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CONGRATULATIONS TO 2006

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

The following officers and directors were elected at the November 15th general meeting :

President Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb
393-0694

Vice President Cyril Laster
393-0844

Secretary Millie Sarpy
394-3070

Treasurer Elmo Peters
392-5352

Directors

Scott Close (Nuisance & Complaints)

Sheila Green (Neighborhood Watch)

Daniel Morrill (Social Committee)

Margaret Porta (Beautification)

Patrice Serino (Membership)

THEY WILL BE MISSED!

Russell Armentrout was also elected a Director, but Russell and his wife Anne are leaving Walnut Bend and New Orleans to live in Virginia. The Armentrouts have been very active in Walnut Bend and the Algiers community in such events as ARTinA. Russell has served as WBCA Vice President and on the Board of Directors.

After 10 years of creative and informative newsletters, Liz Anderson has "retired" from her position as WBCA Newsletter Editor. Her dedication and hard work have truly been appreciated. The newsletters will never be the same, but we look forward to her continued participation in WBCA .
Thanks, Liz!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2005 started as any other year. Despite the warnings that this might be the "big one", we packed clothes for a few days, and expected to come back to life as usual after Katrina.

But little is the same about life in New Orleans. Many of our neighbors will never return or will soon be leaving. Trying to get a hamburger or crossing the bridge at noon is an experience. Will all of the trash ever be picked up? And we have it good compared to the rest of the city.

However with change also comes opportunity. We have an opportunity to reshape our neighborhood and our city. We have an opportunity to make our voices heard about what the "new" New Orleans should look like.

I ask you to consider these opportunities and resolve to participate in and become a member of WBCA. Resolve to be aware of and understand the proposals that have been made at the local, state and federal level that will affect the rebuilding and protection of New Orleans. Resolve to attend public meetings and make your voice heard.

And, most of all, challenge our elected officials to have the courage to do what is necessary rather than what is easy.

Here's to a great 2006!

Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb

President, Walnut Bend Civic Association

**The WBCA will
meet Tuesday,
January 17th,
7:00 pm at
Woodland
Presbyterian
Church,
5837 Berkley Drive
(corner of
Woodland and Berkley)**

Guest speakers:

**Ms. Meleka Pierce &
Ms. Prax Melancon
from Chase Bank.**

Topic:

**Home Improvement
and Repair Using the
Equity in your House**

**All residents are
invited to attend
the cookie social
beginning at 6:45.**

ADVERTISING IN THE CARDINAL

The **CARDINAL** receives tremendous support from neighboring businesses many of which are owned and frequented by residents of Walnut Bend. The **CARDINAL** wishes to express sincere thanks to our advertisers and again ask all Walnut Bend residents to support their neighborhood businesses.

AD SIZE	COST PER ISSUE
Business Card	\$15.00
1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$50.00

One free issue of advertisement is given to those who pay for yearly publication. Payment must accompany the ad upon request.

*** Note the new prices***

Cardinal Distributors

Quadrant I	TBD
Quadrant II	Cyril Laster 393-0844
Quadrant III	Tom Graffeo 393-8954
Quadrant IV	Phil Boogaerts 393-6496

Ruth Dokey Update

Many of you may remember Ruth Dokey, a 5th grade teacher at Alice Harte. Her late husband, Charlie Dokey was president of the WBCA for many years and can be accredited with reviving WBCA when participation was at an all time low.

A few weeks after Hurricane Katrina, Ruth was putting her groceries in her car when someone ran into her, nearly severing both her legs. She had been in intensive care at West Jeff hospital and has undergone multiple surgeries. Ruth is now at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, where she is continuing to make progress. To find out more about Ruth and how you can help, visit www.ruthdokey.com.

Help Wanted

The Walnut Bend Civic Association needs help in the following areas:

- * WBCA Director (replacing Russell Armentrout)
- * Newsletter Editor
- * Newsletter Ad Manager (contact local businesses to place ads)
- * Cardinal Distributors for Quadrant I and persons to deliver in all Quadrants (Thanks to Allen Delery, Jan Close, and Joseph Neal who have already volunteered.)

Contact any of the Walnut Bend Officers or Directors for more information.

ALGIERS CLEAN SWEEP

Thanks to Katrina, Clean Sweep Saturday, scheduled for the Saturday before Thanksgiving was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006**. Planning for this fun and important event will take place on **Monday, January 23rd @ 7:00 pm. in the Board Room of Our Lady of Holy Cross College**. Those interested in helping are invited to attend.

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Walnut Bend Civic Association Membership Form

Join us in becoming a strong and active neighborhood by filling out the form below and sending it with you \$20 dues to:

Walnut Bend Civic Association
P.O. Box 740022
New Orleans, LA 70174

New Member ____ *Returning Member* ____ *Send a WBCA Decal* ____

First Name(s)

Last Name

Street Address

Phone Number (s)

Occupation

Email Address (es)

- ☐ Please include my name in the 2006 Membership Directory (directory will be available to local participating members only).
☐ Please do not include my name, I do not want a directory.

I would like to serve on the following committee(s):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuisance and Complaints | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |