



#### LA. 1 HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION UNDERWAY

The \$290,000 La. Hwy. 1 beautification project in downtown Plaquemine is well underway. Located between St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Iberville Welcome Center and Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site, the project will include decorative lighting, landscaping and sidewalks. The state is funding 80 percent of the cost of the project, which should be complete in the fall.

## UPDATES

### Utility repairs, relocation underway for road program

The relocation and repair of some sewer, gas and water lines and relocation of some utility lines is underway as the first phase of the city's extensive road improvement project. Road overlay work, costing about \$12 million and including all streets in the city, will be done in phases and work should begin in July.

### Prescription cards mailed out

Customers of Plaquemine City Light & Water should have received their prescription discount cards in their June utility bills. The cards can be used to get a 20 to 50 percent discount on prescriptions for those who do not have insurance or take medications not covered by their insurance. One card can be used for the entire family. Simply show the card when getting your prescriptions. This program is being provided by the City of Plaquemine. If you did not receive your card, please contact City Hall at 687-3116. Additional cards will be available at local participating pharmacies: Barker's Pharmacy, CVS Pharmacy, Goudeau's Health Mart and Wal-Mart.

### Pumping system proving effective

The city's Mississippi River pumping project into Bayou Plaquemine has been working properly since early 2010, and is proving effective in both improving the water quality and the fish habitat of Bayou Plaquemine. "It's been very successful, and the improvement in the bayou is very evident," noted Mayor Tony Gulotta.



MESSAGE FROM  
MAYOR MARK  
"TONY" GULOTTA

### Dear City Light & Water customers,

You will notice that your electrical bills have not been as high in recent months as they were last year. This is due to lower natural gas costs. Natural gas is used to make the energy for your electricity, and the cost of electricity is highly dependent on natural gas costs.

We anticipate natural gas costs remaining low through the summer. However, temperatures are soaring into the mid-90s already, so your air conditioners are running much longer, electrical usage is up and your bills will be higher. I urge you to do everything you can to reduce your electrical usage during the hot summer months.

It would also help you to learn how much electrical power you are using monthly to monitor usage. The average home uses about 3,500 KW monthly. If you're using a lot more than that, take steps to conserve energy and better insulate your home. If you'd like our assistance in learning how to read your meter or insulate your home, please call City Light & Water at 687-3725.

Mayor "Tony" Gulotta

# How to read your utility bill

Have you noticed that your utility bill actually includes four services – electrical, natural gas, water and sewer fees?

Many residents compare their entire Plaquemine utility bill, including all these services, to Entergy's electric bill, which includes just electrical service.

"If residents did an apples to apples comparison, they would see that Plaquemine's electric rates are in line with Entergy's," Mayor Gulotta noted. If your utility bills have fluctuated widely over the last year, consider signing up for the Average Monthly Payment Plan (AMP). This payment program allows you to pay approximately the same amount each month for electricity, water, sewer, natural gas or security light usage throughout the entire year. The amount you pay each month is calculated by averaging your energy use in the prior 12-month period. Get more information by calling the Customer Service Department at 687-3725, Extension 2.

## SAMPLE UTILITY BILL

Notice that your bill includes electric, gas, water and sewer services.

CURRENT CHARGES (ELECTRIC)						
Meter	Previous	Current	Mult	Usage	Fuel	Amount
26933132	12636	13612	1	976		76.13
FUEL ADJUSTMENT						0.05841
						57.01
CURRENT CHARGES (GAS)						
Meter	Previous	Current	Mult	Usage	Fuel	Amount
2666316	4723	4723	1	0		5.00
CURRENT CHARGES (WATER)						
Meter	Previous	Current	Mult	Usage		Amount
8045923	12863	12866	1	3		5.60
CURRENT CHARGES (OTHER)						
Description						Amount
SEWER						3.60
AMOUNT DUE						
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES						147.34
TOTAL AMP AMOUNT						188.87
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY DUE DATE						188.87
TOTAL DUE IF PAID AFTER 11/20/2008						188.87



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