

SEVENTH WARD SPEAKS

WHAT IS THE 6T'9 SOCIAL AND PLEASURE CLUB? IT'S A Halloween parade from the Sixth Ward to the Ninth Ward. It's a chance for diverse parading communities to come together and a chance for children to receive parading wisdom and experience.

I also think it's a chance to celebrate a pagan holiday that goes back to the Eleusinian Mysteries when people celebrated the coming of winter and the fact that death is a part of life. That's such a New Orleans sentiment, too: I walk through death and I laugh at it, I fear it, and live it vicariously because eventually I will experience it, and no one knows what that is.

As the parade goes through the Seventh Ward, we hope the kids know we're there for them. We want them to catch candy, beads, and walk with us—the weird-bohemian-eccentric no-holds-barred costumers with the Soul Rebels Brass Band, the Original Big Seven, and the Warren Easton Marching Band. We hope everyone who sees the parade will remember why we live here—even if it's just for a few hours—and have one of those transformative, peak experiences.



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