



Our Pride

# POINTE COUPEE

A quarterly publication for  
Pointe Coupee Parish residents  
by your public agencies

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## New parish alert system provides benefits for residents and employees

The parish has installed a new emergency alert system to notify residents of emergency situations such as severe weather, active shooters, or acts of terrorism. The new system, called Everbridge, has the capability to reach residents via their landlines or mobile phones instantaneously. In addition, it also can provide two-way communication among the parish staff so that they can mobilize and act quickly.

It is also integrated with the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS), FEMA's national alert system that reaches all residents. IPAWS alerts and warns the public when there is an impending natural or human-

**Everbridge goes live by the end of July!**  
Stay tuned to the parish website: [pccparish.org](http://pccparish.org)  
and facebook page for sign up information!

made disaster, threat, or dangerous or missing person.

"This system will help us alert residents more effectively," said Stephen Dabadie, Director of Operations/OHSEP. "We encourage residents to sign up for the parish emergency alert system so that they get this critical and life-saving information. Severe weather can pop up quickly and these notifications are vital to help residents take appropriate action in unpredictable weather"

## Prepare now for busy hurricane season



The parish recently conducted a hurricane preparation meeting with all key parish and municipal agencies. The duties of various departments and officials, communication, and following FEMA guidelines in reporting needs and damage during and after a hurricane were all discussed. Residents are reminded that they should be prepared now for hurricanes and severe weather.

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT POINTE COUPEE OHSEP**

**1. MAKE A PLAN:** Visit Ready.gov or search GOHSEP Get a Game Plan for more information.

**2. BUILD A KIT:** Have enough non-perishable food, water, and medicine to last each person and pet a minimum of five (5) days. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long.

**3. BE INFORMED:** Have a way to receive emergency notifications and weather alerts through multiple means: mobile devices, television, battery powered radio, etc. Ensure your devices are set to receive emergency notifications, have a plan to charge them when the power is out, and have extra batteries.

**4. PROTECT YOUR HOME AND PROPERTIES:** Make sure your roof is in good condition. Cut weak branches and trees around your house. Be prepared to cover large windows and sliding glass doors with shutters or plywood, secure outdoor items, watercrafts and trailers. Make sure mobile homes are secured for high winds.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

You can request  
mosquito treatment,  
pay your parish utility bill,  
submit a work order, and  
get garbage info on the  
parish website!

[www.pccparish.org](http://www.pccparish.org)

# Thibodeaux takes oath for second term

Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux was sworn in for a second term as the Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish on June 21. Sheriff Thibodeaux was unopposed in the October 2023 election.

"As I move into a new term, I have reflected upon the changes made over the course of the last four years," said Sheriff Thibodeaux. "We have made some significant improvements, and in the next four years we plan to continue to make improvements to better serve you, the citizens of our great parish. Thank you for your trust in me!"

The improvements include:

- Significant wage increases for employees, as well as a deferred compensation plan being added to their benefit package.
- Installation of license plate recognition cameras throughout the parish as a tool to aid in investigations and keep our community safe.
- Equipment upgrades to protect our deputies and help them perform their jobs better.
- Re-established the Narcotics Division. It has come a long way over the past six months.

Many more improvements were made. "We are always looking for ways to operate more effectively and efficiently," said Sheriff Thibodeaux. "The safety of our residents will continue to be our top concern."



District Judge Kevin Kimball swears in Sheriff Thibodeaux for a second term. Shown with him are his mother, Carol Thibodeaux; and children, Jolie Thibodeaux and Rene' Thibodeaux, Jr.



The PC Sheriff's Office helped out with the PC School Board's summer camp by providing water safety lessons and teaching kids about horses, horse safety and the PC Sheriff's Posse.

# S.A.L.T. Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Luncheon

Law Enforcement Agencies in Pointe Coupee Parish have come together to establish a board to provide an additional resource to our seniors. The purpose is to strengthen the relationships between Law Enforcement and our senior members of our community.

**August 15, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Scott Civic Center**



**BINGO**

Get ready for few fun games of BINGO!



