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LHDNO Is A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Neighborhood Organization, Serving All The Residents of Leinkauf

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### We Can't Have A Community Without UNITY!

#### **Leinkauf Historic District News:**

### Mark The Date October 5th For A Run-Off Election In District-2

Congratulations to incumbent Councilman Levon Manzie and candidate William Carroll, who will face each other in a run-off for the District 2 Council position, on October 5, 2021. The city website states: Mr. Manzie ended up with 48 percent of the vote, to Carroll's 23 percent.

### Help Provide Assistance To Those Who Lost Everything In Hurricane Ida

**St Paul's** is organizing a donation drive for victims of Hurricane Ida. They are trying to raise \$100,000 to send ice chests, ice, bottled water and juice, by this Friday, September 3rd. Any donation is appreciated. Make your check payable to St. Paul's and memo it "Hurricane Ida." You can send it to the school or drop it in the mail box at 360 McDonald Avenue 36604. Suzanne Schwartz will get the checks to Lou to take to the school.

Thanks for your support. Lou Courie, Leinkauf resident

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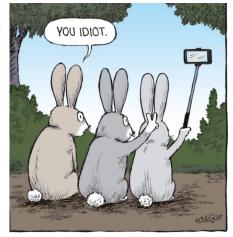
The City of Mobile: Parks and Recreation Dept, at 48 North Sage Drive, 36607 has Donation Boxes inside their front office, where you can place donation items for the families in Louisiana and Mississippi, hurt by Hurricane Ida, who have been displaced and are now in our community. ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE: diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, soap, lotion, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, paper towels, toilet tissue, shaving needs, facial tissue, disposable masks, and hand sanitizer. Thank you for your assistance!

# LEINKAUF'S 2021 BOARD ELECTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

Leinkauf Board Elections will take place on the last Thursday in October. If you know of someone whom you would like to see represent your Area (your street) on the LHDNO Board (see a map of Leinkauf on the next page), please ask them to run for a board position, and get them to send their information to leinkaufelections@gmail.com, letting the NEC know, so we can compile the 2021 LHDNO Board Ballot. If you would consider running, please submit your own nomination form, which will be attached to an email from leinkaufhdno@gmail.com.

Mr. Bill Boswell, a former LHDNO President, has graciously consented to be our 2021 Elections Chair. We sent LHDNO election information by email on September 1, to all LHDNO members and residents, explaining the 2021 LHDNO elections procedures.

Current representatives and executive officers who wish to run for re-election to their current position, and/or remain in an appointed position (such as filling a board representative vacancy in a Leinkauf Neighborhood/Area) should email their information to leinkaufelections@gmail.com, stating they wish to remain in their position. Please consider serving on your Leinkauf Board. Currently, LHDNO has not met in person due to Covid issues, but know that your board members have continued to communicate, and are in contact with Councilman Manzie regarding Leinkauf



issues. And your Board will continue to work for you in the future. We hope we can all meet face-to-face soon to welcome the many new residents and members we have gained over 2020 & 2021. Area realtors continue to report that the market is hot, and new home owners are at an all-time high for our neighborhood. Remember, we cannot have a "community," without "UNITY."

(See more information below: "2021 LHDNO NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT")

### 2021 LHDNO NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

(The following is taken from an email the NEC sent to the Leinkauf Board on September 1, which was forwarded to all past and current members.)

**Dear Leinkauf Residents and LHDNO Members:** 

The Board of Directors of the Leinkauf Historic District Neighborhood Organization (LHDNO) has chosen to hold its Annual Elections of Officers and Area Representatives on

Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Only Members in Good Standing having paid their current membership dues may participate in the nomination and election process.

If you are not currently a Member of LHDNO, please join. Please visit the LHDNO website: https://www.leinkauf.org/join-us

#### The Nomination and Election Process of 2021

Covid-19 has made it necessary for the 2021 Elections to be held via email and/or USPS mailing.

For Members in Good Standing, here is the process with Key Dates.

- September 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Nomination forms with instructions will be sent out via email (Check your email! They were sent.)
   September 24, by 5 pm: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominations must be completed and received by LHDNO
   October 1: \_\_\_\_\_ A Ballot of eligible nominees will be sent out via email to all Members
   October 28, by 5 pm: \_\_\_\_\_ All Ballots must be completed and received by LHDNO
   October 29: \_\_\_\_\_ Election results will be announced to the membership via email
  - What offices are being Chosen in the Election?

#### Executive Committee

The 2021 Elections will choose the four (4) officers of the Executive Committee for a 1-year term:

President Vice President Treasurer Secretary

All LHDNO Members are allowed to nominate and vote for the candidates in each of these four at-large positions.

