

2019 MCVG Bicycle Pub Crawl (11th Annual)**Fundraiser for The Mid-City Volleyball Group****\$20.00 suggested donation**

Saturday, May 18, 2019

~8:30 a.m. to ~1:00 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/>) and the instructions at the bottom of page 2 for a special Pub Crawl promotional code. There is a Blue Bike station near our first stop which is just across the street from the festival, 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 The Mid-City Volleyball Group (MCVG), a nonprofit organization that provides outdoor volleyball opportunities for players of all skill levels. 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. Note: As of 5/15/19 the Bayou Boogaloo has an entrance fee: \$10.00/day or \$20.00 for a 3-day pass. Tickets can be purchased in advance here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mid-city-bayou-boogaloo-tickets-60774260449>.

8:30am–9:30am at Wrong Iron, 500 N. Genois St. We will gather and have our first drink at Wrong Iron, a recently opened beer garden along the Lafitte Greenway. The business gets its name from railroad slang for a train going the wrong way down the tracks. Since the Lafitte Greenway was once a shipping canal from the end of Bayou St John to the French Quarter and later co-existed with railroad tracks that extended far beyond the bayou, it makes sense that this establishment took a name that relates to its historical function as a transportation corridor. We'll take care of all the paper work at this first stop as we sip our morning beverage of choice. Besides their usual selection of beer and wine, Wrong Iron will be offering top-o'-the-mornin' Bloody Mary's as well as a lighter Brunch Punch specially concocted for the occasion.

9:35a.m.–10:20a.m. at Clesi's Restaurant & Catering, 4323 Bienville St. Though Clesi's has been catering events for many years and building a strong following, the owner just recently purchased a lot in Mid-City out of which to operate a sit down restaurant. Clesi's opened less than a year ago just two short blocks from the Lafitte Greenway trailhead in Mid-City, and you can see them cleaning and cooking the mudbugs as you walk into the restaurant. This place has a rustic feel with most of the seating being outdoors on a wooden deck or at wooden picnic tables. Yes, the atmosphere is casual and unpretentious, and the tree-lined street now has spacious bike lanes running in both directions.

10:25a.m.–11:10a.m. at Second Line Brewing, 433 N. Bernadotte St. This Mid-City microbrewery has been in operation for four years now, and they have established a loyal following thanks to their fine brews and welcoming attitude. The brewery is family friendly and offers a selection of craft beers including exotic seasonal formulations, and for those that wish to take some malty goodness home with them, Second Line Brewing offers a variety of beers for sale in 12oz bottles and cans.

11:20a.m.–12:05p.m. at Swirl Wine Bar & Market, 3143 Ponce De Leon St. Though the store is small, it is packed with a variety of delicious wines from all over the world. If you've never been to this friendly shop in Faubourg St John, you've been missing out on a good time. Swirl Wine Bar regularly offers wine tastings, and as with today's previous locales, the owner and employees of Swirl Wine Bar have developed a loyal following over time. For today's visit, Swirl Wines will be serving both beer and wine at an affordable price, and of course you're welcome to buy a bottle of wine for later in the day (though you cannot bring outside drinks into the Bayou Boogaloo). If the weather is nice, the main service area will be in the back courtyard.

12:15p.m.–1:00p.m. at the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, 732 N. Broad St. "Oh na nay shake that thing / Tutti Ma is a big pretty thing." Sound familiar? Do you want to feel the spirit of New Orleans as you shake your thing in one of New Orleans' iconic clubs? The Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club will be the last drinking establishment we visit as we prepare ourselves for the festival just a few blocks away. This stop alone will probably make the ride worth your effort, but join us early in the day as we crescendo to the Zulu Club. The Zulu Club is always so good to us, and we are always so good to the Zulu Club. Help us keep the good vibes rolling as we enjoy the atmosphere of the legendary Zulu headquarters.

Our final stop is of course the Bayou Boogaloo itself. We'll either ride straight up Orleans to the center of the festival, or we'll take the Lafitte Greenway back to the Blue Bike station and Lafitte stage.

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

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.

Here are the promo code and instructions for redemption. The code will take care of the sign-up and add an hour's ride time.

1. Download the **Social Bicycles app** available for Android and Apple devices
2. Select the Blue Bikes network and sign-up for the **Pay As You Go plan**
3. Enter promo code **OneBlue19** when prompted and press "Apply"
4. Confirm that an account credit has been applied before completing the registration
5. Once your account is created, simply enter your account number and PIN on any available bike to start riding!

Here's how to put the bikes on Hold

1. Press the button on the keypad that says "Hold"
2. Lock the bike when prompted
3. Each bike is put on hold for an hour by default.
4. To unlock, enter your PIN number on the keypad

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