



City of Slidell

Planning Department • Press Release for Immediate Release

Catherine Olivier • Main Street Manager • colivier@cityofslidell.org
P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459 • 985.646.4322 • www.slidell.la.us

July 23, 2009

Celebrate the Recovery of Olde Towne Slidell

The resurrection of Slidell's Olde Towne is well underway after nearly four years since the waters of Katrina flooded the area. Although there is construction and renovation still on-going, there are many antique stores, gift shops, art galleries, restaurants and bars open for business. Slidell's historic City Hall is in the heart of Olde Towne and recently re-opened after extensive renovations.

To celebrate this milestone in the long road to recovery, the City of Slidell is hosting an *Olde Towne Alive* event on Friday, August 7, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring the music of Witness, a City Hall open house featuring the *Cultural Extravaganza Super Bowl* exhibition in the new Slidell Cultural Center and the "Who's on First?" and "What's on Second?" street parties that will have plenty with plenty of attractions and entertainment for all.

The merchants on First Street between Fremaux and Erlanger will feature complimentary wine and cheese, outdoor artist demonstrations, belly dancers and the infamous LSU car from the Who Dat Store with Mike the Tiger on hand for pictures with fans.

On Second Street, people can visit the newly opened City Hall and Slidell Cultural Center, listen to the music of Witness and enjoy food and drink from various local restaurants and groups. Others can relax in Griffith Park.

The Olde Towne Arts Center will offer special classes for the kids and the Slidell Museum will stay open late for tours.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy and experience Olde Towne like never before! Join other "locavores" (aka—those who support consuming locally) and make plans to commemorate the return of this special place and experience this historic treasure.

For more information about *Olde Towne Alive*, please contact the City of Slidell's Main Street Manager, Catherine Olivier at (985) 646-4322, or email her at colivier@cityofslidell.org.