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FIA Neighborhood Stars In Movie!

On July 8, 2011, crews filming the movie "Fire with Fire" set up a shoot on Short Street, Claiborne Ave. and Nelson Street. The film stars Josh Duhamel, Rosario Dawson and Bruce Willis. Many neighbors came out to watch the shoot which entailed a chase scene through the Super Serve convenience store and several residential properties. According to the location director, the area was selected because the houses resembled the wintertime California "look" that fit with the film.



IMDB.com provides the following description of "Fire With Fire": "A fireman takes an unexpected course of action when he's threatened by a man who he's been ordered to testify against." David Barrett is set to make his feature directorial debut with the film. The expected release is later this year.

SAVE THE DATE

**FIA BLOCK
PARTY IS
OCTOBER 30**

FIA MEETING: September 27, 2011

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27

WHY: Discuss current neighborhood issues

GUEST SPEAKER: A representative of LA Department of Transportation and Development will discuss the Claiborne Avenue corridor

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIA PRESIDENT



**Mark Romig,
President**

Dear residents:

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the cool beginnings of a fall season.

I urge you to attend our September 27th membership meeting at Dominican High School. While we do not meet as often as we would like, when we do come together, there is always a healthy and informative exchange of news and updates and a renewal of friendships. Please also mark your calendars for our annual Block Party – this year it will be on Sunday, October 30th, just in time for Halloween! The McCausland's are planning a wonderful fall party for all, and I would ask that you contact Patrick or Jennifer and volunteer your help and assistance.

We are truly fortunate to be living in the Fontainebleau neighborhood, with its lush streetscapes. We are known for many things, and the most discussed is the consistent care that is demonstrated in our individual lawns and gardens. I am constantly told by friends and associates how Fontainebleau is one of, if not the prettiest neighborhoods in New Orleans. Thank YOU for helping keep Fontainebleau beautiful. And we can all pitch in and be part of the beauty. If you see trash in the street, please stop and pick it up (be careful – wear gloves if you need). If you need assistance, call me, and I will help. We are a family, and together, we will make the difference.

Before I close, I would like to take a moment and wish Rep. Walker Hines all the best as he transitions out of office and enters a new career. He has been an active advocate for our neighborhood in Baton Rouge, and we thank him for his servant leadership. I also want to send a special thanks to Councilmember Susan Guidry and her team. She and her office are always accessible to us as issues come to light. We continue to be thankful for her energy and enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing you at our next membership meeting on Tuesday, September 27

Sincerely,

Mark

**Fontainebleau
Improvement
Association**



**For more information, visit the FIA online:
www.fia-nola.org**

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

Few Crimes Reported to FIA Patrol this summer!

Neighbors have reported a total of four incidents to the FIA Security Patrol since May 1—a 33% decrease from the six reports received during the same time period in 2010. The patrol was notified of one burglary, one compressor theft, and two suspicious persons.

On another positive note, the number of incidents within the FIA boundaries reported to NOPD (as noted on online crime maps) dropped 81% from 16 incidents to three. Fontainebleau continues to be among the safest neighborhoods in our city.

Most of the reported crimes are property related, and there are several simple steps we call can take to keep crime as low as possible.

- **Don't encourage solicitors.** Be aware that door-to-door solicitors could be trying to determine if residents are home or if there are items of value inside a home. Do not open your door to strangers, and please don't encourage soliciting by giving money to, offering chores to or buying items from these individuals. If you don't feel comfortable, call NOPD to report the incident—either 911 while the suspicious people are in the area or 821-2222 to file a report.
- **Lock vehicles and use alarms.** According to our NOPD community outreach coordinator, leaving vehicles unlocked to avoid break-ins is not a good idea. Most car burglars will not draw attention to themselves by smashing a window. They generally pick their targets by simply pulling on the door handle to see if it opens. If not, they usually move on to something easier (like a door left unlocked). Do not leave valuable items in plain sight (lap tops, GPS, guns, purses, cameras, cash, shopping bags). Seeing these items will make a thief take a chance on smashing the window.
- **Most importantly: Report any suspicious persons whom may be hanging around in the area.** Do not hesitate to call the police if you see what you think is suspicious activity. You are not wasting their time. Report crimes in progress to 911 or call 821-2222 to file non-emergency police reports.
- **Consider joining the FIA Security Patrol.** Patrol members voluntarily fund the hiring of off-duty police officers; but all neighbors are served by the patrol, which provides a regular, visible police presence. While our officers are on duty, they respond to our neighborhood's emergency calls and often arrive well before the unit dispatched by the 911 operator.

NOPD is currently revising policies related to private security details. These revisions will impact the FIA Security Patrol, so we are monitoring the situation closely. Once NOPD's policy is in place, FIA Security Patrol Members will be contacted with additional information. In the meantime, the patrol's work continues with dedicated officers on duty 22 hours each week. We thank all dues-paying Patrol Members for their generous support and commitment to keeping Fontainebleau safe!

Patrol dues for October – December 2011 are \$84.00, and we welcome new members. For more information, please contact Laurie Conkerton at security@fia-nola.org or 866-3051.

