



# IMAGINE *Iberville* NEWSLETTER

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## Legacy in Motion: Iberville celebrates Black History Month

Parish President Chris Daigle and the Iberville Parish Council proudly hosted their Second Annual Black History Month Program on Feb. 23 with the theme, "Legacy in Motion." More than 300 community members gathered for a powerful evening of celebration, reflection, and unity — honoring the past while recognizing the leaders and change makers who continue shaping our future.



**Parish President Chris Daigle with Honoree Amanda Grace's family**

The program featured an inspiring keynote address by John Michael Guidry, Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who spoke passionately about the importance of preserving and honoring Black history and ensuring its lasting impact on future generations.

In the spirit of "Legacy in Motion," the parish honored five remarkable individuals whose contributions have strengthened and shaped our parish: Herman Christophe, Amanda Grace, Gladys Howard, Maggie Landry, and Doris Steele. Their legacies of leadership, service, and perseverance continue to move Iberville forward.

The evening was further elevated by a moving performance from the Power Driven Choir; and Josephine Zeringue, Iberville Parish School District's 5th Grade Student of the Year, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

We proudly celebrated our student essay and poetry contest winners - Milan Adler, an 11th grader at MSA West Academy, and Quinton Washington, an 8th grader at Iberville Charter Academy - who reminded us of the power of young voices.

A special thank you to the MSA West Beta Club for its outstanding service throughout the evening - greeting attendees, distributing programs, and helping serve jambalaya.

Thank you to every participant, volunteer, and attendee who helped make this evening so meaningful. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to honoring Black history, not just in February, but every day in Iberville Parish, ensuring that the legacy remains in motion for generations to come.



**Parish President Chris Daigle & Honoree Doris Steele**



**Parish President Chris Daigle & Honoree Gladys Howard**



**Parish President Chris Daigle & Honoree Maggie Landry**



**Parish President Chris Daigle & Honoree Herman Christophe**



**View of a small portion of the crowd of more than 300 attending the Black History Month Program.**

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## IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL ON AGING

### COA celebrates Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day with fun activities



*Creativity and companionship were in full bloom this Valentine's Day as White Castle Council on Aging members gathered for a festive "Paint & Sip" celebration. Participants painted heart-filled canvases while enjoying sparkling cider. The room was filled with laughter, bright colors, and joy. Our Council on Aging continues to provide meaningful opportunities for fellowship, expression, and fun for our senior residents, providing a memorable afternoon of fun.*



*The Mardi Gras spirit was alive and well at our Council on Aging Centers, as seniors gathered for an afternoon filled with music, dancing, beads, and, of course, plenty of king cake. Residents embraced the season's traditions and enjoyed time together. From colorful beads to sweet treats, every detail helped bring the joy of Mardi Gras to life. A special thank you to our Council on Aging staff and parish employees who shared in the celebration by passing out beads and candy. Moments like these remind us that the true magic of Mardi Gras is found in community, connection, and shared joy.*

## IPRD - IBERVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

### Multi-purpose rec facility being planned for east Iberville

Plans are being developed for a new park in east Iberville that will be a multi-purpose recreational facility with ball parks and related amenities. "The ball parks are needed on the east side," noted IPRD Director Erik Willis. The parish hopes to announce plans for the project later this year.

**PROGRAMS UNDERWAY:** Record numbers of children are participating in IPRD's T-Ball and Coaches Pitch leagues. A total of 143 children are on T-Ball teams, and 122 kids are on Coaches' Pitch teams. Those leagues will run through mid-April.

Other baseball and softball leagues start play April 1 and will run through mid-May. IPRD is again partnering with the Iberville Parish School Board to provide coaches and transportation for kids from north Iberville, east Iberville and White Castle to participate in the 12U boys and girls leagues.

"This collaboration with the School Board began last fall with the flag football and volleyball leagues and has benefited everyone, so we are continuing it with the summer ball leagues," Willis said.

**SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS AT CAMP 360!** IPRD is expanding Camp 360, a summer camp for kids in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Mondays - Thursdays during June. Satellite camps are being added in North Iberville, East Iberville and White Castle to the program in Plaquemine. The program is another collaboration with the Iberville Parish School Board. While it caters to summer school students, it is also open to all kids. The camps will be open from noon until 4 pm. Registration forms are available at schools, or by calling IPRD at 225-687-0641.



**Bayou Blue Splash Pad** – the new splash pad at Bayou Blue Park is almost complete, with a grand opening set for early May. The splash pad will provide children with a cool way to have fun during the summer months.



**Crescent Bend Park batting cages** – three new batting cages will be open by the end of March. The new covered cages will provide a great way for youths to improve their batting skills. IPRD is also adding restroom buildings at a variety of parks across the parish. Those projects will continue throughout this year.



Shown at the ribbon-cutting for Magnolia Power are, from left, Senator Caleb Kleinpeter, Parish President Chris Daigle, Iberville Chamber Chairman Jude Barker, Parish Councilman Thomas Dominique, Chamber Director Pam Boesch, Parish Deputy COO Kyle Grace, and Sales Tax Director David Hall.

