were installed, at least four identifiable dumping cases have been referred to NOPD with summons issued. The Department of Sanitation reports significant positive impact in the areas where the cameras are installed. As Budget Chair, I will continue to invest in illegal dumping and crime cameras in an effort to improve the quality of life of all New Orleanians.

RoadWork Update

- Work is starting on the Canal Boulevard Full Depth Reconstruction Project between Amethyst Street and Robert E Lee Blvd. Palmisano Construction received the \$4.5 million construction contract.

- Entergy started relocating the underground utilities in July. Utility relocations will continue through the fall. In early September, residents should expect a new traffic configuration. Southbound Canal Blvd will become two-way traffic while northbound Canal is under construction. Construction is expected to last until the summer of 2020—weather permitting. Canal Blvd will be completely rebuilt when the project is finished. New features will include a dedicated bike lane in both directions and new sidewalks that are ADA compliant.

- In addition to the full reconstruction of Canal Blvd, Lake Vista Group A is slated to begin between October and December. For updates on all of the current and upcoming roadwork projects, please visit RoadWork.Nola.gov. You can also reach out to my office for additional information.

Lock It or Lose It

- I am teaming up with Crimestoppers on their "Lock It or Lose It" campaign. A proven successful campaign in Jefferson Parish, Lock It or Lose It is a reminder to all residents to secure their valuables and lock their cars every night. Using my campaign funds, I ordered several hundred "Lock It or Lose It" signs. The signs are available to residents to place in their yards as a reminder to secure their valuables. Please call my office if you would like a sign for your home and/or business.

new Art Installation in Lake Vista

At the corner of Robert E. Lee Blvd and Marconi Drive, an old utility box has recently been transformed into a work of art honoring one of Lake Vista's most famous residents, **Pete Fountain**.

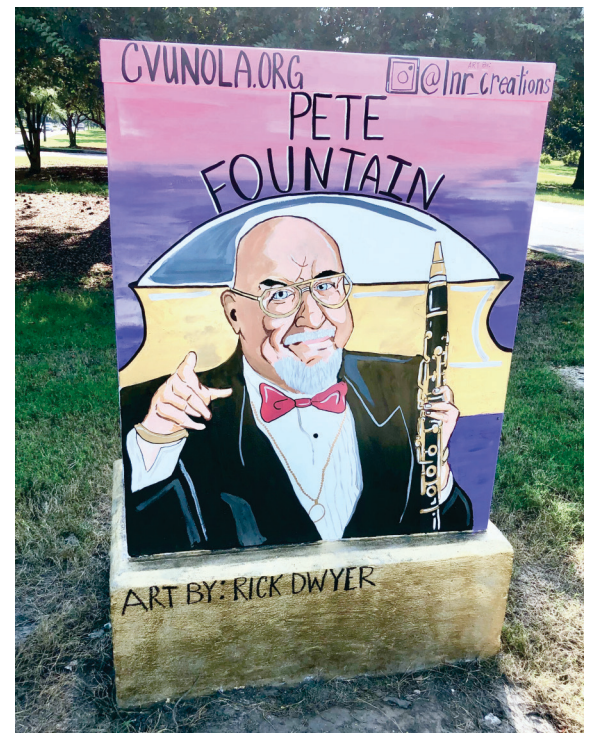
As most New Orleans natives and jazz lovers know, "Mr. New Orleans" Pete Fountain, was a world-renowned musician and adored New Orleans personality. Often labeled a Jazz Clarinetist, Pete could not be pigeonholed, recording more than 100 albums including Jazz, Blues, Pop and even Country hits.

Pete and Beverly, his Wife of 65 years, originally moved to Lake Vista in 1962. This was around the time that Pete founded the Half-Fast Walking Club, a group created by a handful of friends who got together to celebrate Mardi Gras morning that ultimately grew into an official walking Krewe of more than 200 that continues to march every year in Pete's honor. When the Fountains moved to Lake Vista, Beverly recalls they were the "young kids on the block." They raised their three children in the home where Beverly resides today, and which houses so many memories of their life together, where "family came first." Beverly says she and Pete treasured living in an area with other families where their children walked to school, and Pete's legendary whistle was a signal to all the kids when it was time to come home and eat dinner as a family at 5:00 PM, before he would head downtown for his gigs.