Are you NOLA READY?

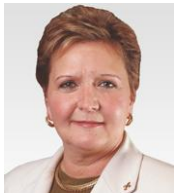
NOPD Chief Ronal Serpas encourages all resident to sign up for emergency alerts at www.nolaready.info.

You select the alerts that mean the most to you—including 2nd District communications.

New Orleans will officially celebrate **National Night Out Against Crime** on **Tuesday, October 11.**

FIA is among the sponsors of the **Carrollton Area Network Night Out** event. Join the fun and meet our neighbors in Palmer Park, 5:30 – 7:30 PM!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT A



**SUSAN GUIDRY,
COUNCILMEMBER**

Dear Fontainebleau Improvement Association Members:

PUBLIC MEETING DATES FOR THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE

From September 12 through September 27, The City Planning Commission (CPC) will hold 10 public meetings to obtain feedback on the Draft Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) document that was recently released to the public.

The draft CZO consists of a set of written regulations, often referred to as the “text” of the zoning ordinance, and a set of maps that relate the written regulations to specific locations throughout the city. Taken together, the zoning text and maps are intended to implement the land use policies of the recently adopted Master Plan.

Below are public meeting dates for the Draft CZO as well as a timeline for the process. At each meeting, a presentation will be made 30 minutes after doors open. You will be able to view draft zoning text and maps, meet with city planners, and submit written comments. The draft zoning text and maps are available on the project website: www.nolamasterplan.org as well as the CPC website at <http://www.nola.gov/RESIDENTS/City-Planning/>. If you have questions, please call City Planning at (504) 658-7033.

Master Plan amendment requests will also be open for public comment at these meetings. This will not be your only opportunity to comment on these requests. The comment period will be open at least through November 2, 2011 with a formal public hearing planned for November 8, 2011.

This is the time for everyone to have input into the CZO which will help shape the future of all of our neighborhoods. I urge everyone to attend and give your input on this ordinance.

CZO Timeline:

September 2011—Public meetings

October 2011—Public comment period

The comment period will continue through the end of the month. Comments can be submitted to the CPC.

End of 2011—2nd draft finished

The 2nd draft is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year complete with updated text and maps.

Beginning of 2012—2nd round of public meetings

These meetings will be more direct and will be targeted to specific neighborhoods

2012- There will be as many revisions as are necessary to get it right. If that means several drafts then that is what will be done until the public is satisfied with the document.

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Public Meeting Dates for the *draft* Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO):

Date	Planning District	Area	Location	Location Address	Time
9-12-11	6	Gentilly	SUNO Gym	6400 Press Dr.	5:30-8:30
9-13-11	9, 10, 11	New Orleans East	Schaumburg School	9501 Grant St.	5:30-8:30
9-14-11	1	CBD, French Quarter	Pan American	601 Poydras St. 11 th Fl.	5:30-8:30
9-15-11	12, 13	Algiers, English Turn	Behrman Center	2529 General Meyer Ave.	5:30-8:30
9-19-11	2	Central City, Garden District	Dryads YMCA	2220 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.	6:00-9:00
9-20-11	4	Mid-City, Treme	Sojourner Truth Center	2220 Lafitte St.	5:30-8:30
9-21-11	3	Uptown, Carrollton	Jewish Community Center	5342 St. Charles Ave.	5:30-8:30
9-22-11	7	Marigny, Bywater, Desire	Franklin Ave. Baptist Church	2515 Franklin Ave.	5:30-8:30
9-26-11	5	Lake Area, Parkview	The Christopher Room	6254 Vicksburg St.	5:30-8:30
9-27-11	8	Lower 9 th Ward	Dr. King Charter School	1617 Caffin Ave.	5:30-8:30

FEMA ROAD AND STREET REPAIR FUNDING UPDATE

Over the past few years, FEMA and the City assessed and repaired roads and sidewalks damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina and the failed federal levee system. Presently, FEMA and the City are conducting Phase II additional damage repair assessments in over 30 neighborhoods so far, including Marlyville-Fontainebleau. In conjunction with this project, FEMA recently announced approximately \$45M in newly obligated funding for roadway and sidewalk repairs in the Lower Ninth Ward. Neighborhoods are not competing for these funds, as each neighborhood is given individual consideration for the maximum possible Phase II funding to meet eligible unmet needs.

Unfortunately, due to the recent federal disaster declared as a result of Hurricane Irene, FEMA is temporarily halting obligation of new project funding across the board to avoid depletion of FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund. Permanent repairs like the roadway and sidewalk repairs are expected to receive additional funding obligations when Congress replenishes FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund. This is the usual procedure, and funding is expected to come through.

In the meantime, the Landrieu Administration continues to frame the massive citywide repair program by grouping Phase II repairs in coordination with planned Sewerage and Water Board repair work. Timetables are not fully developed, but the City Council is tracking progress through updates to its Public Works Committee.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

A city’s quality of life is defined in many ways, one of which is the number and condition of its playgrounds. While it’s important that parks are open for everyone, we have a duty to ensure they are safe places for all ages. That is why I am working closely with NORD on legislation to prohibit possession of alcohol on NORD playgrounds except in connection with NORD sanctioned events.