## Magnolia Power start up marked

Iberville Parish proudly welcomed Magnolia Power with an official ribbon cutting ceremony in February. The project represents a significant investment in Iberville's future — strengthening our energy infrastructure while fueling local economic growth.

Magnolia Power will help deliver affordable, reliable, and secure energy to rural areas across Louisiana, reinforcing the parish's role as a leader in energy innovation and development. Beyond infrastructure, the project brings new opportunities, expanded industry partnerships, and long-term impact for our residents. Our administration was honored to welcome Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, James Danly, to Iberville Parish for the ceremony.

## Ready to recycle, Iberville?

Take the first step toward recycling at home by requesting a FREE in-home recycling bin, available in limited quantities. The bins provide a simple and convenient way to collect materials such as paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles before transporting them to one of Iberville Parish's designated recycling drop-off locations.

Residents can have a bin delivered or pick one up at a designated site. "I regularly hear from residents who want more recycling options," said Parish President Chris Daigle. "We are always working toward improving and expanding recycling opportunities. Any future consideration of a pickup route would depend on building strong participation at our current drop-off locations — that's how we measure demand and ensure we can sustain expanded services."

Recycling drop-off locations are available in North Iberville (Grosse Tete), Plaquemine (C.M. Mike Zito Center), and East Iberville (St. Gabriel) during designated weekly hours. To learn more or request your free in-home recycling bin, scan the QR code or visit: [ibervilleparish.com/recycle](http://ibervilleparish.com/recycle).



## Support Autism Awareness on Wear Blue Day

Join Parish employees as we team up with The Arc Iberville, and local community partners for Wear Blue Day on Thursday, April 23rd, in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Why blue? This color symbolizes calmness, understanding, and acceptance, reflecting our commitment to embracing and supporting individuals with autism. Let's show our support across Iberville!

## Bringing Mardi Gras joy to seniors

Beads, king cake, music, and plenty of smiles filled the halls of several local nursing homes Mardi Gras week as Parish President Chris Daigle and members of the Iberville Parish Government team took Mardi Gras on the road.

Rather than limiting the celebration to parade routes and public festivities, the team packed up beads and sweet treats and brought the spirit of the season directly to our senior residents. Stops included festive mini-parades through the facilities, king cake, dancing to Mardi Gras favorites, spending meaningful time visiting with residents. For many residents, these visits provided not only entertainment, but also heartfelt moments of connection and community.



## Hwy. 404 bridge re-opens



The new Hwy. 404 Bridge in White Castle officially reopened on February 18th. This important infrastructure project represents a significant investment in safer travel, improved connectivity, and the continued growth of our parish. We extend our sincere appreciation to the White Castle community and all who travel this route for their patience and cooperation throughout construction.

# City celebrates small business

The City of St. Gabriel has launched its celebration of Local Business Month, highlighting the essential role small businesses play in the community's economic and cultural landscape. Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. announced the initiative, emphasizing the city's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs and strengthening the small business economy.

Local Business Month will feature a series of spotlights, community engagement efforts, and promotional activities designed to encourage residents to shop locally and recognize the contributions of St. Gabriel's business owners. According to city officials, the initiative aims to boost visibility for small businesses while reinforcing the importance of keeping consumer dollars within the community.

"Small businesses are the backbone of St. Gabriel," Mayor Johnson said. "They create jobs, support families, and help define the character of our city. This month is about celebrating their impact and encouraging residents to show their support."

Throughout March, the city will share profiles of local business owners and highlight new and long-standing establishments. The initiative also includes a push for residents to leave online reviews, attend community events, and explore businesses they may not have visited before.



Mayor Johnson visits Complete Care Health Clinic a new business in the City of St. Gabriel

The city is aiming to invest in a business friendly environment, focusing on streamlined processes, access to information, and opportunities for growth. Officials hope the month long campaign will not only increase



foot traffic for local shops and service providers but also inspire future business development.

Mayor Johnson also noted that the city's staff and council have been working diligently to advance economic development initiatives. He said the city is nearing completion of a major land agreement that could pave the way for new commercial opportunities, particularly in retail.

"Our team has been working extremely hard to position St. Gabriel for long term economic success," Johnson said. "We expect to finalize a land agreement soon, and we're optimistic it will open the door for new retail development within our city limits."

The mayor also highlighted several new and upcoming businesses, including the recent opening of the Complete Care Health Clinic and Amigo Al's Mexican Restaurant in the University Club South Centre. He noted that another eatery is preparing to open soon, adding to the city's growing dining options. In addition, plans are underway for a future nursing home within St. Gabriel, a development Johnson said will meet an important community need.

"These projects show the momentum we're building," Johnson said. "Each new business represents progress, opportunity, and a stronger future for St. Gabriel."

