



2025 ANNUAL REPORT IBERVILLE PARISH GOVERNMENT



Happy New Year, Iberville!

As we close out 2025, Iberville Parish celebrates a year of meaningful progress — from launching the One Iberville Master Plan, to enhancing services, expanding opportunities, and strengthening community partnerships across our parish.

It remains an honor to serve as your Parish President, and together we're building a stronger, more united Iberville. Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year!

- President Chris Daigle



MILESTONES IN 2025



Mississippi River Bridge Progress - One of our highest priorities — the new Mississippi River Bridge — advanced significantly this year as we entered the NEPA phase, and we remain committed to securing funding and keeping the project moving forward.

Historic January Snowfall - The year began with a historic snowfall that united our community, showcased Iberville's resilience, and led to several days of state and local office closures as crews worked to restore safe conditions.



One Iberville Master Plan Development - This year, we began developing a new comprehensive Master Plan—the first update in more than 20 years — and gathered input from more than 350 residents and business owners at four parishwide Community Open Houses, feedback that is now guiding a draft plan to be presented in Spring 2026 as we continue shaping tomorrow together.

Expanding Early Voting Access - In April, we expanded early voting access in East and North Iberville, making government more accessible and strengthening civic engagement across our communities.



Iberville Day at the Capitol - On May 6th, we proudly held Iberville Day at the Capitol, highlighting our parish's successes, priorities, and vision for the future while deepening relationships with state leaders.

Second Annual Employee Appreciation Day - In October, we gathered for our Second Annual Employee Family Fun Day — a celebration of our incredible parish employees that offered a meaningful opportunity to honor the heart and soul of our parish, made possible through the generosity of our valued sponsors.



Bayou Pigeon Boat Launch Improvement Project - In January, we broke ground with CPRA on the new Bayou Pigeon Boat Launch — an investment that will enhance recreation, expand waterway access, and strengthen tourism throughout our parish — and in December, celebrated its completion with a ribbon-cutting.



THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has the authority to pass ordinances to promote and protect public welfare, safety, health, peace, and manage parish affairs effectively. This authority is subject only to the Louisiana State Constitution and any state laws that specifically limit Parish Government powers. The Parish Council holds monthly meetings on the Third Tuesday of every month.



Steve "Pine" Smith
Council Chairman
District 5



Raheem Pierce
Council Vice Chairman
District 6



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**Charles "Stormy"
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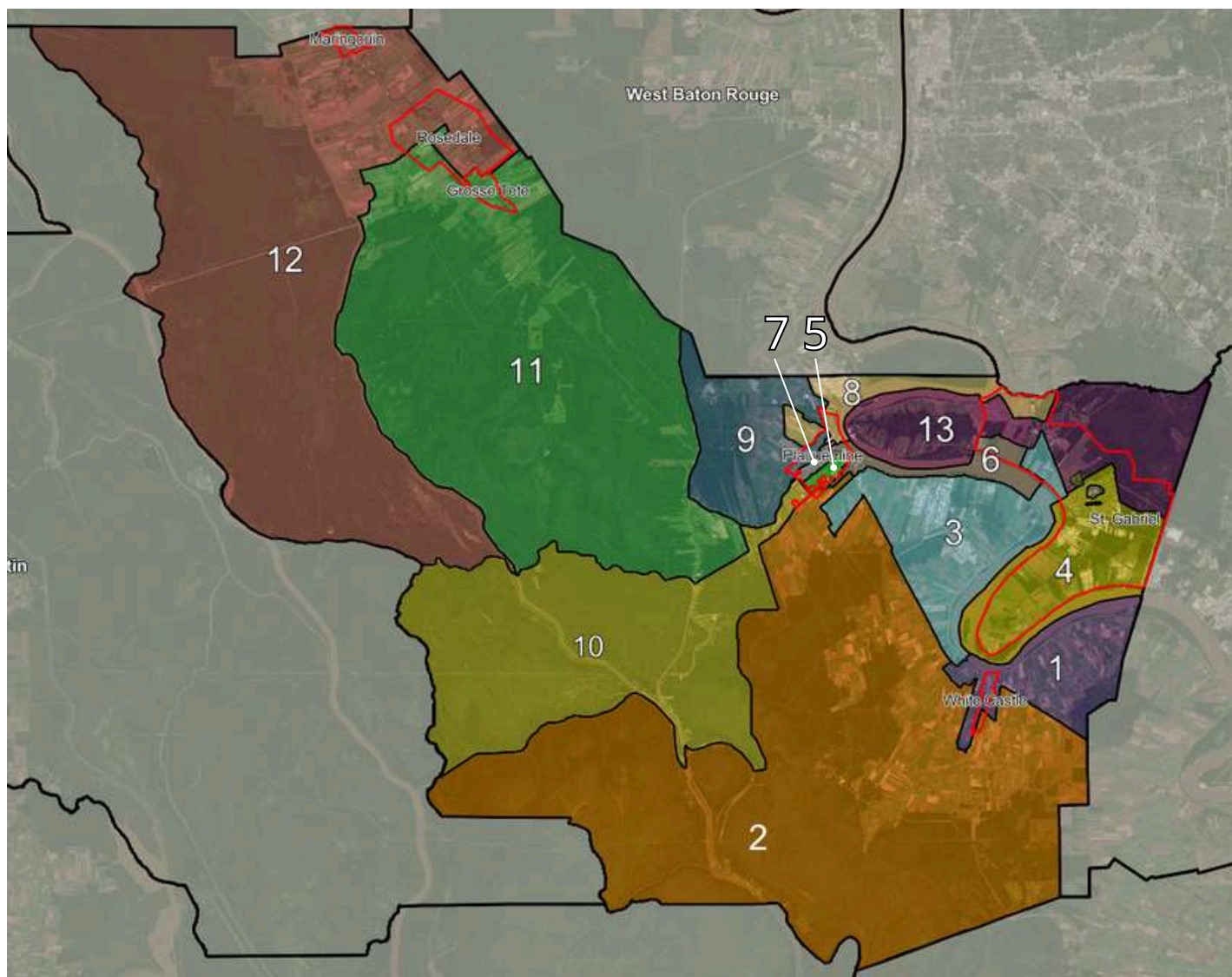
Matthew Jewell
District 12