Beverly credits their son Jeff for bringing the new artwork to Lake Vista. Jeff contacted Community Visions Unlimited ("CVU"), the organization overseeing the citywide utility art box project, to ensure that the box was fully funded, approved and placed in a location meaningful to the Fountain family. Now seated at the entrance to Lake Vista, Beverly is able to see it every day. Although Pete passed away in 2016, Beverly feels connected to her husband listening to his music daily, especially the 1993 album he dedicated to her, "Cheek to Cheek." She says she and the Fountain family are very happy with the art box and the fact that it is here in Lake Vista. "I don't want to live anywhere else," she says. "He's here with us all the time, and I feel his presence here all the time."

Community Visions Unlimited ("CVU"), a volunteer-led organization originally founded to fight blight in the Faubourg St. John area, started the utility art box project after Katrina. With the cooperation of Public Works, the City Council and local neighborhood associations, the project has grown to include more than 215 boxes throughout the New Orleans Metro area.

CVU commissioned New Orleans native and self-taught artist, Rick Dwyer, to design and paint the Pete Fountain box. CVU will be hosting a fundraiser and Mini Box Auction on October 11th. For more information on the fundraiser and for a full directory of all art boxes in the New Orleans area, visit their website, www.cvunola.org



Artist, Rick Dwyer | Instagram: [LNR_creations](https://www.instagram.com/lnr_creations)

OZONE PARK CLEAN-UP

Your LVPOA Membership Dues At Work

A much needed clean-up project was just completed in Ozone Park. The large double garden bed had become an overgrown jungle with weeds, volunteer trees and fig ivy so large it was producing fruit. The Crape Myrtle trunks had started growing over and around the large fig ivy that was wrapped around their branches. The LVPOA reached out to the Lake Vista Garden Club's Beautification Team for help.

The clean-up required professionals because it was beyond the scope of volunteers. Butler Bros., a licensed and insured arborist company was asked to do the first work. It took three men, using heavy duty equipment, an entire day to make a difference. They left with a dump truck full of debris.

Another contractor was hired to follow Butler Bros. with detail clean up instructions. He continued to remove weeds, gently cut and removed vines growing into the bark of the trees, excavated to show the concrete border edging, exposed the beautiful fence and column caps. He filled 32 large contractor bags with additional debris and hauled them away. Finally, he was able to spread nine large bales of pine straw mulch.

The total cost of the project was \$2,561.32 paid for with membership dues.



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After: Bed 2

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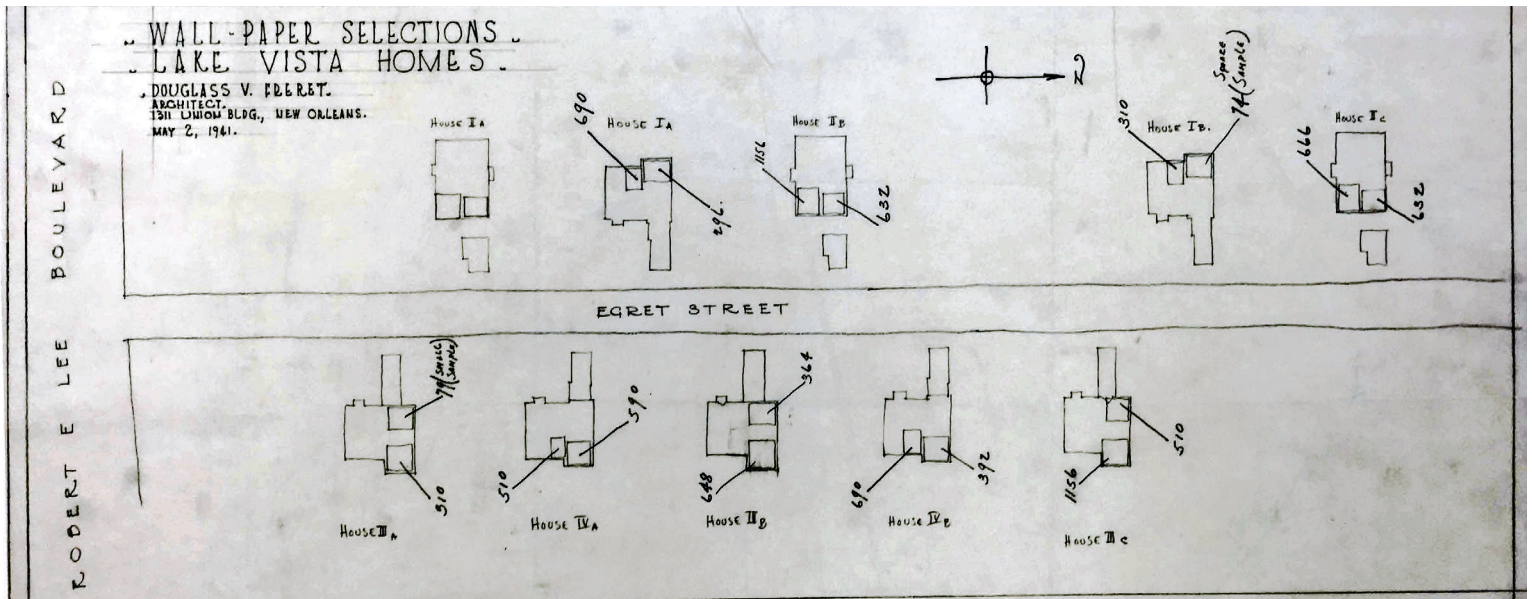
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Douglass Freret's Lake Vista Homes
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On September 17, 1938, the Orleans Levee Board hosted a grand opening of the new Lake Vista subdivision. Two days later, they began accepting initial offers for lot purchases. To entice new home builders, the Board launched a marketing campaign which included the *Sunday Item-Tribune* article published on September 4, 1938 (right) and the September 16, 1938 advertisement (below).

