

ENGLISH TURN

2023, A YEAR IN REVIEW

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GUESS WHOS BACK, BACK AGAIN?

Hint: It's not Eminem

We are happy to announce that the English Turn POA's Monthly Newsletter is back! After a long hiatus, we present to you this Year in Review issue. This issue will be followed by monthly issues delivered the last week of the month. Each issue will provide the English Turn community with news stories, imperative updates, rule reminders, helpful hacks, a recap of any events in that month, and any upcoming events or meetings for the next month. We hope to start receiving resident input as well. If you have anything to brag about or have tips for your neighbors, please feel free to email our editor, Ms. Sophie Novick, at sophie.etpoa@gmail.com.

Although we have been asked on multiple occasions, by many different vendors, we do not have any advertising in this newsletter providing our community with monthly imperative updates, future events, frequently asked questions, and much more.

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INTRODUCING JERRY W. SNEED, LT.COL. USMC (RET)



After obtaining an undergraduate degree from McNeese State University and pursuing graduate study at Sam Houston State University, Jerry spent over thirty years as an officer and enlisted marine in the United States Marine Corp. That service included combat operations, and he was awarded personal military decorations, including the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and five Meritorious Service Medals among others. Retiring in 2005 with the rank of Lt. Colonel, Jerry spent the next thirteen years in the employ of the City of New Orleans, initially as a Security Planner in the Office of Homeland Security before becoming the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in 2006. From 2007 to 2010, Jerry was the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, where he merged two offices into one organization and managed a staff of 18 professionals with a budget in excess of \$1.3 million. From 2010 to 2015, Jerry was the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Homeland Security, with the responsibility of advising the mayor on all issues pertaining to public safety. He finished his career with the City of New Orleans in 2018 as the 9-1-1 Consolidation Manager. After retirement from the City, Jerry formed a Consulting Agency to offer public safety recommendations for governmental agencies.

And, now, Jerry is willing to utilize his leadership and organizational skills developed from careers in the military and in City Government to lead the restructure of our Property Owners' Association as its Executive Director. After several months in office now, this Board has concluded that in order to move forward with the various capital projects that are under consideration and to emphasize the quality of life issues that make English Turn such an extraordinary place to reside, we must be more efficient and utilize our staff in ways best suited to their abilities and our needs. Creating a position with oversight authority over the entire operation is good business practice and will assist this and future Boards in making considered decisions.

While Jerry Sneed is new to our staff, he is not new to the community and likely needs no introduction to residents of the West Gate, where he lives, or to participants in the Lower Coast Algiers Association, where he has helped to organize residents and to develop strategies to preserve quality of life issues and to improve conditions for the entire Lower Coast community. No learning curve will be necessary for this hire, and the Board is delighted to be the beneficiary of Jerry's years of experience in organizing, directing and obtaining positive results under demanding circumstances, which includes public safety. We hope that his crowning achievement will be in his own backyard, beginning September 5, 2023.



OUR AMIGOS



For the past 18 years, the POA has worked with our H-2B agency, the Amigos Labor Solutions (hence the moniker "the Amigos") to assist with the USCIS H-2B application process. Since 2018 the H-2B visa process has become more difficult. Prior to this date there was a Returning Worker Exemption (RWE) wherein any workers that returned to the same company or organization year-after-year would not be included in the annual H-2B visa cap. On average, there are 164,000 H-2B visa applications received each year with only 64,000 visas issued. Without this RWE, we had to apply several times in 2023. We did not receive the visas for the Spring or early Summer seasons. They finally arrived in late June and returned to their hometowns shortly after Thanksgiving. Our time with them was short but we still managed to get a lot of projects completed. Although the RWE has not been permanently put into law again, in 2024 we were fortunate enough to receive our five (5) returning workers for the early Spring season. Five workers, Angel, Antonio, Julian, Daniel, and Hector will be back in late February of 2024.



HOW DID OUR CRAWFISH DO?



We had our Annual Crawfish Boil back in April, and it was a "Slap Ya Mamma" hit! We had so many friends and family attend that it became a standing-room only event. Our maintenance foreman, Bubba, was our crawfish chef. With his years of experience in crawfish boil competitions, he surely did not disappoint. We can still taste the spice in those mushrooms! We would like to offer a belated thank you to our sponsor BFH Law Group for their generosity.

Not only did we have music, beer, and crawfish, we even had a raffle! Three of our English Turn-ians – Joanne Wagner, Vernon Riley, and Cynthia Cook – won some SWAG.

If you were not able to join us in 2023, dry your tears and prepare your tastebuds for 2024's boil, where we will be in the POA's parking lot boiling up some crawfish again.



