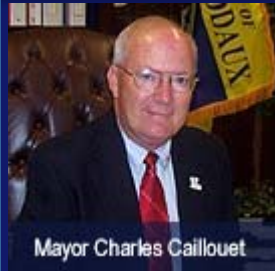


May 28, 2010



Mayor Charles Caillouet

# City of Thibodaux

Dear Luci,



**In observance of the Memorial Day Holiday, city offices will be closed on Monday, May 31st.**

**Please take a moment to remember the men and women who died while serving our nation.**

~Mayor Charles Caillouet

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**Project Spotlight**



## Featured Project

### Acadia Pedestrian Walkway Enhancement Project

**Under Construction!**

Located in front of Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, Phase I of the Acadia



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Pedestrian Walkway Enhancement Project stretches down the abandoned railroad corridor from Audubon Avenue to the Percy Brown Road. Construction of the 6 foot, concrete, lighted walkway will not only aesthetically enhance the developing area near the hospital, but will create a safe pedestrian walkway and bicycle path for residents.

**"The Acadia Pedestrian Walkway Enhancement Project is yet another step toward making Thibodaux a more pedestrian friendly city."**

~Mayor Charles Caillouet

View other [projects](#)

**Employee of the Month**



**Congratulations  
Trish Gaudet!**

[Trish Gaudet](#) is the city's Employee of the Month for **May**.

June's Employee of the Month will be named on June 16th.

**Has a City Employee Gone Above and Beyond To Assist You? If So, You Can Nominate Him or Her to Be Our Next Employee of the Month.**

To nominate someone, contact Delilah Duplantis at [dduplantis@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:dduplantis@ci.thibodaux.la.us) or call 985-446-7206

**"Team Thibodaux" Employee Spotlight**



**Roger Hernandez**

**Department & Position:** Thibodaux Police Department, Mechanic

**Years Employed with the city:** 3 years

**What do you enjoy most about working for the city?**



I have always enjoyed working within a group, both as a worker and as a supervisor, but I can say without a doubt, in my entire career, I have never worked with a better group of people, both in the Thibodaux Police Department and as a city employee.

**What changes (if any) have you seen occur in the city over the**

**months/years?**

I have had the fortune of being involved in a lot of positive changes within the Thibodaux Police Department and in other areas of the city, including:

1. We have a larger and more visible fleet of police units on city streets.
2. Streets signs are maintained more effectively.
3. The city has a more manicured look and we can all be proud to live here.
4. Finally, the changes planned for the future also make it a great time to be part of the team.

**A Letter to the Mayor...**

Greetings Mr. Mayor,

I would like to introduce myself and tell you a little story about my connection to Thibodaux, LA. My name is John Janser and I reside in Bristol, CT, the home of ESPN. In early December of 2008, I adopted a rescue dog "RANGER" from the fine people of Hope For Animals out of Thibodaux, LA. You see, the Coonass Retrievers might be a dime a dozen in Louisiana, but they are a very rare breed in Connecticut indeed. You see the adoption didn't end with Ranger finding his "Forever Home" in December 2008 with my family. I have become friends with a few of the ladies who volunteer many hours with HOPE. We email weekly and just keep in touch with each other.

Now this is where it gets interesting...

The Ladies Of Hope tell me you have an EXTRA season down South...One that can bring havoc and destruction ..YES.. **HURRICANE SEASON!!!** Once a year we may get hit with a winter Northeaster, but nothing with the destructive force of a hurricane. Before my grandmother's passing, many years ago she taught me something special, **a special dance!** You see, before a forecasted Northeaster or other large storm she would do a little dance, hoping to distract Mother Nature and me just for a moment, hoping the storm would pass us by. After learning from a Hope member that their shelter was destroyed by a hurricane in 2008, I had to search my memory of 52 years and try to remember the steps to that dance. I was a month late in 2008 but I perfected it for 2009.

I can see you smiling now!

On the Sunday before hurricane season starts, around midnight, I begin... This year might be a little tougher than the past few years... I'm a few years older, my back acts up and my knees are both shot and only a few brain cells are still really sparking. These physical injuries will not keep me from doing "THE HURRICANE DANCE."

The dance has never be filmed or photographed and I can only give you my wife Brenda's description of it. She said, "It looks like you're dancing on a live electrical wire, with all the jerks and struts..."

Mr. Mayor, this weekend I'll be ready again to do what I can to distract Mother Nature's wrath and give you another mild hurricane season and am hoping I can count on you to bail me out of the city jail, if needed!

I hope my little story has relieved some of the tension that is building in the Gulf!



John Janser & Ranger

### Cool Picture!



### What a View!

Nicholls State University hosted a joint training exercise for the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, May 26. Featuring a real-time mock rescue and fire, aided with smoke machine simulations, the exercise took place at Ellender Hall - the tallest building in Thibodaux. As part of the exercise, volunteer firefighters entered the fifth floor of the building via truck ladder.

### Senior Mayor

The City of Thibodaux has a program called "**Senior Mayor for a Day**" where we invite a Thibodaux senior citizen to serve as Senior Mayor for the Day. The program encourages positive communication between the city's senior residents and the city's leadership team.



Pictured with Mayor Caillouet: [Earl \(E.J.\) Rhodes](#). Mr. Rhodes served as Senior Mayor on Tuesday, April 6.

**Eva Jacobs is scheduled to serve as our next Senior Mayor on June 1, 2010.**

If you would like to nominate our next Senior Mayor, contact Luci Sposito at [lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us) or 985-448-5852. Nominee must be 65 years or older and live in the city limits.

