

## Wastewater treatment plant on W.W. Harleaux being converted to pump station

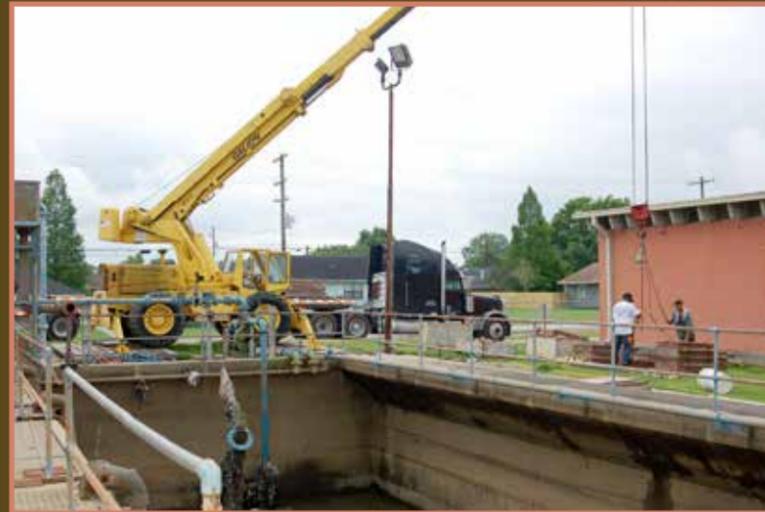
The final phase of extensive improvements to the city's wastewater treatment system will soon be done.

Work to convert the existing treatment plant on W.W. Harleaux Street into a pumping station is well underway, and is expected to be completed in July.

Once that work is complete, the city's new \$11 million wastewater treatment plant will be operational, and the plant on W.W. Harleaux, which is some 50 years old, will simply be a pumping station.

The new plant will be more energy and environmentally efficient, and will have plenty of excess capacity for future growth of the city. In addition, the improvements should greatly reduce odors at the W.W. Harleaux facility.

The new plant has been tested using effluent water from the existing plant, and will continue to be operated on a limited basis until it becomes fully operational. The new plant is located in a sugarcane field off La. Hwy. 1 in south Plaquemine.



Work to convert the wastewater treatment plant on W.W. Harleaux to a pumping station included building a new concrete wall and filtering system (shown in top photo).



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# CITY NEWS

JUNE 2016

City of  
**Plaquemine**  
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★ **16th Annual** ★  
**July 4th**  
**HOMETOWN CELEBRATION**

**Monday, July 4 • 3-9 pm**

**Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou**  
**Plaquemine Waterfront Park**

57845 Foundry St., Plaquemine

### Schedule of Events

- 3 - 7 pm Plaquemine Lock Historic Site open with free admission and Lock tours
- 3 - 7 pm Iberville Museum open with free admission, artist Julie Buckner to draw free caricatures, free arts and crafts for children while supplies last
- 5 pm **FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT WATERFRONT PARK** - MUSIC with Eddie Smith Band, children's games, rides, climbing wall, spacewalk, food and crafts vendors. Booths available for food and crafts vendors by calling City Hall - 225.687.3116 for information
- 5:30 pm **BOAT PARADE HONORING VETERANS DEPARTS** from boat launch across from Iberville Parish Jail on Bayou Road. It arrives at Waterfront Park at approximately 5:50 pm with 2016 Grand Marshals in lead boat. To enter boat parade show up at 5 pm at boat launch - no fee to enter boat parade, patriotic boat decorations encouraged
- 6 pm **BOAT PARADE DOCKS** at Waterfront Park, **VETERANS CEREMONY**
- 7 pm **JITTER BUG DANCE CONTEST** on the boardwalk.
- 9:00 pm **DRAMATIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY** by Knights of Columbus Council 970

