

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR REEVES



City pursues grants for projects

Happy holidays to everyone!

As we round out 2022, the City of Plaquemine is pursuing five grants for infrastructure projects. The biggest is an \$800,000 CDBG grant for road improvements in the WW Harleaux area. We are also requesting the maximum allowed, \$50,000 each, for a LGAP grant for drainage improvements, and a CWEF grant for water system improvements. Finally, we are applying for a grant for metal trash receptacles through the Keep Louisiana Beautiful program.

Early next year we will also be applying for a grant to help demolish blight buildings and houses that have been condemned and are considered a danger to the community. I am hopeful that the City will receive some, if not all, of these grants in the coming months, and we will continue to look for grants as we move into 2023.

We hope you will come enjoy the holiday festivities at the All Is Bright Christmas event (see inside this newsletter for information). This very popular event has something for the whole family, including plenty of children's activities. Don't miss it!

Merry Christmas and happy new year to everyone! May you and your family have a holiday season filled with love, joy and laughter.

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Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Jr.

More cameras added at parks, around city

More cameras are being added at city parks due to continued incidents of vandalism. The purchase of additional cameras was also approved by the Board of Selectmen in the 2022-2023 budget. These cameras will be placed in strategic locations to help reduce crime and solve crimes.

Numerous incidents of vandalism at city parks throughout 2022 resulted in thousands of dollars of damage, along with many hours of clean up at the parks. In more than one incident, the cameras at the parks were damaged or destroyed by the vandals. With that in mind, the city is installing more cameras in the parks in positions that make their destruction much more difficult.

"We will not tolerate the destruction of our beautiful parks that so many families use on a weekly basis. We will pursue and prosecute those responsible for vandalism, and we will ask judges for maximum sentences," said Mayor Ed Reeves, Jr. "This has been a continued and frustrating problem."

The other cameras being purchased by the city were purchased at the request of the Plaquemine Police Department, and their placement will not be publicized.

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City Finance	687-3725
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For city department info go to www.plaquemine.org

Culvert repairs on Fleniken Road ends up being major, costly project

A major project to replace a 6-foot wide culvert crossing under Fleniken Road was completed, despite setbacks, just before Thanksgiving.




The project was not planned but became necessary because the culvert under the road was collapsing and was causing the road to collapse. This culvert is a major drainage culvert for a large area including the Iron Farm Road area, Jumonville Subdivision and St. Clement area (basically much of District 6).

Initially, the project included removing a portion of the road to dig out and replace about 60 feet of culvert. However, once the project began, it was evident that about 120 feet of culvert needed to be replaced. That work is complete, and the road has been covered with limestone, so it is usable. It will be resurfaced with asphalt in early December.



"This project will cost well over \$100,000 by the time we pay for resurfacing the road, but it had to be done," said Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Jr. "Drainage and the road were both compromised had we not made the repairs, and that is a heavily used road."

SAFETY AROUND HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES HAS ALWAYS BEEN SMART. NOW IT'S THE LAW!



In the interest of safety, the electric utilities of Louisiana call your attention to the recently enacted High Voltage Overhead Power Line Safety Act. Under this act, effective January 1, 2002:

Louisiana law prohibits unauthorized persons from working, including moving equipment, within a 10 feet of any high voltage overhead electric utility line.

- If any unauthorized person intends to work within 10 feet of any high voltage overhead electric utility line, the person responsible for the work to be done must notify the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead electric utility line not less than 48 hours prior to commencing work.
- Work shall be performed only after satisfactory mutual arrangements have been completed between the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead electric utility line and the person responsible for the work done.

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CITY OF PLAQUEMINE**

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If any unauthorized person intends to work within ten (10) feet of any high voltage overhead electric utility line, the person responsible for the work to be done must notify the CITY OF PLAQUEMINE of the high voltage overhead electric utility line not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencing work.

Work shall be performed only after satisfactory mutual arrangements have been completed between the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead electric utility line and the person responsible for the work to be done.

To notify the City of Plaquemine that you intend to work within ten (10) feet of a high voltage overhead electric utility line owned or operated by it, please call 225-687-2461 (between 6:00 a.m. – 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Friday). In the event of an emergency after business hours, please call 225-687-4796 or 911.