**LUNCH**

We will provide lunch to all participants.



**GUEST SPEAKER**

The LA Attorney General's Office and PCPSO will provide tips for preventing elderly fraud and promoting safety.

**Start a career in law enforcement**

**WE'RE HIRING**

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## PROJECT UPDATES

### **\$5 MILLION BAYOU CLEAN-OUT COMING –**

Plans are presently being drafted for the clearing, grubbing and shaping of Grosse Tete Bayou and Bayou Cholpe north and south of La. Hwy. 190. These bayous drain two-thirds of Pointe Coupee Parish, and have not been cleaned out in over 40 years. This project will result in quicker drainage flow throughout the parish. The project is expected to go out for bid in November, and begin in early 2025.

### **MASTER PLANS –**

The parish is working on two master plan projects in the coming months. The False River Park Master Plan should be finalized in August, and will help dictate future improvements to the park. The parish is also currently taking an inventory of all roads and signage as one part of a new parish master planning process. The existing master plan is approximately 15 years old. The parish will begin the process of hiring a company to develop the master plan by the end of this year.

“During my first 5 years in office we have focused on the parish’s many infrastructure needs,” said Parish President Major Thibaut. “We are still working on those, but it is time to plan for our needs for the next 10-15 years, so that we spend our funds wisely. Residents will have opportunities to provide their input during the master planning process.”



#### **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS...**

Shown above is work on construction of the new Beamon Bridge. It is expected to be completed by the end of July. At right, double 60 inch culverts are installed to increase drainage in Atchafalaya Gravity Drainage District 1.



## False River drawdown in Sept.

Residents are reminded that the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will begin a drawdown of False River after Labor Day. The lake will be held at the lowest level possible until January 15, 2025, at which time the water control structure is closed and the lake is allowed to refill. During drawdowns, the lake remains open.

Drawdown benefits include an increase in sportfish production, lake substrate and aquatic vegetation; along with a firmer substrate and reduced turbidity. Drawdowns will continue to be implemented at regular intervals as part of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries management strategy to further improve the habitat quality and productivity of False River.

## Agencies get solar project revenue

Parish entities have received a total of \$10,217,302 to date from BP Solar Ventress Farm, as a result of the pilot program. Construction of the solar farm is now wrapping up. Entities that received payments are Pointe Coupee Parish Government, all five fire districts, the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, Atchafalaya Levee Board, Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff’s Office, Pointe Coupee Parish Library, and Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor’s Office.

In other news, the parish received an unmodified opinion on its independent audit, meaning the financial statements are a true and fair reflection of an parish’s finances

## Phase II of Courthouse renovation underway

The Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse is empty on most days now that Phase II of its extensive renovation is underway. Only one courtroom will be operational through the construction period. All agencies housed in the courthouse have moved to temporary locations for the construction.

Phase II includes a complete interior renovation - reconfiguration of office space, window replacement, new A/C and heating system, restrooms, electrical, flooring, and lighting, and upgraded security. The \$3.9 million project is expected to be completed in February 2025.

Phase I included waterproofing the building, re-roofing, and exterior painting of the building, along with some HVAC work. That work totalled \$1.6 million.

Phase III, which the parish hopes to get underway in late 2025 or 2026, includes parking improvements and storage facilities for various agencies that are housed in the courthouse.



A courtroom under renovation in the Pointe Coupee Parish Courthouse.

## Football registration opens

Registration for the PC Tiger Football League is now open to boys 5-12. Games will start at the beginning of September. Registration is also open to boys and girls 5-12 for the soccer league. Soccer games will start in October.

Registration can be completed on-line or at the Parish Recreation Office, 1400 Major Parkway, New Roads. Forms can also be downloaded from the parish website: [pcparish.org](http://pcparish.org). Those interested in coaching a football team can note it on the registration form, or contact the Parks and Rec Office at 225-638-3870.

