

2022 MCVG Bicycle Pub Crawl (12th Annual)**Fundraiser for The Mid-City Volleyball Group****\$20.00 suggested donation**

Saturday, May 21, 2022

~8:30 a.m. to ~1:00 p.m.

We'll ride rain or shine, and you are responsible for providing your own bicycle and helmet. 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. A limited number of doughnuts from Blue Dot Donuts (corner of Canal and Hennessey Streets) will be available at the Longue Vue gathering spot.

1. 8:30am–8:55am meet at Longue Vue House and Gardens, 7 Bamboo Rd. We will gather in the circular courtyard of Longue Vue unless the iron gate is closed in which case we will simply gather in the street. Longue Vue is the former home of Edgar and Edith Stern, a couple of Jewish descent who were both great business leaders and philanthropists. Edith was the daughter of Julius Rosenwald, a co-owner and president of Sears, Roebuck and Company and a renowned philanthropist himself. The Rosenwald Fund and the Sterns' efforts focused on race relations in the South and locally included support of Charity Hospital and the founding of Dillard University. I suspect the Rosenwald Recreation Center was also the product of this family's philanthropy. Edgar and Edith are buried in nearby Metairie Cemetery.

2. 9:00am–9:45am tour through Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. Besides the Sterns, many other wealthy and prominent New Orleanians are buried in Metairie Cemetery. This includes the upper society of antebellum New Orleans who supported the Confederacy during America's Civil War. We will stop at the graves of several Confederate soldiers, but we will also take notice of more contemporary celebrities of the Big Easy. Importantly, we will stop by the grave of our volleyball friend Stew Sheng for a quick toast (we'll provide a bit of Bourbon for the occasion, or you can bring your own drink). Stew died unexpectedly in 2014 at the age of 47 and, being the son-in-law of Sheriff Harry Lee, he is buried in the tomb of the Lee family.

3. 9:50am–10:35am at the Beachcorner Bar & Grill, 4905 Canal St. In case you don't already know, the Beachcorner makes one of the most delicious hamburgers in New Orleans for a very affordable price. Not that I'm expecting burgers for breakfast, just thought you ought to know. We thank the Beachcorner for opening their doors so early in the morning on our behalf!

4. 10:40a.m.–11:25a.m. at the Mid-City Yacht Club, 440 S. St Patrick St. We haven't visited the Mid-City Yacht Club since 2011, and we're long overdue. Again, their kitchen is a hidden gem in New Orleans, and they now have a nice little courtyard and accessory building to go along with the long-standing bar near the corner entrance. In addition to opening early to serve us drinks, the Mid-City Yacht Club will be one of the main providers of beer and cocktails at the Bayou Boogaloo festival.

5. 11:30a.m.–12:15p.m. at 504 Craft Beer Reserve, 3939 Tulane Ave. This locally owned business may seem like a non-descript corner store, but inside you’ll find comfortable seating and a huge selection of beer. They offer fourteen different beers on tap, and hundreds more varieties of beer are available in cans or bottles from their coolers. Most people speeding by in their automobiles on Tulane Ave just think this is an office building, but bicyclists get to see the world in slow motion and discover the small businesses that make urban life so fun and exciting.

6. 12:20p.m.–1:05p.m. at The Holy Ground Irish Pub, 3340 Canal St. The Holy Ground is one of many thriving Irish pubs in Mid-City. Again, despite heavy car traffic on both Norman C. Francis Parkway and Canal Street, this is an oasis of good cheer and relaxation. There’s a pop-up restaurant that operates out of the back of the bar, so this place offers the Holy Trinity of New Orleanian pub crawlers: food, drink and merriment.

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.

MCVG Pub Crawl Destinations, 2022

