



Media Advisory

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**Youth & Recreation Committee to Receive Updates
On Former FEMA Trailer Sites, Community Pool and Parks
In Meeting on Thursday**

What: The Youth and Recreation Committee, chaired by City Council President Arnie Fielkow, will hear updates on the status of:

- 15 former FEMA trailer sites
- Lyons Center pool
- Parks including Comiskey, Stallings - St. Claude, Stern, Milne, and Kingswood, among others

When: Thursday, June 25, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Where: City Council Chamber

Who: Special Guests

- Larry Barabino, Jr., Director of New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD)
- Mark Cooper, Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
- Cynthia Sylvain-Lear, City of New Orleans Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Joe Becker, New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board
- Bill Chrisman, City of New Orleans Capital Projects Director
- Representative from the New Orleans City Attorney's Office

Committee Members

- Chair: Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow
- Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson
- District "C" Councilmember James Carter

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New Orleans City Council

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

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