

Things to Do

NEW INFO! Mayor Nic Hunter and the Community Advisement and Assessment Board will host community meetings for the residents of District F and District G. The meeting for residents of District F will take place on Thursday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at F.K. White Middle School (1000 E. McNeese St.). The meeting for residents of District G will take place on Thursday, October 5, at 6 p.m. at the Prien Lake Park Harbor's Edge Pavilion (3100 W. Prien Lake Rd.). These meetings follow community meetings recently held in Districts A through E. Meetings have been held in each of the city's districts since July and have provided valuable insight for Mayor Hunter, the advisory board and city staff. For more information, call 491-1382.

NEW INFO! Join the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital for Women for a night of fun, fashion and friends on Thursday, September 14, at the Prien Lake Mall. There will be shopping, socializing, special offers, giveaways and more. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sears Court.

The Lake Charles Little Theatre will open its 91st season with the production of The Marvelous Wonderettes with performances on September 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. Adults: \$20; Seniors (65+) \$15; Students \$10. Tickets available on-line at thelclt.com or leave a message at (337) 433-7988. The Lake Charles Little Theater is located at 813 Enterprise Blvd.

The Golden Nugget Lake Charles is pleased to announce the September 2017 live entertainment schedules for the Grand Event Center: Collective Soul (September 15), Kool & The Gang (September 16), Dwight Yoakam (September 22), Chris Isaak (September 23), and Bill Engvall (September 29). The following shows have been rescheduled from last week: The Commodores (November 10) and The Charlie Daniels Band (May 18).

NEW INFO! The Literacy Council will be hosting Literacy Awareness Day at the Prien Lake Mall on Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be activities, door prizes and free books. Please share with friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

CARC is hosting their "Color Splash n Dash 5K Run/Fun Walk" on Saturday, September 16, at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The race begins at 8 a.m. Earlybird registration is now available through Aug. 28 at www.active.com to guarantee a race T-shirt, color packet, bib, bandana, and sunglasses. There is a team discount for teams of 4 or more, and children 10 and under FREE (with 2 paid adults). Tell your family and friends and register to walk or run to help support CARC, a private, non-profit organization. The proceeds from this Color Splash n Dash will directly support our work to provide opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to live the fullest life possible.

The Verandah at Graywood is holding "Carnival for a Cause" on September 16. This event is for everyone regardless of age! There will be carnival games, fun jumps, face painting, music and more! Food is available from Prime Cuttery, Verrandah Chefs, and Pops & Rockets! All proceeds go to The Alzheimer's Association. Game and food tickets can be purchased with cash or checks. This event is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (337) 205-7139.

This year's nationwide Beach Sweep and Inland Waterway Cleanup is planned for Saturday, September 16, from 7 a.m. to noon and is presented by the City of Lake Charles and Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful—Team Green. Each year on the third Saturday of September, volunteers all over the world converge on beaches, shorelines and inland waterways to pick up trash and remove

dangerous debris. Beginning at 7 a.m., a pre-event briefing will take place at the Lake Charles Civic Center on the lakeside for volunteers. From 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., volunteers will collect trash and record their collections with data cards. From 11 a.m. to noon, there will be an event wrap-up with comments from Mayor Nic Hunter, including awards presentations, and refreshments at the Lake Charles Civic Center, Lakeside Parking Lot, 900 Lakeshore Dr. Trash receptacles will be provided at the following trash drop locations: Lake Charles Civic Center, I-10 beach, Prien Lake Park, North Ryan Street at River Road, and in the McNeese parking lot off of Common Street near the facilities building. For additional information or to register to volunteer, contact Blake Trahan at 491-1481 or blake.trahan@cityoflc.us.

The Children's Museum has the following activities on tap! On Saturday, September 16, it is fun with playdough in the ArtSpace from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. On Monday, September 18, it is "Homeschool Day" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids will enjoy a chance to interact with others doing the same. Admission is \$6.50 per person with a homeschool id or approval papers. They are also coloring turtle fans in the ArtSpace while supplies last. On Saturday, September 30, it is "Kids Choice" where kids can use extra projects that were leftovers from previous workshops and weekly projects. Projects will be available from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on a first-come first-served basis. Limit one project per child.

