



Our Pride POINTE COUPEE

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

JULY, 2020

RECREATION/ LEAGUE INFO

Tackle Football:

Registration is open for Hurricane Football ages 5-13 at the Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation office, 1400 Major Parkway, New Roads. If already registered, conditioning has started. Players can report to the Harris Haynes Football Field Monday - Thursday starting at 6 pm. If you have questions feel free to call

Coach Lee @ 225-618-6111

Coach Reg @ 225-241-6258

Coach T-Man @ 225-718-6959

Coach Nolan @ 225-436-0829

Soccer:

Registration for the soccer league will open August 1, and is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Games will run from late September thru early November. Registration forms will be sent out to schools and can also be downloaded from the parish website "pcparish.org", or picked up at the Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation Office. If you are interested in coaching a soccer team, note on the registration form or contact Paul Armand at the Pointe Coupee Parish Parks and Rec Office: 225-638-3870.

Upcoming Multi-Use Center events:

August 15: BRBRA (Baton Rouge

Barrel Racing Association)

Sept. 55: BRBRA

Sept. 19: NBHA (National Barrel Racing Association)

Sept. 25: Sparetime Riders Trail Ride

Oct. 3: ABRA (Acadiana Barrel Racing Association)

Oct. 10: Joni and Friend Special Needs Ministry

Oct. 17: BRBRA

Oct. 24: NBHA (National Barrel Racing Association)

Oct. 30: Pointe Coupee Parish High School Rodeo



Despite the COVID pandemic, baseball, softball & tee-ball season has been underway through the Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation Department. This year not only are the regular teams from Erwinville and West Feliciana participating, but also teams from Port Allen and Westside. Shown above is action from a softball game.

Recreation improvements underway

Several upgrades have been made to parish parks and ballfields, and to the parish multi-use center.

Additions to the False River Park are underway. New block backstops, poles and nets have been installed, along with new outfield windscreens. Field signs and advertising have also been installed. In addition, new composite mile marker posts and benches will be installed for the False River Park walking trail. Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation thanks Mrs. Paula Clayton for her generous donation of the posts and benches.

If you would like to become a sponsor at the park please contact Paul Armand at 225-638-3870 or John Disotell at 225-413-2811.

Improvements have also been made to the Multi-Use Center, including upgrades to the holding pens, a new announcer's stand and flag pole. Memberships and advertising opportunities are available for the Multi-Use Center. Memberships include the use of the arena for riding, training or showing. Advertising opportunities include signs as a facility, gate, bleacher or alley sponsor. For information, contact McKinley Jack at 225-240-0209 or Paul Armand at 225-718-2784.

The Pointe Coupee Parish Recreation Department is also in the process of moving to an on-line registration system for leagues and other activities. Stay tuned to Facebook and the parish website for more information.

Improvements to the ball fields at False River Park.



New announcers stand at Multi-Use Center.

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PCGH offers endoscopic procedures, consults

Pointe Coupee General Hospital provides diagnostic and screening endoscopic services, including colonoscopy, gastroscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and peg tube placements. For personalized, concise care provided locally call (225) 638-4585 to schedule a consultation.

The screening is covered by most insurances according to the recommended guidelines. Regular screening, starting at age 50, is the key to preventing ColoRectal cancer.

Donald Doucet, MD, FACP, specializes in internal medicine, and is a Board Certified physician performing endoscopic procedures at Pointe Coupee General Hospital. "Having a screening colonoscopy is so important in preventing colon cancer," he said. "Removing a polyp before it has a chance to develop into a cancer can be life saving, so I am happy that we are able to provide this service to parish residents."

Dr. Doucet completed medical school at Louisiana State University and has been practicing medicine since June of 1983. His office is located in the medical complex situated adjacent to Pointe Coupee General Hospital at 230 Roberts Drive, Suite I, in New Roads. The office phone number is (225) 638-4585.



Dr. Donald Doucet and PCGH nurses Megan Pourciau, RN, and Rhonda Glaviano, RN, prepare a patient for an endoscopy.

Summer travel planned during COVID?

