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# ENGLISH TURN MONTHLY

THE OFFICIAL ETPOA NEWSLETTER



#### POA'S JULY UPDATE

This month was eventful, to say the least.

On July 13th, a meeting of concerned residents was held to discuss the proposed apartment complex on ET Parkway. Over 61 households were represented in-person, and the 100-person capacity was reached on zoom. Since the meeting, a Development Opposition Committee has been created to plan the strategies for action. If you want to join this committee, please contact **Janet Duroncelet at jdilzell@cox.net.** Since this initial meeting, sub-committees have been formed and are busy working on outreach, legal representation options, and strategies.

Later in the month, during our community meeting on July 19th, we also discussed the financial and budget meetings that will occur over the next few months to determine an increase in semi-annual dues. Our Assessment Fees have not increased since 2014 and if increased will be presented by the Board with proper justification.

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#### POA UPDATE

Another important update would be the induction of a new Board President, Charles Rice Jr, who previously served as Vice President. Janet Duroncelet, our Board president for the past 15 months, will be moving to Vice President where she will continue to engage with the projects she began.

Within this last month, we also said goodbye to our Director of Operations, Sandra Benenate, on July 1st. Sandra was employed by ETPOA for a little more than 2 years. During that time she was responsible for many positive changes and the implementation of several much-needed infrastructure projects. The search for a new director has already begun, and the position should be filled within the next month or so, depending on a board vote.



### POA Security Update

In future issues, we intend to include a quick message from the community's Director of Security, Troy Bush, to allow for monthly updates on safety and security matters.

For the first update, Troy explained that we had a very successful month of July—with no reported incidents—making our community one of the safest in the metro area.

"As a general precaution, I would like to remind the residents to continue to practice safety by locking all vehicles, garage doors, etc. I would also encourage the residents to purge and update their guest list for approved contractors and service providers. A common safety tip would be to clean up their permanent guest list by removing places like Dominos, Pizza Hut, and UberEats. These providers often have a high turnover rate with employees so you don't really know who has gate access.

I would also like to recommend to please keep friendly and courteous communication with your gate guard, as they are our first line of defense."

Troy A.Bush ETPOA Director Of Security, <u>troy@etpoa.net</u>

### Not Getting Email Blasts?

From time to time, residents will call the POA Office to say that they were receiving POA emails, and suddenly, they stopped. One of the reasons for this could be that one of the blasts was routed to your junk or spam folders, which sends a message to our GoDaddy server and "suppresses" your email as not getting permission to email. A way to prevent this is to check your junk or spam, and if you see an email from the POA, right-click on the email and set a "rule" to move to the Inbox. This will send any future emails to the correct box.

Another reason for a "suppressed" email is if you are in Outlook or another email viewer and only preview the email and don't open it fully, the program will take that to mean that you are not interested in receiving emails and will eventually suppress your email address. It is a simple fix on our end in either case, but we must know that you are having difficulty. Please inform the POA Office if you have stopped receiving email blasts, and we will check to see if you have been "suppressed."

## Amigos are Looking for Side-Work



From left to right:

Standing: Antonio Lopez, Adolfo Mendez, Carlos Jimenez, Daniel Vadillo Seated: Jose Castillo, Hector Perez, & Angel Gonzalez

Now that the Amigos are back and settled into their home—they are looking for some side work to fill their time here with. All of them speak very good English and can be contacted directly from the cell numbers and emails below. If anyone would need several of them for a particular project, you may call Bubba at (504)416–8424 to set up a group.

Angel Gonzalez: (504) 708-9666

Antonio Lopez: (504) 708-9030

Manuel Zarate: (504) 762-0006

Adolfo Mendez: (504) 758-4175

Carlos Jimenez: carlosjaime9524@gmail.com

Jose Castillo: jc9480389@gmail.com

Hector Castillo: Call Bubba at (504) 416-8424

\*The POA does not facilitate side work for the seasonal workers. Please contact and pay them directly.

### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### School Supplies Drive

With the new school year quickly approaching, many teachers are scrambling to collect the necessary school supplies needed for the year. Resident, Erin Hernandez, has taken the initiative to collect school supplies for the children of Algiers.

