

ENGLISH TURN MONTHLY

THE OFFICIAL ETPOA NEWSLETTER



POA's SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER UPDATE

We have had a very busy September and October, with a lot happening around the neighborhood. Now that the long-awaited Fall season has begun, we have lots to catch you up on. Happy Reading!

To jump right into some very important discussions, we will start with an update from the **Algiers Lower Coast Committee** and their Chairman, **Janet Duroncelet**.

"At our meeting on October 18, 2022, the Committee took a few moments to congratulate ourselves and the entire community for INITIAL success in our effort to require appropriate development on the Algiers Lower Coast. Committee members took the lead in informing the community of the proposed construction of a 276-unit apartment complex on English Turn Parkway and mobilizing our residents for a letter-writing campaign endorsing an Interim Zoning District through a petition signed by nearly 1000 people and appearing en masse at a City Planning Commission Meeting (specifically a meeting of the Design Advisory Committee)..."

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Update on Algiers Lower Coast Committee!

Written by resident and Chairman, Janet Duroncellet

"These efforts were guided by our counsel, Bob Ellis, who worked closely with the office of our Council Member Freddie King, whose struggle with avoiding any appearance of impropriety in acting on a matter where he owns the property is recognized. We are grateful to all who, determined to protect our community, undertook an effort given little chance of success.

Our success in Phase I of the effort included the recent enactment of an ordinance by the City Council to establish the Lower Algiers Rural Protection Interim Zoning District, which temporarily prohibits the establishment of multi-family residential or commercial developments in S-RM1 and S-B2 zoning districts. During the period of the prohibition, the City Planning Commission is ordered to conduct studies to investigate our concerns, including a stormwater management study, an environmental impact analysis, an impact on infrastructure, available municipal services, and a traffic study. Based on independent studies, the CPC is directed to issue a report with recommendations for the use and development of undeveloped property within the district, with appropriate building design standards and requirements, on or before August 1, 2023. While these independent studies are being done, the Committee recommends that the CPC's record be supplemented with the opinions of our own experts. It will be necessary to investigate our options in this regard, with recommendations from our attorney (or anyone else), and estimate the costs of our participation in such a process.

The Committee has also applied to participate in the City's Master Plan by proposing changes to the Future Land Use Maps (FLUM) for District #13. Twelve separate Applications were prepared by the Committee and forwarded by CM King's Office to the CPC for review. As explained by our attorney, public meetings will be scheduled after staff analysis and our participation is absolutely essential. A second petition is proposed to support these changes to the FLUM so that the appropriate land use of the entire Algiers Lower Coast will be limited to Residential Single-Family Semi-Rural and Residential Single-Family Post-War only. The Committee decided to initiate the circulation of the petition with postcards sent to all property owners with instructions for electronic signing, which hopefully can be done by each adult family member. After we determine participation, the Outreach Committee will likely follow up with door-to-door solicitation. If the CPC approves the changes to the FLUM, it still remains for the City Council to enact zoning changes to correspond to the FLUM. Another public hearing before the City Council, which requires our participation, will be held.

Despite some well-earned euphoria over our progress so far, the Committee reminds the Community that there remains much to do over the next year and widespread participation is critical to our ultimate success. Again, many thanks to all who have participated so far."

Let's Talk about Planting Native Trees!



Written by resident Jennifer Alexander

With the Village's proposal reminding us about the natural beauty surrounding us, let's talk about planting native trees!

When is the best time to plant a tree? 50 years ago! **When is the second best time?** NOW!

Or, as my husband says—if you are debating the perfect place and time to plant a tree... just do it!

As far as the calendar goes, the best time in New Orleans to plant a tree is November through February. With the start of the tree planting season approaching, I hope to share some reasons why we should all participate this season, and what it is we should plant!

