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## **Message from the President**

Ten years after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans residents honored those we lost and those displaced by that devastating event with a Katrina10 (K10) commemoration.

The Commission members of ENONAC, who are neighborhood subdivision Presidents, decided to host an event that would bring all the families and neighborhoods together. It would serve as a celebration of healing and confirmation of New Orleans East residents, and their commitment to return back to their homes and neighborhoods to rebuild, revitalize and renew our ENO community.

Thus, *The Celebration of Families and Neighborhoods* was held at Joe Brown Park on Saturday, August 22, 2015 as part of the K10 commemoration. This was the first time this type of function was held and hosted by the Commissioners. Each of them had a tent identifying their specific subdivision boundary, and each provided some type of activity, treat or game for the children. The adults were entertained with the sounds of local musicians including The Mystics, Michael "Soul Man" Baptiste, DJ Byrd and others.

The intent was to celebrate our spirit of resilience and to confirm that East New Orleans is our home. We will continue to promote, preserve and protect its boundaries.

Both United States Attorney Kenneth Polite and Police Superintendent Michael Harrison spoke encouraging words to the crowd. It was a resounding success. Stay tuned for this event next year.

From the words of "Home" from musical "The Wiz":

*When I think of home  
I think of a place where there's love overflowing  
I wish I was home  
I wish I was back there with the things I been knowing ...*

*If you're list'ning God  
Please don't make it hard to know  
If we should believe in the things that we see  
Tell us, should we run away  
Should we try and stay  
Or would it better just to let things be?"*

We decided to stay!

Sincerely,

Sylvia Scineaux-Richard,  
President

# ENONAC's Katrina Remembrance and Celebration of Families and Neighborhoods Joe Brown Park – August 22, 2015





**ENONAC's Katrina Remembrance and Celebration of Families and Neighborhoods**



**Joe Brown Park August 22, 2015**

**Smoothie King Center August 29, 2015**



# EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM

ENONAC values healthy families, strong communities and a sustainable future for the next generation. Education is the component that will ensure this happens. It is imperative for voters to have a knowledge base of the candidates to make an informed decision concerning who will represent them related to the education needs of the community.

Board of Elementary & Secondary Education



Kira Orange Jones  
(Incumbent)



Kara Tamara Washington

Orleans Parish School Board  
(OPSB)



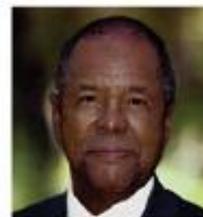
District 1



Keith Barney



Shawon Bernard



John Alan Brown Sr.  
(Interim Incumbent)

Is your child attending a high performing school?  
Do you know the difference between a school system and a system of schools?  
Are you satisfied with your child's school?  
Do you know who represents you on OPSB and BESE?

If your answer is 'NO' to any of these questions, see you on...

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:30pm**  
**St. Maria Goretti Community Center**  
**7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127**

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## Victory for New Orleans East ENONAC's Determination Brings Success

Thursday, September 17, 2015 was a day of Victory for ENONAC and New Orleans East residents when the Louisiana State Bond Commission denied the Global Ministries Foundation (GMF), under the leadership of Rev. Richard Hamlet, \$24.5 million to buy and rehabilitate the 442-unit Hidden Lakes complex, located on Martin Drive at I-10 Service Road. ENONAC is committed to ensuring that quality housing is provided to residents in eastern New Orleans and GMF has a proven record of not being able to deliver this service.

ENONAC found that GMF was under investigation in Georgia, Florida and Tennessee where they own and operate apartment complexes. Two complexes located in Memphis, Tennessee (Goodwill Village and Warren Apartments) were declared uninhabitable by the Federal housing authorities and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development forced GMF to relocate families because the apartments owned and operated by GMF were deemed uninhabitable. Here in New Orleans, the CEO of a management company hired by GMF, while speaking to the State Bond Commission, called New Orleans renters at an eastern New Orleans apartment complex "inmates". In Orlando, Florida at the Eureka Apartments, a resident's apartment was filled with water from a leaking pipe and only got assistance after the local news media exposed the derelict conditions.

Since April 2015, members of ENONAC and residents of the subdivisions located near the Hidden Lake Apartment complex have been meeting with representatives from GMF, meeting with elected officials and attending State Bond Commission meetings in Baton Rouge regarding this potential purchase. This charge was led by Dawn Hebert, ENONAC Commissioner and resident of Lake Willow subdivision. In response to the September 17<sup>th</sup> vote of the State Bond Commission, Ms. Hebert stated, "This was a major win for our community, especially for residents of Hidden Lake and The Willows Apartments; and Lake Willow, Spring Lake and Kenilworth subdivisions in addressing outside developers attempting to destroy the Quality of Life issues for Our Communities."

Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, president of ENONAC stated "these are the results when ENONAC works with residential stakeholders and elected officials". Thank you to Senator Murray for bringing the bond issue to our attention and for being a voice for our community on the State Bond Commission. Thanks also to Representative Wesley Bishop for his support and to Councilpersons James Gray and Stacy Head for their letters of support.



Those community members who attended the September 17<sup>th</sup> State Bond Commission meeting were Pearl Cantrelle, Octave Rainey, Dawn Hebert, Joan Heisser, Sylvia Scineaux-Richard, Gail Armant, Angelo Kingvalsky, and Wilfred Norris (pictured above).

Submitted by:  
Gail F. Armant, Ph.D.

## ENONAC Meets with HUD Officials

In an effort to understand the policies and procedures of obtaining and maintaining federally subsidized residential and apartment complexes, ENONAC met with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials on September 9, 2015. We were concerned and troubled with the inconsistent/absent management, lack of developer/owner accountability, lack of required community involvement and the high crime rate of the subsidized apartment complexes in New Orleans East.

We wanted to discuss the increase in apartment complexes owned by non-compliant private developers and non-profit agencies, where it has become apparent that no attention has been given to the upkeep of the complexes (including properties located in residential neighborhoods) and the surrounding communities.

ENONAC Commissioners, Sylvia Scineaux-Richard and Dawn Hebert, and community stakeholders Gail Armant, Pearl Cantrelle and Octave Rainey met with Field Director of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Earl Randall, III, Associate Regional Counsel, Ms. Bam Gressett, and other members of his staff.

We all agreed to a follow-up meeting to be scheduled in the upcoming weeks to include all government agencies that are involved with housing in the New Orleans area. This will include the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) and appropriate city representatives and departments.

Pictured below: Field Director of Housing and Urban Development, Earl Randall (center) and his staff (seated in front), with ENONAC Commissioners Dawn Hebert and Pearl Cantrelle (on the left), and Sylvia Scineaux-Richard and Gail Armant (on the right).

Written by Dawn Hebert



## Neighborhood Opposes Rezoning Request

Honorable Councilmembers,

Please honor our request to deny permission for a zoning change from Single Family Residential to Auto-Oriented Commercial, which is what Mr. Ramsey of Family Resources of N.O. is trying to do on Plainfield Dr. in the Warwick East subdivision. There is an abundance of vacant commercial properties already available. Why disrupt the Master Plan to suit one developer and also disrupt an entire neighborhood? A small part of that property (about one fourth), is presently zoned commercial only on the service road, and the other three fourths of the nine acres are zoned Single Family Residential. The property's address is on 10112-10200 Plainfield Dr. The City Planning Commission has already denied his request and has given good reasons for denial. So now the law which is in place should be enforced. The residents would like to see Single Family Residences built there which will fit in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Marilyn DeGrasse, President, Warwick East Neighborhood Organization

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## Open House at Community School

On the evening of Thursday, August 27th, Lake Forest Elementary Charter School celebrated its last Open House at the 12000 Hayne Boulevard campus, which has been the school's temporary home since 2006. The affair, aptly themed "Ease On Back Down The Road" from the celebrated Broadway musical "The Wiz," honored the school's tenure on Hayne Boulevard while simultaneously commemorating the school's soon return to Lake Forest Boulevard later this fall.

In true Lake Forest style, hundreds of parents attended -- an excellent indicator of how invested Lake Forest parents are in their child's education. Community members and local businesses attended including representatives from East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC), Liberty Bank & Trust, New Orleans East Hospital, Wildlife and Fisheries, and many more! The school will move to its new home, a phenomenal, state-of-the-art facility located at 11110 Lake Forest Boulevard, soon.

*Joshua P. Fertitta*

*Director of Development Lake Forest Elementary Charter School*



ENONAC members at Lake Forest Charter School's open house

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## Community Info

### SHORT-TERM RENTAL ALERT!

The City Planning Commission (CPC) is holding a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 to hear from the public on the issue of Short-Term Rentals (STRs). This is an opportunity for public comment. Additionally, comments can be submitted in advance in writing to [CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV](mailto:CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV).