Bart Morgan
District 13



IBERVILLE COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP



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Council Vice Chairman
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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS IBERVILLE PARISH



North Iberville Community

- Bayou Grosse Tete Storm Debris Removal
- Intracoastal Road Drainage Improvement
- Ivory Swamp Drainage Improvement



Plaquemine Community

- Bayou Plaquemine Locks Drainage Improvement
- Highway 1 Beautification Project
- Cross Street Drainage Improvement

BAYOU MANCHAC



BEFORE

AFTER

East Iberville Community

- \$30M Restoration Project for Bayou Manchac
- Channel Clearing Project - 4.25 Miles
- Bayou Paul Restoration Project - 2.5 Miles



White Castle Community

- Breaux Street Drainage Improvement
- Highway 69 & Bowie Street Roadwork Improvement
- Highway 69 Flood Improvement



South Iberville Community

- Gracie Lane Bridge Repairs
- Bayou Choctaw Drainage & Ecological Improvement
- Bayou Pigeon Flood Protection Levee Extension

ORDINANCES PASSED IN 2025

IPC Ordinance #001-25

- Update parish rules to ban culverts that block drainage in Bayou Manchac and allow only bridges between Iberville and East Baton Rouge.

IPC Ordinance #002-25

- A change to the previous ordinance (IPC ORDINANCE #013-24) to limit when and where guns can be fired in the unincorporated parts of Iberville Parish.

IPC Ordinance #003-25

- Adjust the 2025 General Fund and approve buying the White Castle Boat Landing property from Ella LeBlanc Co. LLC.

IPC Ordinance #004-25

- Update the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget so the Parish can accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

IPC Ordinance #005-25

- Update the Parish's development code so that all Planning Commission recommendations go to the Parish Council for final approval.

IPC Ordinance #006-25

- To declare certain Parish-owned properties as surplus and allow the Parish Administrator to sell them at a public sale under the rules of Ordinance #002-13.

IPC Ordinance #007-25

- Approve selling surplus properties to nearby property owners — Willie Mae & Joseph Landry (Parcel 0210239850) and Neuman L. Watson (Parcel 0210292075) — according to Ordinance #002-13.

IPC Ordinance #008-25

- Approve selling a surplus property to the nearby property owner — Robert J. McGarner & Others (Parcel 0210250295) — according to Ordinance #002-13.

IPC Ordinance #009-25

- To approve the millage (property tax) rates for the 2025 tax year.



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ORDINANCES PASSED IN 2025

IPC Ordinance #010-25

- A change to the 2025 Fire District #1 budget to allow the purchase of a 3,000-gallon commercial tanker truck costing \$525,000.

IPC Ordinance #011-25

- Allowing the Parish Council to buy property from the Iberville Parish School Board and authorizing the Parish President to sign all documents needed for the Library to purchase that property.

IPC Ordinance #012-25

- Approve accepting a donated piece of property on Plaza Drive from A&D Medical, LLC.