#### • Area Representative

The 2021 Election will also choose four Area Representatives for a two-year term.

The Areas up for election are Areas 2, 4, 6 and 8.

Only Members living in Areas 2, 4, 6 and 8 may nominate and vote for these Area Representatives.

(Note: for purposes of choosing Area Representatives, the Leinkauf Historic District is divided into 9 (nine) evenly populated Areas. The even and odd Area elections alternate each year. See the <u>Leinkauf District Area Map</u> on the last page of this newsletter.)

### See the Nomination Form (below) to be completed and received by 5PM on September 24.

To send in your Nomination Form you may do one of the following:

- Print, complete, scan, and attached the form to an email and return it via email to: leinkaufelections@gmail.com
- or Copy and paste the completed form into an email to: leinkaufelections@gmail.com
- or Type all the information requested on the form into an email and return to: leinkaufelections@gmail.com
- <u>or</u> Mail your printed and completed form to Leinkauf Elections at the address listed on the Nominations Form. *Please mail no later than September 17 to insure delivery by deadline.*

If you have any question pertaining to the Nominations and Election process, please contact the Nominations and Elections Chair,

Bill Boswell, via email at leinkaufelections@gmail.com.

Check your September 1, 2021 emails for the Official Nomination Form with instructions.

### COUNCILMAN MANZIE CONTINUES HIS LEINKAUF STREET RESURFACE LIST, BEGUN IN 2019, EXTENDING THROUGH 2022

Your Executive Board has been in touch in the last month with Councilman Manzie and city engineer Nick Amberger to discuss street resurfacing and drainage in Leinkauf. Mr. Manzie initiated a resurfacing program in Leinkauf in 2019 that covers a number of streets targeted over several budget years. Some of those streets have now been resurfaced, such as Wisconsin, and others have not been. Mr. Manzie has stated that in the October 2021 budget cycle, he intends to add streets to the list. The streets which Mr. Manzie has identified for the whole initiative include: Adler Ave., Tuttle Ave, Wisconsin Street, West Ave, Gordon St, Dexter Ave, Stocking St, Everett St, Alabama St, Ohio St, West St, Eslava St., McDonald Ave. and Monroe St.

Mr. Amberger has added that all streets in the initiative will be assessed by the city for final approval. Mr. Amberger also stated that many of the drainage problems in Leinkauf will be solved when the Ann St. drainage project is completed, since Leinkauf streets drain into that system. This is an ongoing project over several budget cycles and is also impacted by other utility repairs, according to the city engineer. However, the Board received Mr. Manzie's commitment as well as Mr. Amberger's assurance that all of these Leinkauf streets are on the list to be assessed and resurfaced.

# MOBILE'S NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (ZONING) REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF THE MOBILE CITY COUNCIL

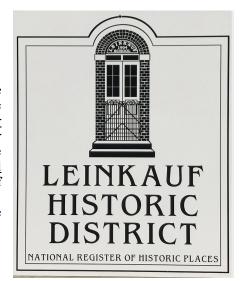
(Taken from the District-6 Council Newsletter) "This is where we are with the Unified Development Code (UDC) zoning ordinance process: The Council laid over The Ordinance to amend our zoning codes, until Tuesday, September 14th. There will be a meeting of the "Committee of the Whole" on September 7th, at 2:00pm in Government Plaza Auditorium. Present at the meeting will be Shayla Beaco, Executive Director of the Build Mobile Dept, and the Council's Attorney, Wanda Cochran, who has reviewed the proposed Ordinance and recommended changes. In a nutshell, her suggestions include not having land use zoning changes heard by the Board of Adjustment. This process, if left in place, would only permit challenges by citizens to be heard by the Court, instead of the City Council. This would make it difficult for citizens to be heard when they oppose any changes, unless they hired attorneys to maneuver through the Court system. ... the changes to our land use planning codes, if history is any lesson, will be affecting our quality of life for decades to come. It's essential that the codes and processes reflect not only those who are part of the development community, but also everyone affected by any change."

# WE HAVE SIX LEINKAUF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMEMORATIVE ANTIQUE SIGNS LEFT FOR SALE!

Get yours before they are gone!