**MULTI-USE CENTER RV PARK UPGRADE COMING:** A project to add sewer service to the 46 RV stalls at the Multi-Use Center will begin by December. That parish received \$380,000 in state capital outlay funding for the project. Design and plans are being handled by parish personnel to save money. The RV Park is used regularly by those attending events at the center, and is an often requested amenity.



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## 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY



# THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY!

*Thank you to the citizens of the 18th Judicial District for the vote of confidence and support of the District Attorney's Office in the April 28th election. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me and my staff. I can assure you, we take this trust very seriously and will continue to be guardians of our citizens.*

*We have much to do to establish the Law Enforcement District Initiative that you approved, but I promise you that we will be good stewards of this funding, and will operate this office efficiently and with the highest ethical and accounting standards.*

*In the coming months I will be working hard to implement this initiative. I am energized and committed to providing you with the best District Attorney's Office possible, always remembering that our residents deserve nothing less. Thank you again!*

Tony

## Proceeds will be used for:

- Technology upgrades
- Prosecution & trial costs: Expert witnesses, DNA analysis, Victim testimony expenses, etc...
- Salaries, insurance, training, and benefits of prosecutors, investigators, and staff
- A designated mobile phone data expert to monitor cell phones of criminals.
- Sex and Narcotics Divisions to prosecute sexual assault cases, often against children, and Fentanyl/opioid distribution cases.
- Tracking division that monitors gang activity in the district's 3-parish area.
- Tri-Parish Intelligence Center to share & coordinate investigation activities.
- Tri-parish task force and a prosecutor in each parish to intervene with youths who get in trouble to re-direct and educate these juveniles.
- Assistance to programs that help our juveniles and families, such as CASA, FINS and truancy programs to keep kids in school.
- Conflict resolution programs to teach kids how to resolve conflicts without violence

## POINTE COUPEE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



# New fire district millages will impact tax bills

Dear Fellow Citizens of Pointe Coupee Parish,

Earlier this year, three separate Fire Districts brought millage increase proposals to the voters of their respective areas. The millage is the tax rate (or percentage) applied to your property value to calculate the amount of property taxes you will pay. Higher millage means higher taxes.

Two of these proposals passed and will impact property taxpayers in those districts by largely different amounts. The increases will be seen on the property tax bills that go out this November.

Voters in Fire District 5 approved a 3 mill increase over and above the 5 mills they were currently imposing. The move from 5 to 8 mills will increase the average taxpayer's bill by only about 5%.

Voters in Fire District 3 approved a 15 mill increase over and above the 5.97 mills they were currently levying. That will increase the average tax paid in Fire District 3 by approximately 30%. That means if you currently pay \$500 in taxes, you will pay \$650. If you currently pay \$1,000, you will pay \$1,300. If you currently pay \$2,500 in taxes, you will pay \$3,250. If you currently pay \$5,000 in taxes, you will pay \$6,500. The increase gets larger as the value of the property increases.

Businesses with high property values will see even greater increases. Anyone wishing to check in advance to see what their increase will be is encouraged to contact our office or look up their assessment on our website at [www.ptcoupeeassessor.com](http://www.ptcoupeeassessor.com).

