

**Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
December 9, 2009**

- President Dan Falk started the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
- Accept November meeting minutes
- Kim Schaefer -- Treasurer's Report: \$3276.75 on hand.
- 3rd Police District representative Detective Michael Sam went over recent crimes in Gentilly:
 - Armed Robbery on December 6 in 4200 block of Frenchmen Street
 - Attempted Car Jacking on December 5 at Elysian Fields & Pelopidas (near the old fire station)
 - Armed Robbery on November 29 in 4400 block of Mandeville Street
 - Canseco's was robbed on Nov 3rd
 - Crime statistics for all of the 3rd District (not just Gentilly Terrace and Gardens):

Crime Category	Number in 2008	Number in 2009
Auto Theft	251	181
Armed Robbery	55	66
Residential Burglary	377	255
Burglary	281	192

If you see anything suspicious, please call the police at 911.

We are the eyes and ears of the police.

Detective Michael Sam stated that if there is any problem with non-crime issues, please call Quality of Life Officer, Patrick Smith. His phone number is 658-6198. The 3rd District shares him with several other Police Districts so he might not answer your call, but he will get back to you if you leave a message.

- Dan Falk -- Gentilly Terrace and Gardens “Beacon of Hope”
 - Actions of the Blight Committee
 - Sent letters to owners giving them 30 days to respond (fix or ask for help)
 - Work with code enforcement to bring them into compliance
- Lia Yoste -- Hike for KaTREEena tree planting in January 23rd
 - Deadline for sending in your request is January 6th. Maximum of 3 trees per location.
- Kim Schaefer -- Holiday Door Decorating Contest
 - Enter the contest for \$10. Deadline to enter is Monday, December 14th.
- Norm Whitley -- We are trying to set up a tour of Gentilly Terrace School on Friday, Dec 18th

- Rebuild Gentilly Day -- David Welch gave us an update:

On January 23, the GCIA (Gentilly Civic and Improvement Association) is bringing "Rebuild Gentilly Day" to the Greater Gentilly High School, 6026 Paris Avenue, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

They will be presenting the GCIA/NORA Phase 2 Program, which includes the selling of over 400 mostly vacant lots acquired by the State through the Road Home program (Phase 1 was the "Lot Next Door" program). These lots are for sale to everyone, whether you currently live in Gentilly, live in another area of the city, used to live in Gentilly, and especially for those who have not returned to New Orleans and are ready to come back.

Gentilly Phase 2 lots will be offered to the public from January 15th through March 15th, at excellent market-value rates. You can find these lots on the GCIA Website, www.gcia.us, along with more information about how the Phase 2 program works, and where the lots are located. The market-value rates will be listed shortly, so you can look at the site, choose a few possibilities and then get in your car and drive to these lots to see them.

- Dan Falk -- Neighborhood Party sometime in January - Pot Luck dinner maybe at St James Major
- Dan Falk -- Gentillyfest Marketplace (Paris and Mirabeau) -- next one will be in March.
Maria Tio is looking for a location. It didn't work out with Mirabeau and Paris location because the owner of the property didn't want it on a weekend during the day. It would cut into business too much. Friday afternoon doesn't work well for the marketplace since it gets dark at 5pm during the winter.
- Scott Darrah --
Meme's Grocery will open soon in the shopping center at Paris and Mirabeau. Lil Dizzy's is looking into the possibility of opening a location there as well.

A temporary library should open across from the Post Office next month.

- Next meeting - January 13, 2010