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## Home Prices Continue to Soar in Parkview with Average Sale Price in 2004 at \$325,000

### Faubourg St. John Sees Biggest Gains in Area

Last year the average sale price for a home in Parkview was \$325,000, an increase of 23% over 2003, when the average sale price was \$264,000. This is the third consecutive year that Parkview has seen price increases of over 20%. Prices have doubled since 1999, when the average sale price was \$165,000.

However, volume was down, with the fewest number of homes sold in Parkview since 1993. Last year 15 homes were sold in Parkview, whereas the five previous years the average number of homes sold per year was 22. Other areas that surround Parkview saw similar declines in volume.

The two neighborhoods on the other side of Bayou St. John have also seen similar dramatic increases in sale prices, although not for as long an extended period of time as has Parkview. Faubourg St. John led

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## General Meeting April 13 at 7:30 PM

The next general meeting of the Parkview Neighborhood Association will take place on Wednesday April 13 at 7:30 PM at Vincent Hall at Holy Rosary, 1324 Moss Street.

Expected guests for the meeting include a representative of Parkway Partners, who will discuss methods of combating the annual invasion of the Buckmoth Caterpillars.

Another major issue of discussion will be

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## UK Superstar Falls Short in CCC

*British runner Paula Radcliffe, pictured right, sprints down City Park Avenue in the Crescent City Classic, held March 26.*



## Tyler's Beer Garden and City Come to Agreement

**No Live Music or DJ  
to be Allowed**

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the formation of a committee that will draft a Comprehensive Street and Traffic Plan for Parkview. The committee will study such issues as parking, traffic flow, and signage. It is anticipated that once the plan is completed that it can be presented to City Councilman Jay Batt as neighborhood backed recommendations for both budgeting and ordinance changes.

The meeting is expected to last 90 minutes. All members are invited to attend to bring any problems or complaints to the attention of the Board. ■

**Group Interested in Whole Foods Site Continues to Meet;  
Austin Company Opens Bidding Process for Building**

Whole Foods is now accepting bids on its Esplanade location, which is set to close in April. There is no listing price for the building, although estimates are from between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million, according to a *Times-Picayune* article. While the Austin based company said that it reserves the right to reject any bid, it did say that it will allow offers from other grocery stores, something it normally does not do.

And, according to the article, neighborhood groups will have an opportunity to review the bids. The bidding process will close on April 14. The Esplanade store itself will close on April 20.

Meanwhile a group of concerned residents is continuing to meet to discuss the future of the site. On March 5 the group held its second meeting. Although attendance was notably smaller than the 140 who attended the first meeting, the group remains optimistic that the community is very interested in what replaces Whole Foods.

According to published minutes of the meeting, Mike Zarou, who owned All Natural, said that he is very interested in opening a grocery at the Whole Foods location, but he said that it would only succeed if people in the neighborhood supported it. He has concerns that people in the neighborhood may end up following Whole Foods to its new location.

Other grocery interests present at the meeting were Columbia Street Market in Covington, Lakeview Fine Foods, and Matassa's Grocery Store. ■

**DON'T FORGET - IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

### Problems Reported By Members

NOTE: If you have a problem to report that you'd like for the Association to take action on, please let us know either at 483-0733 or marktullis@bellsouth.net.

DATE PROB-LEM RE-PORTED	DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM	STATUS OF RESOLUTION
Feb. 2003	Parking of vehicles on the banks of the Bayou, especially near the Magnolia Gardens/Harding Bridge.	The Association has exhausted nearly all options in trying to discourage vehicles from parking on the Bayou. The next step is to work with the City in erecting granite curbing to physically prevent vehicles from parking on the Bayou.
March 2003	Roosevelt. Automobiles parked improperly make it difficult for large emergency vehicles to travel down the street.	Ideas needed by members on how to address this problem. Another Roosevelt resident has recently brought this matter to the Association's attention. More members from Roosevelt are needed.
June 2004	Improper parking on Dumaine near Carrollton making entering and exiting driveways difficult.	All members who need or desire street marking will be contacted. Board is embarking on a project to ask the City to strip areas around driveways to give guidance to drivers. This will be included in the parking and traffic master plan.
Oct. 2004	Commercial flyers being placed on doors, creating litter.	Businesses are contacted, asking them to patrol areas to look for litter.
Oct. 2004	Condition of street on St. John Court	Will target this as a street to repair after Olga and Picheloup work is completed.
Oct. 2004	Empty lot on Moss and St. John Court needs attention	Owner of record will be notified.
Jan. 2005	Speeding on Harding Drive	

