



WOMEN FOR A BETTER LOUISIANA

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Women for a Better Louisiana Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Louisiana by working actively to attain honest and efficient government, a clean environment, area beautification (including promoting and assisting in planting and maintenance of trees, quality education, protection of children and other timely concerns.

WBL October General Meeting Wednesday October 17, 2018 11 A.M. - Light lunch--No Charge—Guests Encouraged

300 Lake Marina Dr. NOLA 70124

Limited parking in the rear or front (unmarked spaces only) guard will admit you-
If lot is full it is permissible to park in some places along street

*If Possible, Please let us know if you Plan to attend-----You may reply to this email or call
Barbara @ 283-5484 by Sat. October 13- Please speak slowly & leave your name & phone #
Hope to see you there either way!*

SUSTAINING OUR LANDSCAPE

Susannah Burley, Founder & Executive Director

Susannah Burley has a Master's of Landscape Architecture degree from Louisiana State University. From 2012-2016, she served as Program Director at Parkway Partners, a New Orleans-based non-profit, where she oversaw the ReLeaf tree planting program, the urban farms/community gardens program, schoolyard garden program, incubated their green infrastructure program, and hosted eighty four hours of community environmental education. She is a member of the Greater New Orleans Water Collaborative, serves on the board of Friends of Lafitte Greenway, and is passionate about working collaboratively with communities in driving resilient environmental change.

In 2016 she founded SOUL in order to strategically reforest New Orleans at a meaningful scale and as a system.

MISSION

SOUL (Sustaining Our Urban Landscape) is driving a resilient and environmentally equitable New Orleans by reforesting our urban landscape.

WHAT MAKES SOUL UNIQUE?

- We plant trees to serve as natural systems and infrastructure. We plant in clusters to better stave off flooding, reduce pollution, improve community health, and provide beauty and shade.
- We plant trees together with community members who drive the reforestation of their own community or neighborhood. SOUL trains block captains to canvass their neighborhoods and collect permits from homeowners.
- We oversee the planting of every tree and help ensure its successful growth. We provide tree guards for every tree to protect against weed-eater damage, the number one killer of trees.
- We map every tree we plant so that we can keep track of its progress.
- We also provide maintenance guidelines to every home/business that receives trees, and are always available to answer questions.

Mr. Lamont Hayes, the Director of Development for the New Orleans Police & Justice Foundation (the only nonprofit organization exclusively dedicating its support to the New Orleans Police Department) was an interesting and very informative speaker at September Meeting of Women for a Better Louisiana

Pictured with Mr. Hayes are Linda Kraus, 2nd Vice President, Justine Aguiar, 1st Vice President, Diana Bulot, President

Photo by Harriet Aguiar-Netto



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**Our Future Meetings will be:**

December 12, 2018  
at  
Vincent's Restaurant

HOPE to See YOU at all of our Activities.

REMEMBER: GUESTS are Always WELCOME

The Board will be voting to determine what level of support we will contribute to NOP&JF

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January 16, 2019

February 18 - 21, 2019
Science Fair

March 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

May 15, 2019 Installation
(place to be determined)

Mark Your Calendars NOW !

Remember to check our website—info@wbl.org