



# City of Thibodaux

NEWSLETTER



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## AUGUST CALENDAR ART

Avery Benoit

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Bayou Community Academy

## Message from the Mayor

“As we go into the home stretch of the upcoming Presidential campaign and election, it is apparent that we must educate ourselves on the policies and platforms of the two major party nominees and evaluate how the implementation of these policies will affect you, your family, our community, our State and our country.”

Click [HERE](#) to read more!



### **Catholic Charities Assistance to Thibodaux Residents during COVID-19**

Any City of Thibodaux residents who are having trouble paying utilities, rent and/or mortgage due to COVID-19 can fill out an online application with Catholic Charities for assistance.

Please visit <https://www.htdiocese.org/individual-and-family-assistance>

to submit an application or call

985-876-0490 if no online access is available.

### **Free Bus Vouchers**

The City of Thibodaux's Department of Housing and Community Development announces that it is currently issuing Free Bus Vouchers to Low-Moderate Income Residents. All interested individuals must provide picture ID, proof of residency, and proof of income of all household members. Eligible residents can receive 3 free, all day bus passes each week. This program is being funded by the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). For more information, please call 985-446-7217 or visit the office at 112 St. Mary Street in Thibodaux.

# City of Thibodaux - Emergency Preparedness

Hurricane Season is upon us! Make sure to have a game plan by visiting <http://getagameplan.org/>. Please review the Louisiana Emergency Information brochure below about the Louisiana Emergency Alert System and other resources to use during a Hurricane.

## Louisiana Emergency Information

REMEMBER TO CALL 911 IN ANY SITUATION THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE SERVICES

**LOUISIANA EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**  
In the event of an emergency, turn to your local radio station for emergency information.

**FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION, ROAD CLOSURES, EVACUATION ROUTES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION, VISIT:**  
Alert FM  
[alertfm.com](http://alertfm.com)

National Weather Service  
[weather.gov](http://weather.gov); for Doppler radar images navigate to [radar.weather.gov](http://radar.weather.gov)

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development  
[511la.org](http://511la.org) or dial 511 or 888-ROAD-511 (888-762-3510)

Get A Game Plan  
[getagameplan.org/evacInfo.htm](http://getagameplan.org/evacInfo.htm)

**emergency.la.gov**  
Louisiana State Police  
[lsp.org](http://lsp.org) or dial 800-469-4828

Way to Geaux; a new hands-free, eyes-free smartphone application providing Louisiana travelers access to around-the-clock, real-time traffic and road condition updates.  
[www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/Travel\\_Information.aspx](http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Residents/Pages/Travel_Information.aspx)

American Red Cross  
[redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps](http://redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps)



**2-1-1** is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects callers to information about city, health and human services and other services in their community during crisis and at any time.

The 2-1-1 number is answered by a 2-1-1 call center. Callers can speak to a 2-1-1 call center representative who can connect them to the appropriate community service, health and human services agency. The caller is provided with phone numbers, programs and assistance services, location, hours of service and whether other information is relevant to the caller's inquiry.

**COORDINATED DISASTER INFORMATION**  
Food, Clothing, Shelter, Social Needs, Housing, Volunteer Management, Financial Assistance, Prescription Assistance, Missing Persons, Post-Disaster Child Care, Rebuilding Assistance

**HOW DOES 2-1-1 WORK IN LOUISIANA?**

- Call 2-1-1 from any landline or mobile phone in Louisiana.
- 2-1-1 staffs call with trained specialists to guide you to help resources.
- 2-1-1 provides multilingual services and information for the hearing impaired.
- 2-1-1 maintains a comprehensive database of more than 1,000 agencies and service providers.

For more information visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)

**GET A GAME PLAN**

family PLAN    business PLAN    mitigation PLAN    kids PLAN





# CITY OF THIBODAUX



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### **Rachel Mack**

Utility Collections Office

Utility Collection Supervisor

Rachel, who was born and raised in Thibodaux, has worked for the City of Thibodaux for almost 20 years. When she is not at work, Rachel enjoys spending time with her daughter, son-in-law, and her two grandchildren as well as listening to music.

Typical tasks performed by Rachel include collect utility payments, opening and closing utility accounts, assisting customers with payment arrangements, etc. Currently, Rachel is working on purging utility customer files.

