

Dear Friend of Coliseum Square,

The Coliseum Square Association Parks Committee is embarking on a campaign to restore the Lafon Fountain. The Fountain is located in Coliseum Square adjacent to Camp Street across the street from the International School of Louisiana. It is named after historical figure Bartélemy Lafon, New Orleans based Creole architect, engineer, city planner and surveyor. Lafon prepared the plans for the Lower Garden District, which included grand features such as tree-lined canals, fountains, churches, markets, a classical school and coliseum. Most of the features were never realized, but the street grid pattern, street names, and park system are all attributable to Lafon's grandiose plan.

The Lafon Fountain was installed as a feature of the 1976 Master Plan for Coliseum Square Park; however, shortly after its installation in the early 1980s, the City discontinued the operation of all fountains in the City in an effort to curtail its expenses. The fountain is one of three located within the Lower Garden District. In addition to the Coliseum and Lafon Fountains, there is a smaller fountain in the neutral ground of Terpsichore Street (Parkerson Place). Ultimately, the Coliseum Square Parks Committee wants to see all three fountains in operation, with the focus for 2014-2015 being the restoration of the Lafon Fountain.

After receiving estimates to replace or repair various fountain components to make it operational, we anticipate the fountain restoration will cost approximately \$20,000. **Please join us in our endeavor to restore the Lafon Fountain through an end of the year tax deductible donation.** While donations of any size are welcome, please consider joining our effort at one of the sponsorship levels listed below.

Sincerely,

Jim McAlister
President
Coliseum Square Association

Kara Mattini Renne
Parks Committee Chair

_____	Fountainhead	\$1000
_____	Lover of Lafon	\$500
_____	Splashing Benefactor	\$250
_____	Fountain Enthusiast	\$100
_____	Friend of the Fountain	\$50
_____	Other	_____

Please mail donations to the following address:

Coliseum Square Association
P.O. Box 50024
New Orleans, LA 70150

****Please indicate "Lafon Fountain" on any donation****

In the event that the Coliseum Square Association is unable to raise the funds necessary to restore the Lafon Fountain within the next three years, the Coliseum Square Membership will have the option to place the funds raised for the Lafon Fountain restoration in the George Martin Fountain Fund for the maintenance and preservation of the Coliseum Fountain.