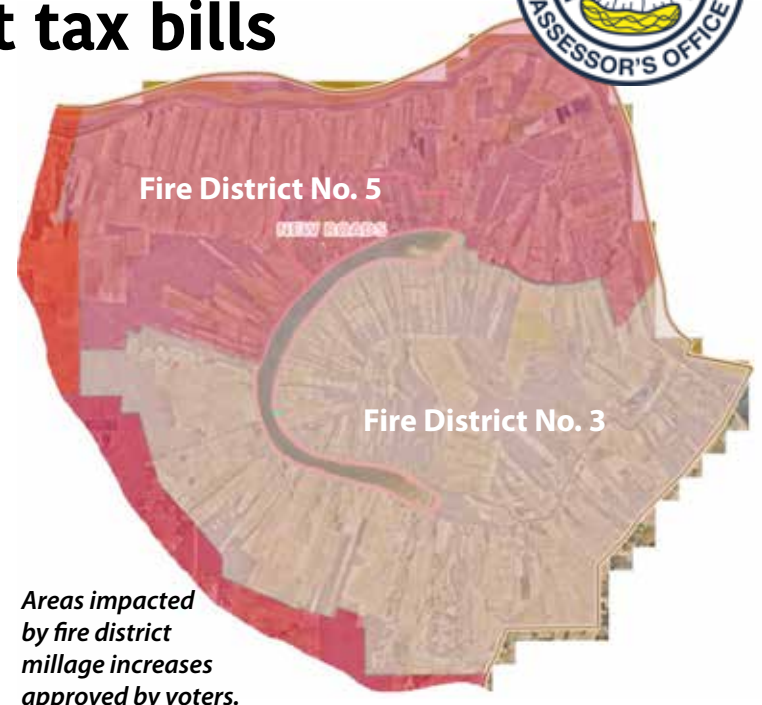
Fire Districts 5 and 3 encompass some of the highest valued properties in our parish. Please see the map at right showing the areas covered by these districts.

The Assessor's Office feels it is important to point out these upcoming increases to help educate the affected property owners and allow them time to prepare for the new tax amounts.

If you'd like to discuss your individual property listings, we can be reached by phone from 8 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday at 225-638-7077, or by email at [pcassessor@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcassessor@bellsouth.net). Our temporary office location is 3422 Ewing Drive in New Roads.

Jimmy Laurent, Jr.

Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor



Areas impacted by fire district millage increases approved by voters.

## Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's Office

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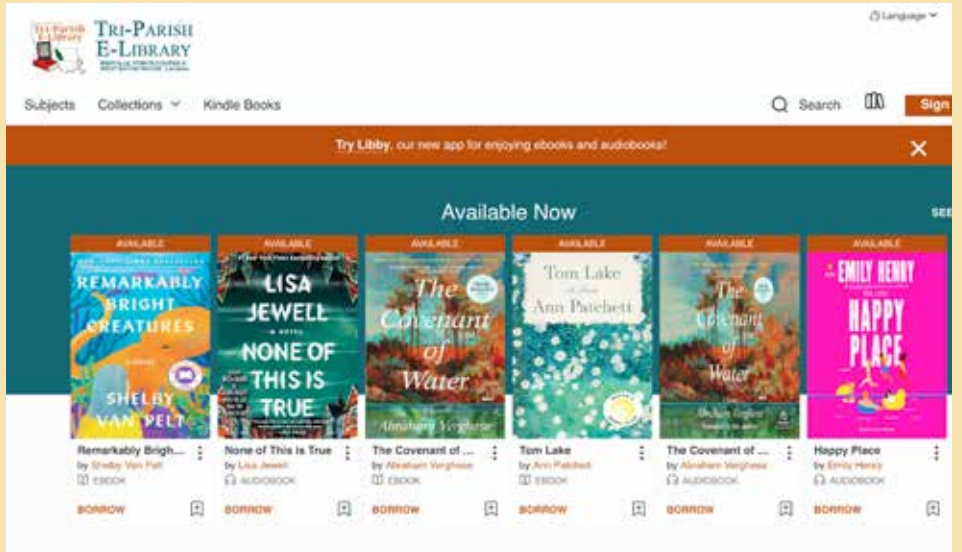
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## Multitude of books, magazines available on Tri-Parish E Library

Pointe Coupee Parish Library members have access to best selling fiction and non-fiction e-books, audio books, and magazines for adults to children, as part of the Tri-Parish E-Library system.

The Pointe Coupee Library joined with the Iberville and West Baton Rouge libraries to subscribe to Libby®, a download service currently offering popular fiction and non-fiction titles to more than 10,000 libraries, schools and retailers.

Library patrons can browse the list of titles available through Libby® online, check out with their library card numbers and download books to a PC, Mac® and many mobile devices. They can also download an app for access on electronic devices. Just go to the website: [triparish.libby.com](http://triparish.libby.com).