There will be a donation bin on the front porch of the POA office until **Friday**, **August 5th**. This is a great opportunity to help our fellow neighbors and give the students confidence going into the school year. Although supplies are preferred, Erin Hernandez can accept monetary donations through Venmo and Cashapp. Contact Erin for more information at **utshorty@gmail.com**.



For cash donations:

Venmo @ErinHernandez84 Cashapp \$ErinHernandez84

#### In-Home Piano Teacher Needed

Resident Kiran Anand would like to have in-home piano lessons taught to her 7 and 9-year-old children one day per week after school. The 9-year-old has had some piano experience, whereas the younger would be a beginner. If you are a piano teacher or know of any piano teachers taking new students, please call **Kiran at (504) 621-6388.** 



# Puppy Looking for Furever Home

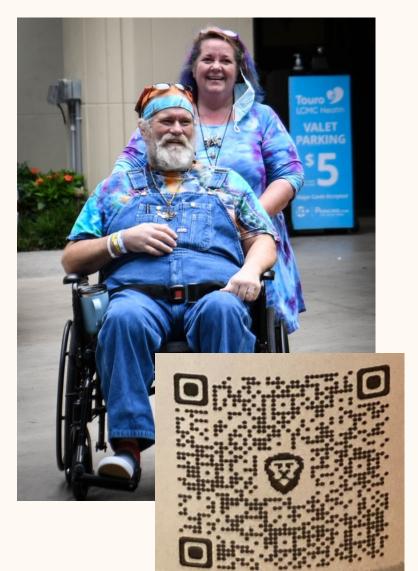
Earlier this month a sweet puppy was found wandering around the neighborhood and has since been taken in by residents, Tiffany Peake and Stacy Glago. He is now searching for a permanent home. He is 2–3 years old and in perfect health! He is heartworm negative, has all his vaccines, and is neutered. Tiffany explains that he is a big love bug and loves attention. She has also shared that he is good with kids and other animals as well. If you know of any fosters or adopters that might want him please call **Tiffany at (504) 756–9965.** 



### Support Leslie's Husband

On May 23, 2022, Joe Cooper, husband of WWOZ DJ and former POA Administrative Assistant, Leslie Cooper, was shot multiple times while defending their home in Gentilly from an attempted home invasion.

Joe miraculously survived this traumatic experience and was released from Touro's nursing rehabilitation last week. Joe still has a long road ahead, filled with physical and mental therapy. Since the accident, Leslie has taken a hiatus from her work as the Entertainment Coordinator for Buffa's Restaurant to care for Joe full-time. As can be expected, medical and living expenses will be ongoing. To help support their recovery journey please consider donating to their GoFundMe which will help with such expenses.



Scan the Qr code to be directed to the GoFundMe link or follow the link: **gofund.me/409e2120** for more information.

# **Update on AT&T Fiber Optics**

AT&T has nearly completed tunneling for the installation of fiber optics, which is COMING SOON! Our AT&T representatives, Damian Barrow and Mason Poydras have advised that it is time to sign up. Although, when you call they may tell you that service is unavailable in your area, insist that they put the ticket request in any way. The more tickets that are requested, the faster we will get the fiber installed.

For more information, you can contact the English Turn AT&T representatives directly:

Damian Barrows, damian.barrows@att.com or (504) 202-7341 Mason Poydras, mason.poydras@att.com or (504) 273-9187

#### Looking for a Notary?

Looking for a notary? No need to even leave the neighborhood! Call Larry Genin at (504) 487-0222.



# **Butterfly Garden Updates**

Exciting news from the Butterfly Garden – Resident and Volunteer Extraordinaire, Mrs. Mary Balyeat, announced that possibly three brand new Queen butterflies are on the way. The caterpillars pictured here were transplanted to the butterfly houses and brought to the POA library to wait out the chrysalis phase. On Monday, July 25th one of the Queen butterflies emerged! We're still waiting on the other two but it shouldn't be much longer. If your children are interested in learning more about butterflies, call the POA Office to set up a time to come view the butterfly houses or pick up some books from the library. You may also contact Mary at (504) 391–8000 for more information.





