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PRESIDENT'S **UPDATE:** Promises kept in first year priorities

Dear Residents of Iberville Parish,

As we close out our first year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together. This year has been marked by milestones that highlight our parish's strength, resilience, and unity. I'm excited to share these updates with you and celebrate how we're building a stronger, more connected Iberville.

TERM LIMITS

A Vote for the Future - On November 5th, you, the people of Iberville, made your voices heard. With an overwhelming 81% approval, the amendment to reinstate term limits in the Parishwide Home Rule Charter was passed. This is a clear testament to our shared commitment to accountability and ensuring our leadership reflects fresh ideas and perspectives.

✓ VOTE

Early Voting Coming to North and East Iberville - Exciting news for our North and East Iberville communities: early voting will soon be available right

in your neighborhoods! This initiative is a vital step toward making participation in democracy more accessible and convenient for all residents. While we anticipate implementing this service in 2025, the goal remains the same: to empower more residents to make their voices heard and increase voter turnout in future elections.



First Annual Employee Appreciation Day

- On September 14th, we gathered at the Mike Zito Center for our First Annual Employee Family Fun Day — a celebration of our incredible parish employees.

With delicious food, refreshing drinks, and engaging activities for all ages, it was a day to show appreciation for the heart and soul of our parish: our team. This event was made possible by the generosity of our sponsors, and we are so grateful for their partnership.



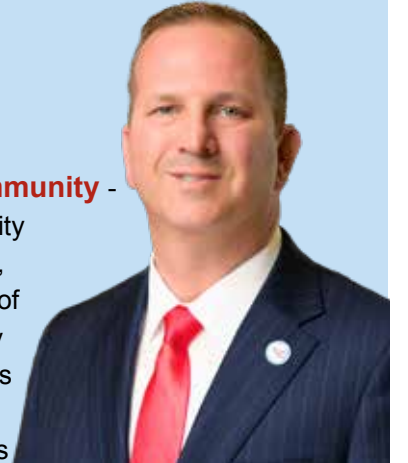
Investing in Our Team - For the first time in 20 years, we completed an Organization Assessment and Salary Structure Review, marking a major milestone for Iberville Parish. Approved by the Parish Council, this

comprehensive review compared our structure with those of surrounding parishes to ensure we offer competitive incentives, fair pay, and a clear pathway for future raises. This initiative reflects my unwavering commitment to valuing and empowering the hard-working employees who drive our parish forward. It's just the beginning of our efforts to build a supportive and rewarding work environment that fosters growth and excellence.



Listening to Our Community

- In May, we held community meetings across Iberville, traveling to every corner of the parish to hear directly from you. Your feedback—whether concerns or compliments—has shaped our plans to move Iberville forward. These conversations were instrumental in mapping out the next steps to make our parish an even better place to live, work, and thrive.



Parish President Chris Daigle



Relocated the Parish President's Office

- I am thrilled to announce that I now have an office at the Courthouse. This strategic move emphasizes my commitment to accessibility and progress, ensuring that the Parish President's office is more directly connected to the heart of our community.



Enhancing Emergency Response

- I am proud to share that in collaboration with the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, we have added a Sheriff's Deputy to be located in the same room as our 911 dispatchers. This step will significantly speed up emergency response times, ensuring our residents receive quicker and more efficient assistance when needed most.

Together, we've accomplished so much, and I couldn't be more proud of the direction we're heading. Thank you for your trust, your input, and your continued support. The best is yet to come for Iberville Parish, and I'm honored to serve as your Parish President.

Here's to a bright and promising future for our community!

With gratitude,

Chris Daigle
Iberville Parish President

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Happy New Year

from Parish President Chris Daigle
& the Parish Council

COA hosts over 500 seniors for Thanksgiving luncheon

The Iberville Council on Aging hosted its annual Thanksgiving luncheon for more than 500 seniors in November, bringing joy and celebration to our senior citizens.