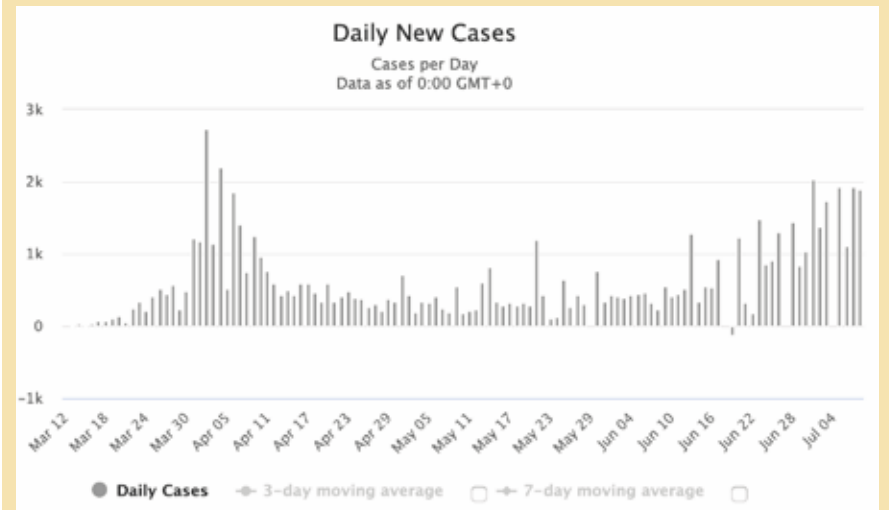
Before you travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, consider your family situation, and take into account if any members have underlying conditions. Make a responsible decision based on that information.

If you decide to travel, find out if there are restrictions on movement, such as stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders, mandated self-quarantines upon arrival, or border closures in place along your route & at your destination.

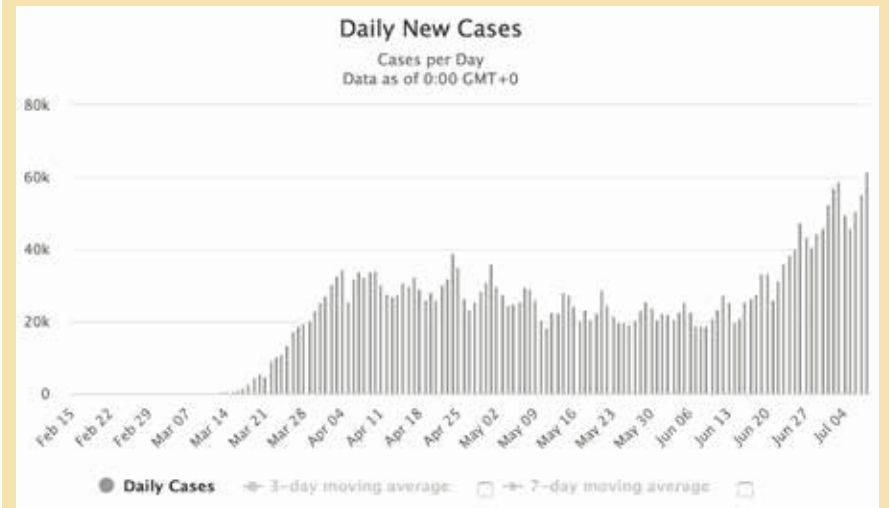
Protect yourself & others by washing your hands often; avoiding close contact with others; wearing a cloth face covering in public; covering coughs and sneezes; and picking up food at restaurants and stores, rather than eating in establishments.

COVID UPDATE FROM PCGH

COVID 19 Cases in Louisiana



New Daily Cases in the United States



POINTE COUPEE:

Number of Covid-19 patients admitted to PCGH to date: 15

Number of PC residents tested for Covid-19 to date: 3,832

LOUISIANA:

Number of Louisiana Covid-19 cases - 74,636

Current reported Covid-19 patients in La. hospitals - 1117

Number of Covid-19 related deaths in Louisiana - 3,308

Number of Covid-19 patients presumed recovered - 46,334

Data as of July 10, 2020, La. Dept. of Health

Pointe Coupee Hospice: meeting the needs of our community since 2001

Pointe Coupee Hospice can provide inpatient hospice care in New Roads, LA at Pointe Coupee General Hospital. Pointe Coupee Hospice can accommodate several hospice patients, and accepts transfers from other facilities. Patients are admitted for inpatient hospice care when the necessity for inpatient admission has been established according to the Medicare criteria and guidelines.

Please contact Pointe Coupee Hospice for referrals - 225-638-5717



Dana Gebhart, RN, Director of Nursing
Ashley Doucet Bordelon, MD, Medical Director

Courthouse work/projects continue across parish

Contracts have been signed and construction is set to begin shortly on the \$800,000 courthouse restoration project. The project, which is partially funded through the state, will include a new roof, waterproofing, new gutters and repairs to the third floor windows. Also included is a new ac/heating/air pressure system.