There are so many reasons to plant trees:

- **Property Value**—trees can add 13% to 21% to the price of your home
- **Energy Conservation**—shady trees can cut home energy use by up to 30% depending on the location
- **Air Pollution Reduction**—trees cleanse the air by eliminating noxious gases and particulates
- **Water Quality and Conservation**—trees reduce surface water runoff and soil erosion, catch and collect rainwater, and may decrease the risk of flooding.
- **Wildlife Habitat**—trees provide food, nesting sites, and protection to a wide variety of birds and animals.
- **Environmental Improvement**—trees contribute to neighborhood pride, instill feelings of relaxation and tranquility, and add natural character and beauty through a variety of forms, colors, and textures.

If you are wondering, do trees really make a difference? I am here to tell you, yes!

In the Spring of 2020, we did a landscaping overhaul with a focus on adding native trees, shrubs, and flowering plants to our yard in the Villas. Since then, I am happy to report that we have really seen our yard flourish. Within just two years our garden has had many welcomed visitors. We have seen over 85 species of birds, including many hummingbirds and even the occasional Bald Eagle. We, each Spring season, see butterflies galore, including Monarchs, Giant Swallowtails, Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, Viceroy, Gulf Fritillaries, Long-tailed Skippers, and Yellow Sulphurs to name a few. We also spotted many moths and dragonflies. So, yes! Plants make a difference!



So, why pick a native tree, you may ask? In general, native trees are well tailored to our specific environment, provide numerous benefits to the area's ecosystem, and don't require much care once established.

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But just like reasons to plant a tree, there are so many reasons to pick native trees:

- **Provide food and shelter for local wildlife**—nature’s food pyramid is built on the presence of native plants. Butterflies, birds, and small mammals depend on the shelter and food sources that native trees provide. These populations can decline when there are not enough native trees in the landscape.
- **Better chance of survival**—native trees can handle their regions’ climate and, in turn, are healthier and more robust.
- **Less need for fertilizer**—native trees are already acclimated to the region’s soil, so you don’t have to add fertilizer to keep them alive and thriving.
- **Saves water**—native trees don't need to be routinely watered because they can grow geographically without much maintenance.

Now that I have convinced you, let's get planting! Planting a tree says you care about English Turn, our environment, wildlife, and the future. What better way to toast the purchase of a new home, honor a friend or loved one, commemorate a birth or marriage, or respect the natural beauty of English Turn than to plant a tree?

Native Trees to Consider Planting this Fall:

1. Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)—These trees are our Louisiana state tree. Since they tend to grow along rivers and wetlands, they are excellent at soaking up floodwaters and preventing erosion. In the Spring, they have bright lime green leaves and change to a deep rust color in the Fall.

2. Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)—These trees flourish in the harshest conditions. They also sprout beautiful blueberries each Spring season that the birds will love.

3. Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)—These trees are very well known in the South and are beautiful to look at. This magnificent, broadleaf evergreen tree will be a picturesque addition to your landscape. It grows rapidly when young and may live to be centuries old.

4. Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)—This tree, unlike the others, is a bit smaller of a tree. It is well known for its red tubular flowers that frequently attract hummingbirds in the Spring months. It is important to note that its seeds/nuts are poisonous so be mindful of your pets and small children.

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Native Trees to Consider Planting this Fall:

5. Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)— These trees bring a variety of colors to your landscape year-round. They are highly valued as landscape trees for their flowers and fall foliage that light up spring and autumn landscapes.

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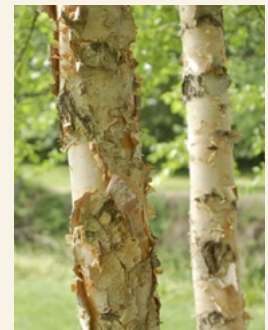
6. Red Oaks (*Quercus spp.*)—These trees are very common and have multiple species, including Nuttall oak, Cherry Bark oak, and Shumard oak. They are medium to fast growers with exceptional Fall leaf colors.

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7. River Birch (*Betula nigra*)—These trees are valued for their relatively rapid growth, wetness and drought tolerance, unique curling bark, and spreading limbs.