When asked to comment what is most rewarding about his job while working for the City of Thibodaux and his proudest moment, Rachel said, *"The most rewarding part of my job is being able to work alongside my co-workers as a team to provide our customers with the best service. My proudest moment was being selected as the 2008 Employee of the Year."*

Rachel noted her biggest achievement to date as both a personal one: *"My biggest achievement was raising my daughter and serving my country for over 9 years in the United Air Force as a Contracting Specialist."*



At the end of June, the Thibodaux Parks and Recreation Department demonstrated our remote controlled Slope Lawnmower to three groups of students at the eLearning Academy Robotic Camp.

The eLearning Academy, which is located at 806 North Acadia Road in Thibodaux, is an online based learning center for students from first grade through 12 grade. During the summer months, this camp provides another opportunity for students to learn and grow.

The Thibodaux Parks and Recreation department values its partnership with groups such as this and was excited to be able to assist by showing off some of our machinery.

The students asked questions, watched the demo, and were fascinated by what this mower could accomplish.

The Slope Mower is used to cut embankments such as the ditches that run along North Acadia Road and the Reservoir next to the Harang Auditorium.

Please contact April Danos at 985-446-7235 or [adanos@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:adanos@ci.thibodaux.la.us) with any questions.







The City of Thibodaux as well as the Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the Lorio Foundation for their generous grant contribution that was used for the demolition and construction of a new restroom and concession stand facility at Andolsek Park. The new facility will be open to the public on Monday, August 3, 2020.



# Thibodaux Police Department



On July 13, 2020, the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association swore in the new Executive Board for the ensuing year 2020-2021. The Officers are as follows:

Chief Bryan Zeringue (Thibodaux Police Dept.) (President)

Chief Tommy Clark Jr. (Grambling Police Dept.) (1st Vice President)

Chief Ricky Anderson (Addis Police Dept.) (2nd Vice President)

Chief Mario Brown (White Castle Police Dept.) (Secretary / Treasurer)

Chief Chris Wilrye (Westlake Police Dept.) (Sergeant at Arms)

This ceremony is normally held in July at our annual conference, but with COVID-19 the conference that was going to be held here in the Houma / Thibodaux area was cancelled. Despite the issues that we are facing in our state and country, we look forward to serving and improving relationships within our communities. We all take pride in public safety and serving our communities. I'm proud to have been elected to serve on the Executive Board for the LACP and represent The City of Thibodaux and the Parish of Lafourche. Please keep all First Responders and their families in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Bryan P. Zeringue

Chief of Police

# Thibodaux Police Department



*We are saddened to announce the recent passing of former Police Chief Thomas "Tom" Simons. Chief Simons led the Thibodaux Police Department in the late 1990's early 2000's. Tom was a dedicated servant to the Citizens of Thibodaux, while also later serving as the City of Thibodaux Emergency Preparedness Director under Mayor Tommy Eschete. Tom was also a Board Member for the Brotherhood of Thibodaux Police Officers (BOTPO).*

*On behalf of the City of Thibodaux - Municipal Government and the Thibodaux Police Department, Mayor Tommy Eschete and Chief Bryan Zeringue would like to thank Tom for his dedicated service to the city and department. We ask that you keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



# Save the Date

## *City Council Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020 @ 5PM*

## *Planning & Zoning Meeting*

*Wednesday, August 5, 2020 @ 5 PM*

## *City Council Meeting*

*Tuesday, August 18, 2020 @ 5 PM*

## *Board of Adjustments Meeting*

*Wednesday, August 26, 2020 @ 5:30 PM*

## QUOTE ME

August rain: the best of the  
summer gone, and the new fall not  
yet born. The odd uneven time.

Sylvia Plath

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# City of Thibodaux Utility Payment Options

City of Thibodaux utility customers can set up their accounts for direct payments. Please view the [DIRECT PAYMENT GUIDE](#) for more information. Then print the [DIRECT PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM](#), fill out, and return either by mail (310 West 2nd Street P.O. Box 5418 Thibodaux LA, 70302) or drop box location (City Hall or Thibodaux Police Department). Also, utility customers can make payments online by visiting <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/thibodauxla> and setting up their account.

## Street Light Outages

Click [HERE](#) to report a street light outage, or contact Entergy at 1-800-368-3749.

## Natural Gas or Water Leak

If you suspect a natural gas or water leak **AFTER** normal working hours (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM), please call 985-446-5021 and the City of Thibodaux Gas and Water Division will be dispatched and respond immediately to investigate the emergency. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

For questions or comments regarding this newsletter or for the City of Thibodaux, contact:

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