### City Press Releases



1. Tiger Drive Extension and Thibodaux [Road Overlays](#)
2. TREC [Tennis and Cheerleading](#) Clinic Registration
3. City Offices Closed in Observance of the [Holiday](#)

### Report Street Light Outages



Mayor Caillouet and Entergy request assistance in identifying streetlight outages in the city. If you would like to report a streetlight outage, contact Entergy Corporation at 1-800-ENERGY (1-800-368-3749).

#### Do You Tweet?

### Mayor Caillouet is on Twitter!

If you would like to follow the Mayor, search for Mayor Caillouet on Twitter!

#### Recreation Department

Don't Forget to [Register](#) for TREC Summer Camp!



### 2010 Municipal Pool Admission Fees, Hours, and Rules

#### General Swimming

\$3.00 per person	Monday-Saturday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Baby Pool: \$1.00	<b>Children Must Be Supervised</b>

#### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: FAMILY OF FIVE (5)

\$150.00	Monday-Friday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Valid June 7-August 1, 2010	Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Each addition family member: \$25.00	



(Pictured left: Ron Alcorn,  
Thibodaux Recreation Director)

For more information on Thibodaux Recreation programs, call 985-446-7235 or [recreation@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:recreation@ci.thibodaux.la.us)

**Parks Department**

**The Pavilion at Daigle Park is Built!**



Pictured Above, Kelly Shipp, Parks Director

View Daigle Park Pavilion Project [Information](#)

**Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium**



**The Auditorium is the Location of the Thibodaux Recreation Summer Camp**

View Upcoming [Events](#)

**Community Events**



The Mannings

**The Following Are Just a Few Upcoming Events**

**May 30:** Margo Battaglia's Studio of [Danse Recital](#)

**May 31:** City Holiday

**June 1:** City [Council](#) Meeting

**June 6:** To the Pointe [Dance](#) Recital

**June 6 - June 28:** TREC Summer [Youth Camp](#)

**June 8:** 2009 Property Tax Sale

**June 8 - June 11:** [Manning](#) Passing Academy

**June 9:** Planning & Zoning [Meeting](#)

View Details on All [Upcoming Events](#)

**Thibodaux Trivia - Last Week's Question & Response**



**Question: Who was the FIRST Mayor of Thibodaux?**

**Answer: James McAllister**

**Mr. Bruce Munroe** was the first to correctly answer this week's trivia question.

**Congratulations, Mr. Munroe!  
You are this week's Trivia King!**

**Thanks to all participants!**

**Thibodaux Trivia**

**Question: What is the oldest church in Thibodaux?**

The first person to correctly answer will win "bragging rights" and your name will appear in next week's newsletter and on the marquee at the Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium.

Send response to Luci Sposito at [lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us)



**Nicholls State University**

**NICHOLLS TO RECEIVE NEARLY ONE MILLION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Nicholls State University will receive \$997,907 as part of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources' "Lead by Example in State Buildings" program, designed to increase the energy efficiency of university buildings.



For More [Information](#)

**Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce**

**How to Attract and Retain Customers: Marketing 101**

A workshop presented by the La. Small Business Development Center in partnership with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce 10 a.m. - 12 Noon \$40 for members, \$50 for non-member.

Call or write the Chamber for reservations at [reservations@ThibodauxChamber.com](mailto:reservations@ThibodauxChamber.com) or

by calling 985-446-1187.

## You Asked Us



## Give Us A Hand!

Each week, Thibodaux residents write into the city's website with numerous questions. We were wondering if newsletter readers could help provide suggestions.

Please read the following and if you have any ideas, send them to Luci Sposito at [lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:lsposito@ci.thibodaux.la.us). We'll share your responses in next week's newsletter.

### A Resident Wrote:

"Help!! I am trying to find something creative for a 15 year old boy to do over the summer. He is too old for most activities at NSU and library and too young to work with the recreation department or any other part time job. He helps out with a little grass cutting in the neighborhood, but would love to do more.

Please help me find something for my intelligent, hard working, dependable, generous young man to do this summer. Thanks!!"

### Some Answers:

1. Do volunteer work for the church
2. Sitting for 11 or 12 year old boys.
3. Volunteer at schools during summer school.
4. Sitting for disabled young men.
5. Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

## Pages from the Past



### Submitted by Wayne Oncale, Thibodaux in 1942!

(An aerial photo of the Thibodaux bridge area)

View more [Pages from the Past](#)

## Lafourche Mayors' Committee on Disability Issues

### Lafourche Mayors' Committee on Disability Issues Hosts Trivia Night!



Saturday, June 26, 2010  
Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium

View More [Information](#)

### Quote of the Week

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

--*William Wordsworth*

### Lafourche Animal Shelter



#### Ready to adopt a pet?

Maybe the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter has the pet for you!

934 Hwy 3185

985-446-3532

Shelter Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, appointments before 12:00

#### Adoption Fees

Male Cat \$15.00

Female Cat \$25.00

Male Dog \$30.00

Female Dog \$35.00



Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers, ages 15 or older. Please come by the shelter to fill out an application and discuss different job duties.

### Thibodaux Main Street

#### Main Street Farmers Market is Open Every Saturday!



The Farmers Market is located at  
Jean Lafitte National Historical Park  
314 St. Mary Street

For more information, contact Joyce Benoit at 985-448-1474

If you have any questions about this newsletter or the City of Thibodaux, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Marketing & Public Relations Administrator  
City of Thibodaux

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