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza**  
March 28 - St. Gabriel Community Center

**Spring Movie Night**  
April 2 - 6 pm - St. Gabriel Community Center

**Good Friday holiday**  
April 3 - City offices closed

**Good Friday Community Service**  
April 3 - 10 am - Mt. Bethel Baptist Church



## Congratulations E. Iberville basketball team - 2026 State Runner-Up

Mayor Johnson and the Town Council congratulate the East Iberville High boys basketball team on a historic season! This is the first East Iberville High team to make it to the state Division IV championship game! The team completed the year as the 2026 state runner-up. "We are incredibly proud of the East Iberville boys basketball team and the entire coaching staff for their outstanding season. Your hard work, dedication, and Tiger pride carried you to the championship game. Thank you for representing East Iberville Elementary and High School with excellence," said Mayor Johnson.



# Career, technical certifications being expanded

As we approach the 2026-27 school year, the goal of the Iberville School System is very clear: every graduate should leave our high schools either college-ready, with credentials of value to pursue a career, or both!

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide the pathways for students to earn industry-based credentials in high-wage, high-demand fields in which they can continue to earn a degree or go straight into the workforce.

This direct bridge from the classroom to careers includes incorporating rigorous academic knowledge with hands-on technical skills from instructors trained in the industry coursework and pathways. CTE ensures that students aren't just graduating with a diploma, but with relevant credentials that can lead to a well-paying and fulfilling career.



*A welding student in action.*

In Iberville, students who are engaged in a CTE program can earn *cost-free* industry-based certifications (IBCs), lowering the financial barrier to post-secondary success.

**Iberville CTE pathways include:**

- **Healthcare,**
- **Construction & manufacturing,**
- **Business & management,**
- **Technology, and**
- **Fire-fighting.**

Each high school has specific courses geared toward the interests of their students, and the district offers transportation to students where other CTE courses are offered.

While CTE courses are not new to the district (welding and carpentry have been long-standing courses), the expansion to additional pathways has diversified elective offerings in other fields in which students can earn certifications that lead directly to a job or count towards a technical or college degree.

For example, in the entrepreneurship class, students can earn customer service and business of retail certifications. Students taking digital media can earn credentials in Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator software. In business courses, students can become Microsoft Office specialists. Those in the agriculture science program can become certified in environmental protection or agri-technology; while students in culinary arts can also get certifications in hospitality and tourism.

To optimize availability to all schools across the district, a new welding lab is being built at East Iberville High to serve eastside students; and, in a joint venture with the West Baton Rouge Career Academy and Livonia High, we are developing an energy pathway that will directly benefit students at North Iberville High. Each high school has specific courses geared toward the interests of their student population, and the district offers transportation to students to other school sites where other CTE courses are offered.

Credentials and college credit can also be earned via dual enrollment with River Parishes Community College in Petroleum Technology (PTECH), Instrumentation & Electrical (I&E), and the Medical Assistant (MA) programs; or through Baton Rouge Community College in welding. By 2029, the district will also offer an associate degree path for students interested in trade and manufacturing.

These courses not only meet the standards of the new state accountability system, but to also ensure that advanced credentials are relevant to our local and regional workforce.

By valuing these expansive pathways, we are ensuring that our schools are producing work or college-ready students.

For more information on CTE offerings at your child's school or about the early college option through RPCC, please contact Dr. Shalonda Skidmore at [cte@ipsb.education](mailto:cte@ipsb.education).