CONTRACTOR RULES & REGULATIONS SIGNS

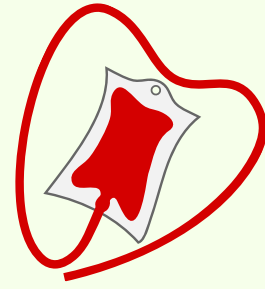
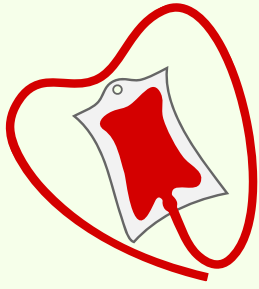
The POA has implemented a new tool to help remind our residents of construction rules and regulations. If you see one of these signs on your property, don't fret, these are only temporary and will be removed once construction is complete.

These signs are posted at the entrance of each gate in both English and Spanish.

It was brought to our attention that on Sundays, contractors were let in through the South Gate. We would like to remind everyone that contractor entry through any gate on Sunday's, holidays, or after work hours is strictly prohibited and could result in a fine.

We do understand emergency situations that may require A/C, heat, plumbing, electrical, and internet services. We will not stop their entry in those instances.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING BLOOD



ENGLISH TURN'S FIRST BLOOD DRIVE

In the summer of 2023, English Turn had its first blood drive in the POA office. The Blood Center's Community Development Manager, Ms. Suzy Potter, and Board member Mr. Tony Hernandez, organized the event.

On Monday, August 21, 2023, the POA Office was temporarily converted into a blood donation center. It was a successful drive, where we surpassed our goal!

Although you may not be a firsthand recipient of a blood donation, you probably know someone who has benefitted from receiving blood. The English Turn POA Office has had someone positively impacted by blood donations.

Mrs. Leslie Cooper, who was the ETPOA Administrative Assistant a few years back, had her husband's life saved by having blood available in the ambulance after he was shot multiple times during an attempted home invasion in Gentilly. Joe Cooper is alive today because of the selfless donations from those who gave blood.

If you did not get a chance to donate this time, you will have another chance! The POA and New Orleans Blood Center are going to try to organize a second visit in 2024. So stay pumped for next time.

Thank you to everyone who donated!



New Orleans Style Pies
SIMON HUBIG CO., NEW ORLEANS, LA 70117

**THANK
YOU**

**TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO THE SUCCESS OF
ENGLISH TURN'S 1st BLOOD DRIVE**

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT DATE

THE BLOOD DRIVE IN THE POA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023
RESULTED IN 22 GIVING BLOOD AND 5 MAKING A DOUBLE RED
DONATION...SURPASSING THE GOAL OF 25.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO TONY HERNANDEZ
FOR INITIATING THIS BLOOD DRIVE**

**PICTURED POST DONATION
TONY & IRENE HERNANDEZ**

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*** GRANDBABY***

****Future blood donor maybe? ****



**Thank you from Suzy Potter
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Suzy Potter

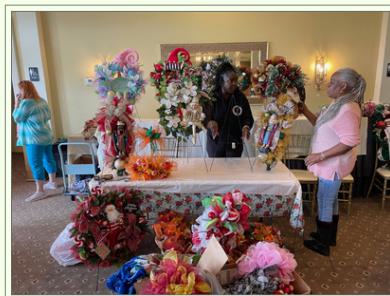
HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



The annual ETPOA Halloween Extravaganza took place on Sunday, October 30, 2023. The weather was beautiful, the candy was sweet, and all of the children's costumes were delightful. There was FREE food and drinks inside and the kids' costume contest took place on the stage outside. Over 50 children participated in the costume contest. The categories were determined by age groups with a boy and girl winners in each category. The winners were as follows:

0-3 boy - Noah Lee (as a firefighter), girl - Keira Brown (a ladybug)
4-6 boy - Jonah Berhane (as Yoshi), girl - Rori Hebert (as Little Red Riding Hood)
7-9 boy - Ayce & King Neville (as the Bumble Bee & Optimus Prime transformers), girl - Abba Wierzbicki (as the Indian)
10-13 boy - Connor Hoang (as Jake from State Farm), girl - Melia Robinson & Sophia Washington (as the Scary Doll Twins)

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



The second, and hopefully, annual English Turn Craft Boutique fair was held Saturday, November 18th in the Clubhouse's second floor loggia. There were twelve booths in 2023's boutique, we hope to see them and more back in 2024. The participants were:

Safiya Boucaud-Robinson
Decorated Cutout Cookies
Ray Mallik
Woodcraft items
J'Nelly's Savory Delight
Pepper Jelly
Bel Batiste
Earrings and Eyewear
Ross Miller
Homemade Pickles
Charlene Washington
The 'Wreath Lady'
Jacquelyn Bates & Jovan Tapeh
Mary Kay Cosmetics
Brooklyn Loga
Buttons
Maddie Do
Artisan Cookies
Stacy Glago
Custom Ornaments
Tiffany Brown
Wicks NOLA Candle Co.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR INTEREST



In February of 2024, at the Annual Meeting of the POA, an election will be held for two (2) seats of the ETPOA Board of Directors. The quorum for the meeting, as well as the election, will take place ONLINE and in-person. At each annual meeting members shall elect Directors for a term of two (2) years to succeed those Directors whose term of office has expired.