If you would like to have a sign for your house, email us at <a href="leinkaufhdno@gmail.com">leinkaufhdno@gmail.com</a>, and we will get it to you. LHDNO is raising funds, through sale of reproduction "Original Leinkauf Historic District Signs," to place our historic markers along every street within our district, a copy of our sign is shown at right. Each sign is offered for a \$35 donation to LHDNO, and is suitable for placement on a house, patio, porch, or nicely framed on a wall, or as a gift for a friend. They are made of the same material as city STOP signs, and are <a href="12-inches wide">12-inches wide</a>, by <a href="14-inches high">14-inches high</a>, and will last a lifetime. Notice the statement at the bottom of the sign, that reads, "National Register of Historic Places."

<u>WE HAVE ONLY SIX SIGNS LEFT!</u> So, get yours while they last! If you are interested, please email us at **leinkaufhdno@gmail.com**.

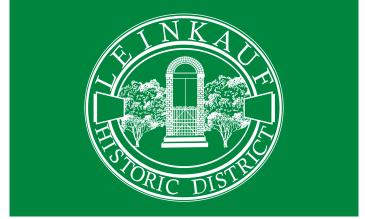


### GET A NEW LEINKAUF FLAG FOR ONLY \$48

A new company is supplying Leinkauf Historic District flags, now at a lower price! For a limited time, our flags are only \$48.

Get a new Leinkauf flag with your \$48 donation. Each flag is 3ft. x 5ft, and <u>double-sided</u>. It is <u>printed with UV-resistant ink</u>, and <u>includes a liner inside</u> to help insure that with care, it will give you a lifetime of enjoyment. If you are interested in flying your Leinkauf flag, email us with your request at: <u>leinkaufhdno@gmail.com</u>.

Check out our website at: leinkauf.org



### MORE ABOUT "REDISTRICTING" FOR OUR AREA

On Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, a <u>Community Meeting of the Permanent Reapportionment Committee</u> will be held <u>at 9am at Bishop State</u> <u>Delchamps Auditorium, 351 North Broad St., Mobile</u>. This town hall is open to the public. <u>Please attend</u> and join the League, letting the Committee know how concerned citizens are all about having a fair reapportionment outcome.

We have been trying to find out the format and how you can make your comments heard, if you are unable to attend the public meeting. We will share that information as soon as it is available. You will find up-to-date information at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LWVAL/">https://www.facebook.com/LWVAL/</a>. An educated, engaged citizenry protects our democracy for all. Please join us. (League of Women Voters initiative)

# VARIANCE SOUGHT FOR "THE PILLARS" TO ADD APPROVAL FOR A PIANO BAR TO THE EXISTING EVENTS VENUE USAGE

The case was carried over from the August 2021 meeting of the Board of Adjustment. Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Board of Adjustment is expected to deal with this case on September 13<sup>th</sup>. However, that meeting agenda is not yet posted to the city website.

The Current Operator, Ms. Rebecca Persekian, is seeking approval of a variance, rather than a rezoning. The current buffer B-1 zoning will be retained.

### The applicant's statement:

"My name is Rebecca Persekian, and I have recently moved to Mobile from Washington DC. I feel like I have stumbled on paradise. I would like for The Pillars of Mobile, located at 1757 Government Street to be considered for a use variance along with access-maneuvering and tree planting variance. I would like to continue the use of a banquet and reception hall but in addition to that I am requesting that we would add a piano lounge to be open from 3pm until 11pm.

The main change being that along with special events and fundraisers we would be open every night with piano music. I am extremely excited to get the Pillars re opened and am grateful to each of you for helping me to get this done."

The Staff Report comment says: "...inasmuch as the request would be of the same nature as previous approvals, and as the site is within the Leinkauf Historic District, and has been vacant for several years, the proposed use would seem to be desirable with respect to economic viability of the neighborhood, and all three requests would seem to be harmonious with previous approvals for the site." This would seem to indicate the Staff will recommend approval.

# BUY FROM SMILE.AMAZON.COM, AND HELP US GENERATE DOLLARS IN DONATIONS TO IMPROVE LEINKAUF

We could do so much more for Leinkauf, with so much more!

PLEASE: Go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, & <u>select</u> "Leinkauf Historic District Neighborhood Organization" as your CHARITY. AmazonSmile is a COST-FREE way for you to support your <u>Leinkauf Historic District Neighborhood Organization</u> every time you shop. <u>AmazonSmile</u> is available at <u>smile.amazon.com</u> on your web browser, and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

If everyone were to set up this <u>donation</u>, we could raise enough funds to install antique street lights, repair sidewalks, and much, much more! So please, help us improve the quality of life for all our residents. LHDNO has already begun receiving some funds throuh this program.

