



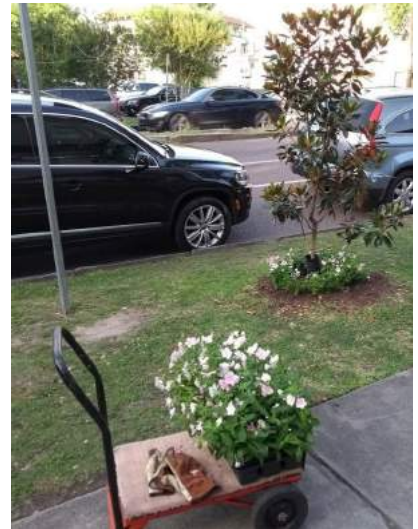
CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

NOLA Parks For All

June 2018 NEWS

Summer Color Project

A generous donation of 360 “Icy Pink” vincas was received and planted by volunteers in Capdevielle, DeSoto, and Gayarre Parks. Additional sites included right-of-ways on Esplanade and Grand Route St John. The pop of color adds a cheery periwinkle dimension to plantings, including some new street trees recently added by SOUL.



Fundraising

One of our top associates developed an interesting way to generate funds. Noting that a neighbor was not getting good landscaping, he volunteered to “do it right”. That neighbor now donates her monthly expense to Parks For All – City Beautiful Committee!

Gayarre Park Team

Call went out via NEXTDOOR for persons interested in “adopting” Gayarre Place Park. The hugely historic and important pocket park has litter issues and landscaping problems. Parkway has been contacted to develop a source of water for plants. The Monumental Task Committee has done graffiti removal and preservation on the statue there.



• missing plantings



• trash in decorative urns



• graffiti

Infrastructure Repairs

A goal this year has been to improve WALKABILITY in these parks. Seniors, dog walkers and tourists frequently use small parks for exercise and sight seeing. Cracked and broken pavement indicates neglect and offers hazardous conditions. Initial contact with Council member Joe Giarusso has given hope for speedy attention to some of the problems.



Safety Initiatives



Neighbors of DeSoto park have committed pledges to purchase a historically appropriate lamp standard and light for DeSoto park to allay some concerns about unlit portions. Guidance in the process has been promised by Hailey Bowen, P&P's landscape guru. CBC and PFA will need to compose and present a CEA, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, in order for the donated lamp to be accepted by the city.

THANKS to all for your support – Robert Thompson

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