This wonderful event, sponsored by the generous support of Westlake Chemical, was a true community effort! The festivities included dancing to the lively tunes of One More Time and enjoying delicious food. Thanks to donations from local officials and businesses, more than 60 lucky attendees went home with door prizes, adding extra excitement to the day.

A special thank you goes out to our Council on Aging employees for their hard work and dedication in putting this event together. We also extend heartfelt gratitude to Westlake Chemical, COA board members, local officials, parish employees, and the dedicated volunteers who made this event a tremendous success. Your contributions made a difference in creating a memorable day for our seniors!



Seniors enjoy a line dance during the Thanksgiving Luncheon.



Parish President Daigle greets seniors, and attendees at the event.



Members of the Westlake team accepting a plaque in appreciation for sponsoring the luncheon.

IPRD - IBERVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Long-time volunteer will be missed

IPRD has lost a long-time volunteer in north Iberville. Guy Thomas passed on November 22. He was a positive role model for youth and coordinated the youth football program in north Iberville for over 10 years.



"Guy Thomas was a mentor to the youth of North Iberville," said IPRD Director Erik Willis. "He participated in coaching youth football for 20 years, and his impact on youth football will continue for years to come. His work has a lot to do with the quick success of the first year North Iberville High School football program. He is gone but will never be forgotten."

Registration for diamond sports begins

Registration for 12U basketball has been extended until January 10, and IPRD will begin accepting registration for diamond sports on January 2. Diamond sports includes baseball, T-ball, Coaches Pitch and softball.

For more information on the leagues and registration call IPRD at 225-687-0641 or go to PlayIberville.com.

BASKETBALL KICKS OFF... As of mid-December, 125 kids were participating in the IPRD basketball leagues at the Carl Grant Civic Center. The leagues include 6U, 10U girls, and 9U boys. Play in the 12U boys league will begin in late January.

FOOTBALL HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON ACROSS PARISH... For the first time, football leagues were in play in White Castle, North Iberville, East Iberville and Plaquemine this fall. "IPRD contributed to all the programs, and each program completed their season successfully," said IPRD Director Erik Willis. "We intend to continue assisting and helping to build these programs across the parish next year."

"We had a very positive year at IPRD in 2024, and we are looking forward to expanding our successes in 2025," said Willis.



SOCCKER SEASON COMES TO END... IPRD soccer leagues ended play in mid-December, with 175 kids from age 5 to 12 participating this season. The multi-use Belleview Park fields were converted to soccer fields for the leagues. Here are a few scenes of the soccer fun.



Restroom added at Belleview Park

A new restroom building is almost complete at Belleview Park. It is expected to be operational by early 2025 said IPRD Director Erik Willis.

"It is a long walk from the farthest fields at the park to the main restroom building at the front of the park, so this restroom will service the back end of the park," he said. "We needed it for tournaments and also for our elderly, who often attend the games to watch grandchildren, and were having to make long walks back and forth." Also added was a concrete staging area for field equipment. This will prolong the life of the equipment.



Grosse Tete Bridge fully operational again

Hundreds of Iberville residents got an early Christmas present when the Grosse Tete Bridge returned to regular 24/7 hours of operation on November 27th.

All repairs to the bridge, which was damaged when a barge hit it on June 6, were completed on schedule. Thanks to the La. Department of Transportation and Development and Coastal Contractors for their dedication and hard work in delivering on the promised 6-month timeline. Most importantly, we want to thank YOU — the residents — for your patience and understanding during this time!

Black History Month event planned

Save the Date for Wednesday, February 5th as the Iberville Parish Government is thrilled to announce our Inaugural Black History Program at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center at 6:00 pm!

We want YOU to help shape this historic event! Share your vision, ideas, and stories as we unite to honor and celebrate Black history and its profound impact on Iberville Parish and beyond. Scan the code to provide your ideas and nominations for our honorees.



Firefighters complete specialized training

Congratulations to three parish firefighters who recently completed industrial training at the TEEX facility in College Station, Texas, thanks to sponsorship from Phillips 66!

This specialized program provided hands-on experience in fire suppression, foam application, hazardous materials, and crisis management. The firefighters gained invaluable skills to enhance safety and preparedness for our community.

