



# City of Thibodaux

NEWSLETTER



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**DECEMBER CALENDAR ART**

Allie Martinez

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

St. Joseph Elementary



## Message from the Mayor

“Now that we have tasted the fresh crisp air of fall, I am reminded that the holiday season is just around the corner. While visiting our local home improvement store last week, I found that the store is now full of Christmas decorations and lighting. I guess Sheri will be hanging ornaments on the tree in no time now.”

To read more, click [HERE](#).



## A Final Word from Mayor Eschete

Since this month's newsletter will be my last official letter, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the citizens of our community for their support and guidance during my twelve years in office.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor and to have had the opportunity to serve the City for a total of 37 years.

I have made so many good friends and had the opportunity to serve with many outstanding department heads, employees and public officials over the years. I have truly been blessed!

I am proud of what we have accomplished as a City and want to express my deepest gratitude to the past City Councils for their cooperation and support.

I wish to express my sincere best wishes to Mayor-Elect Clement as he prepares to officially take office January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please extend the same courtesy, cooperation and support to him that you afforded me and my administration during my tenure as Mayor. I am confident that he and his staff will do an outstanding job for our community.

Finally, I want to wish you and your family the Happiest and Holiest Holiday Season ever and best of luck in 2023!

## CITY OF THIBODAUX EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

RICHARD BROWN

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PARKS &  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT

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EQUIPMENT  
OPERATOR I



Richard has worked for the City of Thibodaux's Parks & Recreation Department for 24 years. As an equipment operator, he is usually riding a mower to cut grass at one of the City of Thibodaux's parks or medians along Canal Boulevard. Also, Richard does weed eating, trash pick-up, and helps out co-workers on other projects when needed.

### FUN FACTS:

- JUST A GOOD GUY LIVING ON CHERRY DRIVE IN THIBODAUX ALL OF HIS LIFE

### INTERESTS:

- FISHING WHENEVER HE CAN

### BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT TO DATE:

- PROMOTED FROM LABORER TO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
- BEING EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY OF THIBODAUX FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS WITH PLANS OF RETIRING AT 30 YEARS

"What makes my job rewarding is being able to meet and talk to new people at the parks as well as different events in the City. I enjoy my time on the job working together with good people. I take pride in doing my part to keep the City of Thibodaux clean and pretty."

--- Richard

# WARREN J. HARANG JR. MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM EVENTS



**A Visit To Santa's Land and Reindeer Rowe by the Thibodaux Service League on December 3, 2022, at the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium. Click the link below for more event information:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/6382866411391>**

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# Parks and Recreation

## Christmas in the Park

We have many volunteers sharing their time and talents with the community for Christmas in the Park, therefore we're excited to release our activity calendar!

Christmas in the Park opens on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Call April Courteaux @ (985) 446-7235 or Donna Thibodaux (985) 493-8757 at Parks & Recreation for questions or click the link for more details.

[Christmas In The Park! - Parks and Recreation - The City of Thibodaux, Louisiana.](#)

# **DECEMBER 2022** **Parks & Recreation's Christmas in the Park**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Decorating must be completed by 11/30/22	Nightly in December 6pm - 9pm			1 TOPS of La. Caroling	2 TOPS of La. Characters around the Tree 6pm Train Rides 6pm - 8:45pm \$3 cash per person	3 TOPS of La. Story Time 6pm Train Rides 6pm - 8:45pm \$3 cash per person
4 Thib. Chamber Parade starts @ 2:30 pm & ends at Park w/Santa Thib. Family Church serving refreshments	5 TOPS of La. Caroling 6pm	6 TOPS of La. Candy Canes Handout 6pm	7 TOPS of La. True Story of Christmas 6pm	8 TOPS of La. The Clauses - Photo Opt. 6pm Femmes Natales Kids Crafts - Reindeer Food (time to determined)	9 TOPS of La. Caroling 6pm	10 Woodmen Life Kid Giveaways 5pm Bayou Comm. Academy Drama Club Skits 6pm
11 Bayou Comm. Band Concert 3pm - 4pm Crossroads PRC Caroling & Serving Refreshments 5pm	12 TOPS of La. Troy Drive Giveaway 6pm	13 TOPS of La. Cajun Christmas Skit to Tops 6pm	14 TOPS of La. Promotional Gifts Giveaway 6pm 1st Baptist Church Goodies Giveaway 6pm	15 TOPS of La. Caroling	16 Broadway on the Bayou Skits 6pm Train Rides 6pm - 8:45pm \$3 cash per person	17 Train Rides 6pm - 8:45pm \$3 cash per person
18 University Baptist Church Caroling & Serving Refreshments 6-7 pm	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