*The PTEC program*



*Students in the culinary program*



*Learning patient care in the healthcare program.*

## VILLAGE OF GROSSE TETE

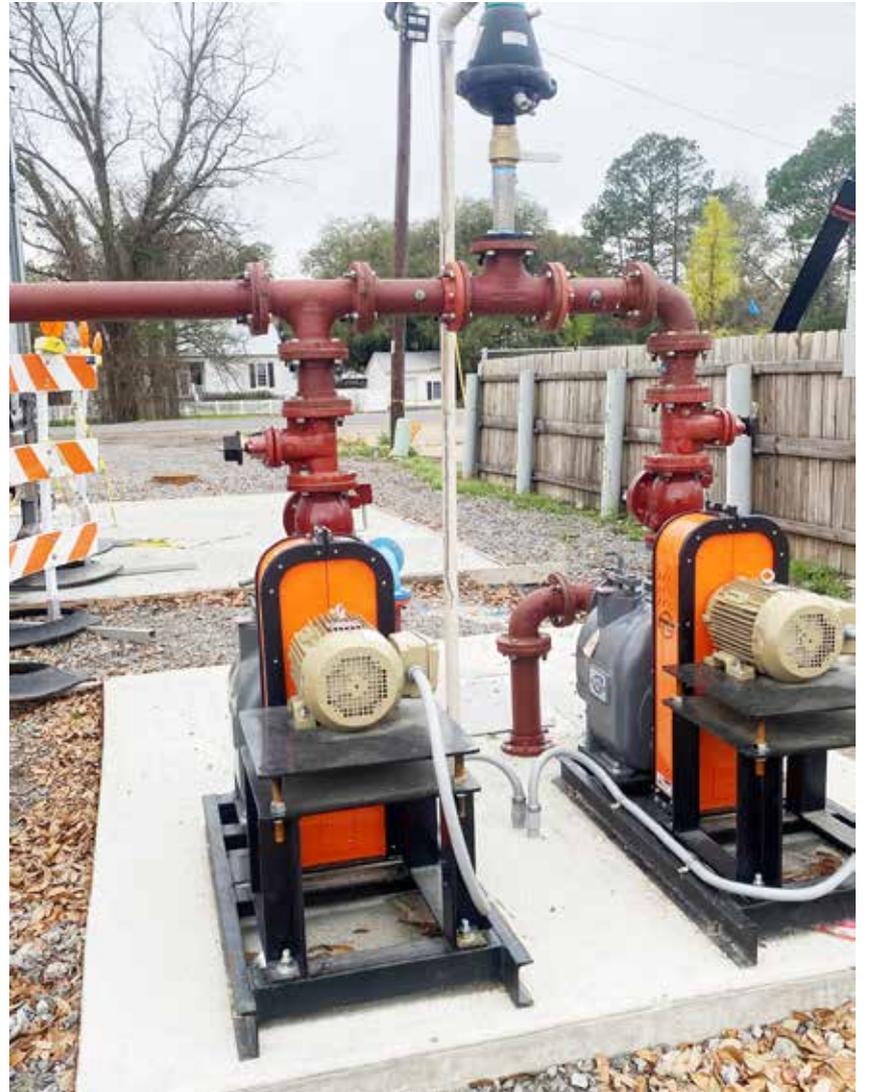
### Project to add Sydney Lane area to sewer system almost complete

Residents on Sydney Lane near the interstate will soon be connected into the village sewer system for the first time. The Village of Grosse Tete is near completion on the \$275,000 project to add a sewer lift station and force main near the interstate to provide sewer services to the businesses and residents in that area of Sydney Road. It will also serve the truck stop, which is scheduled for renovation soon.

Having community sewer available is required for development of the land near the interstate. The Village anticipates development of nearby lands, and any new developments in the area would connect to this pump station. As additional funding becomes available, the sewer system will be further expanded to serve all customers along Sydney Road.

The project included boring under Bayou Grosse Tete to run the sewer line and connect to the main lift station. Entergy will soon run power to the new lift station, which will require boring under Sydney Road, one of the last parts of the project.

Mike Chauffe said the project was funded with \$233,000 in federal ARPA grants; and a standby generator, funded by a La. Government Assistance Program grant, will be installed at the new lift station. All other lift stations in the village have standby generators except one, and a portable generator for that one can quickly be rented when needed.



*Shown at right is a part of the new force main and lift station near the interstate.*

## VILLAGE OF ROSEDALE

### New texting service to provide better communication with residents

The Village of Rosedale has launched TextMyGov, a new, smart text messaging service in which residents can receive important notifications and text the village to find specific information or report an issue.

#### How it works:

- To receive text alerts, text ROSEDALE to 91896.
- To find information and report issues, text Hi to 225-351-2331.
- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.

- You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

Once you opt in, you will receive text alerts from the Village of Rosedale on weather or emergency notifications, upcoming events, meeting notices, road closures, power outages, and garbage delays.

You can also report issues 24/7 with this smart texting tool. Some of the topics you can report include: potholes, trash, abandoned vehicles, water or gas leaks, a park issue, animal control, crime tip, suspicious activity, a code violation, tree down on roadway, and more.

To report an issue, simply text a keyword, just like you would if you were finding information. The system will text you back with a couple clarifying questions. It may ask you for the address of the issue, your name, details about the issue, or possibly a photo. The information you provide will be viewed by municipal officials.

You can also find information by texting in the same way as reporting an issue. This new service reduces call volume to village hall and provides convenient 24/7 communication for residents to village government.

Unrecognized Response: You may receive a response that says something like “the system does not recognize your response.” This means this word does not have an automatic response set up yet, but local officials will still see the message you sent in. Text a short message explaining what you need help with and you should receive a response to this message within normal business hours.

**TextMyGov**

**Rosedale**

Village of Rosedale

**Receive text alerts!**

Text **ROSEDALE**

To **91896**

**&**

**Find information and report issues!**

Text **Hi** To

**225.351.2331**

Visit: [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions) to view terms and privacy policy info.  
Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies. Text STOP at any time to opt-out.

# 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## New DA's Office website a comprehensive information resource

District Attorney Tony Clayton has announced that the new District Attorney's Office website, 18thjda.org, is now live. It features easy access to a variety of programs offered by the DA's Office.

"We are excited to provide the residents of Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee with a website that offers comprehensive information on our services, along with information on various crime prosecution programs."

The new website also includes a staff directory with email information so that the public can contact relevant staff members directly. A news section provides the latest news releases from the DA's office.