Special recognition to Shannon Clark, who began as a volunteer and dedicated over 305 hours over five months, completing Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, Firefighter 1, and Driver Operator Pumper training, on top of study time at home. Now a part-time worker for BSBPFD, Shannon's commitment and determination are truly inspiring!



Shown are, from left, are Fire & Emergency Services Director Shaun Bordelon, Shannon Clark, Katie Cressionie, Shelbi Johnson.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY TEXT ALERTS

Register your mobile number to receive critical messages from Iberville Parish!

Sign up on the parish website: IbervilleParish.com or call the Office of Emergency Preparedness -225-687-5140



Iberville celebrates its veterans with impressive Salute event

Our 16th Annual Salute to Veterans event was a resounding success! Thanks to everyone who joined us in honoring our heroes. The day began with an exciting fly-over of two Navy T6B Turboprop Trainers, setting the stage for an unforgettable celebration.

Attendees were moved by an inspiring speech from Angela Gomon and treated to remarkable performances by the MSA Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble, the Victory Belles, Simms Sons, the Walker High JROTC, and the Baton Rouge Pipes and Drums.

The Wall of Veterans continued to grow this year as a powerful tribute that honors over 2,000 heroes from our community who have bravely served our country. Each name on this wall tells a story of courage, sacrifice, and dedication.

It was a day of community, pride, and gratitude as we celebrated our veterans! Thank you to the hard-working committee members and employees who made this day possible and to Guzzardo Photography, LLC, for the wonderful photos of our event!



Parish President Chris Daigle with speaker Angela Gomon and emcee James "Fry" Hymel.



St. Gabriel establishes Community Resource Center to empower residents

The City of St. Gabriel is excited to announce the opening of its new Community Resource Center, a transformative initiative aimed at improving access to essential services and fostering long-term community growth. Housed within the St. Gabriel Community Center, the center's mission is to enhance community health, economic stability, and empowerment for residents across the city.



Mayor Lionel Johnson and Dr. Henson of the La. Dept. of Health at Resource Center opening.

Through increased access to key services and support, the center is focused on three core goals:

(1) Increase Digital Literacy and Employability: Bridging the digital divide by providing training and resources to improve job prospects and equip residents with the skills needed in today's tech-driven economy.

(2) Promote Health and Wellness: Enhancing the overall health of the community through access to preventative care, education, and wellness resources.

(3) Support Re-entry Integration for St. Gabriel Residents: Offering specialized services to help formerly incarcerated residents successfully reintegrate into society, find stable employment, and rebuild relationships within the community.

To support these goals, the Community Resource Center has partnered with several key organizations committed to improving the lives of St. Gabriel residents: Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana: Providing job training, career placement, and digital literacy programs; Louisiana Department of Health: Offering

health services, wellness programs, and educational resources on disease prevention; AmeriHealth, Aetna Better Health, St. Gabriel Health Clinic, and Wellcare: Collaborating to provide healthcare services, insurance support, and health education programs to residents.

"We are proud to offer these vital resources to our residents," said Mayor Lionel, Johnson, Jr., Mayor of St. Gabriel. "This center will be a cornerstone of our efforts to build a healthier, more prosperous community for everyone, from young people seeking employment to individuals navigating society. I believe it will offer both short-term and long-term benefits to the St. Gabriel community."

The Community Resource Center is now open, with services available to all St. Gabriel residents. For more information on available programs, contact Detra Ingram at Dingram@stgabriel.us or (225)716-3161.



Group photo of all the community partners participating in the Resource Center services.



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

**Mayor Lionel Johnson,
Police Chief Kevin Ambeau,
& the City Council:
William Cushenberry,
Melvin Hasten, Randall Johnson,
Jeffrey Hayes and Hoza Redditt**

**City Offices Closed
Dec. 25 & 26 for Christmas
and Jan. 1 for
the New Year's holidays.**

Busy fall calendar of events for St. Gabe

The City of St. Gabriel held many fall events for residents, and capped off the year activities through December 22.