### Security Program Members to Meet on April 11

The Bayou St. John Security Program will hold a meeting on Monday April 11 at 7:00 PM at Vincent Hall, 1324 Moss Street.

The program recently changed its patrol services to Sentry Security. Representatives of Sentry will be present at this meeting. ■

**EDITORIAL**

**CITY PARK PLAN ON THE FAST TRACK**

It was only in August of last year that the City Park Board announced that it would begin work on a Master Plan. Now, some seven months later, this master plan has been approved by the Board.

Why the rush? Have all questions been answered? Have the right questions even been asked yet? For example, have residents of the Bayou area given much thought to the location and purpose of the proposed festival grounds?

Master plans by their nature are comprehensive and often take many years to develop. Just look at the City Planning Commission (CPC) and its struggle with developing its own master plan. The Land Use Plan, a part of the master plan process, was adopted in 1999, but the overall master plan is still in draft form. The CPC has held numerous workshops all over the City. Thousands of citizens have participated in these CPC workshops, which often last many hours, and involve maps and digital presentations. Sure it is a commitment but the seriousness of the CPC staff to its goal, which is to produce a set of zoning guidelines that we can all live with, is well respected by the interest groups, such as neighborhood associations, that regularly attend these meetings and workshops.

The City Park Board has held three meetings where the public was invited to discuss what they'd like to see included in the Master Plan. The meetings were in August and September of last year, and all were held at City Park. Then over the Holidays the Park's consultants worked on a draft of the Master Plan and presented it to the public in January of this year. A hearing was held in February to gather public feedback on the plan.

The Master Plan is no doubt comprehensive and sweeping in scope, and will significantly change the very nature of the Park. For that reason alone more public feedback is needed, including the scheduling of additional hearings. A strong consensus on the plan will assist in the next crucial step which is obtaining public funding.

**LETTERS**

*Policy Regarding Letters*

Letters from members to *Notes and Issues* are welcome with the understanding that there is no vested or absolute right to have letters published. Letters may be edited to reduce length or for reasons of style or content. No letter will be published that attacks another member or attempts to bring a personal disagreement between two members before the membership at large. Letters that might discourage or disparage membership in the Association will not be published.

Libelous material is never allowed. A letter containing information which could be construed as libel will not be printed.

Letters may either be e-mailed to [marktullis@bellsouth.net](mailto:marktullis@bellsouth.net) or simply mailed to Parkview Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 791577, New Orleans, LA 70179.

## Neighborhood Leaders Meet with Jay Batt to Discuss Fair Grounds and Casino Concerns

On March 9 City Councilman Jay Batt held a meeting with leaders of Bayou area neighborhood groups in order to discuss Fair Grounds' zoning requests, pursuant to slot machines being built at the Gentilly track. Present at the meeting were representatives from the Faubourg St. John, Mid-City, Treme, Esplanade Ridge, Parkview and Downtown neighborhood associations. Since it is anticipated that the slot machines will most impact the Faubourg St. John area, that group's president Tommy Usdin led the discussion and articulated many of the concerns.

Mr. Usdin emphasized to Mr. Batt that his major concern was safety and crime prevention, noting that many in his organization have great concern about the number of people who will be passing through their neighborhood. Mr. Usdin added that in light of the murder that took place in his neighborhood during last year's Jazz Fest his group's concerns are justified.



