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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIA PRESIDENT

Dear residents of the Fontainebleau neighborhood:

Thank you for being a part of the community!



Whether you own your home or rent, you have made a conscious decision to be part of one of the city's most vibrant and beautiful neighborhoods.

If you are a dues-paying member of the Fontainebleau Improvement Association, I want to thank you for your investment in our organization. With your support, we are able to mount special projects that strive to improve the quality of life for all of us – whether it is hosting our annual gathering of friends and neighbors at the Fall Block Party, the continued upkeep and beautification of our neutral grounds, or being a voice for you with our elected officials and city departments, especially our district council office, we want to be there for you.

We also work diligently to keep you informed of suspicious activity through our email-blasts. If you are a member and do not currently receive these email messages, please forward your email address to J.D. Demarest at jd@woodvinegroup.com

As we move into the summer, we wish to welcome our new district Councilmember, Susan Guidry, and thank outgoing Councilmember Shelley Midura for her efforts on our behalf. We wish Shelley the very best and sincerely appreciate all that she did over the last four years to support the Fontainebleau neighborhood.

One of the many items of great interest is our historic arch which has welcomed visitors to our neighborhood since the early 1900s. Your board is looking into how we can help restore the arch as it needs a much needed facelift - electrical as well as landscaping and façade. In addition, we want to upgrade the landscaping at the Broadway and Fontainebleau intersection, which is viewed by so many people each day. Speaking of landscaping, I also want to thank you for maintaining your own lawns and gardens. With your effort, we certainly can boast the prettiest area in town!

If you are not already a dues paying member, please consider making your \$25 investment today. You can send your check for 2010 dues to Scott Ferguson, at 15 Fontainebleau Drive, New Orleans, LA, 70125.

Finally, we will be hosting a meeting for our members at 7:00 p.m. on May 18th at St. Mary's Dominican High School. You can also bring your dues to the meeting on May 18th.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 504-284-8688.

I hope to see soon.

Mark

FIA MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 18th

WHERE: St. Mary's Dominican High School Library 7701 Walmsley

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 18th

WHY: Discuss current neighborhood issues & meet Susan Guidry

GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Guidry, Councilperson-elect District A

THE BUCKMOTH CATERPILLARS ARE COMING



We are approaching the date that Payne Exterminating will be in our neighborhood to spray trees to rid of the Buck Moth caterpillar.

If you haven't taken advantage of our neighborhood discount, you still have a few days left.

Payment must be received at Payne Exterminating by Friday, April 16th to take advantage of the savings. Our FIA discounted rate is \$55.

If your payment is not received by Payne Exterminating by the 16th and you would still

like your tree sprayed, you will be charged the full price of \$75.

We receive the discount due to the efficiency of coming to our neighborhood and spraying all trees in one day. For more info, e-mail Brent Sibille: bjpj99@cox.net

THE PALMER PARK ARTS MARKET

10:00am - 4:00pm
the LAST Saturday of every month

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Please join us for a neighborhood beautification work day on Saturday May 22. We will meet under the arch at 9 AM. Come for just a few minutes or stay for a couple of hours to help clean up and beautify the neutral ground.

In Memoriam

We remember our long time neighbor, Walter G. Cowan.

Mr. Cowan, a former States-Item editor passed away at the age of 98 last weekend. He was always a gentleman and a friendly neighbor.



Congratulations to Mrs. Pou at 59 Fontainebleau Dr. who is the recipient of the seasonal garden award.

If you would like to nominate a neighbor for the garden award, please e-mail despenan@bellsouth.net.

ACTIVE SECURITY PATROL KEEPS FIA SAFE

NEW FIA WEBSITE COMING SOON

FIA needs a new website, can you help?

If you have web design skills and are willing to help, please e-mail Gary at gary@goliathconstruction.net. If you can't help design, but have some good ideas, please e-mail to let us know what you would like to see on the site.

Although our neighborhood experienced an alarming uptick in property crimes this spring, we continue to be among New Orleans' safest areas.

One reason is the vigilance of our neighbors, who are alert to suspicious behavior and report it to the police. Another reason is the active Fontainebleau Security Patrol, whose members fund the hiring of off-duty police officers. We all benefit from the patrol, which provides a regular, visible police

presence. Our officers respond to our neighborhood's 911 calls while they're on duty, often arriving well before the unit dispatched by the 911 operator.

The current number of patrol members sustains 26 hours of coverage every week. Dues-paying members receive special benefits, including a yard sign, the patrol's schedule (information that will never appear in an e-blast to insure our area's safety), and the ability to call the on-duty

officer for "meet me at home" service during patrol hours. The number of patrol hours depends on the number of patrol members. Dues are \$168 twice a year (\$336 annually or \$28/month), and we are actively seeking new members.

For more information, please contact Laurie Conkerton at ltconkerton@cox.net or 866-3051.

E-BLASTS HELP DETER CRIME

FIA offers an e-blast service to quickly notify residents of important information, including alerts about recent crimes. Any Fontainebleau resident may submit information for and subscribe to the e-blasts. Send your e-mail address to jd@woodvinegroup.com to receive the e-blasts.