The fall events included a Color Run on Oct. 26, hosted by the City in partnership with Anchor Chapel; Mayor Johnson held his regular Monday with the Mayor event on October 28; the city sponsored a Halloween Ghostly Get-Together on October 31; and held its Fall Festival on November 7 & 8.

Those events were followed with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5; the 13th Annual Christmas Gala on December 20, and the City's Gift Giveaway on December 22. Shown are scenes from some these events.



Dressed for the Ghostly Get-Together.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with sponsor representative Karen Dunbar of Eastman at tree lighting.



Fall Festival fun for the kids!



Jillian Dotson, Principal of the Year



School Board honors educators, students of year

The Iberville Parish School Board honored its Students of the Year with a special ceremony in October, and its Educators of the Year with a ceremony and awards in November. The award recipients are shown in these photos. Not shown in photos is award winner Whitney Allison-Sims, Middle School Teacher of the Year.



Donna Michelet, Elementary Teacher of the Year



Cheryl Danielfield, Elementary Outstanding School Support Worker of the Year



Dr. Sondra Washington, Early Childhood Leader of the Year.



Kiretta Scott, Middle/High School Outstanding School Support Worker of the Year



Taylor Schoen, High School Teacher of the Year



Chandler Bridgewater, New Teacher of the Year



LaCheryl Anderson, Early Childhood Teacher of the Year.



Andrea Young, School Health Service Provider of the Year.



STUDENTS OF THE YEAR: are, from left: Kynli Landry, Elementary; Hunter Gilchrist, Middle School; and Jasmine Latchie, High School. Congratulations to all our winners!

VILLAGE OF GROSSE TETE

Christmas on the Bayou



Queen of the event, Ali Acosta.

The Village of Grosse Tete again celebrated the holiday season with Christmas on the Bayou on December 14. The event included a parade and festivities at the Iberville Visitor Center, with plenty of characters for the kids. Shown are scenes from the event.



Alderman Marcus Hill was the Grand Marshal.



VILLAGE OF ROSEDALE



You're Invited!
 Rosedale Swearing in Ceremony
 Thursday, January 2
 6:30 pm
 North Iberville Community Center

Mayor Blanchet finishes out 8 years of leading Village of Rosedale

Mayor Riley Blanchet is winding down to his final days in office, after serving as the leader of Rosedale for the last eight years.

"It has been very enjoyable for a country boy to be mayor of one of the greatest communities around," said Blanchet. "I have enjoyed meeting our residents and taking care of everyone we could."

He noted that the village has made significant progress over his terms, including a beautification initiative, purchasing property needed to benefit the village in the future, adding fencing, speed limit signs, and a new maintenance building for village equipment.

The Village is also planning a new veterans memorial on the empty lot next to the library.

"We have a great community in Rosedale. I want to thank the aldermen who served with me, and our residents, who put their trust in me for eight years," Blanchet said. "It has been my honor to serve our community."



Outgoing Mayor Riley Blanchet

Alexander to take reins as mayor in January

Dana Alexander has been an alderman in Rosedale for 16 years, but she will assume a new role on January 2 - taking the reins as mayor after being elected to the position in November.

"I can't thank our residents enough," said Alexander. "I am humbled by their trust and support, and I will not let them down. I want to make sure that they are proud of me, as their mayor, and proud of our community."

Alexander said the village has made significant improvements in the past 16 years, including numerous infrastructure improvements. Most of the village's old water lines have been replaced, which helps the village keep its fire rating and helps keep property insurance rates down.

One of her priorities as mayor is making enhancements to the park. "I'd like to see the park expanded to include a walking trail, a pavilion with restrooms, a multi-use field, and an enlarged playground area," she said. "We need a place for our kids to have fun and to hold birthday parties, and a place for our residents to enjoy the outdoors."

Alexander also want to work with local and parish law enforcement to better monitor increasing traffic from the interstate, and to monitor speeding. "We have ordered flashing speed signs to help slow traffic, and will look at other options to better handle the increasing traffic," she said.