Most said that Fair Grounds should provide security both on its premises and in the neighborhood. It was suggested that NOPD details could be employed. Most insisted that Fair Grounds should pay for the security.

Another concern expressed was with the operating hours. Everyone present opposed a 24 hour operation.

Mr. Batt said that he will keep all of the suggestions and concerns in mind as the zoning matter goes through the City Council. According to the filing with the City Planning Commission Fair Grounds is petitioning for a change in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance that will classify slot machines as a permitted accessory use for a horse track in a Two Family Residential District. A second petition asks for permission to construct a building to house the casino. This second petition states that there will be 700 slot machines.

The City Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing on the two zoning matters for Tuesday April 12 at 1:30 PM. ■

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the area with an increase of 31%, with the average sale price last year being \$271,000. Faubourg Pontchartrain, which is the area that is between Fair Grounds and Grand Route St. John, had a booming year too with price increases of 28%.

Of the 15 sales in Parkview from last year, the range was from \$516,000 for a three bedroom modified Colonial Revival to \$182,000 for a shotgun double. The *median* price was \$285,000, which means that half the homes sold for more than \$285,000, and half the homes sold for less than \$285,000.

The block with the most activity was the 900 block of Wilson Drive with four sales; however, only three properties were involved with these four sales, as one property was sold twice in 2004. (As of late March, this same property was currently up for sale.) This is the most number of sales on the 900 block of Wilson since at least 1977, the first year that is covered by the City's property database.

Another block with significant activity was the 800 block of Taft Place with three sales. This is the most number of sales for this block of Taft since 1986, which also had three sales. Currently there is much renovation work in this block.

The only other streets to have more than one sale were Carrollton and Olga, each with two sales. Delgado, Dumaine, Elaine, and Harding each had one sale. Moss Street did not see any sales, the first time since 1990.

Four sales in Parkview were for at least \$450,000. This is remarkable when remembering that Moss, which usually has the most expensive real estate in Parkview, did not register a sale in 2004.

During the course of 2004 there were 28 homes in Parkview that were either for sale or actually sold. Thirteen of these listings were active during the first half of 2004. Of these thirteen, eight have been sold, four were withdrawn from the market, and one is still for sale. Of the eight sold, at least half were sold at below the original asking price.

Of all of the neighborhoods surrounding Parkview it was Faubourg St. John that showed the most impressive gains. Volume was up, with 45 sales compared with 25 in 2003. The average house sold for \$271,000, a 31% increase over 2003's figures. Unlike Parkview, where only one sale was below \$200,000, a third of the sales in Faubourg St. John were for less than \$200,000, with four of these being below \$100,000. In the end what pushed the numbers up was the activity on DeSoto Street. Seven homes on DeSoto sold, with four of these selling for over \$400,000.

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There was a successful condo project on DeSoto. Two four-plexes were converted to condos, with units selling between \$160,000 and \$189,000.

The most expensive sale price in Faubourg St. John was \$550,000 for a home on Bell.

Faubourg Pontchartrain also saw substantial gains, with the average sale price being \$196,000, a 29% increase over 2003. However, volume was very low, with only five sales, the lowest number of sales since 1977. The most expensive sale was for \$285,000 for a home on Grand Route St. John. ■

*Editor's Note: Graphs and charts relative to the rise of real estate prices in the neighborhoods mentioned here can be found in the March 2004 issue of Notes and Issues, which, along with all past issues of the newsletter, can be found on the Association's website.*

## What is Faubourg Pontchartrain?

Faubourg Pontchartrain, which was established in 1809, is the area bounded by Fair Grounds, Grand Route St. John, Gentilly Blvd., and Esplanade. A small suburb, its main streets are Fortin, Maurepas, and Ponce de Leon.

