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Khailee Fletcher

3rd Grade

W. S. Lafargue Elementary



Message from the Mayor

“As we went through the process of evaluating our infrastructure and facilities, we canvassed all of the City buildings and facilities to assess their condition. Those visits included one to the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Yes, Thibodaux does have an airport!

Nestled right off of the Main Project Road in Schriever, sits the Thibodaux Municipal Airport with its 3,000 foot runway. It accommodates mostly small single engine commuter and agricultural aircraft.

For those of us my age and older, we have known about the airport for years, but since the demise of the oil industry in the 1980’s and the end of a popular aviation program at Nicholls State, the facility has become not much more than an afterthought.

Not to worry though, we have made an extra effort to maintain our relationship with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the LA State Office of Aviation to acquire funding to bring our airport facility to a different level. Although our facility will never be an airport such as the facility in Houma or Lafayette, it is my objective to have our airport be the best it can be.”

To read more, click [HERE!](#)



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
Parks and Recreation Department
Presents:

Christmas In the Park



Take the family for a ride through Peltier Park and view the magical light displays and Christmas trees decorated by local schools, churches and organizations.

DEC
1 - 31
6PM-9PM

151 Peltier Park Drive, Thibodaux LA 70301

For more information or to inquire about
sponsoring a light display or decorating a tree,
please call 985-446-7235

www.ci.thibodaux.la.us

CITY OF THIBODAUX



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jacob Hoffpauir

Thibodaux Police Department

Admin. Lieutenant

Jacob has worked for the City of Thibodaux for almost 12 years. Jacob is married with 5 children and a dog. When he is not at work, Jacob enjoys spending time with his friends and family, being outdoors, and playing sports..

Since there is no such thing as a typical day in the police department, Jacob fulfills a multitude of duties everyday, such as being the system administrator for their records management system, maintain and updates their policies and procedures regularly, assists their Records Division with paperwork and ensuring the records being released to the public are done so legally, and issues and maintains all body worn cameras and tasers. Currently, he is filling in on shift due to the lack of manpower.

When asked to comment what is most rewarding about his job while working for the City of Thibodaux and his proudest moment, Jacob said, *"The most rewarding part of my job is bring able to help the public. Also, my proudest moment was achieving the rank of Lieutenant with the Thibodaux Police Department."*

Jacob noted his biggest achievement to date as a professional one: *"My biggest achievement to date was being chosen as "Employee of the Year" in 2011."*



Louisiana State Middle School

Teacher of the Year 2021

Trinette Landry Wallace

West Thibodaux Middle School

6th Grade Social Studies Teacher

Growing up in Paincourtville, Louisiana, Trinette was the youngest of her 5 siblings. Her mother was an educator and administrator in the Assumption Parish School District for 33 years; also, her father was a plant operator at DOW Chemical until his passing. Trinette's parents taught her and her siblings the importance of having a servant's heart and would tell them, "We will be blessed if we be a blessing to someone else." Trinette has carried their teachings with her throughout her life.

Trinette graduated and attended the following schools: Assumption High School, Louisiana State University with her undergraduate degree, Southern University in Baton Rouge with her Master's Degree in Public Administration, and Nicholls State University where she received her alternative teaching certificate as well as 30 additional hours in Education Leadership. Trinette has been a teacher for 14 years. Currently, she teaches at West Thibodaux Middle school and has been there for 8 years. Also, Trinette has taught in both Assumption and Terrebonne Parishes before coming to Lafourche Parish.

Trinette has been married to her husband, Brooks Wallace, Sr., for 11 years and they have two beautiful children together, Brooks Jr. and Ava Renee. When she is not at work, Trinette enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Also, she love to travel with her husband and attend her son's sporting events on the weekends.

Trinette details what her typical work looks like, "I begin my work day around 7:30 in the morning greeting students as they get off the bus until the school day start at 7:45am. Once the school day begins, I spend the rest of the day teaching my students about places that some will only experience through a textbook or the internet. My students learn about places such as Ancient Egypt, China, India, Greece, and Rome. I use music, videos, food, and pictures to help make these places come alive. I want my students to feel as if they took a trip there. At the end of my work day, I arrive home to begin my second job as a mother and wife. I bring my son to his practices, ride bikes with my daughter, and share a conversation about my day with my husband over dinner."

