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Save Coconut Beach!

Please do not destroy one of the few icons left here in New Orleans!

As a parent I beg you to reconsider taking over Coconut Beach for a pumping station. I do understand the need for a pumping station but do you understand the need for Coconut Beach?

Coconut Beach provides a outdoor setting for young people to go play a sport, regardless of their skill level and have a good time. It gives our youth a place to go that is not solely based on drinking. It keeps them out of trouble and encourages athletic and healthy activity. I know this because my son use to spend every free night in the bars. Now he goes to Coconut Beach and practices, plays in tournaments and has expanded his view of New Orleans and his life!

Coconut Beach is a large part of bringing the sport of Volleyball to the City of New Orleans, Jefferson Parish and the entire area. We don't just want Coconut Beach, we NEED it!

I know having this facility and the support of Bruce has saved more young people than just my son. So please, save Coconut Beach. The people of New Orleans have lost enough.

Thank you.

Peggy Prescott