



Court, meeting room renovation complete

Renovation of the Plaquemine City Chamber/Courtroom in City Hall has been completed. The antiquated tile ceiling was replaced with sheetrock, old carpeting and tile replaced with new carpet, all the bench seating and woodwork in the room was stripped and re-finished, and the room was repainted. The city received a \$35,000 grant from the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for the renovation. The room was last updated in 1948 so the renovation was needed. The City is seeking photos of the room from before the building fire of 1948. Anyone having a photo, please call the Mayor's Office at 225-687-3116 so that we can scan it.

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Kids enjoy learning various art forms at Waterfront Park

Youngsters interested in art enjoyed four mornings immersed in different art forms at the 2nd Annual Kids and Kolor Art Class in June, thanks to the Iberville Friends of the Arts and Plaquemine Main Street Program. Special thanks to volunteer artists Betty LaBauve, water color painting; Ruth Williams, book making; Christina Cope, zentagle drawing; and Beth Cardinal, recycling art. The program was open to all 8-12 year olds and was held in the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park meeting room.

CITY NEWS

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2010-2015 City infrastructure improvements

Since 2010 the City of Plaquemine has embarked on extensive infrastructure improvements, which will serve the city well into the future. Here's a run-down of the projects completed or underway:

- **Construction of water spray park** at Plaquemine City Park - 2010
- **Natural gas, sewer and water line repairs and relocation** in preparation for city-wide road resurfacing project - \$1.2 million (2010)
- **Downtown La. Hwy. 1 beautification** - \$300,000 (2010)
- **City-wide road resurfacing project** - \$12 million (2010 & 2011)
- **Cement curb repairs and replacement** - \$1.1 million (2011)
- **Pipeline to divert wastewater effluent** from Bayou Plaq. to Miss. River - \$2.5 million (2011)
- **Electrical line upgrades** in north Plaquemine - \$250,000 (2011)
- **COPAC window and roof replacement and Gym air conditioning** - \$250,000 (2011 & 2013)
- **Construction of Main Pavilion** at Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park - \$1.3 million (2012)
- **Electrical system transformer and substation improvements** - \$5.5 million (2013-2015)
- **Electrical system line improvements** in south Plaquemine - \$1.6 million (2013 & 2014)
- **Purchase of remaining former Nadler property and construction of additional lighted parking** area for Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park - \$800,000 (2013 & 2014)
- **Construction of new wastewater treatment plant**, rights-of-way, and conversion of W.W. Harleaux plant to pumping station - \$16.46 million (2014 & 2015)



Part of new control room at city's electrical sub-station.

SAVE THE DATE

International Acadian Festival

Oct. 10 – Evangeline presentation
Oct. 16-18 - Acadian Festival



Oct. 24 – Election day
Oct. 31 – Halloween trick or treat

Coming Oct. 9-10
9 to 5
Musical Production

Nov. 7 – Fall Festival
Nov. 11 – Iberville Salute to Veterans
Nov. 13 & 14 – Art in the City Weekend

Dec. 13 – Children's Christmas Festival
Dec. 19 – Holly Jolly Christmas



July 4th Celebration draws thousands



Shown are scenes from the July 4th Hometown Celebration, which drew some 8,000 people to the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park. In the photo above are the eight veterans who were grand marshals of the boat parade this year. They are, from left, Dean Smart, George "Brother" Michel, Tommy J. LeBlanc, Sr., Danny Gulotta, Mervin "Butch" Gourgues, Richard Trepagnier, Mervin LeBlanc, and Clyde Loubiere. The celebration is sponsored by the Plaquemine Main Street Program.



New treatment plant 80% complete

Construction of Plaquemine's new wastewater treatment plant is expected to be complete by the end of 2015. The \$12 million plant will replace the 1960s plant on W.W. Harleaux Avenue, which has reached capacity. The new plant will be more energy and environmentally efficient, and will have plenty of excess capacity for future growth of the city. The plant on W.W. Harleaux will be converted to a pumping station as soon as the wastewater treatment plant is completed. Equipment for that conversion is being ordered now. "The construction is getting great reviews from LDEQ (La. Department of Environmental Quality) inspectors and equipment representatives," said Mayor Mark "Tony" Gulotta.

New electrical breakers installed



The city has completed installation of eight new circuit breakers at the electrical substation. These circuit breakers replace breakers that were some 40 to 50 years old. "The old breakers were failing us, resulting in outages, and it was getting extremely difficult to get parts for them," noted Utility Director Frank Mott. "The new breakers are more efficient, and will serve the city well into the future." They will also reduce power outages.

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