IPC Ordinance #013-25

- Adjust the 2025 Tourism budget to account for a \$70,000 state grant from the Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism.

IPC Ordinance #014-25

- A change to the ordinance that sets the maximum height for grass and weeds in Iberville Parish.

IPC Ordinance #015-25

- A measure approving the Parish's ability to issue up to \$7.1 million in Library bonds and handle all related details.

IPC Ordinance #016-25

- To set the same water and sewer rates across all of Iberville Parish.

IPC Ordinance #017-25

- To approve the 2026 operating and capital budgets, and to adopt updates to the 2025 operating and capital budgets for the Iberville Parish Council.

IPC Ordinance #018-25

- Approving the Parish's acceptance of specific private roads so they become part of the Parish-maintained road network.



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YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!

2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Office of Emergency Preparedness works year-round to help residents prepare for emergencies and support prevention, response, and recovery efforts that protect lives and property.

A major 2025 accomplishment was **securing approval for a new joint 911 call center for parish and sheriff dispatchers** — a \$1.5 million project supported by a \$500,000 grant. Construction began November 17, with completion expected in 2026.



Rendering of the future joint call center facility

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES



The Fire & Emergency Services made a significant upgrade to its fleet by **replacing two outdated, 30-year-old fire apparatuses**. The new units greatly enhance emergency response capabilities, tripling the water-carrying capacity and providing 3,000 gallons per truck.

Each apparatus is fully equipped with essential service tools, ensuring firefighters have the resources needed for effective and efficient operations at emergency scenes.

PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

The Iberville Permit and Inspections Department **launched a fully online permit application system**, improving efficiency, accessibility, and code compliance.

Under new Director Ben Bello's leadership, the modernization reduces processing times, increases transparency, and supports the parish's growing development needs. He will also play a key role in shaping the parish's approach to zoning.

View the chart at the right for a snapshot of some of the permits issued in 2025.



*Permits & Inspections
Director Ben Bello*

Type of Permit	Total Issued
New Construction	45
Demolition	13
Electrical	164
Generator	18
Mechanical	15
Plumbing	27
Mobile Homes	46
Residential Construction	13
Shop/Accessory Structure	48

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2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Established in July **under the leadership of Director LaTroya Handy**, the Office of Community Development has quickly become central to improving the quality of life in Iberville through programs that support residents and strengthen community engagement. She will also **play a key role in organizing parishwide events such as the Black History Program, Juneteenth, Veterans Day, and the Swamp Life Expo.**

A highlight this year was participating in community Halloween events, where **the team distributed more than 2,500 treat bags** and shared Parish President safety messages to help ensure a fun, safe holiday parishwide.



Handing out Halloween bags and safety tips at Carbo's Boo on the Bayou in Bayou Pigeon and Boo on the Belleview in Plaquemine



Community Development Director LaTroya Handy

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Iberville Council on Aging provides services and support that enhance the quality of life and strengthen community connections for residents 60 and older.

Along with annual events like the Spring Fish Fry and Thanksgiving Luncheon, the Council expanded its offerings in 2025, including a new **Mississippi Riverboat Cruise enjoyed by more than 100 seniors** — an experience they can't wait to repeat.



Council on Aging members enjoying their day on the Riverboat in New Orleans

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Department provided vital support parishwide — **offering energy assistance to 846 households, CSBG housing and utility aid to 378 households, and food resources to 542 households and 704 residents.**

The department also **distributed 350 school supply bags at back-to-school events**, continuing its commitment to supporting families and vulnerable residents.



Commodities Distribution in May



Giving out school supplies at the IPSB Back to School event in July

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2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

FIRING RANGE

This year, Iberville Parish **mourned the loss of longtime Range Master Jerry Mendoza**, whose dedication was instrumental in the opening and operation of the Iberville Firing Range. We are grateful for his years of service and commitment to safety.

Under the leadership of Tommy Favaron, the range continues to serve the community with rifle, pistol, and bow ranges, along with indoor training classes such as hunter safety and concealed carry.

Local law enforcement agencies continue to use the range for firearms and active shooter training. The range is free for parish residents, law enforcement officers, and military veterans, with a fee for non-residents.



Firing Range Master
Tommy Favaron



TOURISM

The Tourism Office celebrated several major milestones. The **North Iberville Visitors Center marked its 10th anniversary** with a renovation that expanded staff space, improved visitor areas, and added a conference room — **bringing total visitors since 2010 to over 300,000.**

Tourism also advanced key attractions: **the Plaquemine Lock completed phase one of its restoration** with a new exhibit — supported in part by a \$250,000 parish contribution — and was designated an official Interpretive Center on America's Great River Road, while the Iberville Museum prepared for a full renovation set to begin in 2026.