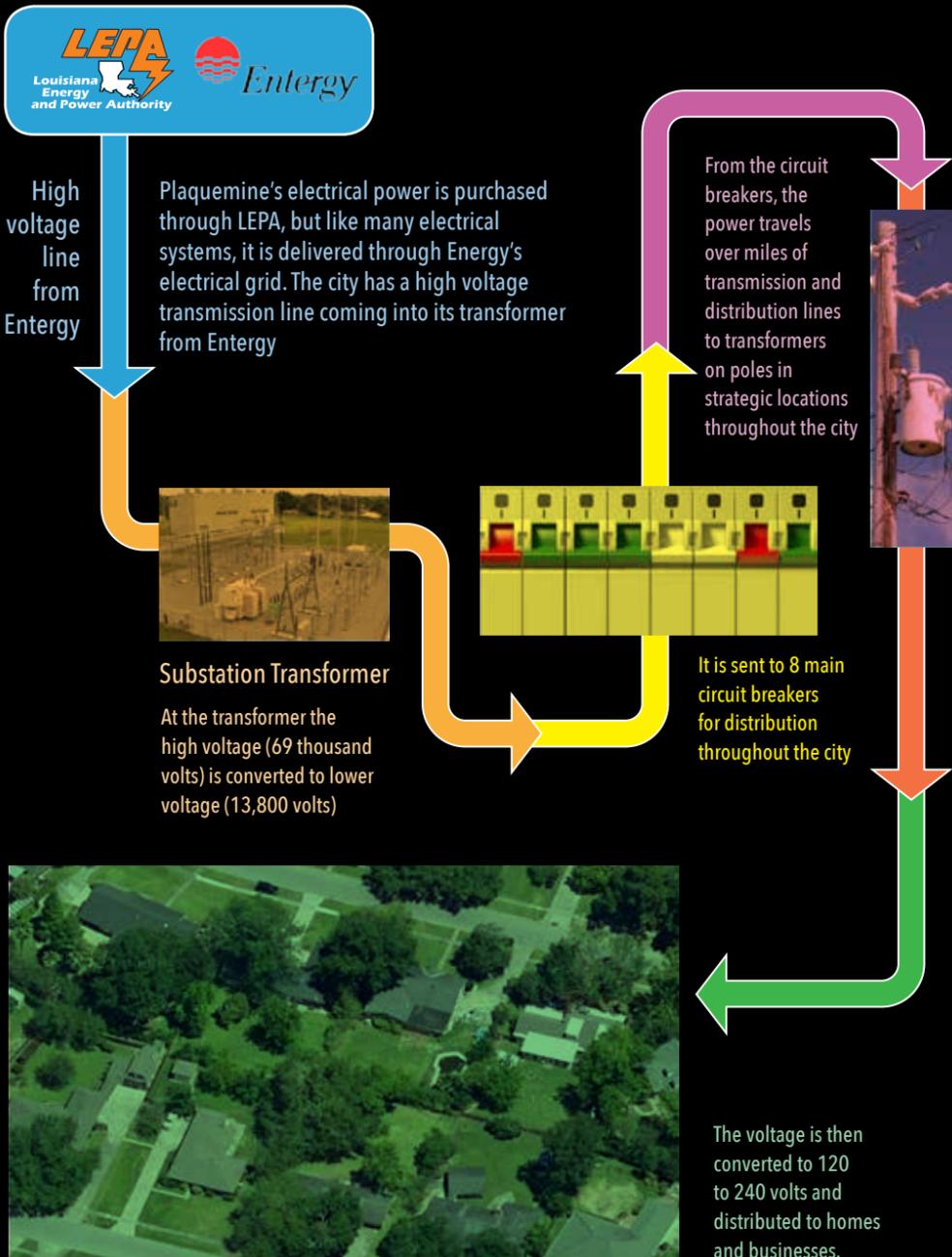
No Ice Chests, Personal Tents, Pets Or Fireworks

Boats welcome to dock at Waterfront Park

Bring your lawn chairs

# How Plaquemine gets its electrical power

Electric linemen maintain the electrical system, and also determine the causes of outages and make the necessary repairs. When most of us are sheltered and safe in rainy weather, they are called out to respond to outages. This usually requires them working 50 feet high in poor conditions and at any time of the day or night. While they can work on the city's electrical system, when outages are from Entergy's high voltage line, the city must wait on Entergy crews to make repairs before bringing the city power back up.



# PLEASE DON'T LITTER!!

## LITTERING AGAIN BECOMING A PROBLEM ...please help keep Plaquemine beautiful

The City of Plaquemine spends more than \$100,000 a year on litter abatement efforts. These include:

- Monthly Bayou Plaquemine clean up by boat
- Street sweeper operating 5 days a week
- Weekly trash collection crew - more than 100 bags collected weekly
- Plaquemine IARC litter collection crew - 30-40 bags collected monthly
- City clean-up of abandoned and blighted property
- City sponsors annual litter commercial contest among high school students
- Special litter catchers installed on drains in high litter areas to stop litter from entering the drainage system and going into Bayou Plaquemine
- Work with Eagle Scouts to install special signs on drains. The signs state: Don't Litter - Trash flows to bayou
- Cleaning brush and trash from 33 drains that go into Bayou Plaquemine
- Educating residents to stop littering



Despite all these efforts, the city is seeing an increase in litter once again. In addition, the city is seeing large objects like tires and appliances being thrown into Bayou Plaquemine. Residents are reminded that littering is a crime, and also ruins our city.

### Northside Fire Station getting facelift

The Northside Fire Station in north Plaquemine is getting extensive renovations over the next few months. Repairs have been made to the roof and new bay doors were installed. The inside of the station is also getting a facelift. New flooring and cabinets are being installed and it will be re-painted. "The station

was built in 1992, and needed some updating," said Fire Chief Darren Ramirez. "A total of \$50,000 had been allocated in this budget year for the improvements. These improvements will put the station in good condition." The work is expected to be completed some time this summer.

## Water Spray Park opens for cool summer fun



Shown are scenes from a field trip by Iberville Elementary kindergartners to the Water Spray Park at Plaquemine City Park in May. The spray park opened to the public for the summer on May 28. Hours are Tuesday- Saturday 10 am-7 pm, and Sunday 1-7 pm. It is closed on Mondays for maintenance.



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