Information available on the website includes:

- Victim/Witness Assistance Program
- Juvenile Division
- Child Support Enforcement
- Elder Abuse Program
- Domestic Violence Program
- Pre-Trial Diversion Program
- Issuing Worthless Checks Program
- Bond & Asset Forfeitures
- How to have a criminal record expunged
- How to get a Letter of Distinguishment.



New DA's website: [18thjda.org](http://18thjda.org)

# CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

**PICK IT UP  
PLAQUEMINE**  
APRIL 18, 2026

Meet at 8:00 AM  
Locks Parking Lot  
Plaquemine, Louisiana

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR COMMUNITY  
LITTER AND DEBRIS  
CLEANUP**

In conjunction with  
**LOVE  
THE BOOT  
week**  
KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL

Call 225-687-3116  
to register  
or receive additional information

The City is working diligently to secure funding for critical infrastructure improvements including upgrades to our sewer, water, and gas systems.

**CITY OF PLAQUEMINE**

**NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS**

Effective February 18, 2026, City of Plaquemine offices began transitioning to a four day work week.

**7:00 AM - 5:30 PM**  
**Monday - Thursday**

This change does not affect the Plaquemine Police or Fire Departments. This adjustment is intended to improve efficiency while continuing to provide quality service to our community.

**Utility emergencies after regular office hours should call  
(225) 687-4796 for assistance.**

**Prevention on the GO**  
Bringing Cancer Prevention to You  
Colorectal and Skin Cancer Screenings

Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Plaquemine Community Center  
23245 Foundry Street Parking Lot  
Plaquemine, Louisiana

Appointments Encouraged • Walk-ins Welcome

Call to schedule an appointment:  
**(225) 425-8034**

MARY BIRD PERKINS  
CANCER CENTER  
marybird.org

Free screenings are made possible by donor gifts • Screenings are free if you have not been screened within the last 12 months • Insurance will be billed for mammograms • For those without insurance, there is no charge.

# IBERVILLE PARISH ASSESSOR

## New aerial photography of parish now available on Assessor's website

The Iberville Parish Assessor's Office has now updated all aerial photography of the parish, and it is available free of charge on the Assessor's Office website: [IbervilleAssessor.org](http://IbervilleAssessor.org).

Assessor Randy Sexton once again partnered with other Iberville governing agencies to have detailed aerial photography taken of the entire parish. The last aerial photography was taken in 2020.

The aerial photography is a valuable tool in determining a property's assessed value. It has also been valuable to other agencies in determining bus routes, public works projects, determining utility lines, viewing suspected crime areas, in emergency response and with other uses.

The portal to access the aerial views of the parish is easy to access and free of charge. It includes all parcels of property, including the parcel ID number, a legal description of the property, the acreage, the physical address, the owner's name and address. In addition, it shows the boundary lines of the property and all properties around it. Searches are available by the property owner name, address, parcel number or the assessment number.

The Assessor's Office website also includes:

- A Frequently Asked Questions section
- Forms and reports that may be downloaded
- Information about the assessment process
- Links and contact information for the office

For more information, go to [www.ibervilleassessor.org](http://www.ibervilleassessor.org), or call the Assessor's Office at 225-687-3568.



Assessor Randy Sexton



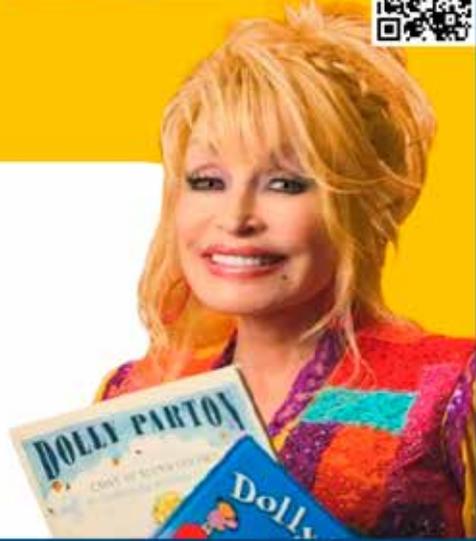
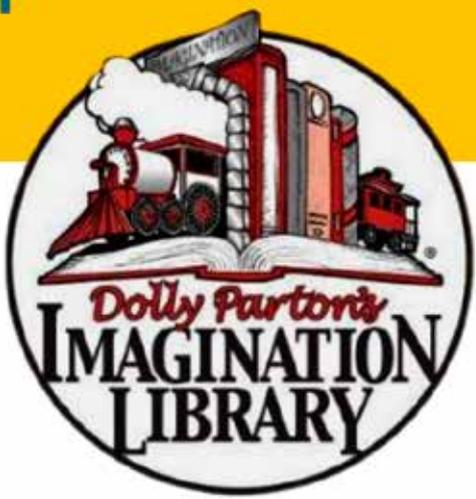
This photo from the Assessor's website shows the Iberville Parish Courthouse property with the property boundary outline, along with important information about the parcel.