Home construction began in the west half of Lake Vista with the east half being subdivided years later. In 1940, architect Douglass Freret designed a series of homes built on Egret Street. These houses shown in plan (above) included small cottages and Colonial Revival style homes.

In 1944, the Orleans Levee Board produced a set of building restrictions that would outline the plan approval process, lot use, height regulations, and set backs, as well as a number of other rules for those building new or adding to existing structures. These requirements, most of which are still enforced today, were meant to prevent the garden city neighborhood from being overbuilt. Single and two-family residences are limited to a height of thirty five feet and no more than two and a half stories with lot frontage on the lane or park side.

All utility services must be underground. The restrictions even go so far as to state "that the large parks are provided for use by the children of 'Lake Vista' as play areas."

Despite the allure of living in such a well-protected new neighborhood, Lake Vista was not

Lake-Vista Lot Rebate

Building Inducement; Catharine Coming; Set Board Meet

As an inducement to build on desirable homes in Lake-Vista, the Orleans Levee board's model subdivision on the lakefront, the board will offer a five and 10 percent discount on all lots whereon homes are built before March 1, it was reported yesterday.

The discount will be in the form of a rebate. The rebate will be five percent on lots under \$2100 and 10 percent on lots costing more than \$2100, it is believed. Homes must be started by March 1, and finished by June 1.

The discount suggestion was made at a general membership meeting last Wednesday night at which Leon G. Tujague, president of the levee board, explained the workings of the project.

A grand opening of the area is set for 10:30 a. m., September 17, with initial offers acceptable September 19, and the levee board deciding upon these at a meeting September 26. All lots will be sold through the multiple listing system of the real estate board. George Danziger,

of a Garden City Neighborhood :: PART TWO

By James Rolf

immune to the effects of a second World War. As was the case with the rest of the United States, residential construction virtually stopped as materials and workers shifted towards supporting the war efforts. This delay and subsequent resurgence is illustrated not only by the volume of post-war homes constructed, but also by the style and materials of the buildings.

By the 1960s, Lake Vista showcased a large quantity of buildings, integrated with their natural surroundings of trees and parks. These structures can be characterized by form following function with clean lines, flat planes, minimal ornamentation, flat roofs, large chimneys, an exploration of traditional and non-traditional materials, partial walls, and open (often split-level) floor plans. Lake Vista had established itself as a Mid-Century Modern subdivision.



1946 (left) and 1960 (right) aerial photographs illustrate the exponential growth following the end of WWII
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by Connie Quave, LVWC President

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Our members nominate 501c3 organizations to be recipients of monetary donations each year. We have also provided support in other ways, such as participating in the Alzheimer's walk as a group, bringing in gifts for the elderly through Volunteers of America, and for the kids in residence at Boys Hope/Girls Hope, and purchasing supplies for the Tornado Relief in New Orleans East a few years ago.