In addition, the parish is in the bid process for the annex building. The project will include a new roof waterproofing, a/c system, and build-out of the 2nd floor which is currently vacant due to mold remediation. The annex houses several parish and state agencies including the District Attorney and 4-H.

LITTER ABATEMENT: The parish's litter abatement program is operational again after being shut down for two months due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. So far, 1,600 cubic yards of litter and junk has been collected in 2020.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The parish's annual road improvement project for 2020 is nearing completion. A total of \$1.1 million was spent and 62,000 square yards of road were patched, milled and overlaid; and 550 linear feet of culverts were replaced.

LGAP GRANT: The parish has received a \$76,000 grant for a whole building generator for the parish office during outages, and for equipment for the recreation and public works departments.

DRAINAGE: A big focus of Parish President Major Thibaut since taking office has been cleaning out parish outfall channels and ditches, some that had not been cleaned out in 30 to 50 years. Work has been ongoing across the parish. Also, the parish public works department has moved away from leasing equipment to purchasing. The better use of funds has allowed the parish to purchase new and additional excavators, and to budget for the purchase new tractors and dump trucks.

The parish also recently had the watershed canals and drains added to the Assessor's Office website maps so the public can look at the drainage system.



Shown is one of the ditches that has been cleaned out during the on-going extensive drainage improvement project.



Top photo: improvements at the shelter underway; and bottom photo: some of the food and supplies donated to the shelter.

Big improvements made at shelter with donations

Pointe Coupee Parish Government took over operation of the parish animal shelter on April 1, and has made significant improvements to the facility, along with placing many more animals for adoption since that time.

A total of \$48,000 in donations has been raised, including \$25,000 from Union Pacific, and \$10,000 from the Bissel Foundation. The fundraising goal is \$85,000. So far the building was gutted and the walls for a new floor-plan were put up. But much work is left to be done on the facility. In addition, food and supplies have been donated to the shelter which will assist with its operation for months to come.

Since April 1, 211 dogs, 155 cats, 5 horses and 1 goat have been rescued. Of those totals, 200 dogs and 155 cats were transported to rescue centers, where they will be placed in forever homes.

Please help with the fundraising goal. Get updates and info on the Animal Shelter at [facebook.com/Pointe Coupee Parish Animal Services](https://facebook.com/PointeCoupeeParishAnimalServices). Donations can also be made to the shelter or through PayPal to tguidry@pcparish.org

Mosquito abatement working

The parish contracted out its mosquito abatement program to Mosquito Control Services, which is providing science-based testing and analysis to pinpoint aerial and truck spraying and chemicals for better mosquito control. The company is consistently trapping mosquitoes for testing and tracking. So far 92,200 acres have been sprayed by truck, and over 200,000 acres will be sprayed by the end of the year. To request mosquito spraying, call 1-800-256-1784 or complete the form on the mosquito control page of the parish website: www.pcparish.org.

PC residents: Your input needed!

Complete survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/>

Complete census at: my2020census.gov

Pointe Coupee Parish residents - your input is needed to plan the future of parish programs and goals.

Pointe Coupee Parish Government is conducting a Quality of Life Survey to determine residents' present views of the parish, community needs and services they would like to see added/improved in the future. Complete the survey by July 21!

You can help ensure Pointe Coupee gets the federal funding needed for projects and programs for next decade by completing the Census. Go to: my2020census.gov.



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Thank you

Dear friends,

I want to extend my sincere thanks to you, the people of Pointe Coupee, for electing me as your Sheriff. I am very humbled and honored that you have entrusted me with this position, and I will work hard every day to make sure that I live up to the trust you have put in me and that the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office serves our residents with respect and dedication.

It has been my life-long dream to serve as your Sheriff. I followed in the footsteps of my father, Clarence Thibodeaux in law enforcement. He served for 42 years in the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office, and retired as Chief Criminal Deputy. I am proud to say that I am a third generation officer. My grandfather, Ophay Thibodeaux, was Marshall and Chief of Police in Fordoche. So law enforcement is in my blood.

I have already made changes in the operation of the Sheriff's Office on July 1, the day I took office and am planning more changes based on my platform of ramping up community policing. (See article at right). Thank you again, and rest assured you are welcome to call me or come visit with any matters you have regarding this office.

Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux

New Sheriff lists changes, new programs planned for PC Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux took office on July 1, and he didn't waste any time making some significant changes in Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office operations.

His first step was to rededicate funds to give all deputies, except Captains, pay raises. The pay for a starting deputy is now \$28,000, and he hopes to give raises again next year.