## Nutrition expert for Pointe Coupee



LSU Extension Assistant/Nutrition Agent Breanna Katz Staab is the LSU AgCenter's Nutrition and Community Health nutrition agent for Pointe Coupee Parish. She is also a doctoral candidate in molecular nutrition, and specializes in diabetes and prenatal nutrition education. Breanna has been the PC library system's go-to professional for programs on healthy eating, diabetes management, and healthier life-style choices. Her programs are always well received and extremely informative. We appreciate all of Breanna's efforts supporting the Pointe Coupee Parish Library.

## Summer Reading Program drawing crowds

The Summer Reading Program is well underway. One of our most popular programs has been the Prince/Princess story time with Queen Elsa, Princess Tatyana and Kristoff, shown above at left. Photo above at right shows the Acadian Ambulance Day, and water safety in the photo at right. It's not too late to join the summer fun - just stop by any library for a story time presentation! And don't miss splash day at your local branch!



OLLI at LSU coming soon to the Pointe Coupee Library!  
SUMMER 2024

# OLLI AT LSU

**100<sup>TH</sup>**  
LSU CONTINUING EDUCATION  
1924 - 2024

LEARNERS AGE 50 & ABOVE

LSU Online  
& CONTINUING EDUCATION

## POINTE COUPEE PARISH LIBRARY

## Branch location, contact information

**Pointe Coupee Parish Library**  
201 Claiborne Street, New Roads  
Phone: 225-638-9847  
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 6 pm  
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday Closed  
[www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us](http://www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us)

**Innis Branch Library**  
6444 La Hwy 1, Innis  
Phone: 225-618-1070  
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 6 pm  
Friday 9 am - 1 pm

**Morganza Branch Library**  
221 So. LA Hwy. 1, Morganza  
Phone: 225-694-2428  
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 6 pm  
Closed Fri., Sat. & Sunday

**Julian Poydras Branch Library**  
4985 Julian Poydras Lane, Rougon  
Phone: 225-627-5846  
Open: M-F 8 am - 4 pm

**Livonia Branch Library**  
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Phone: 225-637-2987  
Open: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 6 pm  
Friday 9 am - 1 pm

## Dr. Lindow seeing foot patients in PC

Dr. Kyle Lindow, DPM, who specializes in podiatry and foot surgery, is now seeing patients in New Roads.



Dr. Lindow completed a three-year foot and ankle surgical residency program at Hunt Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Texas. During his residency, he trained under over 30 leading foot and ankle specialists and focused on the latest advances in both conservative therapy and reconstructive foot and ankle surgery. During his time at Hunt, he also served as Chief Resident of the program.

Dr. Lindow completed his Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences at LSU and attended medical school at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, graduating at the top of his class.

He is certified in the Advanced Practice Surgical Treatment of the Ankle by the State of Louisiana and is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Originally from Buras, Louisiana, Dr. Lindow lives in Zachary with his wife and four daughters and spends his spare time with family, enjoying LSU sports, traveling, and golfing.

Dr Lindow is with the Louisiana Foot and Ankle Specialty Center. He will see patients in his New Roads office located at 230 Robert's Drive, Suite D in New Roads on Tuesdays. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (225) 306-4546.



## PCGH improvements noted by LHA

The Louisiana Hospital Association recently awarded PCGH for achieving targeted improvement in a variety of clinical quality improvement measures. They are Preventable Harm, Naloxone Administration, CAUTI Rate and Utilization, CDI Rate, CLABSI Rate and Utilization, Falls with Injury, HAPI Rate, MRSA Rate, and Sepsis Mortality. Shown with the LHA certificate are Kelli Barker, RN, BSN, PCGH Infection Control/Performance Improvement Department Manager; Myra Foley, Quality and Infection Prevention Specialist with LHA, and Valerie Jarreau, RN, MSN, CNO.

## Heat Exhaustion

**ACT FAST**

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness  
Thirst  
Heavy Sweating  
Nausea  
Weakness



## Heat Stroke

Confusion  
Dizziness  
Becomes Unconscious

**ACT FAST**

**CALL 911**

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.



Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!



## Students get healthcare lessons

Students involved in Pointe Coupee General Hospital's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Summer Program experienced an array of medical-centered activities, including clinical rotations, field trips, and classroom presentations. Classroom activities included resume building, medical terminology, and a T-shirt project portraying one of the systems of the human body led by Tiffany Meek, AHEC Program Educator. On their first day, the students participated in a BLS Certification class led by Darla Franklin, RN, AHEC Program Supervisor, and a Stop the Bleed class led by Jolynn Parker, RN. The students now hold certifications in both topics.

Many guest speakers educated the students in various specialties, and students were given the opportunity to practice the skills taught to them. Krystal Chase-Circello, PA-C, instructed them on suturing techniques. Captain Nicholas "Nick" Gremillion, Lt. Johnny Sparks, Sergeant Shaletha Jacobs and Deputy Raquel Fuselier from the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office provided simulation of driving under the influence, as well as education on human trafficking, internet safety, and bullying. Dr. Paul Rachal taught the students how to apply various types of splints. Trudy Wickman, Opioid Prevention Outreach Coordinator at LA Department of Health, taught them about opioid addiction prevention.

Nicolas White and Brad Theriot with Acadian Ambulance gave a presentation and tour of an ambulance, and Mark Morris provided the students with the opportunity to tour an Acadian Air Med helicopter. The students also learned the duties of the coroner from Megan Pourciau, RN, and Nicholas White, both Assistant Coroners with Pointe Coupee Parish. Christy Eaves, CRNA, gave a presentation on the job of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and provided hands-on practice in obtaining an airway through intubation. The field trips this year consisted of LSU's Veterinary School of Medicine, Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, the State Crime Lab, and Franciscan University OLOL.

The students also rotated through various departments within the hospital to observe the diverse roles of healthcare professionals and to see what it takes for a hospital to run properly. Engaging in conversations with mentors and patients helped the students to see what healthcare career options are available and what their future education and training may entail. Thanks to all of the professionals who shared their expertise with our students!

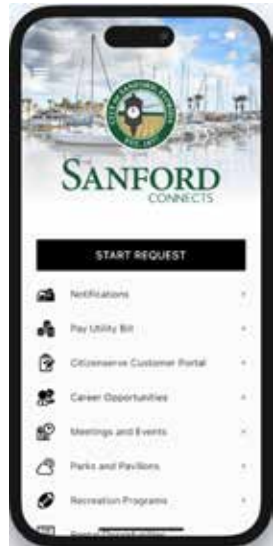


Shown from left are AHEC program students Braedyn Gauthier, Emma LaCour, Arieina LeBlanc, Haley Riddle, Dai'Lah Maloid, Jordyn Lowery, and Jade Frederick.

## City to launch citizen notification app soon

The City expects to launch a new app that will not only provide citizen notifications, but will also provide information about city services and link to the city's utility billing system, making payment of utility bills easy from mobile phones.

Citizens will be able to download the app for free and sign up for notifications. "We want to provide quick notification to residents about things like power outages, road closures, events and more," said Mayor Theron Smith. "Presently we use facebook, but not everyone goes to facebook; and this provides an alert system direct to residents' mobile phones."



Example of the mobile app of another city.

The app will also link to the city website, contact information for officials, phone numbers and more. The city contracted with GoGov, which specializes in apps for government agencies. Mayor Smith said they hope to launch the app by late August.

## Riverfront sidewalk repair coming

The City of New Roads is partnering with Pointe Coupee Parish to make repairs to the riverfront sidewalk that has caved in downtown, thanks to funding obtained by State Rep. Jeremy LaCombe and Senator Caleb Kleinpeter.

LaCombe and Kleinpeter had a \$500,000 appropriation included in the 2024 Legislative Session for the repairs. The funding was allocated to the parish, but the area is in the City of New Roads next to Morel's Restaurant.

The funding is expected to be provided before the end of the year, and repairs will start in early 2025.