# IBERVILLE LIBRARY

Register Your Child for

**FREE BOOKS**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

UNLEASH YOUR POSSIBILITY

**IPL** IBERVILLE PARISH LIBRARY

**PLANT A SEED, READ**

SAVE THE DATE FOR IBERVILLE PARISH LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM!  
REGISTRATION STARTS MAY 18TH.



# Did YOU KNOW?

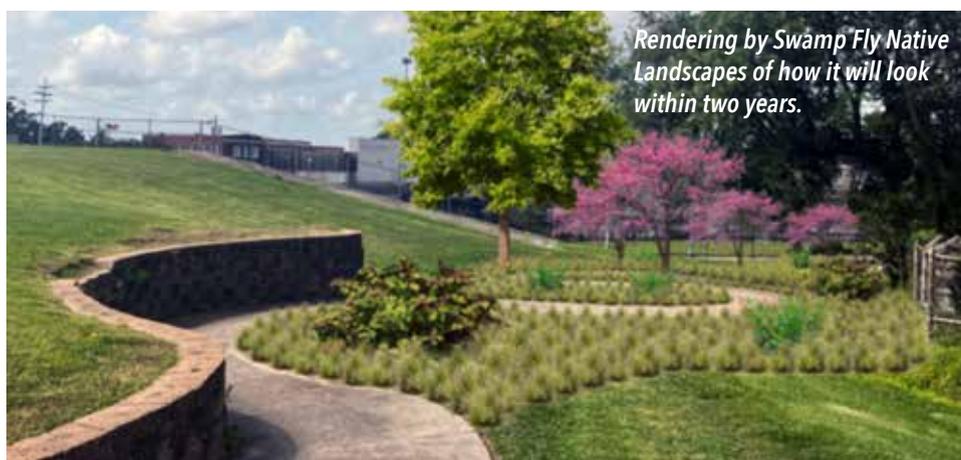
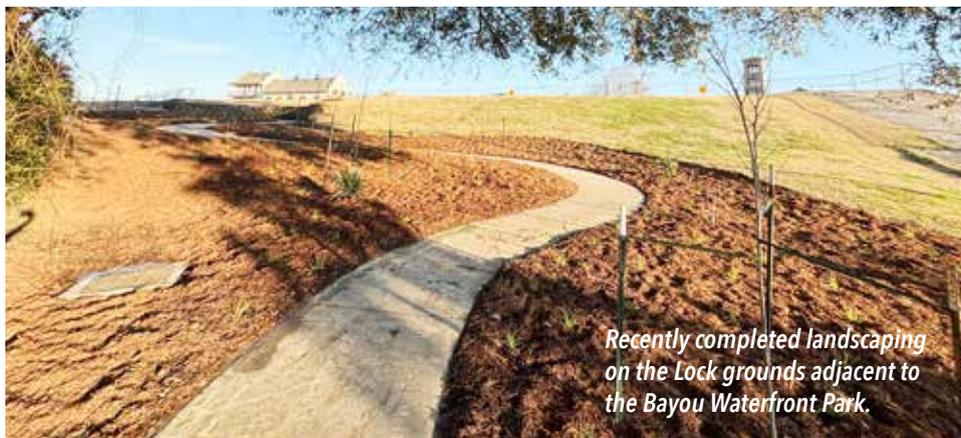
The Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site is unique in all of the United States! It was considered an engineering marvel of its time; and the Lockhouse, with its gleaming white tile walls and massive cypress windows, is an architectural masterpiece. Come check out the new exhibit, led by the Friends of the Lock!

Here's a little of what you will see at the new Plaquemine Lock exhibit. Please come for a visit. Open Tuesday - Saturday 9 am - 4:30 pm.



Come turn this huge boatwheel from a 1920s steamboat that regularly went through the Lock. And look at that beautiful Plaquemine sign!

## Welcoming nature back to the Lock - first native La. landscaping project complete

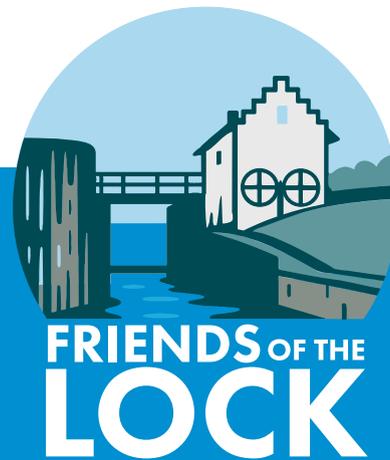


Soon enough, you'll see a whole lot of happy pollinators flitting around the Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site. Why? The Friends of the Lock has completed its initial landscaping project with native plants historic to Louisiana. These plants are resilient, and all provide food or shelter for pollinators. Watch and learn with us as they mature and welcome birds and butterflies. In 2026, the plants will root; in 2027 they will creep up and out; and in 2028, they will leap! Stay tuned for more happenings as we welcome you and nature back to the Lock. If you want to help, donations are greatly appreciated! We have volunteer opportunities as well. For more info, see box at right.



