

October 26, 2007

To State Representative Jim Tucker:

732 Behrman Highway, Suite C-2
Terrytown, LA 70056

Please join me in demonstrating my appreciation to our citizens for their commitment to return home. I would like to have you, members of the city council and invited guests, join me in saying “thank you” to New Orleans residents for their dedication to our rebuilding process with a series of activities titled *Merci Beaucoup* that will be held in November. This also will be an opportunity for us to discuss and display recovery projects that are underway in our city.

Merci Beaucoup (Many Thanks) events will be held on November 4, 10, 13 and 15 in target recovery areas throughout the city:

- **Songs of Gratitude Concert**
Sunday, November 4, 6:30 p.m., Suburban Baptist Church, 10501 Chef Menteur Hwy. Local artists headlined by Dillard University VisionQuest Chorale and Greater Saint Stephen’s Karar Dance Ministry will lead in an evening of praise and gratitude. This program also will highlight current and future recovery projects in New Orleans East.
- **Lakeview Recovery Saturday Luncheon**
Saturday, November 10, Noon until 1:30 p.m., location (TBA)
Led by the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Management, residents will participate in a discussion of recovery projects, underway in the neighborhood.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. School: Christmas in November**
Tuesday, November 13, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., 1617 Caffin Ave.
Hasbro, Inc (NYSE:HAS) and U.S. Marines Corps’ Toys for Tots will join us in holding a special event for our children. We will be joined by celebrity guests, Anthony Anderson of FOX’s K-ville and folklorist Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy for these exciting events. Student leaders also will join us in replacing a street sign damaged by Hurricane Katrina near the school.
- **Merci Beaucoup Community Dinner**
Thursday, November 15, 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Canal Street between St. Charles Avenue and Camp Street, river bound.
This dinner is a symbol of *ONE New Orleans*, with residents from throughout the city convening at *ONE* table.

Franklin Davis (fdavis@mayorofno.com) and Lesley Eugene (leugene@mayorofno.com) from our Communications office will follow up with your office regarding your participation and availability.

Thank you for considering how you can be a part of this effort to recognize our citizens. This is part of our effort to rethink, renew and revive our community. Together, we can create *ONE New Orleans*.

Sincerely,

C. Ray Nagin,
Mayor, City of New Orleans