"We have to try to be competitive with other businesses and law enforcement agencies if we want to attract and keep our deputies," he said. "Raises were not warranted for the Captain position because their pay was high, so it was reduced some. Although we have a limited tax base, I will give raises again when possible."

He also changed the organizational structure of the office by eliminating the five captain positions, and now having three positions: chief criminal deputy, chief civil deputy, and captain of uniform patrol.

Brad Joffrion has been named Chief Criminal Deputy. He is the retired Livonia Chief of Police. Stacey Devillier, who previously served as Chief Civil Deputy, will continue in that position. Donnell Francois, who has 30 years of experience, was promoted to Captain of Uniform Patrol, and Bill Norman, who has 18 years of service, was promoted to Lieutenant under Francois. In addition, Captain Brent Plauche was named warden of the Pointe Coupee Jail. Plauche has 29 years of experience. Deputy Penny Collie, who has 29 years of service and 16 years with the parish jail, was promoted to Lieutenant under Plauche.

Sheriff Thibodeaux also created a Detective Investigation Division, and Nick Gremillion, who has 24 years of experience, was promoted to Captain of that division. Deputy Josh Adams was named Lieutenant under Gremillion. Finally, Deputy Carla Beauvais was named Lieutenant of dispatchers.

"I put experienced law enforcement officers in these positions because I believe they bring an expertise and understanding to these important roles," he said.

NEW PROGRAMS COMING:

Sheriff Thibodeaux also said he is planning to implement several new programs in keeping with his priority of ramping up community policing. Those programs include a Triad Program to help the elderly, a program geared to helping youths, and a Narcotics Division, which will include drug sniffing dogs.

In addition, he will demand that his deputies establish relationships with residents, not just drive by in patrol cars. "I want the deputies out talking to residents, getting to know people and being part of the community. They need to be involved," he said.



Shown above, Sheriff Rene' Thibodeaux takes the oath of office from retired La. Supreme Court Justice Kitty Kimball on July 1. Holding the Bible is his father, Clarence Thibodeaux, who is retired from the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office.

Shown at right is Sheriff Thibodeaux's top administrative staff. They are, from left, Chief Criminal Deputy Brad Joffrion, Warden Brent Plauche, Sheriff Thibodeaux, Captain of Uniform Patrol Donnell Francois, Captain of Detective Division Nick Gremillion; and Chief Civil Deputy Stacey Devillier.



PCP Sheriff's Office

225.638.5400

pcpso.org facebook.com/PCPSO

Locations open for curbside pickup

All of the Pointe Coupee Library locations are open only for curbside pickup. Call in your order and requests will be ready when you drive up. Call to notify library personnel that you are there to get your order.

WIFI is available in the Library parking lots and library databases are available on the library website: www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us.

You can also monitor library resources by going to the library's facebook page: www.facebook.com/Pointe-Coupee-Parish-Library-II.



Summer reading program continues with virtual story times, performances

The Summer Reading Program is underway with virtual story times and virtual performances. Explore a world of stories by tuning in at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays on the library's facebook pages:

facebook.com/Pointe Coupee Parish Library II and

facebook.com/Pointe Coupee Library Summer Reading

The photo above is from the Enchanted Kingdom Fairytales performance.

Your online library is open 24/7!

www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us

With your library card you have all of this at home!

Get access to e-books, audio books, movies, comics, music.

You also have access to homework help, professional software training, craft and hobby ideas and much, MUCH more!

Check It Out!

GOOD NEWS:

The Library is not collecting fines during this closure.



Pointe Coupee Parish Library

201 Claiborne Street, New Roads
Phone: 225-638-9847
Open: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm
Friday & Saturday 8:30am-5:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm
www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us

Innis

Branch Library

6444 La Hwy 1,
Innis
Phone: 225-492-2632
Open: M-F 10:00am-6:00pm

Morganza

Branch Library

221 So. LA Hwy. 1,
Morganza
Phone: 225-694-2428
Open: M-F 1:00pm-6:00pm

Julian Poydras

Branch Library

4985 Julian Poydras Lane,
Rougon
Phone: 225-627-5846
Open: M-F 9:30am-2:30pm

Livonia

Branch Library

3100 Hwy. 78,
Livonia
Phone: 225-637-2987
Open: M-F 1:00-6:00pm

Chamber is lifeline for local businesses in pandemic

The Chamber's mission of "representing the common interests of businesses and the community" has never been more important than it is right now. The Greater Pointe Coupee Chamber of Commerce is working hard to support and promote our local businesses during this challenging and unprecedented time.