The exhibit includes a WORKING model of the rare Strauss bascule railroad bridge over Bayou Plaquemine. This bridge was critical to the free flow of boats from the Lock into the the Atchafalaya. Visitors can press a button to see how it operated!

When the massive lock gates got blocked or jammed by limbs or debris, lockmen had to wear heavy scuba suits like the one in the exhibit to dive to the bottom of the lock and do the dangerous work of unblocking the gates. Come check out the suit and photos of the divers in action!



FRIENDS OF THE  
**LOCK**

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
OR DONATION  
HELPS US:**

- Host family-friendly community events: Family Movie Night, Pumpkin & Pirogues & more!
- Provide education, programming and story-telling activities
- Preserve the Crown Jewel of Iberville
- Attract visitors/tourists to our community
- Enhance landscaping/beautification of the grounds, with focus on Louisiana native plants

**SEND A CHECK:**

Mail your name, phone, address, email & check to:  
Friends of the Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site  
P.O. Box 1020, Plaquemine, LA 70765

FriendsOfTheLock.org  
Facebook/PlaquemineFriendsOfTheLock

**JOIN OR DONATE  
ONLINE**



The Friends of the Lock is a 501 C3 federal tax exempt non-profit with annual audits. Your donation is tax deductible.

# TOWN OF MARINGOUIN

## Town honors 100-year-old resident



Officials of the Town of Maringouin honored 100-year-old resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Betty Lewis, during its March meeting. She was given a proclamation and the city's thanks as her family looked on.



Winners of the Maringouin Mardi Gras parade received their trophies at the town meeting. They are shown above with officials. The winners were: 1st place float - Be my Client, Trenity Thomas; 2nd place - Queen of Sadie, Santria Nelson; 3rd place - Krewe La Famille, Connie Percell. Jeep 1st place - Gemini; 2nd place - Willy's; 3rd place - Black n Purple, all with Geaux Jeepin Baton Rouge. Car - 1st place - Floyd Patterson; 2nd place - James Berryhill; and 3rd place - Ray Neal III.

A colorful promotional poster for an Easter event. At the top, a rainbow arches over a blue sky with white clouds and butterflies. In the center, a red heart is held by two hands, with the text "Hearts IN ACTION" below it. Below that, it says "4th Annual Easter Bash" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Underneath, it specifies "Ages 1-15" and lists activities: "Easter Egg Hunt", "Lots of Giveaways", "Free Food for the Kids", and "DJ on the 1s &amp; 2s". A wooden signpost in the foreground reads "Sunday March 29th 2pm to 5pm". The background is filled with many colorful Easter eggs and a basket of eggs. At the bottom, it says "Maringouin Park 11150 Ventress Dr." and "Contact Kendra 225-259-1902 to participate".

# TOWN OF WHITE CASTLE



## White Castle Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 25 9 am

Meet at White Castle Resource Center

The Town of White Castle, in partnership with Parish Councilwoman Shalanda Allen, will hold a clean up. This is in conjunction with the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Love The Boot Week Clean Up.

Bags and gloves will be provided.

Show your love for your community by volunteering to help clean up White Castle!



## Senior Citizen Bingo Night

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 pm  
White Castle Community Center  
Come enjoy fun and fellowship with neighbors

## Paint the Town!

Free paint distribution to residents to help revitalize their properties. Being held in conjunction with Mission Outreach Church. Date to be determined

Watch for more information on these events:  
[facebook.com/MayorJohnMorrisIII](https://facebook.com/MayorJohnMorrisIII)

## Parents: watch for Camp 360 sign-up

Parents should be watching for the Camp 360 summer camp registration form at their child's school. The camp is held Monday thru Thursday during June from noon until 4 pm at the White Castle Community Center. It is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students.

## Reporting an issue is easy!

Residents can ask questions and report issues to the town via the Town website: [WhiteCastle.us](http://WhiteCastle.us). Click on the Contact Us button on the home page!

***What you need to know:***

**Changes for the May 16 election and beyond**

**LOCAL IMPACT**

At March 5, Iberville had:

- 11,036 Democratic voters
- 4,876 Republican voters
- 4,351 No Party voters
- 6 Green Party voters
- 59 Libertarian voters, and
- 60 Other voters

**CLOSED PARTY PRIMARIES:** Louisiana has implemented Closed Party Primaries. A Closed Party Primary Election is included in the May 16 ballot, and the Closed Primary General Election is set for June 27.

In a Closed Party Primary, Democratic voters may cast ballots ONLY for Democratic candidates, and Republican voters ONLY vote for Republican candidates.

For the first time, No Party voters may participate ONLY by completing a Declaration of Ballot Choice and selecting either a Democratic or Republican ballot, or choosing an unaffiliated ballot. Once a choice is made in the first primary, it cannot be changed for the second primary election. Importantly, selecting a party ballot does not alter official voter registration. Voters registered with other parties, such as Green or Libertarian, are not eligible to participate in Closed Party Primaries but can vote in other races.