Faubourg Pontchartrain is seldom mentioned and most people who live there believe that they live in Faubourg St. John. The distinction, which may mean little to most people, is important when examining real estate, as the two neighborhoods are quite different. Faubourg St. John is composed of mostly single family homes, with many large ones built in the early 20th Century on such streets as DeSoto and Ursulines. Faubourg Pontchartrain is composed of mostly two family homes, many of which are shotguns.

To simplify this review of real estate transfers Esplanade Avenue is used as the dividing line between faubourgs St. John and Pontchartrain. While this is not historically accurate, it does simplify the process. ■

## RTA Installs Benches at Streetcar Stops

All along the Canal and Carrollton lines benches are being installed. Made of treated wood, the benches are curved in such a way as to make them difficult to be used for sleeping. The narrow canopies seen on Canal Street have not yet made it to the Carrollton spur. ■



*[Parkview Minutes]*

**MINUTES OF SEVENTH MEETING  
OF  
THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
OF  
THE PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The seventh meeting of The General Membership of the Parkview Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday January 12, 2005 at 7:30 PM at the Morel-Wisner house, 1347 Moss Street.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The following Board Members were present: Andy Anderson, John Bankston, Charlie Bishop and Mark Tullis.

The following members were present: Mignonne Bankston, Deluca Family, Michael DesJardins, Mary Lou Main, Lorraine McGinley, Sharon Morrow, Mary Lou Prunty, Rachel Smith, and Vivien Tullis.

No guests were present at the meeting.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Charlie Bishop reported that the Association's account has a balance of \$590.63. Mr. Bishop said that all fund on hand are from membership dues. Expenses since the last meeting have been for the internet site and the newsletter.

III. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It was reported that there are currently 90 paid members of the Association. This includes two businesses: Fellini's Café and Parkview Tavern.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKING ON THE BAYOU

The membership discussed the continuing problem of illegal parking on the banks of Bayou St. John. It was decided that the Association should continue to look into using curbing stones to physically prevent vehicles from parking on the levee.

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Information on some samples of curbing stones was found on the Internet. Cobblestones that were ten inches high and seven inches wide could cost as much as \$3.00 each, although it is anticipated that discounting would apply.

Members expressed concern that the stones may not be high enough to prevent vehicles from driving on the levee. It was pointed out that many of the vehicles are oversized trucks and SUV's that would have no problem scaling foot high barricades. However, members expressed concern about stones being too high and presenting a safety hazard to bicyclists and runners.

As was pointed out at the last meeting, Cabrini High School is on the mailing list for the monthly newsletter, so the Administration of the school is well aware of this problem. It is hoped that the Association and Administration of the school can work on a solution.

B. WISNER BIKE PATH

It does not appear that work has commenced on the bike path.

C. DRAINAGE

Most of the storm drains that have had problems have now been cleaned. Some though still have problems, including one on Harding, and another at Dumaine and Wilson.

It was commented on the good response from the City to complaints about drainage problem. Although the problem may not be corrected immediately, there is a quick response from the City, and if a return trip is needed, it too will be done quickly.

D. SPECIAL CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT

Members briefly discussed the formation of a special crime prevention district. It was pointed out that a number of neighborhoods in the City are continuing to look at these districts. Also, some neighborhoods in Baton Rouge are also experimenting with special crime prevention districts.

E. STREETS AND PUBLIC WORKS

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One member mentioned that a utility pole in the 800 block of Wilson Drive was starting to lean.

Another member reported that the speeding on Harding is becoming more frequent, with drivers using Harding to cut from Dumaine to Moss Street. It was mentioned that some neighborhoods in Baton Rouge actually petition to have speed bumps installed in order to deter drivers from going through their neighborhoods.

A member said that the trees on Picheloup needed to be tended too, as the roots were blocking many of the storm drains.

Regarding the repair of Olga Street, the City is still looking at what work needs to be done, and the City will report back to the Association in due course.

### F. ZONING ISSUES

Members were reminded that if they had any zoning issues or questions to bring them to the attention of the Association.