We keep it local in our club, and have supported many worthy organizations including: NAMI New Orleans, Bastion Community of Resilience, NOLA Tree Project, New Orleans Musicians Clinic, Ronald McDonald House, One Heart NOLA, LA SPCA, ARNO, Gleason Foundation, Thomas & McMahon Cancer Foundation, St. Andrew's Village, New Orleans Family Justice Center, and so many more!

This year's theme, "Giving Back and Looking Ahead with 2020 Vision" is in support of the following organizations: New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter, LA SPCA, New Orleans Chamber Orchestra "Restoration through Music", Toys for Tots, Rising Foundations, and Youth Empowerment Project. We have an outing planned to WYES in the Spring to see their fabulous new facilities. We also cooperate with the Lake Vista Garden Club for a joint meeting each year at the Lake Vista Community Center.

Our main fundraiser is an Annual Silent Auction, this year held in November. We rely strictly on donations for this event and encourage participation from Club members as well as all of our Lake Vista neighbors. We are happy to accept any and all donations of goods and services to help with our philanthropic efforts!

We would love to have you join us! Our dues are only \$40 per year. Our Club meets once a month, on the second Friday at 11AM, September through May. We have several speakers throughout the year to tell us about their organizations, and enjoy a light lunch and fellowship afterwards. Such a small price for all that we do to give back and look ahead in support of our local community!

If you would like to become a member or are interested in participating with our fundraising efforts, please contact: Joan Farabaugh, Membership Chairman, joanfarabaugh@att.net or Connie Quave, LVWC President, cquave7@gmail.com.



LAKE VISTA WOMAN'S CLUB Calendar Fall 2019

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2/19/19	40 HAWK ST	RESIDENTIAL	VERY GOOD	649,000	640,000	2692	4/3.5	N/A
4/17/19	16 WARBLER ST	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	979,000	940,000	3160	4/3.5	19 DAYS
4/18/19	25 FINCH	RESIDENTIAL	EXCELLENT	889,000	890,000	3005	4/3	0 DAYS
5/8/19	23 SWAN	RESIDENTIAL	AVERAGE	599,000	575,000	2568	3/3	128 DAYS
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In the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson: **EXPLORING BORDEAUX WINE**

Marie Kaposchyn and Harsha Chacko, partners of Bonne Cuvée Wine Tours, and residents of Lake Vista, recently took a small group (including five Lake Vista residents) to this historic wine region where Thomas Jefferson developed his love for the wines of France.

Background on Bordeaux...

The Bordeaux wine region in France is one of the best known of all world wine regions evoking an aura of class, quality, and longevity. However, this is a region with a fascinating history and the ancestral home of grape varieties that are grown all over the world. Thomas Jefferson (then Ambassador to France) visited in 1787 and extolled the qualities of Bordeaux wine and was also responsible for introducing it to many of the founding fathers in the United States.

A simple way to understand Bordeaux wine is to become familiar with the rivers that flow through this area. Two rivers, the Garonne and the Dordogne, flow into the Gironde Estuary which enters the Atlantic Ocean, and these geographical features along with the various soil types define many of the types of wine produced here.

Our recent tour...

Our group was based in one luxury hotel for the entire week with a private driver who ensured we maintained our full daily schedule. It was important to get to know the different wine appellations on the Right and Left Banks of Bordeaux including Pauillac, Margaux, Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes, Pomerol and Canon Fronsac.

Day one included more education on Bordeaux viticulture and wine tasting at a wine academy, Les Clés du Vin, at Chateau Pape Clément. In our in-depth visit at this Chateau, we learned that it had its first harvest in 1252 and is perhaps the only winery owned by a Pope! (Pope Clément, the owner, was Pope in 1305).

We followed the steps of Thomas Jefferson to Chateau Kirwan in Margaux, which he visited in 1787. Here we had a fabulous cooking class by the château chef Stephanie, and we enjoyed the fruits of our labor in a private tapestry-filled dining room along with a pairing of great wines!

