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NEWSLETTER



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### OCTOBER CALENDAR ART

Sawyer Stegall

Grade K

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## Message from the Mayor

“As we continue to meet the challenges we face with the COVID-19 pandemic, the City continues to provide the services that our citizens and visitors are accustomed to.

We will slowly begin to reopen our recreation programs and provide our other facilities to small gatherings which will still require some social distancing measures.

As long as the state declarations allow we will support the ability of our local business owners to remain open and hopefully recover somewhat from the restrictions placed upon them for the past few months.

It is my hope that as the fall weather begins to find its way to south Louisiana our residents will take advantage of the cooler weather to get outdoors and enjoy all that our community has to offer.

Please continue to be mindful of the social distancing restrictions and help us to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Wear your masks where required and wash your hands regularly.

Thanks so much for cooperating with the City and our businesses so we can eventually get back to some sense of normalcy hopefully in the very near future.”



### 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.

## 11 MOST LIKELY HAZARDS IN LOUISIANA



### FLOODING

A natural condition that is the result of an overflowing river, heavy rain, dam break, levee failure or snow or ice melting too fast. Hurricanes and tornadoes can also cause flooding.



### HAILSTORM

Severe thunderstorms in which chunks of ice fall along with rain.



### HURRICANE

A tropical storm with sustained winds at least 74 mph on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Heavy rain, strong winds and large waves can damage cars, buildings and homes. Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30.



### TORNADO

A violent storm that appears as a funnel-shaped cone with winds that can be as strong as 300 mph or more. Tornadoes can also occur within other storms, such as hurricanes.



### ICE STORM

Ice storms consist of freezing temperatures and heavy precipitation, usually in the form of rain, freezing rain or sleet, and sometimes in the form of snow and ice.



### STORM SURGE

Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. Storm surge should not be confused with storm tide, which is defined as the water level rise due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide.



### SUBSIDENCE

Subsidence is the loss of surface elevation due to the removal of subsurface support. Along with sea level rise, subsidence can accelerate coastal erosion and wetland loss, as well as increase flooding.



### WILDFIRE

An uncontrolled fire that spreads through vegetation and possibly exposes and consumes structures. Wildfires can be caused by human acts such as arson or careless accidents, as well as by natural occurrences such as lightning.



### DAM FAILURE

Dam failure can occur when there is a breach or collapse in the structure of a dam.



### LEVEE FAILURE

A levee failure involves the overtopping, breaching or collapsing of a levee.



### HAZARDOUS-MATERIALS INCIDENT

A man-made disaster, hazardous-materials incidents involve accidental or intentional releases of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials.

City of Thibodaux  
Emergency Preparedness  
Cycle



# CITY OF THIBODAUX



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### **Calvin Steward**

Parks and Recreation Department

Labor Supervisor



Calvin has worked for the City of Thibodaux for 6 years. Calvin was born, raised, and still resides in Napoleonville. Also, he is married with two daughters and three grandchildren. When he is not at work, Calvin enjoys spending time with his family, keeping his house and yard neat, and riding in his classic '63 Chevy.

Typical tasks performed at work by Calvin include grounds keeping, park maintenance, keeping the City clean and respectful, etc.

Calvin notes his proudest moment working for the City of Thibodaux is by making his 5 year anniversary here after previously working for 33 years.

When asked to comment what is most rewarding about his job while working for the City of Thibodaux, Calvin said,  
*“The most rewarding part of my job is setting and accomplishing goals as well as being able to stay active while developing new friendships.”*

Calvin noted his biggest achievement to date as a personal one:  
*“My biggest achievement to date has been raising two loving and caring daughters as well as marrying my high school sweetheart and celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary.”*



*City Council Meeting*

*Tuesday, October 6, 2020 @ 5PM*

*Planning & Zoning Meeting*

*Wednesday, October 7, 2020 @ 5 PM*

*KTIB with Chief Bryan Zeringue*

*Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 9 AM*

*Historic District Commission Meeting*

*Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 4PM*

*Columbus Day*

*Monday, October 12, 2020*

*National Boss's Day*

*Friday, October 16, 2020*

*City Council Meeting*

*Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 5 PM*

*Board of Adjustments Meeting*


*Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 5:30 PM*

*Halloween*

*Night at the Booseum*

*Saturday, October 31, 2020 @ 2 - 5 PM*

## QUOTE ME



AUTUMN COLORS REMIND  
US WE ARE ALL ONE  
DANCING IN THE WIND.

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LORIN MORGAN-RICHARDS

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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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