### G. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held in April. The membership approved the concept of having meetings at the home of members.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. PARKVIEW MASTER PLAN

Since there are so many issues regarding streets, traffic and parking, it was thought that the Association could form a committee to work on a comprehensive master plan that will address all of these issues. One member of the Association volunteered to work on the committee, offering her AutoCAD services.

### B. ANNUAL DUES

At the present time 27 members have renewed their membership in the Association. A reminder has been running in each issue of the newsletter, but soon letters will be sent to the members that have not yet renewed.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

## City Park History 100 Years Ago This Month; Park Purchases Land Fronting Bayou St. John – 1897

*Editor's Note: In the early 20th century the affairs of City Park were widely reported in the city's newspapers, most notably The Daily Picayune and The Times-Democrat. The City Beautiful movement was in full swing by this time, and its major tenets, particularly an appreciation of aesthetics, were most evident in New Orleans in the development of parks. Since the development of Parkview is so closely linked with the development of City Park, we are continuing with a series focusing on how activities at the park were reported a century ago.*

*The following is from an article in The Daily Picayune from 1897. The title of the article is "City Park Thanks Traction for Bringing it Close to the Whole City."*

The city park has bought land for an extension to the bayou, and will have a water front. It has also secured electric cars to the entrance to the park, and they will begin running regularly May every five minutes by the way of Esplanade avenue. These being two very desirable acquisitions, and the commissioners feeling in a good humor, they decided to have a little complimentary supper last night, and invite some of the gentlemen who had assisted in getting these improvements and some of their friends. The affair took place at Alciatore's near the park, and a very toothsome repast was served.

A special electric car carried the party of gentlemen out there at 5:30, and the dinner began about 7. The place at the head of the table was occupied by President Paul Capdevielle, who had Manager C.D. Wyman, of the traction company, on one side of him, and Mayor Flower on the other.

After the repast had progressed to that point, President Capdevielle arose and spoke of the pleasure which the commissioners had in the fact that they

had secured electric cars, which brought them to the park in twenty-one minutes. He complimented the guest of honor, Mr. Wyman on the public spirit shown by himself and the traction company, and in the name of the commission tendered him their sincere thanks. He said that the City Park had been under serious disadvantage for want of communication, and for that reason had remained unknown to thousands, who had not seen the place since it was a pasture for cows and since the time when gentlemen were accustomed to settle their disputes there under the code of honor. He spoke of the work by which the board had rescued the park from the condition of being a cow pasture and made it what it is at present. Then he dilated a little on the necessity for parks in a city especially when there was hot weather for six or seven months in the year. He spoke of the improvements in drainage, paving, etc., and said the parks must be kept up with the other improvements. Then he announced that the commission has just completed the purchase of all of the ground, except a small triangle between the lower limit of

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the park and the bayou, and between Monroe avenue and Metairie road, and that the park would be extended to Bayou bridge, and when the public cross the bridge they will be in the park. Other improvements are also contemplated in the future.

He offered a toast to the traction company, Mr. Wyman and the success of the lower city park.

In responding, Mr. Wyman thanked the president for the compliment to him, but said that it was the president of the traction company, Mr. Walmsley, Mr. A Baldwin, president of the New Orleans City and Lake Railroad, and Colonel Denis, president of the Crescent City Road, and the boards of directors of the two roads and the traction company, that the City Park people were indebted to if there was any indebtedness. He had advised with them on the subject. One reason why he had advised the extension of the line to the park was that it would pay, and secondly that as citizens it was their duty to afford the people all the facilities of transportation and ready access to all places where pleasure and health was concerned.

He said that from his survey of the territory when he came here, he saw that there were but few if any spots that to his mind, deserved transportation facilities more than the City Park. He had been captivated by its beauty and interested by its history. He prophesied a great future for the park. Continuing, Mr. Wyman said that he knew of no

thermometer which was more indicative of the conditions of a city than a street railroad, and the road had felt during the last year the withdrawing of enterprise, but yet, in spite of these hard times, he thought that it was always good under such circumstances to brighten up things by new enterprises and that was one reason why the lines were extended at this time.