# VISIT LEINKAUF'S WEBSITE AT leinkauf.org

Read the Newsletters & other documents! See our goals. There is a lot of information there for everyone in Leinkauf, as well as other items that may be helpful to you or your family! Learn about one of the best locations to live in Mobile, with Leinkauf home sales at an all-time high in recent history! Convenient to downtown and West Mobile, it's perfectly located.

# Just take a look at our website: leinkauf.org



### Leinkauf Area Neighborhoods, LHDNO Board Representation, & Your Leinkauf Map

In 2016, LHDNO divided Leinkauf into 9-Areas or "neighborhoods," to promote a wider representation on your LHDNO Board. The greater the inclusion, the greater our organization! Each Area extends from Gov't St. to Virginia St., and no Area has more than 14-buildings (more or less) than any other Area. Each Area Neighborhood was also created to make sure that (1) Your House, (2) Your Neighbors Houses on either side of you, as well as (3) Your neighbors house, directly across from you, on your street is all included within your Area Neighborhood. Each Area Neighborhood elects one representative to serve on the LHDNO Board. THIS WORKS FOR ALL RESIDENTS!

### **YOUR LHDNO AREAS & BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:**

Leinkauf has 9-Representatives, one for each Area or Neighborhood. You must be a Leinkauf resident of the Neighborhood you want to represent it, & a member of LHDNO, to run for election as a representative in one of our 9-Neighborhoods.

#### All Area Representatives are elected for two-year terms.

**4-Neighborhood Representatives,** from the even-numbered Areas, are elected In odd-numbered years, & begin their terms, in even-numbered years.

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#### YOUR LEINKAUF AREA REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2021:

AREA-1:	Mr. Joe L. Brown	of Houston St.	(Serving thru 2022)
AREA-2:	Mr. John Gillis	of West St.	(Serving thru 2021)
AREA-3:	Mr. Jacob Thomas	of West St.	(Serving thru 2022)
AREA-4:	Ms. Sheridan Farnell	of Church St.	(Serving thru 2021)
AREA-5:	Ms. Caroline Jumper	of Tuttle Av.	(Serving thru 2022)
AREA-6:	Ms. Jenny Humphrey	s of Dexter Av.	(Serving thru 2021)
AREA-7:	Ms. Jean Pitts	of Stocking St.	(Serving thru 2022)
AREA-8:	Mr. Graham Jones	of Michigan Av.	(Serving thru 2021)
AREA-9:	Mr. Jacob Smith	of So. Ann St.	(Serving thru 2022)

NOTE: All Even-numbered Area Reps are up for election in 2021

To find "Your Area" & "Your Area Representative," find your house on the street where you live: 1. Find Your Street & your House on the map.

#### 2. I<u>DENTIFY</u> YOUR AREA OR "Neighborhood," (labeled 1 thru 9 at the

bottom of the map).

### 3. Find YOUR Representative (above),

contact them the LHDNO BOARD email: (leinkaufhdno@amail.com).

Work with your LHDNO Board, your Representative, your Executive

Board, and District-2 City Council Member, Levon Manzie, on the things YOU want to see

improved in your Area/Neighborhood, and also in all of Leinkauf (like street lighting, street paving, sidewalk repairs, improved street drainage, historic signage, and other needs.)

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Example: We are currently working with Councilman Manzie on a number of things, one of which is to convince the

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City of Mobile to repave Eslava Street, from Michigan Av. To West St., which is covered in potholes and broken and uneven pavement!

### **YOUR 2021 LHDNO EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

Leinkauf has four elected Executive Board members.

You must be a Leinkauf resident & a member of LHDNO, to hold a position on the Executive Board.

### All Executive Board positions are elected for one-year terms.

of Michigan Av. (for 2021) **President:** Mr. Tim Maness Mr. Harold Bolton of West St. **Vice-President:** (for 2021) Ms. Carol Adams-Davis of McDonald Av. (for 2021) Secretary: Treasurer: Ms. Teresa Tessner of Park Terrace (for 2021)

NOTE: All Executive Board positions will be up for election in 2021

Check out our website:



### NO LHDNO COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED AT THIS TIME, DUE TO COVID-19

Your Board continues to meet, via emails, text, and Zoom meetings, to vote & represent you on important Leinkauf issues. JOIN US! Together, we can make Leinkauf a better place to live! We urge everyone to follow CDC Guidelines to protect yourself, your loved ones, & friends from Covid-19: 1) Wear Masks, 2) Wash Hands, and 3) Watch Distance (stay at 6-feet apart). Stay home & stay safe when you can, & know that we will eventually beat this virus, and be together, again.

Won't <u>YOU</u> consider working with LHDNO to improve things we all want to see happen in Leinkauf Historic District?