"I look forward to working with our residents to improve our wonderful community," she said.



Incoming Mayor Dana Alexander

Departments move back into City Hall after renovation

City departments that had been located in City Hall moved back into the historic building in mid-November. The departments located in City Hall include City Light & Water Customer Service Office, City Clerk's Office, City Court, the Mayor's Office, and the Human Resources Department.

The \$2.5 million project was started in the Spring of 2023 and included waterproofing the building (roof repair and partial roof replacement, along with exterior refinishing) new flooring, painting, LED lighting, ceilings, and renovation of restrooms. An open house of City Hall was held during the All Is Bright Hometown Christmas event on December 14 so that residents could see the improvements.

A similar renovation project is underway at the Plaquemine Police Station, and it is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2025.

City brings in the holidays with All Is Bright celebration



The All Is Bright Christmas event drew a big crowd downtown on Dec. 14. Shown are scenes from the event.



Shown are Mayor Reeves and some of his family with Board of Selectmen members who attended the Board meeting on December 10. Shown in front are grandchildren Jaxson and Maggie; and back row from left, Chris and Kari Reeves, Anne Reeves, Mayor Reeves, and Selectmen Tommy LeBlanc and Shannon Courtade.

Mayor Ed Reeves, Jr. honored for 35 years of public service upon retirement

Plaquemine Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Jr. ends 35 years of public service at the end of December, including serving as Mayor for the last 8 years. Prior to that he served on the Iberville Parish Council for 11 plus years, and on the Plaquemine Board of Selectmen for 16 years.

He was honored at the Plaquemine Board of Selectmen meeting on December 10 when he gave a farewell address and was given a framed plaque of his major accomplishments in office. An emotional Reeves thanked city supervisors and staff, who he called the "backbone" of the city. He also thanked the Board of Selectmen who worked with him on many accomplishments for the city.

Among his biggest accomplishments of the last 8 years are:

- the construction of the Plaquemine Community Center and Nadler Pavilion;
- extensive improvements, including restrooms to all parks across the city;
- the construction of the Fort Area Park;
- obtaining \$1.2 million and constructing the Mississippi Riverfront Recreational Trail (levee top walking and biking trail);
- the purchase and demolition of the eyesore Kyle's Express property next to the Depot;
- obtaining \$1.5 million in state funding and developing plans for the extension of the Depot on that property;
- a major blight removal and beautification initiative;
- the \$2.5 million renovation of City Hall (completed in November);
- the \$1.5 million renovation of the Plaquemine Police Station (to be completed in the Spring of 2025);
- initiating new and very successful community events;
- obtaining more than \$4.5 million in grants for the city;
- providing over \$300,000 in savings through insurance reviews and refinancing bonds;
- providing city personnel with significant raises and implementing a salary plan to keep city pay competitive
- and numerous other accomplishments.



Training new firefighters

For the first time in its history, the Plaquemine Fire Department has trained new firefighters in-house, rather than sending them to training in other areas. Demill Pugh and Shelbi Johnson earned Firefighter I and EMS certifications after passing the 16-week training led by Instructor Tony Seymour and the comprehensive firefighter exam. Shown at their badge ceremony are, from left, City Attorney Joe Dupont, Selectman Shannon Courtade, Fire Chief Darren Ramirez, Pugh, Johnson, Mayor Ed Reeves, Jr., Seymour and Selectman Tommy LeBlanc.

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IBERVILLE PARISH ASSESSOR

First responders now get additional property tax exemption



Iberville's first responders will have the benefit of an additional property tax exemption starting in 2025, thanks to voters and the Iberville Parish Council, said Deputy Assessor Clint Seneca.

Louisiana voters, in November of 2023, approved an amendment for parish governing bodies to allow another \$2,500 exemption for first responders on top of the \$7,500 homestead exemption that all residential property owners already receive. Both exemptions are on the assessed valuation of property that is owned and occupied by a qualifying first responder.

Each parish governing body has to vote to approve the additional exemption. The Iberville Parish Council approved this exemption for Iberville first responders at its September meeting.