McNeese's Leisure Learning is offering the following classes:

- Excel I: Introduction to Excel, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Sept. 19, 21
- Excel II: Working with Multiple Workbooks, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Sept. 26, 28
- Excel III: Frequently Used Functions, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 3, 5
- Excel IV: Styles & Templates, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 10, 12
- Excel V: More Functions, Sec. A: 6 - 8 p.m., Tues/Thurs, Oct. 17, 19
- Excel I: Introduction, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 24
- Excel II: Working with Multiple Workbooks, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, October 31
- Excel III: Frequently Used Functions, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7
- Excel IV: Styles & Templates, Sec. B: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14
- QUICKBOOKS I: Setting Up a Company, Sales, Receipts, Purchases and Payments, 5 - 8 p.m., Mondays, September 19, 26, October 3
- QUICKBOOKS II: Setting Up Payroll, Financial Reports and Miscellaneous Transactions, 5 - 8 p.m., Mondays, October 10, 17, 24
- Stained Glass for Beginners, 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Wines of France, Australia, South America and USA, 7 - 8:30 pm, Wednesdays, Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18

To register, visit www.mcneese.edu/leisure or call (337) 475-5616.

CHRISTUS LiveWell Women's Network presents 'Ignite the Fire Within: A Night with Allison Massari' on Thursday, September 21, from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Golden Nugget Lake Charles. Join CHRISTUS Lake Area Hospital and CHRISTUS St. Patrick Health System for a night of insight and inspiration. There will be a women's health expo from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. featuring an afternoon of shopping and interactive booths; followed by a plated dinner, program and door prizes. Bring your girlfriends to celebrate the 7th anniversary of this one girls' night out you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a reserved table of eight (8), and can be purchased by calling (866) 200-3627 or by visiting ChristusHealth.org/Lake-Area. Deadline to register is September 7.

NEW INFO! On Thursday, September 21, the City of Lake Charles will hold Open House events in ten recreation centers across the city. Each open house will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The purpose of the events is to re-introduce the public to a number of Recreation and Parks Department programs and events. At each City of Lake Charles Recreation Center, there will be a number of celebration activities for attendees to enjoy including refreshments, door prizes, table games, youth activities, reading exercises, fun for seniors, and arts and crafts for the entire family. The ten recreation centers Open House event will include the following:

1. Bellard, located at 2808 Hillcrest Drive
2. Clifton, located at 2415 E. Gieffers Street
3. College Oaks, located at 3518 Ernest Street
4. Columbus Circle, located at 3520 Greenwich Blvd.
5. Donald R. Stevens, located at 1619 Cessford Street
6. Henry Heights, located at 801 E. School Street
7. Lanza, located at 609 Sycamore Street
8. McMillan, located at 343 Goos Street
9. Purple Heart, located at 4305 Avenue H
10. Willie McCullor Landry, located at 416 Dr. Michael DeBakey Drive

The public is invited to attend these free events. For more information or to schedule a tour of the community center, please call 491-1280.

NEW INFO! On Thursday, September 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuten Park will host a talk titled "Dragonflies: The Ultimate Predators." In this lecture, naturalist Irvin Louque will describe the complex aquatic and aerial lives of dragonflies. Attendees can expect to learn about the amazing adaptations of dragonflies, including migration, hunting behavior, and how to observe them. Bring binoculars and/or a camera, as the group will look for dragonflies in Tuten Park after the talk if time allows. For reservations, please register online at bit.ly/TutenEd or contact Irvin Louque at (337) 491-8770 or irvin.louque@cityoflc.us. Find out more information about the park at the Tuten Park website: www.cityoflakecharles.com/tutenpark.

