

STREETCAR TRACKS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Website. Please take a look on the reverse of this newsletter at the screenshot of the new website developed by board member Laura Claverie with Mary Negrotto. We hope that you will visit www.stcharlesavenueassociation.com early and often. We welcome your input as the board is discussing the interest in a conversion to electronic communications with the SCAA membership.

Crime. Because this is such a concern, Laura Claverie is chairing a committee for the board, which will convene neighborhood leaders from around the city on November 4, 2015. Updates to follow.

Monuments Issue. In August, the board submitted a letter for the record to the Historic District/Landmarks Committee meeting. In September, a similar letter was sent to the members of the New Orleans City Council. In both, the pertinent part read:

The Robert E. Lee statue and Circle have been a fixture on St. Charles Avenue for over 130 years. We cannot support any effort to remove the statue or rename the circle, listed by the National Park Service on its National Register of Historic Places. To do so would harm the historic character of the Avenue. However, we do support a thoughtful and inclusive effort to make the site a place where the full story of the Civil War and its effect on all of the people of New Orleans can be told. In this way, the monument can become a tool for the citizens of the New Orleans metropolitan area and visitors to the City to learn about the Civil War. Indeed, given the location of the monument at one of the main access points to the museum district in the Central Business District and on the St. Charles Avenue streetcar line, such a use of the monument would be very appropriate. We understand that educators from some of the City's leading educational institutions and others in the community have expressed a similar view as to how the monument can be used to teach history. In sum, the monument, far from being a public nuisance, is a historic fixture on the Avenue, which can be repurposed to teach about history. SCAA stands ready to assist the City in such an effort to use the monument in a positive manner.

– Camille Jones Strachan

**ST. CHARLES AVENUE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015
5:30 business meeting followed by Reception
IBERIABANK
3412 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

According to the St. Charles Avenue By-Laws adopted in October of last year, the board has at least 3, but not more than 25, seats. At its Annual Meeting, the membership of the organization elects individuals to a three year term which may be extended for an additional three years. There will be several vacancies to be filled at the Annual Meeting on November 18, 2015.

As chair of this year's nominating committee serving with Sybil Favrot, Tony Gelderman, Anne Redd, Camille Strachan and Tommy Westervelt, I am soliciting recommendations. If you would like to serve, or to nominate someone, as a board member, please send the information on the nominee by mail to Paul Masinter, Stone Pigman, 546 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; or by email: pmasinter@stonepigman.com.

– Paul Masinter

ST. CHARLES AVENUE ASSOCIATION

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The Crown Jewel of New Orleans

Travel the length of Saint Charles Avenue on its historic streetcar—from Canal Street to Carrollton Avenue—and experience the crown jewel of New Orleans. Or walk the tree lined Avenue and see some of the most elegant and treasured homes in America, two outstanding universities, beautiful Audubon Park and many thriving businesses, most locally owned. You'll see why it's often called one of the most beautiful residential streets in America.

[Visit our Photo Gallery](#)[Learn about our Mission](#)www.stcharlesavenueassociation.com

CRIME CAMERAS

Please consider helping keep our neighborhoods safe by getting a ProjectNOLA loaner crime camera for your home or business. Live video is streamed via the Internet to ProjectNOLA's crime camera monitoring center, where an operator may help NOPD officers responding to nearby emergencies by relaying real-time perpetrator information and providing crime video. You too may also view your own crime camera(s) via a phone, tablet or PC. An extremely successful crime abatement program, ProjectNOLA's non-profit system has helped the NOPD with over 1000 felony incidents. \$100 REFUNDABLE security deposit and \$10/ month. Go to www.GetProjectNOLA.org or call 298-9117 to sign up today. "

NOTICEME

NOTICEME is a project of the City of New Orleans which enables citizens to stay informed about any proposed land use changes . It can be tailored to specific areas of the city and will send registered users notices of City Planning Commission (CPC) and Board Zoning Adjustment (BZA) hearings. NoticeMe provides information about submitting comments to the CPC and BZA on pending matters. For more information, log on to <http://noticeme.nola.gov/#>

The St. Charles Avenue Association was organized in 1972 to encourage the preservation of the historic and residential character of St. Charles Avenue. Membership is open to all who are interested in this goal. Annual dues are \$20 and may be sent to the Association at P.O. Box 15833, New Orleans, LA 70175-5833.

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