\*Activity Schedule Subject to Change - Weather Permitting \*

\*Giveaways are First Come Basis as Supplies Last. Calendar Updated as of 11/29/22\*



The City of Thibodaux, Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce, and Thibodaux Family church invite the community to ride in the 2022 Christmas Parade! To participate, applications and waivers can be filled out [online](#). “All businesses, groups, and individuals are welcome to walk in the parade at no charge,” reads a statement from the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce. The deadline to register is Thursday, December 1, 2022.

The parade will take place on Sunday, December 4 with a line up time of 1:30. The parade will roll at 2:30 p.m. starting on the corner of Afton Dr., turning right onto Audubon Ave., then turn left onto Menard St., and continue down Menard St., all the way to Canal Blvd. Then, the parade will turn left onto Canal Blvd., and go down to 7th St. turning left onto 7th, and ending at Peltier Park.

For more information contact Sarah Rodrigue at the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce [sarah@thibodauxchamber.com](mailto:sarah@thibodauxchamber.com).

# **SAVE *the* **DATE****

## **Thibodaux Christmas Parade**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

## **City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM

## **Planning and Zoning Meeting**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM

## **City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM

## **First Day of Winter**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

## **Christmas Eve**

Saturday, December 24, 2022

## **Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25, 2022

## **Christmas Holiday**

Monday, December 26, 2022

City Offices Closed

## **Board of Adjustments Meeting**

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM

## **New Year's Eve**

Saturday, December 31, 2022

## **New Year's Day**

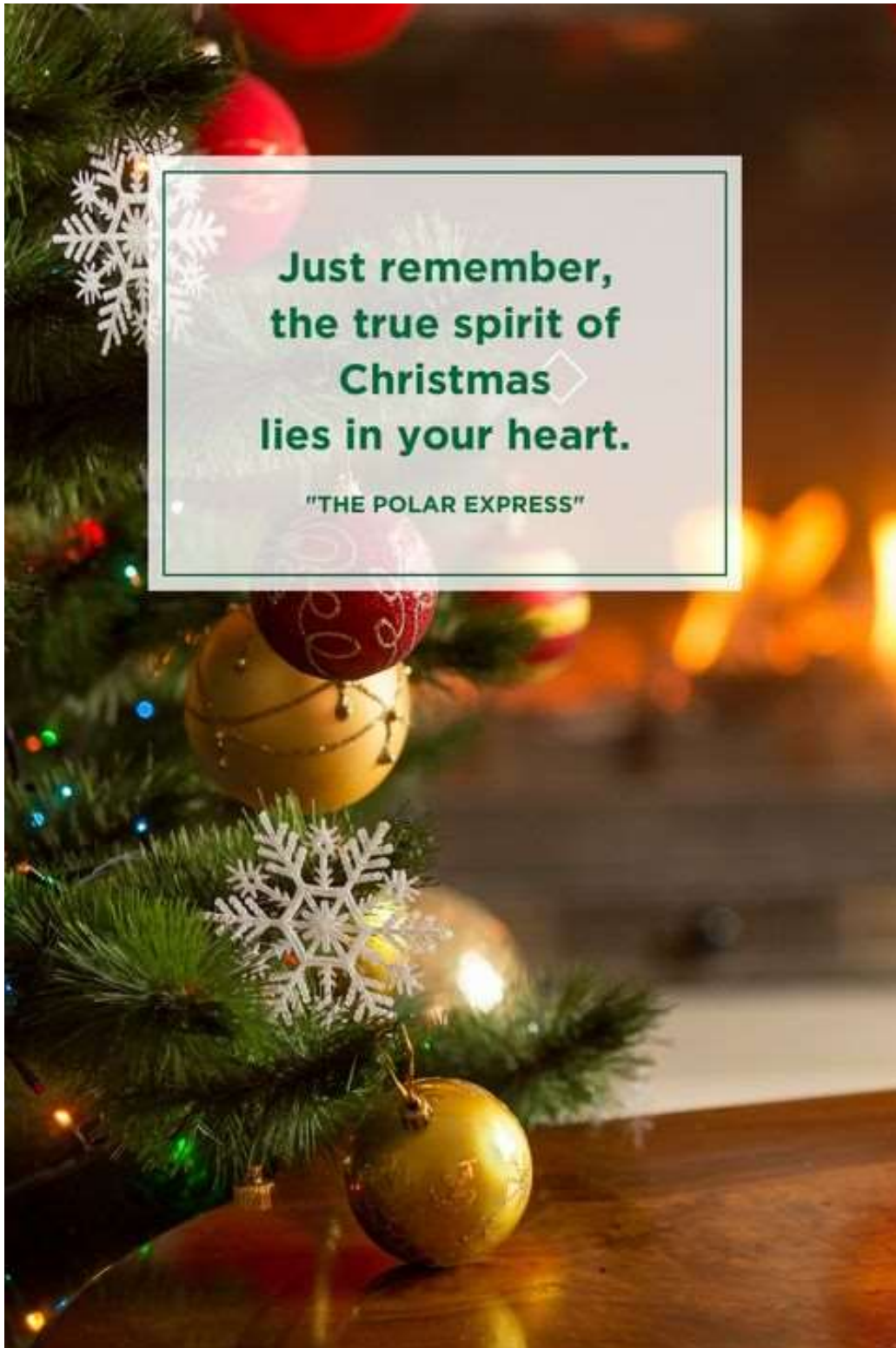
Sunday, January 1, 2023

## **New Year's Holiday**

Monday, January 2, 2023

City Offices Closed

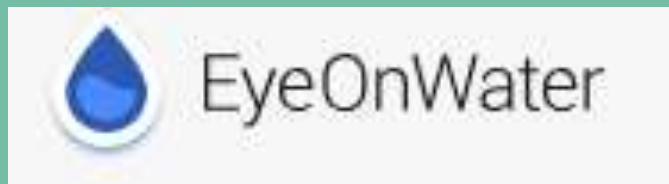
# QUOTE ME



**Just remember,  
the true spirit of  
Christmas  
lies in your heart.**

**"THE POLAR EXPRESS"**





Do you want the ability to track your water usage for your home? Do you want to be notified of a possible water leak at your residence?

