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Clockwise from top left: seniors exercise class, women's health & fitness day event, seniors halloween party, Truth Youth story time & drumming, seniors show off their needlework skills, seniors jewelry-making seminar.

2nd Annual Broad Street Brewhaha a Success!



The second annual **Broad Street Brewhaha** was held on Saturday, November 13th, 2010, from 11AM to 4PM, on the roof of the former Schwegmanns building at 300 N Broad Street. The Brewhaha is a celebration of the beer- and coffee-brewing traditions of New Orleans, with all of the local microbrewers sharing their brews: Abita, NOLA Brewing, Lazy Magnolia, Heiner Brau, and Bayou Teche. The Coffee Roasters of New Orleans were also there to share their artisan-roasted coffees, and participants enjoyed free music all day as well as food from some of our favorite local kitchens and over 40 of the great vendors from the Broad Street Flea Market.

The Brewhaha was hosted by **Broad Community Connections**, the Broad Street Main Street organization working to revitalize Broad Street from Tulane Avenue to Bayou Road as a vibrant commercial corridor, bringing together the surrounding neighborhoods and fostering their economic, residential, and cultural development. The Brewhaha is an opportunity to showcase the culture of the Broad Street neighborhoods, and an opportunity for New Orleans to come back to Broad to spend some time in the heart of the city.

Moving? Please Let Us Know!

Lafitte residents are often on the move, and we are doing our best to keep our database up-to-date. Please remember to get in touch with us if your phone number, mailing address, or email address changes. Thank you!

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Construction continues at the new Faubourg Lafitte  
 First onsite homes & apartments are nearing completion!

If you've driven down Orleans Avenue recently, you've no doubt noticed the tremendous progress being made at the new **Faubourg Lafitte** site. As you can see by the photos below (continued on page 2), hundreds of new homes & apartments are nearing completion, with residents returning home beginning in January 2011! Check out our website & facebook page for even more photos & updates.

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## Q&A with Interstate Realty Management

Faubourg Lafitte Property Management Team addresses Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When will you begin leasing the new apartments?**  
We will begin leasing the first 134 units starting in January 2011.
2. **What amenities are included?**  
Each new apartment is equipped washer/dryer and a full kitchen including an oven, stovetop, dishwasher, and refrigerator.
3. **What utilities are included?**  
Water is included, but tenants are responsible for electricity.
4. **Will there be assigned parking spaces?**  
No – off-street parking will be available to residents of the rental units, but on a first-come, first served basis.
5. **I am not a former Lafitte resident; can I apply?**  
Yes – as of September 22, 2010 applications are available on a first come first served basis, but former Lafitte residents are given first priority. Please call Michele Matthews at (504) 821-6687 to request an application.
6. **Can I use my HCV to lease a unit?**  
No – if you are accepted to occupy a unit, you will have to give up your portable voucher.
7. **How much is the deposit?**  
Deposits are \$200.
8. **Will there be any assistance with relocating?**  
Yes – HANO has relocation assistance available for all former Lafitte residents, determined by bedroom size. (1-bedroom: \$500; 2-bedrooms: \$700; 3-bedrooms: \$900; 4-bedrooms: \$1100).

Interstate Realty Management has opened a temporary leasing office at the Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, located at 2200 Lafitte St. The office is open Mondays-Fridays 9am-5pm & Saturdays 10am-2pm. More information is available through their toll-free hotline at (504) 821-6687 and through their temporary website <http://www.lafitte.irmmanagement.com>.

Homeownership opportunities will soon be available on and around the Lafitte site! If you are interested in becoming a homeowner, please call (506) 821-7226.

## What's happening at Sojourner Truth?



Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center (STNC), a hub for community building, offers family stabilization and family strengthening services and provides a welcoming space for residents and communities to gather. Here are some highlights of what we've been up to recently (please come out and join us!)

- Our *Senior Citizen Day Club*, led by the Lafitte Resident Council and our Senior Coordinator is a big hit! 40 seniors ages 55+ are enrolled, making this one of our most popular programs. Daily activities include fellowship, exercise, lunch, jewelry-making, sewing & needlepoint, and crafts. BINGO is also held once a week, and participants enjoy regular field to museums, picnics at City Park, shopping trips to the Tanger Outlets, Holiday parties, and more!
- *The Truth Youth*, a program providing recreational, cultural, and educational activities for kids ages 7-14 on Saturday mornings is still going strong! As a part of the program, the *Sojourner Truth Youth Theatre Ensemble Theatre Camp* was created for children grades 1-12, led by teaching artist Ed Bishop. Tuition is free and enrollment is open & ongoing. The Ensemble holds performances 4 times a year.
- *Re-Occupancy Ready* workshops will resume after the New Year to provide information & resources to Faubourg Lafitte residents preparing to move into the new development!
- The *Indigenous Pitch Dance Collective*, out of Philadelphia, came to STNC in August to offer a week-long dance camp to community youth at no cost. 45 kids attended this wonderful camp, culminating in a final dance recital.
- Our *Family Wealth Development Specialist* provides employment, education, and financial education services to residents.
- 2 more *MoneyWi\$e* financial education classes graduated in July and October with 26 more graduates, 21 of which opened their first checking and/or savings accounts as a result of the program.
- *Section 3* is going strong; bi-weekly Faubourg Lafitte Redevelopment pre-employment orientations are ongoing.
- *Urban Strategies* held their *Employment Boot Camp* at STNC in October. The program included workshops on job search, interview skills, resume development, and workplace etiquette and seminars for those interested in careers in construction & healthcare. General contractors and sub-contractors from the Faubourg Lafitte Redevelopment were present to offer insight on obtaining employment in the construction industry. Kedila YouthBuild was also in attendance.
- Our monthly *Health & Wellness Series* (through a partnership with the Tulane Community Health Center at Covenant House & the Mary Amelia Center) is ongoing, featuring health topics affecting the neighborhood. September featured the *Women's Health & Fitness Day Event* and October featured "*Fair Housing 101*" with the Fair Action Center of Greater New Orleans. Future topics include hypertension, depression, and eating healthy for the New Year.
- Our new state-of-the-art *Community Technology Learning Lab* will be open in late Fall, thanks to a generous gift from Capital One! Computer classes and open community lab hours will begin once the lab is open.
- *Weekly exercise classes* continue in the evenings at STNC.
- STNC is open Mon-Fri 9am-6:30pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm. For more information, please call (504) 827-9963.

### Meet our Staff – We're here to serve you!

Ext. 212	Carol Carter (Executive Director)
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Ext. 211	Jessica Kennington Olivier (Program Coordinator)
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Ext. 200	Jacqueline Griffin (Receptionist)
Ext. 200	Gary Gabriel (Maintenance)
Ext. 221	Emelda Paul (Lafitte Residents Council)
Ext. 224	Dulcie Scott (Senior Services Coordinator)



Our latest MoneyWi\$e graduates show off their hard-earned diplomas!