Moving on to the famous region of Pauillac, we then visited the fabled Chateau Mouton Rothschild where we sampled, among others, the 2011 vintage after a visit to the cellars and their eye-popping wine label room. We saw the original artwork that had been used for each year's label since the 1940s including works by Picasso, Dali, Miro, and Chagall. We also met Julien de Beaumarchais de Rothschild, quite fortunately but purely by accident, who kindly chatted with us about John F. Kennedy's visit to France and welcomed us to Chateau Mouton Rothschild!

Our middle day was Bordeaux exploration day which included a visit to the largest museum in the world dedicated to wine – La Cité du Vin.

Next was Chateau Couhins, a unique winery that also serves as a research center for INRA (The French Agricultural College) and where we were shown cutting edge research initiatives including the use of satellite technology to improve viticulture. Lunch was at La Chapelle, the Michelin rated restaurant at Chateau Guiraud – a Sauternes wine that has been classified among the best wines since 1855.



Crossing the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers to the Right Bank, we visited the historic town of St. Emilion and its 10th Century underground church carved from one rock. The winery visit to Chateau Belloy in Canon Fronsac was special since we had hosted the owner, Franck Texier Travers at the Lake Vista Wine club in 2018. We chose to close out our winery visits with a tour and tasting at Chateau Tailhas, the closest thing to a "mom and pop" operation with just 10 hectares of land under vine in the famous appellation of Pomerol. We were greeted by the owner/winemaker Luc and tasted some of his best vintages.

Our final evening dinner was at a local Bordelaise restaurant where our group shared their experiences and took their final knowledge test on Bordeaux wines (we meant it when we said that our tours were fun but also educational). The participants had exceptional results and were rewarded with Bonne Cuvée Certificates.

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- One property owner removed all the limbs from a mature oak tree, but left the trunk.
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Without planting new trees yearly, Lake Vista's lush tree canopy is not sustainable.

To address this issue, the **Lake Vista Garden Club** is promoting an opportunity for property owners to purchase or donate a tree(s) for their property or the neighborhood at a volume price discount of \$325-\$350 (depending on species selected). We have negotiated with **Rain Dance Irrigation & Landscaping, LLC**, a licensed and insured contractor to plant a selection of 13 beautiful trees specifically for Lake Vista. Tree choices and descriptions can be obtained from the Lake Vista Garden Club homepage: www.golvpoa.com/lv-garden-club/



Please send your contact information (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, AND EMAIL) to:
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Facing the Challenges of Lake Vista



Our neighborhood and the nearby surrounding areas have had to overcome some daunting challenges in recent years. Our constant fight against the failing bureaucracy of Sewerage and Water Board, our relentless battle to secure smoothly paved streets, and our ongoing vigilance against crime has forced me to become an outspoken advocate for our rights as property owners and taxpayers.

But we were all surprised upon receiving our tax assessment last month. Many of you saw outrageous increases up to twice the assessment from last year. The New Orleans City Council, through the Board of Review, and the Louisiana Tax Commission are generally the only public entities with oversight of the Assessor's Office's appraisals. While I cannot do much about the recent assessment, I can offer legislation to prevent this kind of unreasonable increase from ever happening again.

I have spoken with the chairman of the Louisiana Tax Commission and former Jefferson Parish Assessor, Lawrence Chehardy. Upon completing my meeting with former Assessor Chehardy, he committed to perform a ratio study of the New Orleans residential tax rolls. In doing the ratio study, Louisiana Tax Commission appraisers will independently appraise a random sampling of residential properties and then compare their assessments with the New Orleans Assessor's office values. If he finds that the New Orleans Assessor's rolls have a variance greater than 10% than the Louisiana Tax Commission appraised values, the rolls are considered to have failed and must be reassessed by the New Orleans Assessor's office in the upcoming year. Following the reassessment, they would be retested by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

At my request, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor will be conducting a performance audit of the of the Orleans Parish Assessor's recently released assessments and the use of Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system. As a matter of deep concern to me is that the Orleans Parish Assessor's appraisal system appears to be relying on recent sales and building permits to determine values in a neighborhood without accounting for other key factors that determine a property's value.