City of Thibodaux residents have the ability to do these things by registering and creating an “Eye On Water” account!

To Create an Account online, click [HERE](#).

To Sign Up using an App on your mobile device, click [HERE](#).

### City Council Chambers Handicap Access

In order to assist with handicap access to all public meetings held in City Council Chambers, the City has established a phone line in the meeting room. If assistance is needed for entry to the building for a public meeting, please call (985) 324-6600, and someone will be available to help you.

### City of Thibodaux - Electronic Utility Bills

The City of Thibodaux now offers its citizens the option to electronically receive their utility bill. All that is needed is for the customer to submit their e-mail address to the Utility Collection or Utility Billing office. You will receive a PDF from [incode\\_top@ci.thibodaux.la.us](mailto:incode_top@ci.thibodaux.la.us) of your utility bill every month. No more waiting for the post office. If you would like to sign up, please contact the Utility Collection office at (985) 446-7204 or the Utility Billing office at (985) 446-7230.

### City of Thibodaux Utility Payment Options

City of Thibodaux utility customers can set up their accounts for direct payments. Please view the **DIRECT PAYMENT GUIDE** for more information. Then print the **DIRECT PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM**, fill out, and return either by mail (310 West 2nd Street P.O. Box 5418 Thibodaux LA, 70302) or drop box location (City Hall or Thibodaux Police Department). Also, utility customers can make payments online by visiting <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/thibodauxla> and setting up their account.

### Street Light Outages

Click [HERE](#) to report a street light outage, or contact Entergy at 1-800-368-3749.

### Natural Gas or Water Leak

If you suspect a natural gas or water leak **AFTER** normal working hours (7:00 AM - 4:00 PM), please call 985-446-5021 and the City of Thibodaux Gas and Water Division will be dispatched and respond immediately to investigate the emergency. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

For questions or comments regarding this newsletter or for the City of Thibodaux, contact:

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