The offices that are affected overall are U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Public Service Commissioner, BESE and the Louisiana Supreme Court. Check your registration status at [www.geauxvote.com](http://www.geauxvote.com).

Following the spring primaries, the selected Democratic and Republican candidates will advance to the Open

Congressional General Election on November 3, 2026, where all voters, regardless of registration, may vote for any candidate for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Clerk of Court Amy Patin shared that her office has already completed training on Closed Party Primaries and will train all election commissioners before the May 16 election.

She stated, "We want to educate voters so they are not surprised by this when they get to the polls and cannot vote for the candidate they want to vote for due to their party registration."

She also expressed appreciation for the election commissioners. "Our election commissioners are our front line workers on election day, and they have my heartfelt appreciation for their hard work," she said.

"Without them, elections would not be possible, and now they are being asked to do more while being paid only \$200 to work from 5 am until 8 pm at night. Commissioners also attend several classes a year and are not separately compensated for that time."

She added, "That is why we are asking the Louisiana Legislature to give them raises in the session underway now. The commissioners will now have added duties with Closed Party Primaries, and the raise is needed. The last overall raise for commissioners was 19 years ago."

**UNDERSTANDING CLOSED PARTY PRIMARIES**

IF YOU ARE REGISTERED:

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR:

Democratic Party (DEM)

- Democratic candidates for closed party races.
- Municipal election, special election, or proposition election, if any such election is on the ballot in the parish, and if the voter is eligible to vote within the jurisdiction of the municipal, special or proposition election.

Republican Party (REP)

- Republican candidates for closed party races.
- Municipal election, special election, or proposition election, if any such election is on the ballot in the parish, and if the voter is eligible to vote within the jurisdiction of the municipal, special or proposition election.

No Party (Unaffiliated)

- Voters not affiliated with a political party (No Party) may choose to vote either the Democratic or the Republican primary ballot, or neither and remain unaffiliated. If you vote in the Democratic or Republican first party primary, your choice cannot be changed for the second party primary (party runoff), if any.
- Municipal election, special election, or proposition election, if any such election is on the ballot in the parish, and if the voter is eligible to vote within the jurisdiction of the municipal, special or proposition election.

ANY OTHER PARTY

- Municipal election, special election, or proposition election, if any such election is on the ballot in the parish, and if the voter is eligible to vote within the jurisdiction of the municipal, special or proposition election.
- The precinct register will have a notation stating "Not Eligible for Election" on the signature line for all voters who are not eligible to participate in the election.

**HOW TO CHANGE YOUR PARTY REGISTRATION**

All party registration changes for the May 16 election must be made either:

- By April 15 - 30 days before election day for in-person at Registrar of Voters office or mail applications, or
- By April 25 - 20 days before election day for applications submitted online at [GeauxVote.com](http://GeauxVote.com).

Any registration change made after those deadlines will be withheld until after the election.



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## DOWNLOAD NOW!

### Free app provides motorists with warnings during vehicle pursuits

Residents are being urged by Sheriff Brett Stassi to download the free Digital Siren app, now offered by the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office. The app is designed to help keep motorists safe during active law enforcement high-speed pursuits and emergency vehicle operations. It also alerts motorists to road hazards and closures, active shooter situations, and lost child alerts.

"We are proud to be the first Sheriff's Office in the state to have our units equipped with this innovative safety tool," said Sheriff Brett Stassi. "There are no good pursuits, but they are bound to happen. This app is another tool we are using to help minimize the risks to our citizens and save innocent lives." By downloading the Digital Siren app, motorists can receive real-time notifications that help them make informed, safer driving decisions. The app alerts users when a Sheriff's Office pursuit or emergency response vehicle is nearby, allowing motorists to slow down and stay alert.



The technology also improves officer safety by notifying approaching motorists when a deputy is stopped on the roadside, helping drivers comply with Louisiana's move-over law.

The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to download the Digital Siren app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Residents can also scan the QR code above to download it.

### Advanced radio system strengthens communication across parish

Uniform Patrol deputies and detectives are now equipped with new portable radios that provide improved communication between dispatchers and patrol units.

The new portable radios have four alternative system platforms to help ensure communication remains uninterrupted. In addition, the radios offer a wider coverage area, eliminating signal loss in remote areas of the parish. The portables are also equipped with an additional safety feature: GPS tracking capabilities.

"This new system provides better protection and communication for our deputies," said Sheriff Brett Stassi. "Radio communication is a vital tool for both safety and effective operations."

The old radios are being reprogrammed for use at the parish jail facility. These radios will provide an added level of safety by helping keep correction deputies' radio communication open and reliable.



New portable radios



### New fleet of units now on roads

The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office rotates its fleet of units on a regular schedule and is placing 10 new units into service. The Chevrolet Tahoes are fully equipped with advanced technology to assist deputies in carrying out their daily duties.



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