"We fully endorsed this exemption with the Parish Council," said Seneca. "Both Assessor Randy Sexton and I recognize that our first responders often put their lives on the line in helping our residents, and provide life-saving services in their daily work. We owe them our gratitude, and this extra exemption is one way we can thank them for all that they do for our community."

An annual application and documentation is required to claim the exemption. To qualify for the exemption, first responders have to reside in the same parish their employer is located in.

The exemption is open to firefighters (both paid and volunteer), police officers and deputies, peace officers, and emergency medical responders and dispatchers.

First responders must be full-time public employees. Volunteer firefighters must complete more than 24 hours of firefighter continuing education and be a member of the La. State Firemen's Association or on the roster of the Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Program.


For more information on this exemption, call the Iberville Parish Assessor's Office at 225-687-3568.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Assessor Randy Sexton



Iberville Parish Assessor's Office
Assessor Randy Sexton

Hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday-Friday
225.687.3568 www.ibervilleassessor.org





District Attorney Tony Clayton

DA keeps promise to help programs for families, children

Keeping a promise made during the sales tax election in the Spring of 2024, District Attorney Tony Clayton has announced that his office will provide funding to three programs that help local children and families. "Our goal is to reach out to families and kids before they get into trouble and become part of the criminal system," said District Attorney Clayton. "My office works hand-in-hand with these programs to get families and kids the help they need before they turn to violence and crime. I said if the sales tax passed, we would do more to help our youth, and the funding I am announcing will do just that." The funding to be provided includes:

\$50,000 TO FINS (Families In Need of Services) - This program brings together resources to help troubled youth and their families remedy self destructive family behavior or pre-delinquent juvenile behaviors. FINS goals are to reduce formal juvenile court involvement whenever possible while generating appropriate community services to benefit the child and improve family relations. FINS intervenes in cases of truancy, habitual violation of school rules, ungovernable behavior by juveniles, runaway behavior, possession and use of drugs and alcohol, caretakers contributing to a child's problems, and children under 10 who commit adult crimes.

"The District Attorney is investing in the families and children of our community to help prevent juvenile crime by contributing to FINS," said District Judge Elizabeth Engolio. "We are able to immediately build our program staff to reach more youth because of the pledge DA Clayton has made. By working together to connect families and juveniles with resources, we can help remedy truancy, runaways and ungovernable

youth before they enter the criminal justice system."

\$25,000 to 18th Judicial District CASA Program (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - CASA recruits, trains and supervises CASA

volunteers to advocate for children involved in the foster care system and improve their well-being. "We are grateful for the support of the District Attorney's office along with the support of our community of CASA of the 18th JDC," said Executive Director Kendall Hebert. "While these children do not pick their situation, these local volunteers who have elected to be their advocate are making a lasting, life-long impact on our children's lives. With this financial support, we can essentially change the trajectory of their lives for the better and ultimately provide a safe, nurturing, permanent home with the opportunity to thrive."

\$25,000 to the Child Advocacy Center - The Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center serves child victims by providing direct services to these most vulnerable members of our community through forensic interviews, family advocacy and critical mental health services at no cost to the family.

"We are very appreciative of the support and funding that we receive from DA Tony Clayton and the communities that we serve," said Executive Director Tanya Haase. "The increase in funding is very much needed to fill gaps from the continued decrease in federal VOCA dollars. This much needed assistance will allow the Center to continue providing vital services to child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and those who are a victim or witness to a violent crime or human trafficking."

FRIENDS OF THE PLAQUEMINE LOCK HISTORIC SITE

Lock restoration project well underway

Phase 1 of the Plaquemine Lock restoration project is well underway, with expected completion by May of 2025. Phase I includes repairs and upgrades to the 118-year-old Lockhouse, along with a new and interactive exhibit.

The restoration work includes water-proofing the building, repairing tile, adding an ADA restroom and ramp, upgrading the electrical, lighting and air conditioning systems, and installing new flooring.