Hundreds of community members joined with Disney employees to build the KaBOOM! Playground in Palmer Park in June. I’m happy I could help by arranging a Harrah’s grant, as well as doing some landscaping that day! The Palmer Park playground is the 78th KaBOOM! playground built in New Orleans. It’s also the third KaBOOM! layground to be built in District “A” since I took office, joining the playgrounds at McDonogh City Park Academy and Easton Park.

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Many friends and neighbors pitched in this summer to help make some of our playgrounds and parks better places for everyone to use. I joined volunteers to spruce up Harrell Playground and George Washington Carver Park as part of the Mayor's Fight the Blight efforts.

The next Fight the Blight Day is September 24 from 9:00 to 1:00 at:

Uptown: Samuel Square Playground: Napoleon Ave. at S. Saratoga

Other neighborhood sites:

Orleans Avenue Corridor: Claiborne to Broad, Orleans Ave. to Dumaine St.

Stallings Center Playground: 4300 St. Claude Ave. at Lesseps

Digby Park: 6600 Virgilian St. at S. Laverne

Kerry Curley Playground: 4851 Camelot St. at Dwyer

Come out and join your neighbors to help make our city a cleaner, safer place for everyone.

Thank you!

Susan



Councilmember Guidry joined hundreds of volunteers to build the KaBOOM! Playground in Palmer Park

Seasonal Garden Award Winner

Marilyn Alexander

2433 Pine Street



This Summer, the 2011 Summer Garden Award goes to 2433 Pine St. I tried something different this season and sent out an e-mail blast, thank you JD, to the FIA in search of a house and garden to be nominated. Thanks to those of you who nominated Mark Romig's house and Don and Cathy Espenan's house on Fontainebleau—both excellent candidates and previous award winners. I also had a very nice dialogue with a neighbor who desires to see awards reflect green, home and garden principles. I completely agree and I will be working with his suggestions, along with input from the FIA members, Department of Parks and Parkways, and professionals in the green industry, horticulture and landscaping, to develop this further. Anyway, back to the nomination. The well-tended, low-maintenance landscape of 2433 Pine Street represents how much a varied garden could bring to the beauty of a home and to the neighborhood. I conducted a little research on the home, using Google StreetView, to see how the garden has progressed over the past few years. Wow! The comparison of pictures says it all. Congratulations to the owners of 2433 Pine Street for your effort and for providing such a dramatic example of beautification.

If you would like to nominate a neighbor for the garden award, please e-mail Ben Shirtcliff at beautification@fia-nola.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE

RECENT SALES (as of 9/10/11)

7911 S. Claiborne Avenue	\$385,000
2437 Fern Street	\$250,000
42 Fontainebleau Drive	\$336,000
7722 Belfast Street	\$315,000
7734 Belfast Street	\$218,000
2719 Short Street	\$147,000

CURRENT LISTINGS

2401 Adams Street	\$357,500
7909 Belfast Street	\$209,900
50 Fontainebleau Drive	\$425,000
37 Fontainebleau Drive	\$375,000
7703 Nelson Street	\$181,602

For additional information on neighborhood real estate, please e-mail realestate@fia-nola.org to receive a list of neighborhood Realtors.

CURRENT FIA MEMBERS as of 9/18/11

Lester/Linda Adelsberg
 Stuart/Olivia Bamforth
 Jason/Jenn Bilbe
 Lawrence Blanchard, Jr
 Lary/Christie (Lori) Brom
 Arlen Brunson
 Joseph/Elizabeth Cali
 Jean/Craig Cassels/Hood
 John/Laurie Conkerton
 Lizette M. Coughlin
 Margaret Cummins
 Stephen/Pam DeFerrari
 J.D./Peggy Demarest
 St. Mary's Dominican High School
 Marcelle/Dionne Ducote
 Donald/Cathy Espenan
 Mark/Janet Fagan
 Scott/Marsha Ferguson
 Michael/Arlean Fermanis
 Michael Fischer
 Lydia Fonte
 Dick/Carla Gannon
 Charles Gillis
 Jim/Joan Hughes
 Ward/Kathryn Betsy Kenwood
 Gary/Suzy Lazarus
 Mary/Terry LeBlanc
 Greg/Debbie Lier
 Becky Lynott
 James/Gina Maclaren

Garett Majoue
 Nancy/Peter Marks/Briant
 Barbara Oakley
 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
 Tom /Elizabeth Ryan
 Fred/Carole Schwab
 Benjamin/Elizabeth Shirtcliff
 Thomas Short
 Brent/Paula Sibille
 Lois Sweet Spengeman
 Helen/Janet Sperling/Fagan
 Effie Stockton
 Jannette Sturm Mexic
 J. Walker Sullivan
 Bob/Bonnie Talbot
 Tad/Leigh Ann Terrebonne
 Ardyn Thriffiley
 Craig/Erin Toomey
 Patrica/Shirley Unangst
 Laurie Valentino
 David/Cynthia Vandam
 Terry/Joan Walker

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