



# Spring Lake Neighborhood Association

June, 2009

*Rebuilding Eastern New Orleans One Home at a Time*

## Message from the President

Welcome to all new and returning homeowners! By moving into Spring Lake, you have joined our large family of proud homeowners.

If you are not receiving information via e-mail concerning Spring Lake meetings, etc., you can e-mail our secretary, Brenda Joseph. Her e-mail address is [bjoseph@stonepigman.com](mailto:bjoseph@stonepigman.com). Should you not have Internet access, you can call me at (504) 241-0504 so that I can put you on our list of homeowners to call regarding future meetings.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Bunny Vallon  
President

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

*Spring Lake resident, Courtney Royal, holds the honor of being the Valedictorian of Ursuline Academy*

We are very proud of all our Spring Lake graduates and wish them continued success. Congratulations are extended to:

**Chad Adams**, McDonogh #35 High School  
**Ken Cobette, Jr.**, St. Augustine High School  
**Von Guter**, Southern University, Baton Rouge  
**Joseph LaCroix**, Brother Martin High School  
**Michael Mitchell, Jr.**, St. Augustine High School  
**Michelle Robinson**, St. Stephen Central School  
**Phillip Reed, Jr.**, Bishop McManus Academy  
**Courtney Royal**, Ursuline Academy

**Andrew Watley**, Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio  
**Anthony Watley**, Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio

*Our apologies if we have omitted any graduates. If there are other Spring Lake graduates, please send an E-mail message to [gfarmant@yahoo.com](mailto:gfarmant@yahoo.com) so that we can recognize you in our next newsletter. Thanks.*

## Characteristics of a Good Neighborhood

Most realtors state that good neighborhoods **HAVE ACCESS TO AN ECONOMIC CENTER** (convenient to jobs, shopping, restaurants and nearby public facilities such as libraries, parks and walking trails), **ACCESS TO GOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (feed into a well-regarded schools), and have a **SOLID REPUTATION** (appeal to a variety of people, have well-manicured lawns, well-maintained homes, junk-free properties, low crime and attract a high percentage of home owners).

To add to our good neighborhood, **Mildred Osborne School** is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2011 with a brand new building and the **Downman Road US Post Office** opened this month,

Let's do all in our power to keep Spring Lake a good neighborhood, because as the Russian Proverb states, *People don't buy the house, they buy the neighborhood.*

Congratulations to the

**Breckenridge/Perry Family**

7531 Spring Lake Drive

**Home & Garden of the Month**



**Stay connected @**  
**[springlakeneighbors.org](http://springlakeneighbors.org)**

**Night Out Against Crime** The annual Night Out event will be held **Tuesday, August 4, 2009** at the corner of Spring Lake and Mayo. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Dolores Aaron (242-2014) will be chairing this remarkable event again this year. Please mark your calendar and contact Mrs. Aaron to tell her how you can assist with this Spring Lake event.

## **Renaissance Marketplace**

*A jewel in New Orleans East's Crown*

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> marked the inauguration of a successful and enjoyable community market for eastern New Orleans residents and other residents in the metropolitan area. Between the hours of **4 and 7 p.m. in the Lowes Parking Lot** (5700 Read Blvd), vendors provided its customers with quality goods as the consumers enjoyed meeting and greeting old and new friends and acquaintances while listening to background music. Restaurateurs, caterers, and businesses that provided fresh produce, fresh seafood, and arts and crafts were present.

Visitors could buy jewelry, hats, Tupperware, sunglasses, fresh and silk flowers, fresh produce, and even have dinner while at the Marketplace, or do as my sister and I did, bring dinner home. Restaurateurs sold cooked seafood, fowl and boiled seafood. There were many choices, so take a break from cooking on the **fourth Saturday of the month** and go to the **Renaissance Marketplace**.

And if you are concerned about the heat, I can add a personal note, the iced tea from **Java City** (5555 Bullard) hydrated me, quenched my thirst, and was a savory treat.

Looking for something to do during the **4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend** in New Orleans East? Then look no more. The **Afro-American Book Stop** will honor several best-selling authors this weekend. All of the authors are originally from New Orleans. Mark your calendar for these book-signings!

**BRIAN W. SMITH** (FROM HOLLYGROVE)-AUTHOR OF "MY HUSBAND'S LOVE CHILD & DONNA'S COMEBACK"  
SIGNING FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 4-6 PM & (Manuscript Submission) SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 12-2 PM

**CLARENCE NERO** (FROM THE DESIRE20PROJECTS) -AUTHOR OF "THREE SIDES TO EVERY STORY & TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING  
AIN'T BAD"  
SIGNING FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 4-6 PM ONLY

**RHONDA M. LAWSON**(LOYOLA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE)-AUTHOR OF "PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER & A DEAD ROSE"  
SIGNING SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 3-5 PM ONLY

**MARY B. MORRISON**(MCDONALD 35 GRADUATE)-AUTHOR OF "UNCONDITIONALLY SINGLE & MANEATER"  
(A.K.A HONEYB-AUTHOR OF SEXCAPADES & SINGLE HUSBANDS)  
SIGNING BOTH FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 4-6 PM & SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 3-5 pm

The Afro-American Book Stop ♦ 7056 Read Blvd ♦ 504-243-2436 ♦ STORE HOURS- TUES-SAT 11 AM- 6 PM

## **Bernard's Pralines of New Orleans**

*Formerly known as Ariel's Pralines in Lake Forest Plaza Mall*

**PRALINES** (Flavors: *Original with nuts, Original without nuts, Chocolate, Coconut, Banana, Cinnamon, Rum, Rum Raisin, Peanut Butter, Macadamia Walnut*), **DIPPED STRAWBERRIES**, and **DRINKS**

5741 Crowder Blvd. Suite A7  
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Store Hours: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