The jingle of the nickel is what makes the general manager and the officers and stockholders glad, but it is always pleasant to feel that the nickel is accompanied by a smile. In addition to the fact that the company expected that the new line would add to the profits of their Esplanade line, the road was amply repaid by the pleasure the people would enjoy in visiting the park.

My Wyman then made some remarks about parks as terminal points for street railroads and the effect they had on the growth of a city and their advantages and necessity as breathing places, where the people may get out of the crowded houses and into God's sun and the pure air of health. What the park commission has been doing is of inestimable benefit to the people and the traction company is delighted to be associated with the commission in the work.

Mr. Capdeveille then toasted Mayor Flower and the city and the mayor responded by saying that the people owed a debt of gratitude to the commissioners of the park for the work that they had done in changing it from a

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cow pasture in a few years to a thing of beauty. The change in the park is next to marvelous and the commissioners deserved all praise and commendation.

Next Sunday will be a great day at the park, as it is the day of the annual May festival. A great deal of preparation has been made, and a big crowd is expected there then. Among the features will be what the commissioners hope will be the grandest display of fireworks that has ever been seen in the City.

The purchase of the land adjoining the park was decided on at the last meeting of the park commission. It gives them several hundred yards of waterfront, and the property includes some valuable tracts, extending about 2600 feet along the Bayou.

There will be a large central avenue from the bridge to the park, which will make a beautiful entrance. In making this it will be necessary to expropriate some of the land of the little triangle, which the owners would not sell, so that they will no doubt lost some 40 feet of their tract anyway. The plans for these improvements will be perfected as rapidly as possible. ■

### **Parking on Bayou Creates Traffic Hazard as Signs Ignored**

For over two years the Association has tried to bring the City's attention to the illegal parking that takes place daily on Bayou St. John. Signs that warn of no parking are continually ignored by drivers. The situation that is pictured below is all too common.

The SUV at the far left has stopped. The pick up truck in the middle of the photo has turned the corner, and seeing the stopped SUV, has to move into the lane of oncoming traffic, which then caused the SUV at right to brake sharply.



Parking is usually plentiful on the Parkview side of Moss Street. Many times when someone is seen parking on the levee of the Bayou, just twenty feet away are a number of legal parking spots. This was the case at the moment the above photo was taken. ■

*[Parkview News]*

## **After Complaints Tyler's Beer Garden Agrees to Provisos for Operation; Olga Residents Hopeful That Peace and Quiet Result**

On March 8, 2005, Tyler's Beer Garden and the City of New Orleans entered into an agreement regarding the operation of the bar located at the corner of Olga and Orleans. The agreement, which was mailed to all interested parties by City Councilman Jay Batt's office, covered many issues, including live music, parking, staff conduct, and litter.

The agreement was signed by Nolan P. Lambert, Associate City Attorney, and Keith Balin, as representative of "MINK T LLC, dba Tyler's Beer Garden."

According to the agreement, "Tyler's Beer Garden desires to comply with certain conditions concerning the hours of operation in an effort to satisfy the concerns of the citizens of New Orleans concerning the operation of their establishment." However, the agreement is silent as to Tyler's operating hours under the agreement.

Tyler's has agreed to hire an Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Officer on Friday nights from 9 PM until 3:00 AM, and on Saturday nights from 10 PM until 2 AM. The officer should "prevent loitering, outside drinking and vandalism."

Tyler's agreed to many other provisions as well, including:

- No live music, entertainment, karaoke, or DJ's.
- Train staff personnel to be considerate to neighbors.
- Distribute the establishment's phone number for neighbors to be able to call during operating hours to report loud music. Have employees adhere to the neighbor's request to reduce volume and/or base of music.
- Keep all doors and windows closed during operation.
- Restrict alcohol service to intoxicated patrons.
- See that intoxicated persons have a safe ride home (i.e. taxi cab) and are not allowed to roam the neighborhood after closing hours.
- Walking up and down Olga and Orleans at least three times per day to clean trash.
- Restrict patron parking on Orleans Avenue neutral ground, blocking neighbors drive-ways, on sidewalks and on neighbor's private property.
- Restrict patrons from taking alcohol outside of Tyler's.

