

## Electric rate reduction coming

(Continued from cover) operational, so the plants will close in June.

The City of Plaquemine's share of the LEPA savings, after expenses, is expected to be \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year. Mayor Mark "Tony" Gulotta said those savings will be passed on to customers beginning in June. "We are working to determine what the savings will be for individual customers," Gulotta said.

"The membership in LEPA is paying dividends for our customers," Gulotta said. "This move by LEPA, along with the City's decision to have 20 percent ownership of a new high efficiency plant being built by LEPA in Morgan City, will ensure our customers very competitive and stable rates for many years ahead."

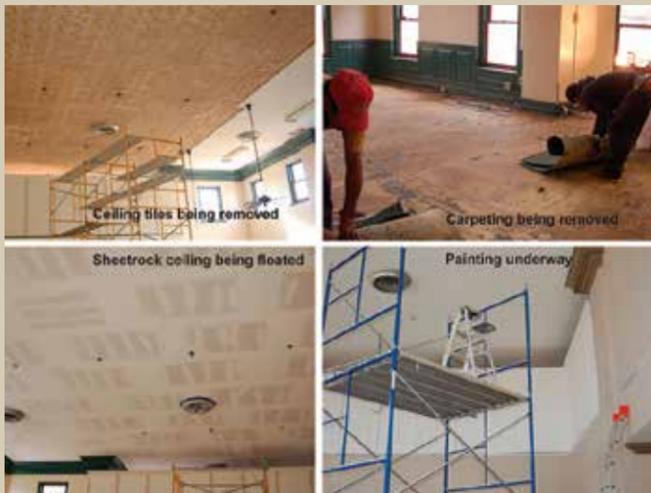
## It's Spring Cleaning Time!

**LET'S KEEP  
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BEAUTIFUL!  
KEEP YOUR  
PROPERTY CLEAN,  
TIDY AND  
MOWED.**

**Call 225-687-2208 to report hazardous conditions or overgrown grass on properties in the City of Plaquemine.**

## CITY CHAMBER/COURTROOM GETS OVERHAUL...

Renovation of the Plaquemine City Chamber/Courtroom in City Hall is almost complete. The project includes replacing the antiquated tile ceiling with sheetrock, removing old carpeting and tile and replacing it with new carpet, stripping and re-finishing all the bench seating and woodwork, and repainting the room. 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.** Shown at right are photos of stages of the renovation.



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### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NEARS COMPLETION

The City of Plaquemine's new \$12 million wastewater treatment plant is more than 70 percent complete, and is expected to be completed this fall. The plant will replace the city's antiquated 1960's plant on W.W. Harleaux Street. The plant on Harleaux will be converted into a pumping station once the new plant is operational. The new energy efficient plant is located in a cane field off La. Hwy. 1 in the southern part of the city.

# CITY NEWS

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## Electric rate reduction coming

Plaquemine residents can expect a reduction in their electric bills beginning in June, thanks to the savings the City will receive from LEPA's move to end its operation of four electric power plants.

LEPA (Louisiana Energy & Power Authority) provides electrical power to the City of Plaquemine. For many

years, it has leased the Plaquemine steam plant, along with electrical plants in Morgan City, New Roads and Rayne, primarily to meet demand requirements. LEPA has made strategic moves enabling it to purchase electrical power much cheaper than the cost of keeping these plants

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The City of Plaquemine will have 20 percent ownership of a new highly efficient natural gas electrical plant that is being built in Morgan City by LEPA, which will help the City maintain electric rates at very competitive prices. In the photo above, Utilities Director Frank Mott (third from left) and Mayor Mark "Tony" Gulotta (front seventh from right) are shown during a tour of the plant construction. Shown behind them is the combustible turbine (much like a jet engine) that will generate the electricity to the grid. Construction of the new plant is expected to be complete by this fall.

# COMING EVENTS

- March 28** Iberville Pet Awareness and Easter Egg Hunt, Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park, 10-3 pm
- March 29** Spring Festival, Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park, 8-2 pm
- April 17** 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gray Monkey Parade, Railroad Avenue, 12:30 pm
- April 17** Iberville Relay for Life, COPAC, 5 pm
- April 18** St. Jude Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show, Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park, 8-4 pm
- May 1-3** Cub Scout Soap Box Derby Car Races, Main Street
- May 16** Elks Crawfish Shoot Out & Cooking Contest, Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park, 9-5 pm
- May 29-31** Iberville Community Theater production - Annie the Musical, [www.wearethedifference.org](http://www.wearethedifference.org)
- May 30** Art on the Bayou, Bayou Plaq. Waterfront Park, 10-4 pm
- May 30** Water Spray Park opens for summer at City Park, 10-7 pm

Get more information on all events at: [www.plaquemine.org/events](http://www.plaquemine.org/events)



St. Jude Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

Second Annual  
**Spring Festival**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015**  
**8 am • 2 pm**  
**Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park**  
 57845 Foundry St, Plaquemine, LA

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** **FREE ADMISSION**

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**  
 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
 8AM-10:30AM • \$7.00

**Children's Stroll with Easter Bunny**  
 10:30AM

**Arts and Crafts**  
 9AM-1PM

**Easter Bonnet Contest**  
 Adult and Children  
 11AM

**Photos with the Easter Bunny**  
 \$5 dollars

**Chili Cook-Off**  
 11AM-2PM People's Choice Judging

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 11:30 AM Sponsored by Plaquemine Elks Lodge 1398

**Plant Sale by Tri-Parish Gardeners**

**Easter egg hunt**

**Arts and crafts**

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 We Are the Difference, Inc. Plaquemine Main Street Program

Contact Event Chairman Rhonda Harrell at 225-687-2029  
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The winners of the Plaquemine Litter Commercial Challenge were honored at the City of Plaquemine Board of Selectmen meeting on March 10. Shown prior to the meeting are: Seated from left the winning team from the Iberville Math, Science and Arts Academy West and their teacher: Jaed Mosby, Myron Gibson and Milo Young and teacher Taylor Heikes. Standing behind them are, from left, Selectmen Jimmie Randle, Jr., and Lin Rivet, Jr., Hayley Brown representing Axiall Corp., which donated the \$500 prize to the students; Selectman Timmy Martinez, Mayor Mark "Tony" Gulotta, and Selectmen Mickey Rivet and Oscar Mellion. Not shown is Selectman Ralph Stassi, Jr.

## City officials honor student winners of Litter Commercial Challenge

The winning team of the City of Plaquemine Litter Commercial Challenge includes Jared Mosby, Milo Young and Myron Gibson, students at Iberville MSA West.

This challenge was designed to get students, who are among the primary litterers, involved in fighting littering by creating local litter commercials. It drew 12 commercials from student teams at all three local high schools!

The winning team won a \$500 gift card donated by Axiall Corp., and the City will air their commercial on local cable.

To view the commercials, go to the City You Tube channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC1SL-d4pKU1ooF\\_-v8CSYIQ/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1SL-d4pKU1ooF_-v8CSYIQ/videos)

Special thanks to Axiall Corp. for its support of this program for students.

### OTHER LITTER UPDATES:

The City has also changed an unfilled position in its Public Works Department to a litter collection position, and now has an employee picking up litter full time. It is continuing to use the street sweeper weekly, and has assistance from the Iberville Association of Retarded Citizens (IARC) in picking up litter weekly.

City crews collected 30.36 cubic yards of litter on streets and public property after the Plaquemine Mardi Gras Parade, and 24.36 cubic yards of litter after the Krewe of Comogo Parade.