

Regions Bank - West End



This quarter, F. H. Myers Construction is proud to be responsible for the opening of another new bank in our area. This is our third project completed with Regions in two years. We are very excited to participate in the revitalization of Lakeview with this latest addition to the Regions branches.

The first of the Regions Banks to be completed was the Chateau Branch building, located near the main entrance to Chateau Estates at the busy intersection of West Esplanade and Chateau Boulevard. This 3,800 square foot banking facility was open and ready for business on Monday, November 19, 2007.

Three weeks later, on the 10th of December, the 5,300 square foot Manhattan Branch facility, which is located on Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, was also opened with great success.

Not a year later in June 2008, we began construction of our third project. This project is located in the heart of Lakeview's West End neighborhood in New Orleans on Robert E. Lee Blvd. The bank opened on December 29, 2008.

These banks are comprised of five operational drive-up lanes including an ATM, four teller stations, and a night deposit box to fulfill all banking needs. The interior of the banks consists of five walk-up teller stations, as well as private aluminum storefront glass banking offices. These building sites have a sizable parking lot for all banking customers and are surrounded by magnificent landscaping.

It was a great pleasure to work with Walter Buttersworth of CB Richard Ellis and Jack Marshall of PKA Architects in making this third project another success for Regions Bank.

Featured Project:

- **Regions Bank - West End**

Current Projects:

- **Center for Restorative Breast Surgery**
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- **St. Bernard Port/LISCO Relocation**
- **D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home**
- **Elmwood Towers**

From the President

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Center for Restorative Breast Surgery



The new expansion phase of the Center for Restorative Breast Surgery is entering the final weeks of construction. This expansion consists of the renovation of a 2-story, 14,000 square foot existing historic building and the new construction of a 3-story, 23,000 square foot building that will be connected to the existing building.

It has been a hard push over the course of the last couple of months to get the building into the final stages of construction, and it is a tribute to the hard work of everyone involved with the project. We would like to acknowledge the extended hours and effort that have been put in by the F. H. Myers field personnel led by our Vice President of Field Operations, James "Blackjack" Roberts, and Project Superintendents Ian Muldoon, Kelly Wintz, and Beau Campbell.

On the interior of the facility, finishing activities such as painting, ceilings, millwork, and flooring are in full swing. Functional testing of the mechanical, electrical, facility management, and fire alarm systems were completed at the end of the year. The owner's vendors will begin the installation of the medical equipment in the operating rooms at the beginning of January.

Around the exterior of the building, the sidewalks on the perimeter of the site and the paving in the parking lot were completed at the end of December. The painting of the building plaster is nearly complete, and the erection of the walkway canopies is ongoing. Landscaping along the St. Charles Avenue side of the facility, started at the end of December, will be done by mid-January.

Campo Architects, Associated Design Group, and Morphy-Makofsky, Inc. have provided the design for this facility. Once completed, the new expansion will combine the look and feel of an upscale hotel with a state of the art medical facility.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Visitation of Our Lady



Construction of the new 32,122 square foot multipurpose building for Visitation of Our Lady has passed the halfway mark. The building “envelope” is sealed, and we are attacking the project from the inside.

All metal stud framing is complete in the gym, as well as on the first and second floors. Plumbing and electrical rough-in are complete, allowing us to commence with the hanging of all gypsum wall board. All four gym walls are completely sheet-rocked, taped, and floated, and the exposed gym steel has been painted. Sheetrock hanging, taping, and floating is also well underway on the second floor. Mechanically, all ductwork on the first floor is complete, and the second floor is ongoing with the gym still left to address.

We remain aggressively working towards a March 2009 completion.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

St. Bernard Port, Arabi Terminal Relocation of LISCO



Construction is underway on the Arabi Terminal Relocation of Lisco at the St. Bernard Port. The project's scope consists of a 73,000 square foot warehouse, complete with a dust collection system, a 2,324 square foot Stacker Shed, a 2,670 square foot Boiler Foundation, and a 3,840 square foot Kiln foundation.

The warehouse foundation is complete, as well as the steel framing. All exterior metal wall panels on the two 300 plus foot long walls of the building is complete. The 4,000 square foot kiln foundation has been poured, and we are roughly 90% complete with all 120,000 square feet of the 12 inch thick concrete paving. The big task for the New Year will be all electrical and mechanical functions of the building, as well as pouring a boiler foundation.