## Sewer lift station repairs start in August

Bids came in higher than expected on the sewer project, which will provide significant upgrades to the city's 13 lift stations, which are in dire need of repairs. As a result the city had to ask the La. Bond Commission for more bond funding. That request was approved, and now the project can move forward.

"This project will go a long way in alleviating significant issues with our sewer system," said Mayor Theron Smith. "Presently the city is renting pumps to run the lift stations, which is very costly. The rentals will no longer be necessary once the lift station repairs and improvements are made, and the city will save approximately \$480,000 per year on rental fees once this project is complete."

The new state-of-the-art permanent pumps will be more efficient, and will also save on energy costs. In addition, three new permanent pumps will be installed at the lagoon lift station, which is also presently running on a back-up pump. Aerators and other improvements will also be made at the lagoon.



## Crowds enjoy July 4th parades, fun

The July 4th celebration in New Roads was enjoyed by all, both on False River and on land this year.

The city not only hosted the annual boat parade, but added a downtown golf cart parade to the fun.

And, of course, the bands and fireworks were enjoyed by all!

"The new golf cart parade was a big hit," said Mayor Theron Smith. "We had 16 entries, and they were throwing beads! I expect to have more next year. We had a great turn-out this year, and no problems. It was a great community event."



## Woodmen Life donates flags



The New Roads Woodmen Life organization has donated 13 American flags to the city for downtown lamp posts. "The flags were put on the smaller lamp posts and really enhance Main Street," said Mayor Smith. "The Woodman organization has said they will replace the flags as they age. The Main Street Program recently installed hanging baskets along Main Street also, which adds to beautification of the downtown corridor. The photo shows some of the flags along Main Street."

## Fiber optic coming to city facilities

City of New Roads facilities will soon have fiber optic internet at all city buildings, town hall, other city offices, the Scott Civic Center and the New Roads Police Station. Mayor Smith said the fiber will provide better reliability, connectivity and speed for more efficient operations.

"It will also reduce our internet costs. AT&T was very motivated to work with us and provide lower costs," he noted. The work to convert is underway, and will also provide cellular backup in case of downed connection on the fiber line. "

## PC Schools announce new school start times

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## School upgrades ready for new year



The PC School Board took the opportunity this summer to make improvements at local schools. The overhead walkway covers at UPCE and Rosenwald Elementary School were replaced, along with the bleachers at STEM. Work is being completed on upgrades to the football fields at STEM and Livonia High School. The upgrades were funded by the facilities millage approved by parish voters in 2022.



### School start, holiday schedule

First day of school - August 6	Veterans Day holiday - Nov. 11
Labor Day holiday - Sept. 2	Thanksgiving holidays - Nov. 25-29
Fall Break - October 14-16	Early dismissal days - Dec. 17-19
Election Day holiday - Nov. 5	Winter break - Dec. 23-Jan. 3

## Students enjoy fun and learning at summer camp

Hundreds of students from throughout the parish enjoyed a summer camp full of fun and learning experiences, thanks to the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board.

Participants were engaged in math and reading instruction while enjoying a plethora of enrichment activities. The activities included sewing, swimming, dance, gymnastics, martial arts, art camp, STEM, culinary, table etiquette, cosmetology, music, art, photography, life skills, cursive writing, credit recovery, LEAP 2025 EOC preparation, candle and lotion making, etc.

Maia Anderson, owner of Hampton Canvas, educated students on the blending of colors to create beautiful canvas art pieces. YMCA provided water safety sessions to 200 students. STEM NOLA hosted a STEM Fest that included 34 different STEM activities.

Pointe Coupee Parish 21st CCLC Program Director Tabitha R. Ransom thanks everyone who worked together to provide the camp, including Eat Move & Grow, Baton Rouge Food Bank's Pick a Better Snack program, Pointe Coupee Parish Julian Poydras Library, Magician David LeBouf, Mayor Theron Smith, Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux, Acadian Ambulance, the Pointe Coupee Child Nutrition Program, BR STEM, and LSU Ag Center.



Shown are some of the fun summer camp activities.