President Chris Daigle and local leaders celebrated the grand re-opening of the Plaquemine Locks



HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources is dedicated to supporting and developing employees through training, wellness programs, and essential resources.

In 2025, the department expanded safety and professional development with **specialized Public Works training, parishwide CPR/AED/Stop the Bleed sessions, and a retirement planning seminar.** HR also launched two major events — the **Employee Health & Wellness Expo and the Employee Benefits Fair** — giving employees greater access to resources and support.



Employees visiting with vendors at the Health Fair



Employees taking part in chair yoga sessions at the Health Fair

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2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Iberville Parks & Recreation is committed to maintaining our parks and providing year-round athletic programs for youth and adults.

In 2025, **IPRD reached a record 1,719 registered participants** — the highest in its history. **Strong partnerships with the Iberville School Board** in volleyball, flag football, softball, and baseball have driven this growth, while work is underway on an **Iberville Parks & Recreation Master Plan to guide future improvements and expansion.**



Council on Aging Fish Fry at the North Iberville Community Center

EVENT OPERATIONS

Our team **hosted more than 180 events** across Iberville Parish Government rental facilities this year, highlighting both the versatility and high demand of our venues.

The venues hosted a wide range of events across the parish, including Mardi Gras balls, boxing matches, graduations, birthday parties, reunions, weddings, company trainings, Camp 360, Safety Town, 4-H activities, public meetings, and auctions.

ANIMAL CONTROL & SHELTER

The Iberville Animal Shelter & Control made significant strides in animal care and community support, **with 416 adoptions, 86 pets reunited with owners, and 233 at-risk dogs transferred to partner rescues.** The TNR program sterilized and vaccinated 604 community cats, reducing the feral population.

Volunteers, fosters, donors, and the new Iberville Rescue Run Club played a vital role in this success. **The shelter also received \$385,040 in in-kind support, including medications, vaccines, and supplies from Save A Heart, Pet Pharma, and Greater Good Charities.**



Members of the Animal Control team at the Adoption Event and Pet Expo in St. Gabriel

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2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development and Environmental Department advanced key initiatives, including **securing an Air Curtain Incinerator with LDEQ** permitting to improve vegetative waste management. The team also worked with LED and local landowners to **move new properties toward Site Certification**.



Ribbon Cutting of the Air Curtain Incinerator

The department continued supporting major drainage, restoration, and solid waste projects while strengthening industry outreach through site visits and the Business Retention Program.



Grant Director Brittany Dupont

GRANTS

Established in June **under the leadership of Director Brittany Dupont**, the Grants Department strengthens parish operations by securing and managing funding for key programs and infrastructure.

In 2025, **\$4,365,855.24 in grant funding was awarded directly to Iberville Parish**, with the \$30 million Watershed Initiative grant shared regionally.

<i>Grant Name</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Award Amount</i>
Louisiana Watershed Initiative & Amite River Basin Commission	Restore Bayou Manchac's flow, realign Ward Creek, and strengthen regional flood protection with grant funding split across the region	\$30,000,000.00 <i>Split Regionally</i>
Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM)	Will replace existing steel mains and service lines with polyethylene pipe and upgrade aging residential meters in White Castle	\$2,546,363.00
USDA Natural Resources Conservation	Debris removal throughout Bayou Grosse Tete	\$703,154.75
Resilient Communities Infrastructure	Seymourville Community - Drainage Improvements	\$305,645.71
U.S. Department of Energy's Office of SCEP under the EECBG	Lighting upgrades for three parish government facilities	\$152,511.00
Recycling Partnership	Recycling containers, bins, signage, and education materials to be distributed in 2026	\$150,000.00
Hydraulic Gas Model	Develop a model of natural gas lines to identify locations and future needs	\$125,000.00
One Iberville Parish Master Plan	Assist with costs of developing an updated Master Plan	\$100,000.00
Emergency Management Performance & State Homeland Security Grants	Upgrades to visual presentation equipment in the OEP Emergency Operations Center.	\$84,969.78
Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism	Upgrades and maintenance to Plaquemine Locks	\$70,000.00
Bayou Blue Fire Department	Investment in a LUCAS automated chest compression device	\$25,000.00
Keep Louisiana Beautiful Greener Grounds Grant	15 durable, reusable trash receptacles to use for events	\$3,211.00

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2025 CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department kept residents safe during **January's historic snowfall by continuously clearing and treating roads.**

The team also led major infrastructure projects across the parish, **advanced critical drainage improvements in Ivory Swamp and at the Bayou Plaquemine Locks to reduce flood risk, and completed the LA 1 Beautification Project,** enhancing a key corridor and creating a more welcoming gateway for residents and visitors.