The completion date is April, 2009.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home



Over the past several weeks, the interior structure of the funeral home has evolved to take the shape of the new layout of the building. The new structural steel beams and columns for the second floor are installed along with the metal deck and bar joists. The existing roof has been removed, and the new built-up asphalt roof is ongoing. The new addition to the rear of the building is progressing, which will provide a new area for the funeral home's flower delivery, as well as, the vertical handicap lift for access to a platform stage in the Chapel. At the start of the New Year, we will begin with the ductwork and sprinkler rough-in as well as the interior metal stud walls.

Work at the exterior of the building is also making headway. The new front porch is poured along with the load-out canopy area. Concrete and masonry work at the exterior plaza area is moving ahead, which will add a new look to the front of the building.

Our expected completion date for this project is April 2009.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Elmwood Towers



Phase II and III, the renovation of floors four and five for Elmwood Tower at 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. is underway. The interior demolition of both floors is complete, with framing and mechanical and electrical rough-in underway. When complete, each floor will have a conference room, new office facilities, break room, and bathrooms. Additionally, a unique feature on the fifth floor will be a state-of-the-art Board Room.

The renovation of the first, second, and third floors will be completed sequentially following floors four and five. The renovation of the third floor will include a large data room with access flooring, new office facilities, bathrooms, and a breakroom. The second floor renovations will include a large file storage area, new office facilities, a breakroom, and new bathrooms. The first floor will have a new elevator servicing the second floor, a conference room, and a concession area. There will also be a new exterior mechanical building.

This is our second project at Elmwood Towers, and we look forward to the successful completion of this project in December, 2009.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

"The General Conditions"

Fourth Quarter 2008

Ready - Set - Go!

The New Year has started, ready or not! You still have time to finalize those goals and resolutions. The forecasters are predicting "doom and gloom" for the country. All of the news outlets, now 24/7, predict a rise in unemployment and poor economic conditions. Our country and the world are in the grips of tough economic times.

But this is America! We have overcome many other challenges in the past. Remember the old proverb, "if you can visualize it, and your mind believes it, it will come to pass?"

It is time for us to see the movie or read the book *The Secret* again. Allow me to permit you to view the year in New Orleans through Fred's "rose" colored glasses.

Riding around town, I see "Help Wanted" signs. Now these are entry level service jobs, but companies in our area are still hiring. Maybe the question should be "where is the workforce?" Granted they are not \$100,000/year jobs, but they are opportunities. We all had to start somewhere, at some entry level. Most managers and CEO's toiled for 25-30 years before they earned the right to their position and status.

Our community has great positive opportunities in the coming years. I recently attended a breakfast forum presented by The Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR). The topic at this breakfast was *The Emerging LSU-VA Complex*. This new development would combine the resources of the Veterans Administration Hospital and the LSU Medical Complex. The spin-off of this development will have the same effects as the Superdome had on the Poydras Street corridor. You have to be as old as I am to remember what a blighted and unsafe area it was before the Superdome. When this development is complete, the Tulane Avenue corridor will be an equal to Canal Street and Poydras Avenue. Additionally these new medical facilities will cause the need for more apartments, residences, retail space, and offices to support the demands of this facility for years to come.

Also last month, I had the pleasure to hear Mr. Paul Vallas, the new Recovery School District Superintendent, speak. What a breath of fresh air! His talk promised the development of schools that "compete" for talent. A new school system that demands excellence from all involved including administrators, teachers, and principals. A fresh start for our education system that offers students and parents the opportunity to "select" their desired school based on the quality of its performance and the specialty of the curriculum. This new administration talked about classes being held from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and a school year that runs from August to July! This will allow for more quality time for the basic core subjects.

These are only a few of the major developments. There are other positive activities taking place in our surrounding community. It would certainly help the moral of the citizens if we had a leader and/or the news networks to make this information more public.

We need to unite to stop politicians from putting road blocks in the way of real progress. Let's work to overcome the special interest groups that have specific agendas for their benefit and not the interest of the citizens. Together, we can do anything. Have a great 2009!

"You can conquer almost any fear if you make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear doesn't exist anywhere except in the mind." Dale Carnegie



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