

2023 MCVG Bicycle Pub Crawl (13th Annual)

Fundraiser for The Mid-City Volleyball Group

Donations are appreciated but not required

Saturday, May 20, 2023

~8:00 a.m. to ~12:45 p.m.

Explore the 19th century with The Mid-City Volleyball Group (MCVG) as we ride up and down Gentilly Blvd prior to the Boogaloo along Bayou St John on 05/20/2023. We'll ride rain or shine, and you are responsible for providing your own bicycle and helmet. Previously, the bicycle pub crawl has been a fundraiser for MCVG, but I'm not so concerned with donations this year. If you wish to support our efforts to provide volleyball activities to people of all skill levels, great. In lieu of a cash donation, if you would like to donate a book for a neighborhood Free Little Library station, we will be passing one on our way to the Zulu Club.

1. 8:00am-8:45am pre-ride gathering at St Louis Cemetery #3, 3421 Esplanade Ave. We will meet at the grave of Walter Wolfman Washington who is buried in the Saint Dominic Mausoleum. Peter Hickman (president of MCVG and leader of the crawl) will try to get there at 8:00am when the cemetery opens. After entering the gates, turn right to reach the lane closest to the river. Turn left and go a fair distance (approximately two-thirds the length of the cemetery) toward the LSU Dental School. I intend to be seated on the ground chilling to one of my favorite Wolfman CD's. I might lead a short ride through the cemetery as we depart since Dr. John is also buried in St Louis Cemetery #3 along with a couple of other notable New Orleans figures.

2. 9:00am-9:55am at Hot Diggity Bistro, 1501 N. Broad St. This little outdoor establishment is located at the corner of Broad Street and Bayou Road. Open for just over a year, owner Leroy Lyons runs a clean and positive business and is proud of his top-quality service. The bistro offers po-boys and healthy foods and has a selection of beers and cocktails. Mr. Leroy is opening up early for us, and I appreciate his desire to help us get in a positive state of mind for the remainder of the day!

3. 10:00am-10:45am at the Seahorse Saloon, 1648 Gentilly Blvd. It's been a decade since we've visited the Seahorse Saloon, and it is high time we return. Located across from the front gates of the Fair Grounds Race Course, this corner bar is spacious yet inviting. The establishment offers a wide selection of drinks for its diverse clientele, and though they normally open at 10:00am on Saturdays they plan to double their staff to accommodate us.

4. 10:50a.m.-11:35a.m. at the Jockey's Pub, 1841 Gentilly Blvd. This intimate little spot is not just a watering hole, it's a sports bar that draws a nice crowd for Saints games. Located next to Toast, one of New Orleans' hippest new breakfast joints, this place provides for the needs of every Saturday-morning drinker. They'll have extra people on hand to serve your favorite drink, whether that be beer or some more elaborate alcoholic concoction.

5. 12:00p.m.-12:45p.m. at the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, 732 N. Broad St. A scheduling conflict kept us from visiting the Zulu Club last year, and I am delighted to say the Carnival Club's headquarters is back on our route as the final stop of the pub crawl. I intend to stop at two intersections between the Jockey's Pub and the Zulu Club to talk about the history of the neighborhood, but for those that would prefer to skip the history lesson you are welcome to head straight to the Zulu Club. I'm not certain it will be the same experience as in the past because the bar is under new management, but I have no doubt good cheer will be in abundance.

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, 2023



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