Phase 1 also includes the transformation to a new visitor experience. Besides new graphics, the new exhibit will include interactive elements and animation to engage and wow visitors!

Phase II includes upgrades to the boathouse and grounds, and additional grounds signage and new exhibits. That phase is expected to begin by the Spring of 2025. The Friends of the Plaquemine Lock organization is directing the \$1 million dollar project.



Exterior work includes waterproofing the building, painting and repair of glazed tile.



A new ADA accessible restroom is being added.



One of the new cypress exhibit cases being made by local craftsman Terry Granier.



A handicapped ramp is added for handicapped access in the building.



Scan for FOL website



CONTACT US:

For more information, contact Ellie Hebert, chair of Lock Restoration Committee at 225-892-3216; or Mike Carrington, FOL President, at 225-235-9022. Website: FriendsOfTheLock.org.

TOWN OF MARINGOUIN

Fall Festival a big success, planning turns to Mardi Gras

The town's annual Fall Festival was a huge success this year, with a large turnout of residents, and no problems at the event. Everyone enjoyed music by a variety of artists, rides, games and more. "Fall Fest has become a big event that everyone looks forward to, and we are planning to make it even better next year," said Mayor Maurice Harris.

MARDI GRAS PARADE... Another town event that always draws a crowd is the Mardi Gras Parade, set for Saturday, March 1. "This parade requires a lot of advance planning, and we have started that process," said Mayor Harris.

TOWN SPONSORS WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP...

The town held a weatherization workshop for residents on Dec. 5, providing information on the federal program that provides weatherization services at no charge for those meeting income guidelines. The workshop was led by the US Dept. of Energy and Quad Area Weatherization. For more information on this program, call 225-209-0724.



Ridgewood drainage project progressing

The Ridgewood Subdivision drainage project to divert rainwater to Bayou Grosse Tete is continuing. Financed with \$791,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, the project will provide major drainage improvements. It includes removing sediment, re-grading ditches and changing out undersized culverts to restore drainage flow.



from Mayor Maurice Harris and the
Maringouin Board of Aldermen:
Gillis Martin, Justin Bessix, Veronica Hill,
John Carriere and Edna Mitchel

TOWN OF WHITE CASTLE

COMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Set for Dr. Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2025. Organizations and individuals wanting to participate should call White Castle City Hall at 225-545-3007 to register so that the City can get the supplies needed. A variety of projects are planned, along with a literacy hour.

Senior Citizen Game Night

Thursday, January 23, 6 pm, White Castle Community Center
Senior citizens and disabled residents are treated to bingo and other fun activities.

Black History Month Celebration

Monday, February 17. The City will again honor local residents who have contributed to the town and its residents.

Mardi Gras Parade

Tuesday, March 4. Thousands of residents and others are expected to line the streets of White Castle for a day of Mardi Gras fun.

Watch for more information on these events:
facebook.com/MayorJohnMorrisIII



from Mayor John Morris and the
White Castle Board of Aldermen:
Mervin Allen, Jr., Erick Batiste, Candice Depron,
Kipp Knight and Chamarcus Lewis

Have a town question or repair?



Noticed a pothole in the street, or a drainage problem? Residents can ask questions and report problems to the town via the Town website: WhiteCastle.us.

Just click on the Contact Us button at the top right of the website, and it will take you to a page to report the issue.

Meet your Iberville Clerk of Court's Office staff

If you have visited the Iberville Clerk of Court's Office to get information or file a document, no doubt you have noticed that the staff is both friendly and knowledgeable. "My staff does a great job and I am proud to serve Iberville Parish beside them!" said Clerk of Court Amy Patin. "I can say that because I often get compliments from the public on the service they received here. Public service is a key component in our office, and our Deputy Clerks are always ready to help."

Patin also noted that the staff is cross-trained so that they can fill in for each other as needed. "I want the public to meet our staff and know the Deputy Clerks who serve them."

Following are the full-time staff members. The Clerk also employs three part-time deputy clerks, two of which are retired from the office. In addition, the Clerk's office participates in a student work program, thereby giving emerging adults an introduction into the workforce.