Please report any crime-related incidents to ltconkerton@cox.net or jcassels@hotmail.com as soon as possible after they occur. Provide the following information:

- Block and street name on which incident occurred (we do not e-blast specific addresses nor do we identify the person reporting the incident or the victim)
- Day and time of the incident
- Brief description of the incident (just the facts)
- Description of the suspect (height, build, hair color/cut, clothing, age, etc—any distinguishing characteristics)
- Whether or not a police report was filed

NEWS FROM DISTRICT A



**SHELLEY MIDURA,
COUNCILMEMBER**

Dear Friends of the Fontainebleau Neighborhood Association:

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as the District "A" Councilmember for the last four years.

As you are very aware, this period in the City's history has been uniquely challenging, but I believe we have made much progress together in rebuilding our lives and in implementing government reforms that will have enduring benefit to our citizens.

As I return to private life, I urge you to continue to advocate for government leadership that never compromises on integrity, always makes decisions that put the public interest first, and works for an efficient and responsive city government.

It has been a pleasure to work toward those ends as your elected city council representative, and I feel very optimistic about our future.

Sincerely,

Shelley Midura



**SUSAN GUIDRY,
COUNCILMEMBER -ELECT**

I appreciate this opportunity to thank the voters of the Fontainebleau Improvement Association for your support in the election. I am truly honored, and I pledge to work diligently to earn your continuing support. We have fought hard to help our beloved city recover, and we have spoken with one voice that we want strong leadership to make recovery a reality. I believe that we will soon enter into a time of great progress in our city, and I am excited to be among the city leaders charged with this task.

My transition team and I are working hard to prepare for my swearing-in on May 3rd. To this end, I am thrilled to announce my new staff:
Chief of Staff - Deborah Langhoff
Deputy Chief of Staff - Amy Chandler
Legislative Director - Matthew Fraser
Director of Constituent Services - Enrico Sterling
Scheduling - Anne Smith

My door will always be open, so please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me at my transition office through the end of April, which is located at 4016 Canal Street, just off Carrollton. You can also call me at (504) 302-1614 or send an email to GuidryDistrictA@gmail.com. After May 3rd, my contact information at City Hall will be available on the City Council website: www.nolacitycouncil.com.

I thank you again for your support and I look forward to attending your meetings whenever possible to obtain your input and to keep you informed.

Sincerely,
Susan G. Guidry



NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE

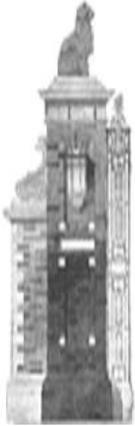
RECENT SALES (SINCE 1/1/10):

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| 80 Fontainebleau | \$270,000 |
| 4151 State Street Drive | \$189,000 |
| 4330 State Street Drive | \$250,000 |
| 4045 Vendome Place | \$405,000 |
| 335 Audubon Blvd. | \$371,500 |

CURRENT LISTINGS

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| 16 Fontainebleau | \$459,900 |
| 2419 Short St. | \$107,900 |
| 2509 Burdette | \$325,000 |
| 2409 Lowerline | \$299,900 |
| 2721 Audubon St. | \$299,900 |
| 7605 S. Claiborne | \$499,000 |
| 2625 Pine St. | \$575,000 |
| 2511 Broadway | \$383,000 |
| 85 Fontainebleau | \$329,000 |
| 6401 Fontainebleau | \$845,000 |
| 4007 Vendome | \$549,000 |

Fontainebleau Improvement Association



CURRENT FIA MEMBERS as of April 12, 2010

Lester/Linda Adelsberg
Stuart/Olivia Bamforth
Jason/Jenn Bilbe
Lawrence Blanchard
Lary/Christie (Lori) Brom
Arlen Brunson
Joseph/Elizabeth Cali
Jean/Craig Cassels/Hood
John/Laurie Conkerton
Lizette M. Coughlin
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Nancy/Peter Marks/Briant
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Michael/Mary Lou O'Keefe
Cassie Pierson
Jeanette Pou
Julie/Alvin Puderer
Conrad/Shelia Raabe
Scott/Diane Ray/Peck
Philip/Olga Riegel
Mark Romig
Cade/Chrissie Roux
Fred/Carole Schwab
Benjamin/Elizabeth Shirtcliff
Thomas Short
Brent/Paula Sibille
Lois Sweet Spengeman
Helen/Janet Sperling/Fagan
Effie Stockton
Jannette Sturm Mexic
Bob/Bonnie Talbot

Tad/Leigh Ann Terrebonne
Ardyn Thriffley
Craig/Erin Toomey
Patrica/Shirley Unangst
Laurie Valentino
David/Cynthia Vandam
Terry/Joan Walker
John/Laura Williams
Karen Wimpelberg
Mignon Wolfe
Jannette Wooten

COMING TO PALMER PARK NOVEMBER 2010!



www.poboyfest.com

Did you forget to renew? PLEASE JOIN US! SEE BELOW.

Please ask a neighbor to join the FIA & Police Patrol.

Fontainebleau Improvement Association Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Ph Numbers:

Email:

No. of family members and ages:

Would you like to help with a committee?

Annual FIA membership dues: \$25
Thank you for any additional FIA contribution
Please make your check payable to "FIA."

Biannual FIA Police Patrol dues: \$168
Thank you for any additional Patrol contribution
Please write a separate check payable to "Police Services."

Please mail to Scott Ferguson 15 Fontainebleau Dr. NOLA 70125