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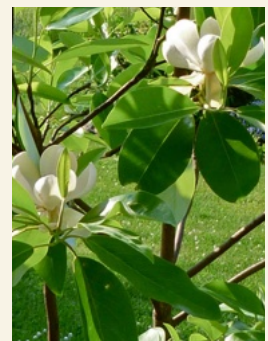
8. Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)— These trees are prevalent in Louisiana and produce large, creamy white, and fragrant flowers in late spring and early summer. The average tree matures anywhere from 60- to 80- feet tall and 40 feet wide after many years.

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9. Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)—These trees, unlike the Southern Magnolia, have slightly different leaves and flowers. They produce 2"-3" creamy white flowers with a light lemon scent and are visible in late spring and early summer. They even grow bright scarlet-red seeded fruit that ripens in late summer, attracting many birds. They typically grow 10'-20' high with an equal spread.

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10. Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra L.*)—These trees create shady spots under their dense leaves. They are usually used as ornamental trees because of their bright Red Mulberry fruit that appears from April to June and resembles blackberries. The fruits are also edible for humans if there are any leftovers from the birds. They can be used like blackberries for jams, jellies, plain wines, etc. (See next page for photos)



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Now that we have convinced you to do some native planting this Fall, here are a few additional resources for you to consider. 10



Local Native Plant Information and Resources:

1. Native Plant Initiative Greater New Orleans

Mission—To increase the use of native plants in our area by expanding public awareness of their ecological benefits, boosting availability, and preserving and creating native plant communities.

Events—They host meetings, native plant giveaways, and planting days in the local vicinity.

Visit www.npi-gno.org/ for more information.



2. Jefferson Feed Pet & Garden

This nursery is a family-owned plant and pet store with multiple locations. For more information, visit www.jeffersonfeed.com/about/

3. Harold's Plants

This nursery has an extensive, locally owned garden center in the Bywater. Visit www.haroldplants.com/f-a-q for more information.



4. Chickadee Natives

This local nursery is known for its native plants, available by delivery and at the Lafreniere Park Farmers Market. For more information, visit chickadeenatives.com/

5. Almost Eden

This is an online nursery located in Merryville, LA. For more information, visit www.almostedenplants.com/shopping/



6. Southern Gateway Garden Center

This garden center is located in Belle Chasse and offers many of the trees I have mentioned. **They have offered ET residents a 10% off discount if mentioned at the time of purchase.** For additional information, call (504) 393-9300 or visit [107 Timber Ridge St in Belle Chasse](http://107_Timber_Ridge_St_in_Belle_Chasse). You may also contact Darryl Relle of Southern Gateway, as he is English Turn POA's Landscaping Consultant.

We hope this article on Native Trees was helpful and inspiring to you. Again, we want to thank resident Jennifer Alexander for her extensive research on the topic and her willingness to inspire us all to do some planting this Fall season. In the next issue, we will include an article by Jennifer about the birds that so frequently visit her native trees, so stay tuned. Please let us know if you participate in this planting agenda and send pictures to osgoodanna@gmail.com for future issues.

Tree Giveaway for Orleans Parish Residents

Parks & Parkways will host NOLA Tree Project's The Big TREESy Giveaway on **Saturday, November 12th** from **8:30 am - 12 pm**. Orleans Parish residents are welcome to one free tree per household (Orleans Parish photo ID required).

Visit nolatreeproject.org/what-we-do/big-treesy/ for more information and more giveaway dates.



Guard Recognition Program - Nominate Now!

For this month's security update, we wanted to mention the new Guarda Employee Recognition Awards launched this month. GuardaWorld has developed an Employee Reward and Recognition Program to recognize employees for their contributions at work.

Have any of our guards gone above and beyond for you or other residents? Do you have any stories to share where a guard provided exceptional service? If you would like to nominate any of our English Turn guards, please email testimony to Troy Bush at the email below. We hope you take this opportunity to praise our excellent security staff.