When asked what her biggest achievements, both personal and professional, to date where, Trinette answered: “My biggest personal achievement has been becoming a mother to my children. God blessed me with two angels to raise into happy, healthy, and respectful humans with my husband. The joy they bring to my life is indescribable. My biggest professional achievement is being name Louisiana State Middle School teacher of the Year for 2021. I am still in awe by this accomplishment.”

Trinette recalls her proudest moment as a teacher as a recent one: “My proudest moment as a teacher has been when my students walk into my classroom and tell me I am one of the best teachers they have ever had. One student told me recently that he sees why I received the Louisiana State Middle School Teacher of the Year award. He said he looks forward to coming to my class, because I make learning fun!”

When asked what was most rewarding about her job and what makes it worthwhile, Trinette said, “One of the most rewarding things about my job is that I get the opportunity to influence children in a positive way. Children may not remember what you taught them, but they will remember how you made them feel. When I have a former student write to me or come back and tell me that he/she will never forget what I taught them, it makes my job worthwhile.”



Mayor Tommy Eschete (right) acknowledging Trinette Landry Wallace (left) with a plaque at the October 6, 2020 City Council meeting.

City of Thibodaux - Emergency Preparedness

The City of Thibodaux remains deeply involved in all COVID-19 response efforts at the local, state and national levels. The City of Thibodaux has worked hard to re-establish fall sports and programs, as well as events at the Harang Auditorium. The City just facilitated a successful Halloween in partnership with our residents, businesses and organizations. In addition, the City is beginning planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas events. The City continues to use CARES Act funds and federal resources to serve citizens through the Housing and Community Development Department. The City of Thibodaux continues in phase three. Here is the City of Thibodaux Recovery Plan:

Phase One May 4 th Started May 18, 2020/Changes May 25, 2020	Phase Two Started June 8, 2020 Changes June 23, July 13, August 19, 2020	Phase Three Started September 16, 2020 Changes October 13
All departments will work at 100% staffing for a full work day using social distancing Business activity will be conducted drive up/online/dropbox City Court resumes operations City parks open but all playgrounds, fields, pavilion facilities and buildings remain closed All meetings with the exception of the UCG and departmental meetings will remain online only City buildings contract deep cleaned once/month	City playgrounds, buildings, fields (not programs) will remain open using state fire marshal capacity limits Playground equipment will be cleaned once/week City buildings will open with limited hours (8am-2pm) and the public is required to wear face coverings while inside city buildings Business activity continues with driveup/online/dropbox and physical activity no longer requires medical screening for members of the public All meetings continue with physical activity using state fire marshal capacity limits Employees must self-clean workspace once/week All departments will regulate state fire marshal capacity limits in the respective departments The pool and splash pad remains closed City facility usage form was modified to the current phase 2 language in the emergency declaration	City Parks and Recreation will have organized fall activities with restrictions set by the City Harang Auditorium will resume organized events with restrictions set by the City City buildings return to normal business hours with restrictions set by the City City Council Chambers meetings remain limited to 30 people with restrictions set by the City All physical meetings will adhere to state fire marshal capacity limits The public using City programs must agree to all guidelines as set by the City Masks are required at all indoor events and inside all City buildings. At outdoor events where social distancing can be achieved, masks are optional by all parties utilizing City services and facilities.



Friends of Bayou Lafourche Signs Agreement with Lafourche Parish Career Magnet Center to Build Floating Docks

On Tuesday October 20th, 2020 Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Inc. (FOBL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lafourche Parish Career Magnet Center (CMC) to construct floating docks for use along Bayou Lafourche. The purpose of this initiative is to create new recreational access to Bayou Lafourche by constructing and increasing availability of floating docks for individuals, businesses, and government entities along the Bayou Lafourche. To read more, please click [HERE](#).



Thibodaux Main Street is hosting "Main Street Market" on Saturday, November 28 from 10 AM to 3 PM, which is also Small Business Saturday.

We're accepting vendor registration until Wednesday, November 18th at noon.

Forms can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.downtownthibodaux.org/main-street-market/>.



