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***FRIENDS OF LAFITTE CORRIDOR HOSTS THEIR ANNUAL HIKE ON APRIL 14, 2012  
3-mile hike from City Park Avenue to Congo Square including  
a second line, musical entertainment, refreshments and more***

*New Orleans, LA – April 1, 2012* – Each Spring, **Friends of Lafitte Corridor** (FOLC) hosts their annual *Hike the Lafitte Corridor* and this year, the 3-mile trek will take place on **Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 10 a.m.** The starting point is Delgado Community College on City Park Avenue and small groups led by FOLC Ambassadors will depart heading towards downtown New Orleans until reaching Congo Square.

Once hikers reach Broad Street they will be met by the Baby Boys Brass Band, who will escort a celebratory Second Line to the edge of the French Quarter, through Armstrong Park, and into Congo Square. Hike participants are invited to enjoy continued musical entertainment, refreshments, snacks, and more. Vendors and partners will have tables, each offering unique resources and goodies.

Bike Easy- New Orleans' leading bicycle advocacy group- will provide bike valet services free of charge and available to all Hikers. They will also be holding a Bicycle Safety Workshop before the Hike at Delgado beginning at 9:30 a.m. "If you ride your bike to the hike, Bike Easy will watch it, for free, at our bicycle valet parking corral -- it's like coat check for bikes," stated Bike Easy Executive Director, Jamie Wine. "Need to gain confidence on two-wheels? Participants should come at 9:00am for our bicycle workshop at Delgado to learn the 1-2-3's of bicycling safely in Greater New Orleans."

The Lafitte Greenway is in the planning process and projected to break ground some time during 2013. Once completed, the 3-mile pathway will touch six neighborhoods connecting the French Quarter, Tremé, Mid-City, Faubourg St. John, City Park and Lakeview. "The development of the Lafitte Greenway not only offers local bike commuters, families on a weekend ride, and visitors to New Orleans the option of a safe, paved trail, but it also presents an opportunity for economic growth in each of the neighboring communities" stated FOLC Fundraising Chair, Martha Landrum.

Key partners for 2012 include: The Coca-Cola Foundation/Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Faubourg Lafitte, South Coast Solar and Stirling Properties. Additional community partners include: American Can Apartments, Bike Easy, Café Treme, Hammond's Transportation, Joy Ride Bike Rentals, Louisiana Himalaya Association, Massey's Professional Outfitters, Mid-City Theatre, People United for Armstrong Park, WTUL 91.5 FM. To register for event, please visit: [folc.eventbrite.com](http://folc.eventbrite.com).

Friends of Lafitte Corridor (FOLC) is a grassroots organization, organized in 2006 after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans to give special priority in rethinking the New Orleans landscape. The organization was granted 501(c)3 status by the IRS beginning January 1st, 2008. FOLC's mission seeks to preserve and revitalize the Lafitte Corridor and adjacent neighborhoods from the French Quarter to Canal Boulevard by advocating for and facilitating the creation of a greenway that encourages active living and economic development and links neighborhoods, cultural features, historic sites, retail areas and public spaces. For more information, please visit: [www.folc-nola.org](http://www.folc-nola.org).

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