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Physical: 58190 W.W. Harleaux St
Plaquemine, LA 70764-3232
Mailing: P.O. Box 777, Plaquemine, LA 70765-0777
Phone: 225-687-2461
City website: www.plaquemine.org

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Natural Gas System**

The U.S. Department of Transportation Regulation 192.16 requires the City of Plaquemine to advise our new and existing customers of certain safety recommendations regarding your underground natural gas piping. The City of Plaquemine Gas Department does not maintain the natural gas piping beyond the meter. Gas piping beyond the meter is the property of the customer and/or property owner. If underground (metallic) gas piping is not properly maintained, it may be subject to corrosion and/or leakage. These buried natural gas lines should be checked periodically for leakage by a qualified technician.

HELP US KEEP YOU SAFE - How to Recognize a Natural Gas Leak
Natural gas leaks may be detected by one of the following indications on or near our pipelines right-of-way:

1. A gaseous or hydrocarbon odor.
2. A blowing or hissing sound.
3. Dust blowing from a hole in the ground.
4. Continuous bubbling in one spot in wet or flooded area.
5. Dead vegetation (grass, shrubs or trees.)
6. Abnormally dry or hardened soil.
7. Fire apparently coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

CAUTION: Natural gas that has accumulated in a confined space is subject to explosion. Please stay away from immediate area of any suspected gas leak and contact the City of Plaquemine Gas Department at 225-687-2461 or 225-687-2036 or After Hours: 225-687-4796 or 911.

Prior to any excavation in and around any gas facilities, please contact the One-Call System at 1 (800) 272-3020 or 811.

All Is Bright to feature over 70 vendors, plenty of family fun!

Plaquemine's downtown district will come alive on Saturday, December 3, with the All Is Bright - A Hometown Christmas event, and it promises to provide fun for everyone!

Activities for children include a petting zoo, train rides, ferris wheel, stilt walker, caricature artist, bouncy house, balloon artist, face painting, pet adoption, light up toys, and activities by library staff. Of course, Santa Claus will make a visit for photos, along with the Grinch.

New this year is a children's walking parade with children in Christmas decorated carts, etc. The parade line-up is at 4 pm on Main Street.

More than 70 vendors, including 15 downtown businesses, are participating and will be selling a wide variety of items, including handmade jewelry, handmade crafts, art, home decor, tumblers, embroidery, kitchen items, pecan syrup, preserves, paparazzi, purses, cocoa bombs, baby blankets, cell phones, shea butter and soaps, hair bows, Mary Kay products, kids toys, t-shirts, gift items and baskets, and much more!

Food vendors will have hamburgers, loaded nachos, jambalaya, gumbo, hot chocolate, funnel cakes, chicken tenders, fries, fried meatballs, roasted corn, flavored chicken wings, turkey wings, hot sausage poboys, sweets, popcorn, lemonade and more!

A big screen TV airing the LSU game will be provided, along with music by the 225 band, LA Southbound, and the River Church. See the flyer at right for contact information.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Comeaux Brothers Construction, Barker Plumbing, Citizens Bank, Mayor Ed and Anne Reeves, Jr., Edward Jones - Chris Reeves, and the City of Plaquemine. This event is being sponsored by the Plaquemine Main Street affiliate.



ALL IS BRIGHT

A Hometown Christmas

**Saturday, Dec. 3
4-8 pm**

**Railroad & Main St.
Plaquemine**

Downtown Plaquemine lights up the holidays!

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| Kids train & ferris wheel | Santa Claus & Grinch | Caricature artist |
| Petting zoo | Decorated fire truck & train | Plenty of food! |
| Stilt walker, balloon artist | LSU game on big TV | Music |
| Arts, crafts, jewelry vendors | All rides/music/activities are free! | |

Children's Christmas PARADE

**Decorated carts/kids
Line up on Main St. - 4 pm**



**Vendor booths \$25. For booth call 225-436-0341 or 225-242-9019
or email allisbrightplaquemine@gmail.com**

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