The Association is currently looking for residents interested in running for the Board of Directors. All that is required to become a member of the Board of Directors is that you are a member of the POA in good-standing (current on your dues and free from any litigation or fines associated with your property). No special qualifications are necessary, although a strong desire to enhance and improve the community is expected.

To aid in the selection process, applicants are asked to complete a brief questionnaire and provide a short biography. Please call or email the POA Office at (504) 391-8000 or email sophie.etpoa@gmail.com or margeaux@englishturnpoa.com to request a questionnaire.

The deadline for Board member applications is January 10th. There will be a "meet the candidates" forum on January 16, 2024 at the community POA meeting held at the POA office and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a volunteer position. The Board of Directors administers the affairs of the Association, which include maintenance and care of the common areas; levy and collection of assessments; designation and dismissal of POA personnel; assist in the preparation of the annual budget; and the promulgation of the rules and regulations governing the use and enjoyment of the common areas. The time commitment for the members of the Board of Directors varies as the Board is required to hold Executive Sessions (when necessary); host community meetings either via Zoom or in person; attend the Annual Meeting; meet with the POA staff; or convene regarding an emergency. POA Board meetings usually take place on weekday evenings. However, most of the Board's communications are through email, thus reading and responding to emails might occur daily.

BIG TREE-SY GIVE AWAY



Throughout the year, the City of New Orleans, in collaboration with NOLA Tree Project, hosts tree giveaways one Saturday per month in different areas of the City. Every Orleans Parish resident is eligible to receive a FREE TREE, just by showing their ID with an Orleans Parish address. English Turn residents took full advantage of the giveaway and even scored some trees for the common areas of the community. Pictured at the top is Executive Director, Jerry Sneed's grandson with December's haul. The trees have been planted along the walking path in The Parks and other areas of the neighborhood. The giveaways for the next quarter will be:

- Saturday, January 20, 2024** Louisiana Nature Center
- Saturday, February 24, 2024** Louisiana Nature Center
- Saturday, March 2, 2024** St. Roch Community Church & Center



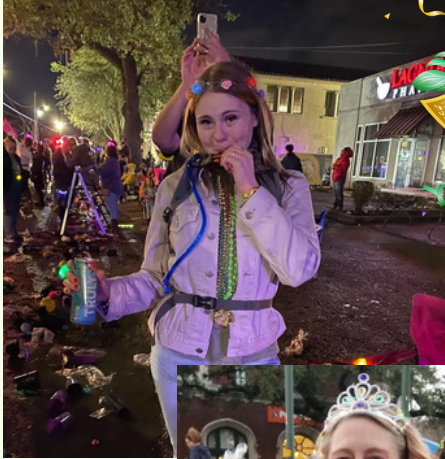
NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

If you have not been to www.englishturnpoa.com lately, you should make it a point to check it out. You will find a password protected resident directory (current password is ETjanuaryDir) under 'Community Information' at the top.

With this new feature, we are hoping to slow down on the printing press at the POA office to help save our trees and go green! The bonus of a digital directory is being able to frequently update it for residents, something old fashioned paper could never compete with.

Another feature we are proud to present, is our searchable CC&R's and FAQ's. For example, you got a busted up mailbox? Search mailbox and anything related will come up.

EVENTS COMING UP IN NOLA



MARDI GRAS!

'Tis the New Orleans Season!! It's finally upon us, the carnival spectacular that is Mardi Gras. Coming early this year, the season is kicked off with Joan of Arc January 6th in our beloved quarter. If you haven't already, download a full parade schedule and get your costumes and krewe in order.

AIN'T NO
PARTY
LIKE MARDI GRAS



- 01/06/2024 - [Krewe de Joan d'Arc](#)
- 01/06/2024 - [Phunny Phorty Phellows](#)
- 01/20/2024 - [Intergalactic Krewe of Chewbacchus](#)
- 01/27/2024 - [Algiers Mardi Gras Festival](#)
- 01/27/2024 - [Krewe du Vieux Parade](#)
- 02/02/2024 - [Krewe of Cleopatra Parade](#)
- 02/03/2024 - [Krewe of Pontchartrain](#)
- 02/04/2024 - [Krewe of Carrollton](#)
- 02/08/2024 - [Krewe of Muses](#)
- 02/09/2024 - [54th Annual Greasing of the Poles](#)
- 02/09/2024 - [Krewe of Hermes](#)
- 02/09/2024 - [Le Krewe D'Etat](#)
- 02/10/2024 - [Krewe of Endymion](#)
- 02/10/2024 - [Krewe of Iris](#)
- 02/10/2024 - [Krewe of Tucks](#)
- 02/10/2024 - [Tet Fest: Vietnamese New Year](#)
- 02/11/2024 - [Krewe of Bacchus](#)
- 02/12/2024 - [Krewe of Orpheus](#)
- 02/12/2024 - [Krewe of Proteus](#)
- 02/13/2024 - [Krewe of Rex](#)
- 02/13/2024 - [Krewe of Zulu](#)
- 02/13/2024 - [Mardi Gras Day](#)



THATS ALL FOLKS

Thank you for tuning in!

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