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MARCH CALENDAR ART

Kira Kraemer

Age 6

Daughter of Lori Kraemer





The following summer registrations will be open on March 8, 2021:

Baseball / Softball - boys and girls ages 4-17

Season June 1 - July 1, 2021

Tournament: July 6 - July 8, 2021

Location: Peltier Park Fields

Fee: \$30

Baseball Heroes (Special Needs) - boys and girls ages 6 on up

Offered to individuals with special needs and/or disabilities

Season: Wednesdays June 2021 (A total of 3 Games)

Location: Red Field Peltier Park

FREE OF CHARGE

Swimming Lessons - Ages 3 & Up

1st session: June 7-11, 14-18, 21-24

2nd session: July 5-9, 12-16, 19-23

(Session available times TBA)

Location: Thibodaux Municipal Pool

Fee: \$50 per session or \$90 for both

H2Oh Baby Infant Swim Class - ages 6 months - 2 years

Lessons: June 14 - July 29, 2021 (Mon, Wed and every other Thurs)

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Thibodaux Municipal Pool

Fee: \$40

Tiger Shark Competitive Swim Team - ages 3 - 17

First Practice begins the week of April 12th

Meets held every Saturday starting May 15th

Dates/Times: scheduled practice & meets TBA

Location: Thibodaux Municipal Pool

Fee: \$50

Summer employment opportunities will be available for the following positions: umpire, scorekeeping, lifeguards. All information on programs, registration and summer applications will be provided on the City of Thibodaux's website. For any questions, please contact April Danos at 985-446-7235 or adanos@ci.thibodaux.la.us

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



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Robin Moody

Finance Department

Utility Billing Assistant

Robin has worked for the City of Thibodaux for over 2 years. Being a native of Raceland, Robin moved to Thibodaux in 2011 and she is a mother to two children. When she is not at work, Robin enjoys gardening and painting with watercolors.

Since her department bills for the use of City utilities, such as water, sewer, gas, and garbage, Robin's typical tasks involve some part of the billing process, which is repeated 4 times a month. Robin usually contacts customers who accounts came up on the abnormal billing registers. She contacts these customers in an effort to make them aware of a possible water leak.

When asked to comment what is most rewarding about her job while working for the City of Thibodaux, Robin said, "The most rewarding part of my job is the sense of pride one feels by understanding the process of what goes into a billing cycle and coming together as a department to reach our goals of an error free billing cycle."

Robin's biggest achievement to date, which is a personal one, was when she sold her first commissioned watercolor painting.

Robin also noted the most rewarding part of her job was "helping customers understand water consumption."



Friends of Bayou Lafourche Breaks Ground on Nicholls Bayou-Side Park

Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Inc. (FOBL) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 at the construction site where work begins on Phase #1 of their Nicholls Bayou-Side redevelopment project. The improvements will take place on the Nicholls batture property near the intersection on La Highway 1 and Bowie Road. The park, which will be open to the public, will include an off-street parking lot, areas for loading/unloading paddle powered boats, a custom boat slide for kayaks, a pavilion, boardwalk, floating dock, connectivity to the existing walking trail, seating, bike racks, and more. Foret Contracting Group has been selected as the construction contractor for the project, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 1st, and be ready for public use in May of 2021. Friends of Bayou Lafourche will host a public ribbon-cutting upon the completion of the project.





Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Authorizes Contractor to Begin Weir Demolition

The Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District authorized Sealevel Construction to proceed with the Thibodaux weir removal project in early January. The initial work is taking place at the City of Thibodaux's water treatment facility and began in early January. Tree clearing and utility line relocations have also been completed on the Hwy 1 side. The weir demolition is scheduled to begin in early March and be completed by mid-2021. Pedestrian traffic, some bayou-side vehicular parking spaces, boat traffic, and fishing will be restricted around the immediate area during utility relocation, equipment mobilization, and weir demolition. Long-term closure of La Highway 1 is not expected.

The Thibodaux weir was constructed in 1969 to create a water reservoir for water treatment facilities and sugar mills north of the weir. While it has served its original purpose, it has not only impeded the flow of water in Bayou Lafourche but also prevents boat access in Bayou Lafourche which is not only a major impediment to the operations of BLFWD but also a major impediment to the recreational boaters of the bayou region. With the Lockport Water Control Structure in place and the Assumption Parish Water Control structure recently completed, the water elevations of Bayou Lafourche can be safely managed without needing the weir in Thibodaux. In addition to coastal erosion benefits, removal of the weir will greatly increase the recreational potential in the bayou.

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DATE

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @5:00 PM

Planning and Zoning Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Civil Service Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 4:30 PM

Daylight Savings Time Starts

Sunday, March 14, 2021

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

First Day of Spring

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Board of Adjustments Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

QUOTE ME



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens

Great Expectations

Watercolor Painting by Robin Moody



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.

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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