

Friends and Neighbors-

1) There will be a **community garden build at the Johnson School this Saturday, 2/19**, from 9am to noon. The group will meet at the school, 1800 Monroe Street at the corner of Hickory and Monroe. We hope to construct all of the beds for phase 1- about one third of the final garden project.

Come out to help build the future community schoolyard garden and hear about how the project is progressing. The beds will be built from cement block so please bring gloves if you have them.

Snacks beverages will be served- hope to see you this Saturday.

2) And don't forget the meeting on **legislative re-districting tomorrow night**:

Thursday, February 17, 2011
6:00 P.M. –

Dillard University, Professional Schools and Sciences Building, Georges Auditorium (Room 115),

2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La.

Link to full pdf --

http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Redistricting2011/NewsPDF/2011_MEETING_SCH_JOINT_GOVAFFAIRS.pdf

Link to Louisiana House of Representatives Redistricting FAQ (some really good info) --

http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Redistricting2011/default_FAQs.htm

Dillard campus map:

http://www.dillard.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=96&Itemid=75

3) Book Discussion Group. It's not too late to become part of the group organizing to read and discuss *COMMUNITY - The Structure of Belonging* by Peter Block.

The group has decided to discuss the first three chapters of the book on Tuesday, Feb. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 at Betty DiMarco's home. You can contact Betty directly at dimarco_bl@bellsouth.net (Note the underscore between "dimarco" and "bl")

4) We are seriously **looking for new, committed members for our board.** We expect to have a general, annual meeting in April. If you are interested in serving, please let me know, and I'll pass it on to our Nominating Committee. Basically, you need to be able to make most of our monthly meetings (currently, Second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.) and have an interest in helping out with some aspect of bettering the neighborhood.

5) Next monthly CRNA meeting: Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. – a third Thursday in this case because our regular time would be so close to Mardi Gras. Mark your calendars. Plan to join us. More later.

Best, Jerry

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