All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 1, 2020

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 @ 5 PM

Planning and Zoning Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 5 PM

Board of Adjustments Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

Civil Service Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 4:30 PM

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

City Offices Closed

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 5 PM

Board of Adjustments Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

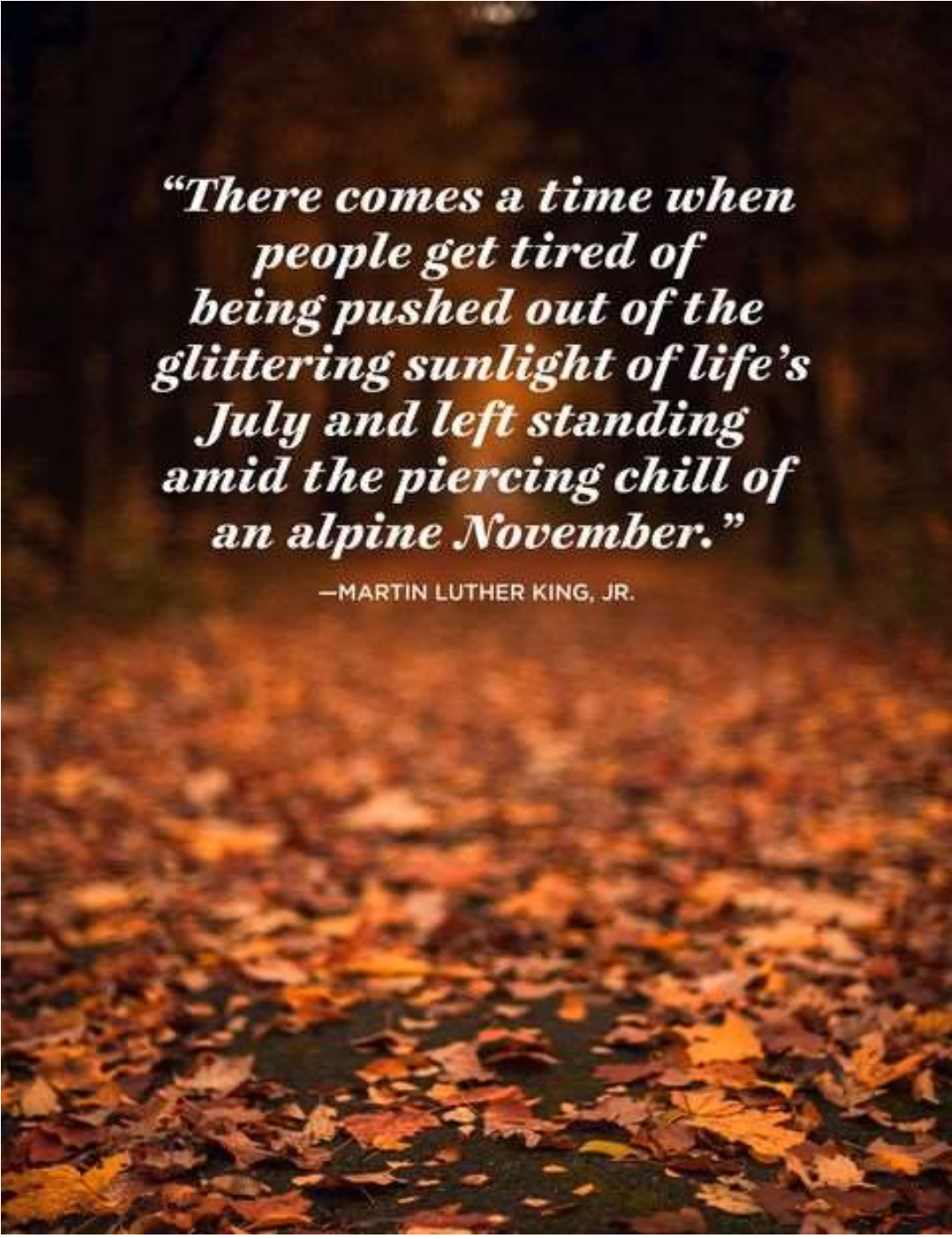
Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Friday, November 27, 2020

City Offices Closed

QUOTE ME



*“There comes a time when
people get tired of
being pushed out of the
glittering sunlight of life’s
July and left standing
amid the piercing chill of
an alpine November.”*

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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.

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