Troy A. Bush, ETPOA Director Of Security, troy@etpoa.net

New Safety Mirrors Installed

Another update for this month is the recent installation of safety mirrors around the neighborhood. These mirrors were installed in four locations that have been reported as traffic hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. We hope these mirrors allow for better visualization of corners and other passing cars. See below for pictures of them around the neighborhood.



COMMUNITY UPDATES

In Search of a Nanny...

The Tuckers are in search of a house manager/nanny. If you know of someone looking for this type of work, please call Dr. Richard Tucker at (504) 453-2225 or Michelle Tucker at (504) 495-2421.

Remember...

If your children need community service hours for school, they can volunteer at the Butterfly Garden, and the POA can send a letter to the school verifying the hours worked. Please call Mary Balyeat (504) 231-0174 to arrange for your child(ren) to meet and receive instruction.

Trunks-Giving is back...

Last year, on Saturday, November 20, organizers and members of The New Orleans (LA) Chapter of the Links, Inc., in conjunction with ETPOA, hosted TRUNKS-GIVING, a donation drive to benefit five local charitable organizations. The organizers of the Chapter plan to do it again this year on **Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Club's parking lot.** The trunks will be open again, and collecting items for five (5) different charities will be announced soon—look out for email blasts that will include more details on this event.

Amigos Update...

The Amigos have been hard at work this Fall season. Within the past month, they have completed over 15 jobs around the neighborhood. We are so grateful for their hard work and would love to share just a few highlights with you all. On Cypress Point Lane, they completed a week-long job of pulling all the dying hawthorn bushes from the island and replacing them with new ones. They also trimmed all of the trees, replaced the mulch, and even had time to assess the garden beds on each side of Glen Abbey Way. We are delighted with this landscaping progress. They also were able to pressure wash all the gazebos in the park and noted some repairs needed on a few; this will be completed later this month. They also repaired a broken water line on Fairway Oaks Dr, which a contractor, unfortunately, ran over. They were able to accomplish much more than I mentioned, but I am happy to report that their monthly progress is gratifying for our entire neighborhood. If you ever see them around the neighborhood, I hope you take an opportunity to check in with them and thank them for their hard work.

Club October Hours

GOLF SHOP
Monday
11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday – Sunday
6:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Call 504-391-8018 for Tee Times

TEE TIMES
Monday
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday – Sunday
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

PRACTICE FACILITY
Monday
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday – Sunday
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
**Sunday & Wednesday night close at 5:00pm for Clean Pick*

TURN STAND
Monday
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday – Friday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday - Sunday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BEVERAGE CART
Friday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday – Sunday
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

FITNESS CENTER
Monday - Sunday
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Code required for Member Entry

TENNIS
Monday - Sunday
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
4:00 PM – Dusk
Closes daily for watering 1PM - 4PM
For Lessons, Camps, Clinics,
or League Play Contact
Abrie at 985-634-6229
*Code required for Member Entry

POOL
Tuesday - Sunday
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM




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Hours of Operation

BREAKFAST
Saturday & Sunday
7:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LUNCH
Tuesday – Sunday
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BAR
Tuesday – Sunday
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR
Thursday
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

DINNER SERVICE
Wednesday and Friday Only
5:00 PM – 8:00PM

TAKE OUT ORDERS
Take Out Line
504-392-2208
Tuesday - Sunday
11:00 AM – 4:00PM
**Orders accepted until 4pm, must be picked up by 5pm*

KIDS CLUB
Friday Only
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SHARKS COVE POOLSIDE GRILL
CLOSED FOR SEASON