State offers grants for businesses

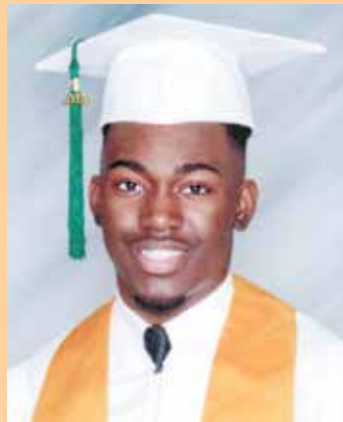
Louisiana's Main Street Recovery Grant Program will begin accepting applications on July 28. Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can apply for grants of up to \$15,000 to cover eligible expenses, including costs related to meeting public health requirements and costs created by business interruption. The \$300 million fund will be prioritized for businesses that have not accessed other federal aid in the program's first 21 days, and no less than \$40 million of the fund will be

designated for access by minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses in its first 60 days. More information is available at the Louisiana Treasury Department website: www.treasury.la.gov/main-street.

Local businesses need support!

Your support of local businesses is one of the most important aspects of getting through these tough times. We ask that residents continue supporting the community by doing business locally. And as always, if there is any other way that you feel the Chamber could help, please feel free to reach out at ed.director@yahoo.com or amanda.r.stanley@gmail.com. You can also stay up to date by subscribing to the Chamber's e-newsletter and visiting the Pointe Coupee Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

2020 Chamber scholarship winners



The Pointe Coupee Chamber of Commerce awards a \$500 scholarship to one student from each school in the parish each year, totaling \$2,000 in scholarships annually. To be considered for the scholarship, students must be an eligible member of the Chamber's Young Leaders Program, have a satisfactory grade point average, complete the application with a written essay portion, and be selected from

a committee of Chamber and community members. This year's winners are, above from left, Amiri Powell, Livonia High School; Claire Couch, False River Academy; Lauren Chenevert, PC STEM Magnet Academy; and Lauren Lemoine, Catholic High of Pointe Coupee. Congratulations, scholarship winners and all Pointe Coupee 2020 graduates!



Have you completed the Pointe Coupee Quality of Life survey?

Help us grow together!

Fill out the survey at:
tinyurl.com/pointecoupeesurvey
or use your scan app and scan
the box at right



BE COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS

Ensure that Pointe Coupee gets the funding and representation! Census numbers determine funding for community services, roads, grants and more!

COMPLETE THE CENSUS AT
MY2020CENSUS.GOV



EVERYONE SHOULD



Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Keep about 6 feet distance between yourself and others.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities. The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
 - The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

New Roads boat parade, fireworks big success

Red, white, and blue served as signs of patriotism during this year's annual 4th of July False River Boat Parade. Despite early rain showers, the event went on without a hitch.

The 4th of July False River Boat Parade is long-time tradition in New Roads and deemed one of the best boat parades in Louisiana. This year was a bit different due to COVID-19. Residents with a good view were encouraged to view from their homes, while visitors were encouraged to social distance and wear a face mask.

This year's theme: "A Tribute to Frontline Workers," honored men and women who have been working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and their immense sacrifices to save lives. "They're the ones who have been on the front line protecting our families, our friends and we don't want them to ever be forgotten here in our city. They've worked so hard through this pandemic and they're still working hard, and we wanted to take this opportunity to do something to show how much we appreciate them," said Mayor Cornell Dukes.

Boats of all shapes and sizes - from pontoons, to power boats to kayaks - paraded down False River beginning from Hospital Road to the pier near the Landing Bar near Satterfield's, with festival goers watching on the landing along False River. Prizes were awarded for Best Decorated Boat, Most Patriotic Boat, Best Decorated Party Barge, Most Patriotic Party Barge, Founder's Trophy, Mayor's Trophy and Shoulda Gotta Trophy.

The 4th of July False River Boat Parade is one of New Roads signature events. Of course, the highlight for all who attend is participating in the annual water balloon throw. The evening ended with a fireworks display.



Scenes from the July 4th False River Boat Parade and fireworks display.



YOU CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE!

The 2020 Census count is used to **determine how billions of dollars in federal funding is spent** on road infrastructure, grants, community services, Head Start, housing assistance and much more!

Please help New Roads get its share by completing the 2020 Census. It takes only a few minutes, but matters for years to come!