I consulted with Assessor Chehardy on legislation that may offer us relief in the future. Here is my plan:

- I will ask for a local option vote of the people to determine whether we increase the Homestead Exemption. The Homestead Exemption has been frozen at \$75,000 of the home's value. While this value is adequate in more rural areas of the state, it is extremely low for the home values in Orleans Parish.
- I will increase the income limit for the assessor's age freeze or lift it entirely for a person's primary residence. Several seniors in my district have expressed dismay. Many seniors continuing working past 65 and several are in dual income households. The increased assessments have caught them by complete surprise as they prepare for retirement under a fixed income.
- I will add clarity to the quadrennial reassessment language to specify that the properties are valued once during a four-year period and those assessments are released at the same time. The Orleans Assessor periodically releases assessments of different parts of the city during a four-year period leading some residents to be reassessed earlier and bearing the greater tax burden over a greater period of time.
- I will establish a ceiling for property tax increases tied to a CPI (cost of living) increase or similar metric.
- Finally, I will establish a procedure should the assessor's rolls fail the Louisiana Tax Commission's ratio study twice. Currently, the statute dictates that should an assessor's rolls fail once, the assessor is required to reassess the roll that failed (for example the residential roll). After the reassessment, the roll is retested, should the roll fail again, the statute specifies that the property taxes cannot be collected. I think a better resolution would be for the assessments to revert back to the prior values and be collected at that value.

I have the courage to take on this challenge in Baton Rouge. Let's make our voice heard!



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In order to maintain a healthy and sustainable tree canopy, Parkways has developed standards for tree maintenance and installation. Per Sec. 106-212 of the City's Code of Ordinances, permission must be received from the City prior to trimming, treating or planting trees on City property. It is illegal to damage or remove a city tree and such action is subject to penalties and fines. To read the [City's Code of Ordinances, Sec. 106-212: Cutting, spraying, etc., trees in public places prohibited](#), visit https://library.municode.com/la/new_orleans/codes/code_of_ordinances and type **106-212** in the search box.

Citizens may request for Parkways to trim or remove a tree on City property by emailing Parkways at ParksandParkways@nola.gov, or by calling City's customer service center at 311 or online at Nola311.org. Citizens also have the option of retaining a private company to complete the work. In this case, the company's licensed arborist must send the request. A list of arborists licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry can be obtained at <http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ldaf-programs/horticulture-programs/louisiana-horticulture-commission/>. The Urban Forestry Division will review the work request and make a determination. If the applicant disagrees with the determination, he/she may request a review by the Tree Appeal Committee. The Tree Appeal Committee consists of the Parkways Director, Chief Urban Forester, Chief of Operations and Landscape Architect. If the applicant disagrees with the finding of the Tree Appeal Committee, he/she has the option of pursuing the matter with the city council office.

In order to plant a tree on city property, an application must be provided to the Department of Parks and Parkways Planning and Design Division. A Landscape Architect will review the application to ensure appropriateness of the proposed tree selection and location. Planning and Design staff is available to the public to assist with tree selection and design issues. Once a tree is installed, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the tree for the first year of establishment, after which time the City assumes responsibility for the tree. The process for obtaining permission and applications can be obtained on the Parkways' website at <https://nola.gov/parks-and-parkways/>.