The lot where Tyler's is located has been the home of businesses for much of

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Parkview's history. For decades the Peralta family ran a grocery store at that corner. The September 2003 issue of *Notes and Issues* contained an article about Olga residents, who in 1908 petitioned the City to have a light installed at the intersection of Olga and Orleans.

The agreement acknowledges that there will be periodic checks by various departments of the City. If Tyler's meets all of the provisions specified in the agreement the City will not pursue its action against Tyler's which it previously filed before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. ■

### **Olga Residents Respond to Survey on Tyler's**

In late February the Association mailed to members living on Olga Street a brief questionnaire regarding Tyler's. The responses received indicate that the biggest concern is with parking. Responses cited examples of cars parked on the sidewalk, on the neutral ground, blocking driveways, and in general making Olga difficult to navigate.

Residents also mentioned operating hours, trash and loud music as being problematic. More than one resident said that they have brought these problems to the attention of Tyler's but have never gotten an adequate response or have had any action taken.

None of the responses suggested that the bar should be closed down, or that a bar shouldn't be at that location. In general, responses indicate that residents only want the bar to be a responsible neighbor. One resident wrote, "I am not against a neighborhood bar/grill, but [only] if they are neighborhood friendly."

This survey was the extent of the Parkview Neighborhood Association's involvement with this controversy. The problems between Tyler's and Olga residents predate the formation of the Parkview Neighborhood Association. The Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association had been working on addressing these issues for many years. ■

### **British Runner Comments on New Orleans 'drinking and jogging'**

*"Conditions in New Orleans were certainly different from Albuquerque, the humidity was very high and although it was actually foggy for the race which felt a bit weird. However, it wasn't uncomfortable to run in and certainly didn't stop thousands of people taking part and having a lot of fun and a big party at the end. I think it's the only race I've run in where beer is available at drinks stations en route." (Paula Radcliffe from her on-line diary.) ■*

[*Parkview Events*]

## PARKVIEW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday April 3 3:00 PM	<b>Landmarks Society Annual Meeting</b> Pitot House Awards presented and new board voted upon. Members of Society are invited to attend.	
Tuesday April 12 1:30 PM	<b>Hearing on Permits for Fair Grounds</b> City Planning Commission holds hearings on zoning changes for Fair Grounds. City Hall, Room 1E07.	
Wednesday April 13 7:30 PM	<b>Parkview Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting</b> Vincent Hall, 1324 Moss St. Quarterly meeting of the Association. See article on first page.	
Saturday April 30 10:00 AM- 4:00	<b>Mid-City Art Market</b> Monthly event moves to its new location in City Park, near the tennis courts. See story below.	

### Mid-City Art Market Moves to City Park in April

On April 30 the Mid-City Art Market will be at its new home between the Peristyle and the Botanical Garden in City Park. The hours of operation are from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A new feature for the market will be an activity tent for emerging young artists.

A long article in the March 8 issue of *Gambit Weekly* detailed the history of the Mid-City Art Market. The article revealed that the Mid-City market has in its short history expanded from 30 to 106 artists, including artists from three different states. One of the founders of the market, Wendy Laker, discussed the initial struggle with quality control. Originally there was no jurying process, but now, as the market matured, the organizers are more selective of what is exhibited.

The article also features many quotes by Sundance Morgan, the colorful former chairman and president of the Mid-City Neighborhood Organization. According to the article, Mr. Morgan, who first conceptualized the idea for the art market over ten years ago, is currently trying to have the largest American flag in Orleans Parish flying from the very tall but empty pole on the Jeff Davis neutral ground. ■