

## Fight Blight Day: December 11, 2010

10<sup>AM</sup> - 1PM

The City of New Orleans is organizing a city-wide "Fight the Blight Volunteer Day" on **Saturday, December 11** during which community leaders, volunteers, code enforcement officers, quality of life officers, demolition contractors, grass cutting contractors, and providers of key city services, including sanitation, public works, NORD, and Mosquito and Animal Control participate in targeted blitzes of blighted properties in each of the five council districts.

For the first event on December 11th, we have identified the following five areas:

*District A- Hollygrove: Conrad Playground/ Carrollton-Hollygrove Community Center*

*District B- Central City: A.L. Davis Playground*

*District C- Seventh Ward: 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Center/ A.P. Tureaud School*

*District D- Gentilly: Milne Playground*

*District E- Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward: St. Claude Corridor*

The City of New Orleans is currently identifying the areas of opportunity to address blight through cutting overgrown lots (INAP Program), demolishing falling down structures (Imminent Danger) or demolishing properties that are not salvageable (Strategic Demolition Program). On Fight Blight Day, the City will move forward with appropriate action on those nuisance properties.

While the City will address blight, we want to work with neighborhoods associations and organizations on beautification efforts on the day to enhance the areas. We currently are finalizing partners in each area to assist in identifying beautification opportunities that volunteers can execute with support from the City. The organizations will also be responsible for recruiting neighborhood volunteers to participate.

The final vision for the day is creating a model for future City-Neighborhood partnerships in regard to blight eradication and small scale neighborhood revitalization to serve as the beginning of a large scale effort to revitalize neighborhoods lot by lot.