DINING SCHEDULE

Family Night 10/5
CAJUN FRIED CHICKEN

Friendly Friday 10/7
BUFFET

Family Night 10/12
RAMEN NIGHT

Friendly Friday 10/14
A LA CARTE MENU

Family Night 10/19
MEXICAN NIGHT

Friendly Friday 10/21
PRIME RIB NIGHT

Family Night 10/26
ITALIAN NIGHT

Friendly Friday 10/28
A LA CARTE MENU

Sunday Brunch 10/30

**Michael Jackson
Tribute Concert**

Friday, Oct 7
\$80
All Ages Show

Members can log into their online account to make [reservations](#);
Members and Guests can email haleve@englishturn.com

Butterfly Garden Updates



There have been some exciting additions made to the Butterfly Garden within this last month. If you have not been there recently we highly suggest you take a stroll in this beautiful fall weather to check out the many improvements. It is located in the West Gate area behind the guard house.

We are so sad to hear of Mrs. Phyllis Ditta's passing recently. She was an incredible woman and an even better neighbor. In her memorial, the Garden Club has dedicated a plaque to her in the Butterfly Garden.

There has also been a new persimmon tree that was recently planted in the Butterfly Garden. It was donated by the Revuelta family whom you can see pictured with Mary Balyeat earlier this month.

Lastly, we would like to mention that the ET Garden Club is still meeting each month and continuing to accept new members. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club you may call Elizabeth Revuelta at (504) 338-3852 or Urmila Kedia at (504) 433-5883 or (504) 432-9603.



HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA EVENTS

There will be another Halloween House Decorating Contest this year! There will be prizes for the East Gate Parks, East Gate Lakes, West Gate, and Villas/Golf Estates in each of these three (3) categories: Best Lighting, Best Entryway, and the Scariest. There will be ONE (1) GRAND-PRIZE winner for Most Original.

No registration is necessary! Simply decorate the exterior of your house. **Judging will take place on the evening of Friday, October 28th.** Winners of the House Decorating Contest will be announced at the Halloween Extravaganza and in an email blast. Prizes will be dropped off on the porch the first week in November.

Sunday, October 30th there will be a Halloween Extravaganza at the POA building. It will be from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and there will be a **Kids' Costume Contest**, crafts, a rockin' dance floor, food, soft drinks, and a cash bar. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event please reach out to us at margeaux@etpoa.net. We are really looking forward to this event and spending more quality time with our residents.

Following from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., there will be a **"Trunk-or-Treat"** that will take place in the Country Club parking lot. Parking spaces will be roped off for participants to pop the trunk and pass out treats to the little ones. Parking is first come, first parked! No registration is necessary—just find a spot and pop the trunk!

On Monday, October 31st, Treak-Or-Treating is "on your own." We kindly ask residents, who will not be giving out candy, to leave their porch lights off. For questions or more details, please call the POA Office at (504) 391-8000.



Charitable Organizations for the Upcoming Month of Giving!

With the month of November quickly approaching we wanted to mention a few organizations to consider donating to! Below are notices of such charitable fundraising events and a link to another charitable organization. Should you have a "good cause" to share with the neighborhood, please email details to: margeaux@etpoa.net.

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH

Resident Keisha Rogers has teamed up with her sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., to help raise money for St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research. Keisha's goal is to raise \$222 in honor of her sorority's 100th year, which was established on November 12, 1922. *The donations are tax-deductible.* Visit www.stjude.org for more information.

UNMASKED DREAMS Masquerade Ball

This Fall, Depaul USA will host the 4th Annual Masquerade Ball at the American Italian Cultural Center (537 S Peters St, New Orleans, LA 70130). Please join us for an evening celebration of this unique and effective program for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness as they move to houses and become contributing members of our city. Entertainment is provided by Philip Manuel, the 610 Stompers, and the Kinfolk Brass Band! Buy a ticket, make a donation, or purchase a sponsorship by visiting depaulusa.org/events/4th-annual-unmasked-dreams-masquerade-ball/.

You can also support your favorite nonprofit organization by signing up for Amazon Smile and automatically contributing 0.5% of your Amazon purchases to their efforts! To sign up visit smile.amazon.com

Thank you for your attention this month. We hope you enjoy. 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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