**Amber Blanchard,
Chief Deputy Clerk**

10 years, 7 months of service
Second in command of the office, handles variety of roles and tasks. Assists with elections.



**Brandy Foreman,
Civil Clerk
Supervisor**

14 years of service
Handles civil filings, deposit balancing, passports and elections.



**Brittany Turner,
Criminal Clerk
Supervisor**

14 years of service
Division C felony, juvenile and drug court minute and processing clerk, time keeper. Assists with elections.



**Dakota Beard,
Deputy Clerk**

1 year, 5 months of service
Handles divorce, child custody and restraining order filings in family department. Assists with elections.



**Paige Blanchard,
Deputy Clerk**

14 years of service
Division D felony, juvenile and drug court minute and processing clerk.



**Taylor Bourgoyne,
Deputy Clerk**

2 years, 5 months of service
Processes civil filings, takes court minutes, processes passports. Assists with elections.



**Macey George,
Deputy Clerk**

4 years of service
Processes civil filings, take court minutes, processes passports, assists with election commissioners, aided in developing map cataloging system.



**Shaquonia Grevious,
Deputy Clerk**

6 years, 3 months of service
Handles civil filings, processing passports, minute clerk and assists with elections.



**Tracey Hebert,
Deputy Clerk**

29 years, 10 months of service
Receptionist and handles mortgages, conveyances, uccs, bonds lien certificates and birth certificates. Assists with elections.



**Chasity Johnson,
Deputy Clerk**

5 years, 4 months of service
Handles mortgage and conveyance recordings, birth certificates and jury duty. Assists with elections.



**Treshell Jones,
Deputy Clerk**

21 years of service
Handles variety of misdemeanor criminal matters, drug court minute clerk, and floater. Assists with elections.



**Morgan Teakell,
Deputy Clerk**

4 months of service
Handles mortgage and conveyance recordings, birth certificates and jury duty. Assists with elections.

Photos by Trenton Gordon

From Clerk of Court Amy Patin and her staff

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Sheriff's Office brings holiday spirit to students, nursing homes



The Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, with the help of donors to Sheriff Stassi's Charity Fund, added to the Christmas spirit of giving by distributing personalized towels to all 4th graders across the parish. Photos from part of the distribution are shown above and at left.

Deputies also provided gifts to all the residents of the local nursing homes, led a Christmas song Sing-A-Long, and gifted one nursing home with a new electronic bingo machine with connected TV and the other nursing home with a life-size Connect 4 game. Photos from the visits are shown at right.



Sheriff Stassi and deputies unveil a new electronic bingo machine with connected large TV screen and new bingo cards for nursing home residents.

Special thanks to the following companies and individuals that provided funding for these holiday programs:

Michael and Mary Johnson
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Comeaux Brothers Construction
Ed and Anne Reeves
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We Are the Difference



Sheriff Stassi announces promotions within the ranks

Sheriff Brett Stassi recently promoted numerous deputies. Their commitment to excellence and service are an inspiration to us all. Their promotions were earned through hard work and dedication. The promotions include:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

James Snelson - Major
Mark Graves - Captain (East Bank)
Brett Stassi, Jr., - Captain
Jeremy Balcuns - Lieutenant
Brad Treuil - Detective

UNIFORM PATROL:

Allan Engolio - Lieutenant
Travis Landry - Sergeant
Cornell Walker - Sergeant
Cody Ash - Corporal
Karl Mayeux - Corporal
Harold Zachary - Corporal

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:

James Washington - Lieutenant
Troy Doiron - Sergeant
Larry Pearson - Corporal

COMMUNICATIONS:

Patranese Hammand - Sergeant
Dawn Lewis - Shift Leader
Catherine Little - Shift Leader

MOTORS:

Wayne Miller - Lieutenant

TRANSPORTATION:

Ty Patin - Coordinator

"These individuals exemplify the values of hard work, leadership and dedication," said Sheriff Stassi. "Together, we continue to strengthen our mission to protect and serve."