Employees working through Historic Snowfall Event



Bayou Plaquemine Locks Drainage Improvement



A map of the planned project for the replacement of the Natural Gas system in White Castle

UTILITIES

Through grant funding, our Utilities Department has achieved substantial advancements this year.

At the Water Plant, **new level-control valves and an activated carbon system were installed** to enhance treatment efficiency and water quality. The Natural Gas division **replaced aging infrastructure, resolved long-standing leak issues, and completed essential compliance upgrades.** Across all four sewer systems, key repairs were made and **eight standby generators were added,** greatly improving reliability for residents parishwide.

SANITATION

The Iberville Sanitation Department **secured a \$150,000 Recycling Partnership grant** to strengthen parishwide recycling efforts. The funding will provide new drop-off containers, improved signage, updated education materials, and 3,000 recycling bins for residents in 2026.

In addition, **all curbside trash cans will be replaced in 2026** to create a uniform look aligned with the Keep Iberville Beautiful initiative.



Household recycling bins that will be available for distribution in 2026

ONE IBERVILLE MASTER PLAN

The Iberville Parish Government kicked off the One Iberville master planning process in 2025 and successfully completed Phases One and Two by hosting four Community Open Houses that engaged more than 350 residents and business owners, gathering essential input to guide future strategies for land use, transportation, recreation, and economic growth as the project continues.

Stay up to date on our Master Plan project updates at:
oneiberville.com



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SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Iberville Parish Homeland Security/E-911 uses EveryBridge Emergency Notification to send emergency phone alerts. Because many residents no longer have landlines, registering your cell phone ensures you receive notifications for emergencies affecting your address. All information is confidential and never shared with outside vendors.

Scan the QR Code to register your mobile number and receive critical messages from Iberville Parish.

You can register online or call the Office of Emergency Preparedness at (225) 687-5140.



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JOB OPENINGS

Looking for a career with Iberville Parish Government?

All job openings are shared publicly on our website and social media. Stay connected and be the first to explore exciting opportunities to join our team!

Job Postings are shared at: ibervilleparish.com/jobs/



EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

KEEP IBERVILLE BEAUTIFUL

Our commitment to **Keeping Iberville Beautiful** included **two impactful clean-up events** — tackling litter during Love the Boot Week and later concentrating on our waterways. The dedication of our residents and businesses help preserve the natural beauty of our parish.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Our **First Annual Black History Month Program** brought together over 300 guests for an evening with Major Reginald Brown's keynote, honors for Aldrich "Tudy" Dupree, Kenneth Brown, Dr. Peter Dawson, and Leonard "Buck" Jackson, and performances celebrating Black history.

IBERVILLE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The First Annual **Iberville Day at the Capitol** celebrated our parish's statewide impact through industry showcases, meaningful connections, and resolutions passed in both the House and Senate officially declaring May 6th, 2025, as "Iberville Day." Hosted with the Iberville Chamber of Commerce, this inaugural event was made possible by our partners, leaders, and community.



JUNETEENTH



We hosted our **Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration**, bringing the community together to honor the end of slavery and celebrate freedom and resilience. We also recognized community leaders Veronica B. Hill, Pastor Clyde E. McNeill Sr., Honorable Alvin Batiste, Jr., and Melvin J. Craig Sr., and thanked everyone who joined us in reaffirming our commitment to equality.

SALUTE TO VETERANS

Our **18th Annual Salute to Veterans** honored our nation's heroes through inspiring performances and the unveiling of a permanent U.S. Flag Retirement Box at the Iberville Veterans Memorial. This lasting tribute provides a dignified way for our community to retire worn flags. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this event a success.



SWAMP LIFE EXPO



In April, we held our annual Swamp Life Expo event at the North Iberville Visitors Center. From live music and dancing to local food and crafts, it was a full-on celebration of everything we love about Cajun culture!

Save the date - the Swamp Life Expo will be held on October 3, 2026!



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Parish Council	687-5190	Permits & Inspections.....	687-5150
Animal Shelter & Control	687-5881	Planning Commission.....	687-5190
Behavioral Health.....	687-5889	Public Works.....	687-5148
Council on Aging.....	687-9682	Safety.....	687-5190
Emergency Preparedness.....	687-5140	Sales & Use Tax.....	687-5200
Environment & Economic Development.....	687-7415	Sanitation.....	692-3844
Human Resources.....	687-5190	Social Services.....	687-5243
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