

**NEWS ALONG THE BAYOU**  
***Friends of Camp Salmen and Bayou Liberty Association***  
**November 21, 2016**

**Restoration of the Camp Salmen Lodge**

On October 31, 2016, Tulane School of Architecture's Historic Preservation faculty and graduate students made their first site visit to Salmen Lodge (the trading post) with Richard Betbeze, Project Manager for St Tammany Parish Dept of Facilities Management, presiding at the introductions made in the Amphitheatre of Camp Salmen Nature Park.

St Tammany Parish President Patricia Brister and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Trilby Lenfant are responsible for arranging for this Tulane University program to do the schematic phase of the Salmen Lodge restoration project. If you have not already done so, please consider writing to thank President Brister and CAO Lenfant for starting the restoration process for Salmen Lodge. Their emails are:

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The program began with St Tammany Parish Project Manager Richard Betbeze introducing long-time Bayou Liberty area residents Charlotte Lowry Collins (1789 Francois Cousin house), Missy Burton (representing old Galatas family buildings), and Joe Dubuisson (multiple old Dubuisson properties including Dubuisson Cemetery) all spoke on the history of the area. Brian M. Davis, representing the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, spoke on methods of funding historic preservation. Tulane Historic Preservation Professor John Stubbs introduced Michael Shoriak who is teaching this graduate level class in Historic Preservation. The graduate students asked questions then proceeded to begin taking measurements and examining the building techniques of Salmen Lodge (the trading post) until class dismissed at 5 PM.

**Bayou Liberty Tour for Tulane Historic Preservation graduate students**

On November 11, 2016, various Bayou Liberty boat owners and property owners cooperated to give the Tulane Historic Preservation graduate students a tour of Bayou Liberty going upstream from St Genevieve. The purpose of the tour was to show the relationship of Salmen Lodge, built as a Creole cottage, by Joseph Laurent, to other structures on Bayou Liberty, including the 1789 Francois Cousin house, with both properties having been the site of brick-making and timber production. Transport of these materials in the 1700s and 1800s was done by schooner down Bayou Liberty and across Lake Pontchartrain to rebuild the Vieux Carre (French Quarter) after various fires. Discussion was made of the multicultural heritage of Bayou Liberty and Camp

Salmen with Native Americans introducing the Europeans to the fine clay to make bricks on what we now call Camp Salmen Nature Park.

### **Santa on the Bayou arrives December 17, 2016**

It's Santa time and the Bayou Liberty Association board is pleased to announce December 17<sup>th</sup> as the date for Santa to visit Bayou Liberty. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this annual event. You can participate by decorating your boat and joining the fleet or at a Santa Stop along Bayou Liberty. Please email Mrs. Aynaud Foster Hebert (Jeanne) at [jeanne.stangle@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.stangle@gmail.com) or Charlie Caplinger at [charliec@howardweil.com](mailto:charliec@howardweil.com) if you will have a boat in the fleet or will be a Santa Stop. Santa will land at St Genevieve on December 17<sup>th</sup> after Saturday's Vigil Mass for a blessing from Father Roel and to give out treats to the Bayou Liberty children. From St Genevieve, Santa and his merry fleet will travel up the bayou toasting revelers along the way. If you would like Santa to stop at your home, please light a fire or light your dock and listen for the bells.

### **Bayou Bonfouca Marsh Creation project underway at the mouth of Bayou Liberty**

<http://cims.coastal.louisiana.gov/outreach/ProjectView.aspx?projID=PO-0104>

#### **Issue Addressed**

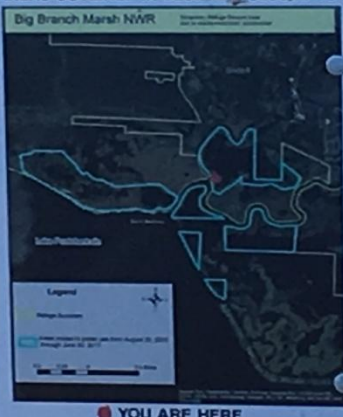
The marsh in this area was fairly stable prior to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. There was extensive damage to the marsh along the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain and especially localized in the marshes near Bayou Bonfouca when the storm surge removed many acres of marsh. Marsh loss rates should increase in the marsh surrounding these newly created open water areas due to an increase in wind driven fetch.

#### **Project Goals**

This project would consist of placing sediment, hydraulically dredged from Lake Pontchartrain, in open water sites to a height of +1.2 NAVD 88 to create 458 acres and nourish approximately 133 acres of marsh. Several historic marsh ponds have been identified and would be restored. Tidal creeks are also proposed to connect these ponds to facilitate water exchange and fisheries access. Containment dikes would be sufficiently gapped or degraded to allow for fisheries access no later than three years post construction.

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