Some background: In August, City Council vice-president Stacy Head directed the CPC to conduct a study on the possible regulation of STRs. The following link will take you to the motion for the study:  
[http://cityofno.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=3&clip\\_id=2127&meta\\_id=296226](http://cityofno.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=2127&meta_id=296226)

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What: **State Legislative Candidate Public Forum**  
Who: **Voters East of the Industrial Canal (VEOTIC)**  
When: **Saturday, October 3, 2015**  
Time: **10:00 a.m.**  
Where: **New Orleans East Hospital conference room**  
Moderator: **Timolynn Sams Sumter**  
**Executive Director Neighborhood Partnership Network and Talk Radio Host WBOK**

This event will allow an opportunity for voters in an open forum setting to interview Candidates for the State Senate District 4 and House of Representative Districts 99 & 100 **JOB** before casting their **VOTE** on October 24<sup>th</sup>

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What: **Education Candidate Public Forum**  
Who: **East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC)**  
When: **Tuesday, October 6, 2015**  
Time: **6:30 p.m.**  
Where: **St. Maria Goretti Community Center**  
Moderator: **Roslyn Smith, Ph.D.**  
**CEO and President of A+ Professional Educators, Inc.**  
**New Orleans Public Education Activist**

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## Save the Date

**ENONAC Christmas Extravaganza**  
**Friday, December 18, 2015 -- 6:00 pm – 12 Midnight**  
**Crystal Palace**

Make plans to attend and stay tuned for the list of surprise entertainers! See your association president for tickets.

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BARBARA L. KELLER  
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FOR COUNCILMAN JASON WILLIAMS  
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TAMI SINGLETON, MD SECTION CHIEF PEDIATRIC  
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For more info call Paris Harris 504-655-5605.

*Congratulations, New Orleans East Residents!*

*Barbara Keller, LaVerne Saulny, Joan Heisser and Sylvia Scineaux-Richard*

## Did You Know

At a Senate Bond Commission held on September 17, 2015 a proposal for a \$28 million multi-family housing revenue bond was approved to purchase Versailles Arms Apartment Complex. The apartment complex is composed of 400 family units, and 200 units are proposed for subsidized rental. The community of primary stakeholders in the Michoud neighborhoods had no knowledge of this potential project and were unaware of any meetings, which is required, held with the community. While we want developments in our community, we are concerned when the community is not engaged in the planning of the projects. Resident and former ENONAC Commissioner Ed Blouin stated “We have worked hard as a community to ensure high quality projects take place in our neighborhoods.” For more information, contact Ed Blouin, 504.452.5162 or Angelo Kingvalsky, bushman9@cox.net.

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The City Council just approved a new Ordinance (M-15-202) that will allow a provision for a density bonus for the development of affordable housing in all districts. It states “It expands the provision of development bonuses for affordable housing in all districts that already permit multi-family dwelling units.” This causes us concern since our district has 60-70% of the land mass of New Orleans. It is not necessary for more density of affordable multi-family housing because we don’t have the scarcity of land as exists in other areas of the city. The HLUZ Committee will research this ordinance to determine its use and effect on ENO.

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The Kenilworth Shopping Center has long been a dumping ground for tires and other trash. As you know, many of us have been working several years to clean up this particular property. We have been working with the NOPD's Quality of Life officers regarding this dumping ground, truck depot and dump truck repair shop very closely. The owners of these trucks have been contacted and warned over the year numerous times to remove them. Councilwoman Stacy Head and her assistant Greg, helped us to get the area cleaned up, which helps in our effort to make our community a great, clean, peaceful and respectful place to live. We hope that, now that this property has been red flagged by the city agencies responsible for blight and code violations, it will be monitored for continued violations; especially the gang infested blighted, abandoned, Comeaux Furniture building and the old church building. We hope that all will work to get this large commercial property and the many other blighted commercial properties in our New Orleans East community, back into commerce.

Thanks Pearl Cantrelle and Dawn Hebert, Chair of ENONAC Blight Committee.

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The East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) holds its **General Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month**. The Commission Advisory Board (CAB) of ENONAC holds a planning session on the last Tuesday of each month. Executive Board meetings are held every other month. Meetings are usually held at 6:00pm at St. Maria Goretti Community Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127. All meetings are open to the Public. Meeting notices are posted on ENONAC's office door at 7100 Read Blvd., Suite 201, New Orleans, LA 70127.

**Join Us on our mission to make New Orleans East the most desired community in which to live, work and play**

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