

**2018 MCVG Bayou Boogaloo Bicycle Pub Crawl (10<sup>th</sup> Annual)**  
**Fundraiser for Friends of Bayou St John (formerly MotherShip Foundation)**  
**and The Mid-City Volleyball Group**  
**\$20.00 suggested donation**  
 Saturday, May 19, 2018  
 ~8:00 a.m. to ~1:30 p.m.

You are responsible for providing your own bicycle and helmet. For out-of-town riders, New Orleans now has a bicycle share program called Blue Bikes (see <https://bluebikesnola.com/>). There is a Blue Bike station right in front of our first stop and very close to our last stop, so it should be convenient to rent a bicycle if need be. The route is short and the pace is slow: the goal is to have a good time as we appreciate our city on the way to the Bayou Boogaloo. It is a fundraiser for both the Friends of Bayou St John (formerly MotherShip Foundation), which puts on the Bayou Boogaloo, and The Mid-City Volleyball Group, which provides outdoor volleyball opportunities for players of all skill level. We ask for a \$20.00 donation for the ride, and along the way you will be treated to some free food, music and local history. Both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks are available at each stop for purchase.

**Gathering point: Between 8:00am and 9:00am meet at Morning Call, 56 Dreyfous Dr (in City Park).** Do you like the hardness of a hand-rolled sour dough beignet? Do you prefer to coat your beignets with powdered sugar to your own taste? Do you like to drink beer in the morning? If any of these things ring true, then join us for our first stop at Morning Call in City Park. For 148 years Morning Call has been serving the deep-fried French pastry to happy customers, and yes they go well with beer if I do say so myself. Or perhaps you'd prefer a traditional café au lait poured individually from a unique serving pot? Since Morning Call is open around the clock, feel free to get there whenever you like and partake in more than one decadent pleasure. We'll collect paperwork here, and by 9:00am we'll be off to our next stop.

**9:05a.m.-9:50a.m. at Ralph's on the Park, 900 City Park Ave.** "Nestled among the live oaks and colorful clapboard houses of Mid-City New Orleans and City Park sits Ralph Brennan's Ralph's on the Park. In the bar, they are celebrating 300 years of New Orleans with the best-dressed drinks, which are sure to entertain and make history buffs happy. Developed specially for the Tricentennial, the menu is a celebration of the impressive history of City Park, and the appreciation of the building itself. 'Our History Told in Cocktails' chronicles the past and honors the locale in a half-dozen genius cocktail concoctions, many of which are notable twists on beloved classics. Come by and check out these historical cocktails, share a pitcher, enjoy some snacks and soak up the beautiful views of City Park." Can you tell a pro wrote this!?

**10:00a.m.-10:45a.m. at Finn McCool's, 3701 Banks Street.** This Mid-City pub, named after the magical hunter-warrior Fionn mac Cumhaill of Irish and Scottish mythology, has won the hearts of the neighborhood with its festive and friendly attitude. A place to watch sporting events from Saints games to soccer matches, a place to unveil book releases or hold fundraisers, a place to meet for drinks and share your knowledge of trivia, Finn McCool's has become a welcome fixture in Mid-City. Like the original owners, the new owners Sean and Anthony are of Irish descent, and the place still exhibits the down-home charm of a neighborhood pub.

**10:55a.m.-11:40a.m. at The Ruby Slipper Café, 315 S. Broad Ave.** The Ruby Slipper Café is an award-winning café famous for adding New Orleans flair to Southern breakfast, brunch & lunch offerings. The Ruby Slipper Café was inspired by a powerful sense of homecoming when returning to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and has expanded across the Southern Gulf Region since opening in 2008. The Company has grown to five locations in New Orleans, two on the Gulf Coast, one in Baton Rouge, LA with a ninth location in Mobile, AL opening in Spring 2018. Despite the rapid growth, the café's dedication to the communities it serves, the café's team and the use of local ingredients when possible has not waivered. The Ruby Slipper Café's scratch-kitchen and bar serving eye-opening cocktails, like the house-made Bacon Bloody Mary, is open for biscuits seven days a week.

**11:45a.m.-12:30p.m. at the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, 732 N. Broad St.** What would the tenth anniversary MCVG/Bayou Boogaloo Bicycle Pub Crawl be without a visit to the Zulu Club headquarters on Broad Street? There's always a great sense of excitement as we pass through the hallowed doors of the clubhouse, and the hospitality of the Zulu members is unparalleled. If you've never been on the pub crawl, this stop alone makes it all worthwhile. Believe it or not, I never ask for anything special from the Zulu members, but they always seem to have a brass band and soul food waiting for us. It is awesome!

**12:40p.m.-1:25p.m. at the Bayou Beer Garden, 326 N. Jefferson Davis Pkwy.** Fiona and Dean, owners of the Bayou Beer Garden, have steadily expanded over the years to create a thriving outdoor environment that now offers a variety of wines as well as beers. They've recently partnered with butchers Leighann Smith and Daniel Jackson to open a new business on the block called Piece of Meat. Here's what Leigham and Daniel have to say: "In partnership with the Beer & Wine Gardens crew, we would like to welcome everyone to our new full-service butcher shop, charcuterie, and deli. Handmade meat treats will include house-cured salami and hams, from-scratch sausages, revved-up sandwiches, and brunch & dinner specials." They opened for business on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and by the looks of things they're providing delectable meats to the foodies of New Orleans.

Our final stop is near the Lafitte stage of the Bayou Boogaloo, so walk on over to the festival and enjoy the rest of the day with more food, drink and live music. Since we'll be arriving before 3:00pm, the festival will be free for all pub crawlers.

To get an accurate head count for the bicycle ride, please register on-line at [www.midcityvolleyball.org](http://www.midcityvolleyball.org) or [www.thebayouboogaloo.com](http://www.thebayouboogaloo.com). You can also contact Peter Hickman, the organizer of the MCVG Bayou Boogaloo Bicycle Pub Crawl, directly at [phickm@gmail.com](mailto:phickm@gmail.com) or (504)427-1207.

Friends of Bayou St John is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity organization dedicated to encouraging social change by bringing forth a higher quality of life for all Louisiana and New Orleans residents through the promotion of arts, culture and recreation.

The Mid-City Volleyball Group is a non-profit 501(c)(4) social welfare organization whose mission is to create a safe public space in Mid-City New Orleans where residents can enjoy outdoor activity, reduce stress and build community through the shared experience of playing beach volleyball.

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