COMPLETE THE CENSUS ON-LINE
WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV

City enforces masks, social distancing



The City of New Roads is enforcing Louisiana Phase 2 re-opening policies requiring that everyone wear a mask and that 6 feet of distance be maintained between people at city buildings.

Residents are reminded that they can pay their utility bills on-line and can report concerns either on-line or by calling city departments. Information on reaching departments is provided on the city website: www.newroads.net.

Assessor explains valuation letters to property owners

Property owners in our parish will soon be receiving a Notice of Valuation letter like the one shown to the right of this article. It is simply an advance notification of the change in valuation from last year to this year based on our projected reassessment values. **IT IS NOT A BILL.**



Assessor Jimmy Laurent, Jr.


It is an opportunity for property owners to review the change in their assessed values before it gets committed to the 2020 tax roll. We ask that all property owners take a moment to review this letter and call our office if you have any questions. Some areas of our parish were not reviewed because of delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These areas will be reviewed next year and notices sent out if the value changes more than 15%.

The Assessor's Office will hold an "Open Books" period beginning Monday, August 17 thru Monday, August 31.

During this time property owners can call our office at 225-638-7077 to review their valuation for 2020. We ask that property owners call first before coming to the courthouse or email us at pcassessor@bellsouth.net. This information is also available on the Assessor's website at www.ptcoupeeassessor.com.

Tax bills are expected to be sent out by the Sheriff's office some time in early November and all payments are to be made at the Sheriff's Civil office in the red brick building behind the Courthouse. The Assessor's office does not accept property tax payments. Thank you!


Jimmy Laurent, Jr., Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor
Office: 225-638-7077, Cell: 225-240-9974
Email: pcassessor@bellsouth.net



**Pointe Coupee Parish
Assessor's Office**
211 East Main Street
Suite 4 Courthouse Bldg.
New Roads, LA 70760-3661
ANCILLARY ENDORSEMENT

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR TAX YEAR 2020
THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL
DO NOT SEND PAYMENT

James A. Laurent, Jr., Assessor
Office: (225) 638-7077
Fax: (225) 638-4370
Cell: (225) 240-9974



JOHN DOE
123 ANYWHERE AVE
ANYWHERE, LA 70760-1234

Dear Property Owner:

In accordance with Act No. 496 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this office is required to notify you of your assessed value for the 2020 reassessment year. Your assessment for tax year 2020 is as follows:

Ward: _____ Assessment Number: _____

Owner(s): _____

Abbreviated Description: _____

THE NUMBERS SHOWN BELOW ARE VALUES, NOT TAX DOLLARS		
Previous Year Value	Current Year Value	Value Change
Land:	Land:	
Building(s):	Building(s):	
Homestead Exemption:	Homestead Exemption:	
Personal Property:	Personal Property:	
Total Assessed Value:	Total Assessed Value:	
*Estimated Fair Market Value:	*Estimated Fair Market Value:	

THIS IS NOT A TAX BILL
IT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

All land is assessed at 10% of fair market value. The only exception is property of three or more acres determined by the Assessor to be eligible for a land use designation. That value is set by the State.
All residential structures are assessed at 10% of fair market value. All commercial structures are assessed at 15% of fair market value.
If you have any questions about your notice of assessment, please contact our office at (225) 638-7077 or by email at pcassessor@bellsouth.net.
*Does Not Apply To Land Use Designation

School system gears up for unique school year

The Pointe Coupee Parish Public School System is preparing for a **Strong Start** for the 2020-2021 school year. Comprehensive plans for opening schools in anticipation of the different operational phases are being created.

Operational phases include all students virtual (Phase 1), all students at school, and a hybrid (some students virtual, some students at school). The district is creating these plans under the guidance of State Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley and the Louisiana Department of Education. Guidance on physical and environmental standards are being provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Office of Public Health.



Kim Canezaro,
Superintendent

The district's goal is to have as many students as possible in school on August 11, 2020. Parents, however, will have the option to choose distance learning or face-to-face on a school campus for the first semester.



The school system will do whatever it takes to ensure a safe environment for its students and employees. Employees and students will have their temperature taken each morning. Those presenting fever and/or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home. Three key principles that will be strictly adhered at all times. They are frequently scheduled hand washing, wearing of a face covering for all adults and students in grades 3 and up, except in the case where an individual has breathing difficulty; and social distancing while on the bus and at school.

Thank you as we navigate the safest and best route to educating our children in this unprecedented time.

Superintendent Kim Canezaro
Pointe Coupee Parish School Board



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