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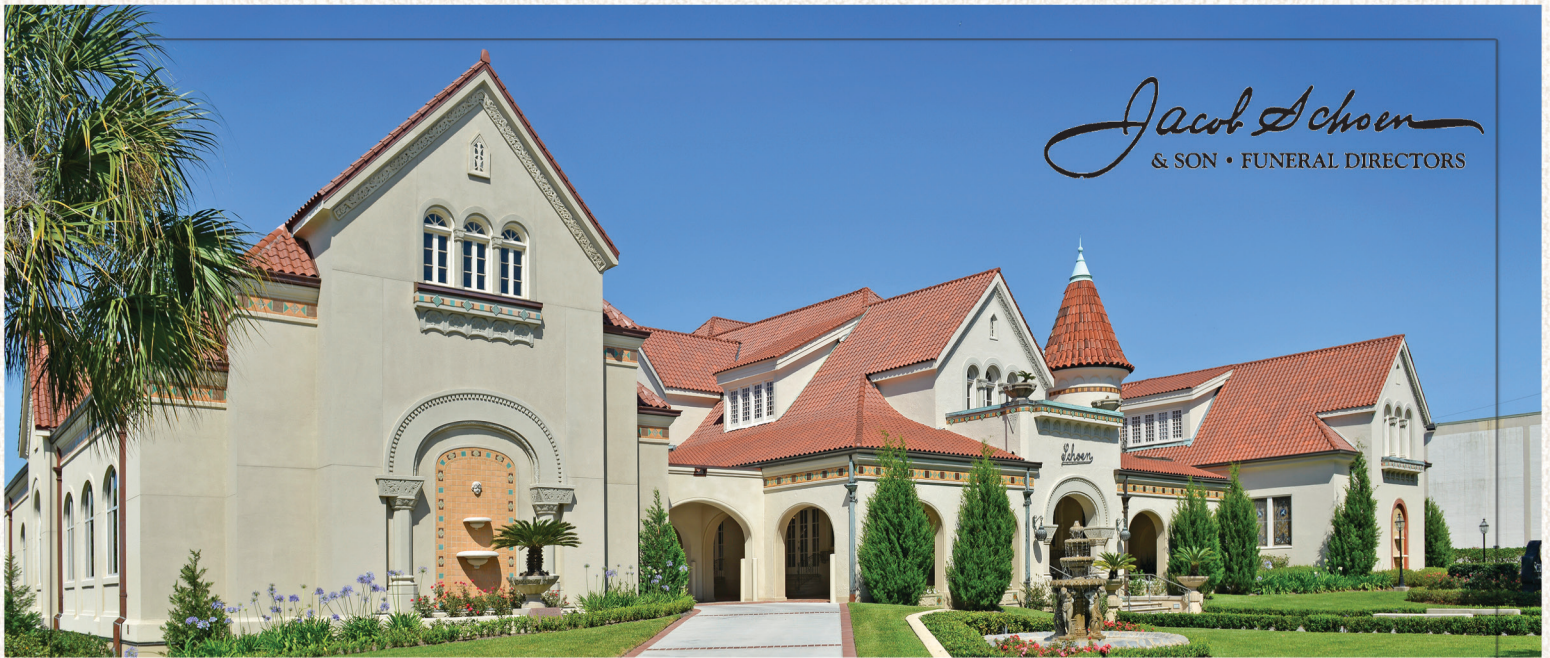
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MICHAEL HAYDEN JR. on the set of the CBS sitcom, THE NEIGHBORHOOD, with the cast of actors. Left to right: Max Greenfield, Michael Hayden Jr., Beth Behrs, Cedric the Entertainer, Sheاون McKinney and Marcel Spears Jr.

"For more years than I can remember, Michael Hayden, Jr. on Lark Street, has without fail, assisted Lake Vista neighbors in placing their trash on the curbs on Monday and Thursday for pick up the following day. He also diligently returns the trash containers to the areas to where he found them. Michael assists many neighbors, especially the elderly in our neighborhood.

His tireless efforts were recently recognized on the national stage; that is right, I said national. Sponsored by NextDoor.com, the CBS sitcom, *The Neighborhood*, recently conducted a national contest to determine who is the best neighbor in the best neighborhood in the country. Michael won and received the award in Los Angeles, defeating over 7000 nominated applicants and 12 finalists. He received over 1/3 of the total votes! **Way to go Michael!!** Please keep up the good work!"

- LVPOA President, Mark Fullmer

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Income	2019	2018	\$ Change
Guest Fee	25	30	(5)
Advertising Income	10,165	4,748	5,417
Total Association Dues	22,225	14,800	7,425
Interest Income	227	92	134
Donations	225	700	(475)
TOTAL INCOME	32,916	20,370	12,547
Expense			
Transaction Fees	453	148	304
Fees	233	-	233
Lake Vista Newsletter	6,446	4,049	2,396
Lake Vista Website	250	105	145
Insurance--D&O Liability	2,831	2,762	69
Total Professional Fees	600	800	(200)
Total Beautification Expense	4,438	4,634	(196)
Neighborhood Events	1,550	1,109	441
Meeting Expense	706	304	402
Total Postage Expense	234	226	8
Printing Expense	173	183	(10)
Computer Expense	-	394	(394)
Bank Charges	71	-	71
Office Expense	19	-	19
Total Taxes	36	60	(24)
Utilities-Electric Expense	134	124	10
Total Expense	18,172	14,900	3,273
NET INCOME	14,744	5,470	9,274

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