If any teens/students are looking for Community Service hours, they can volunteer at the Butterfly Garden. As a non-profit organization, the POA can provide a letter for the school.

#### 3RD OF JULY PARTY RECAP

The 3rd of July annual pool party was such a success this year! The band Imaginary Frenz, was there rockin' and groovin' tunes from the '60s-'80s. The menu was filled with lots of backyard bar-b-que favorites. Thank you to everyone who made it and celebrated it with us.



# ET's Garden Club Begins its New Season!

The English Turn Garden Club welcomes all residents and members of English Turn Country Club to join them for another season of friendship.

\*\*The first Garden Club meeting is Tuesday, September 16th at 10:45 am\*\* at English Turn Country Club. Lunch will be available for a separate fee (TBD). The annual dues are \$35.00 and can be billed to the ETCC account or mailed in.

Membership forms are available at the Club and POA Offices or you may request one by emailing Elizabeth Revuelta at <a href="mailto:englishturngardenclub@gmail.com">englishturngardenclub@gmail.com</a>. You may also contact Elizabeth with any questions.

# Goodwill Community Pick-Up This Month

Goodwills across the country use the profits from our thrift stores to fund jobs and job training for our neighbors facing employment barriers. For us to continue our mission, we depend on donations from individual community members. Another, lesser-known aspect of their work, is their commitment to the environment. Not only does donating to Goodwill divert goods from local landfills, but it also ensures they will be recycled for reuse.

Goodwill will be providing two donation bins to collect donations from any residents. These bins will be located in the **ETPOA office porch** from **August 19 – August 22, 2022**.

Below is a list of goods that we CAN take followed by a list of items we CAN'T take:

#### CAN:

- Accessories/Clothing/Purses/Jewelry
- Art & paintings
- Bicycles & children's scooters
- Books, Toys
- CDs, DVDs, and other media/Electronics
- Computer parts & Peripherals
- Decorative household items
- Dinnerware/Glasswares/Cookwares
- Exercise equipment
- Flat-screen monitor/televisions
- Furniture
- Hand tools/Power tools
- Outdoor power equipment (gas & oil removed)
- Records/Rugs
- School & Work uniforms
- Small household appliances
- Speakers, Stereos, Radios, Record players
- Wheelchairs

#### CAN'T:

- Batteries
- Broken or damaged furniture
- Building materials
- Car Seats
- Children's high chairs
- Children's play pens
- Clothes hangers
- Cribs
- CRT tube televisions
- Firearms of any kind
- Food, beverages
- Hazardous materials
- Hospital beds
- Major appliances
- Mattresses/box springs
- Pianos
- Tires
- Wet clothing

Thank you for any donations!

### Hurricane and Generator Preparations

Now that hurricane season is back again, we wanted to take a moment to discuss possible options for residents to consider. Since Ida's power outage last Fall, many residents have installed whole-house generators in hopes of being properly prepared for the potential storms.

If you are considering purchasing a whole-house generator, we hope to help by comparing the two common types: liquid-cooled and air-cooled. The generator's cooling system is part of its design and is often determined by the size and type of the generator. Smaller generators are usually cooled by air, while larger varieties are generally liquid-cooled. Air-cooling generators use air circulation to decrease the temperature and often have the potential of overheating when used for an extended period. In a liquid-cooled system, the generator uses oil or coolant to keep the temperature of the internal parts down. Liquid-cooling systems are more expensive to produce, but they are more durable and powerful than the air-cooled alternatives. If you purchase a liquid-cooled generator set, you will likely get a great product, but plan to spend more than you would for a smaller generator with an air-cooled system.

With either generator, be sure to read up on the instruction manual as many makes and models require a "rest" period when being run constantly.

If you decide that you would like to install a whole-house generator, you must submit your plans to the ASC Committee for approval of its placement. We also recommend letting your neighbors know of your generator so that they can keep a watchful eye out for any malfunctions in the event of a hurricane and evacuation.

For more information on Hurricane Preparedness, go to ready.nola.gov to plan for emergencies.

Thank you for your attention this month. We ask again that if any residents would like to have anything featured within the newsletter to please contact Anna at osgoodanna@gmail.com.

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