NEW INFO! Climb on your bikes, jump on your Jeeps and lace up your running shoes! CHRISTUS St. Patrick Foundation is gearing up for the seventh annual Run with the Nuns Charity and Cook-off, which will take place on Saturday, September 23, at the Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheatre at 900 Lakeshore Drive. This year they have something for everyone, no matter how you like to get around. The newly added 5K Run begins at 7:30 a.m., Rice and Gravy Cook-Off begins at 8 a.m., and the Motorcycle & Jeep ride begins at 9 a.m. This year's event features a 5K run, supported by CHRISTUS Louisiana Athletic Club-Lake Charles. Registration for the 5K Run is \$30 and includes a lunch and door prize ticket. Runners may race in tasteful nun's garb. The ride is open to both Motorcycle and Jeep Riders. Registration is \$30 for each driver and \$20 for the first passenger and includes lunch, medal and door prize ticket. This year's 96-mile ride will depart at 9 a.m. escorted by the Blue Knights. There will also be a "Like Nun Other" rice and gravy cook-off during the Run with the Nuns event. The entry fee is \$125 per team and includes 15 pounds of round steak, rice and water for cooking. This event is dedicated to the memory of Coach Max Caldarera. Proceeds will help complete funding for a new hybrid surgical suite, giving our community access to the absolute best in cardiac care. For more information or to register, visit www.stpatrickfoundation.org or call (337) 430-5353.

The City of Lake Charles Sesquicentennial Planning Committee has announced plans for its fall Sesquicentennial Celebration Kick-off to be held Friday, September 29, through Sunday, October 1,

2017. On Friday, September 29, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., an exhibit opening will be held at 1911 Historic City Hall (1001 Ryan Street). The exhibit, titled 150 Years of Lake Charles, is a 16-panel, multimedia display that covers the storied history of Lake Charles from its early years through present day. On Saturday, September 30, at 6 p.m., the Sesquicentennial Parade of Festivals will roll through the streets of Downtown Lake Charles. The parade will line up on Mill Street and travel south down Ryan Street to 7th Street/Dr. DeBakey Drive. Area festivals and events as well as businesses / organizations / churches who have been in existence 50 years or more are invited to participate. To request a parade entry application form, visit www.cityoflakecharles.com. After the parade, a Community Event will be held at the Arcade Amphitheatre, 900 Lakeshore Drive, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dance the evening away to the sounds of Louisiana Express while enjoying the tasty menu items from local food trucks on site. Stroll along the Lakefront Promenade and experience a Street Fair packed with local performers and entertainers. Cap the night off with a spectacular fireworks display over Lake Charles. The event and fireworks are funded by sponsors through the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana. All three events are free and open to the public to attend. As these are family events, they are alcohol free. American Press Sesquicentennial Calendars are still available for a \$5 donation at Historic City Hall. Historic City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA is excited to announce that Gallery Promenade will return on Friday, September 29 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the City's sesquicentennial year celebration. Gallery Promenade, a cooperative driving tour, includes cultural institutions and a diverse group of homegrown artworks on display throughout the Lake Area. This annual event celebrates the art spaces, galleries, and museums that work year-round to provide cultural resources, exhibits, and opportunities for both artists and residents. For one evening, participating art spaces will open their doors to showcase current and one-night-only exhibits, performances, live music, and culinary delights. For details, visit www.artscouncilswla.org or call (337) 439-2787.

Calcasieu Historic Preservation Society will unveil and dedicate three new "Lost Landmark" signs on Saturday, September 30 at a "Trolley Tour" event beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the City Transit Center, Clarence at Ryan Street in downtown Lake Charles. The event will begin with fellowship and light refreshments, and the City Trolley will begin boarding at 10 am to travel to the sites of three new Lost Landmarks. The sites for 2017 include Barbe Pier, St. Charles Academy, and Goldband Records. An onboard docent will provide information about the program and about the existing signs en route. At each site, a brief program will highlight the site, acknowledge the host and dedicate the sign with a reading. In addition, there will be photo opportunities at each location. Lost Landmarks is an ongoing project of the Calcasieu Historical Preservation Society, and this event is co-sponsored by the City of Lake Charles. Should attendance exceed the capacity of the City Trolley, please carpool and motorcade following the bus.

Lake Charles Care Center is hosting a fundraiser raffle to benefit The Alzheimer's Association. They will be raffling off a full day fishing charter for 3 people with Capt. Chris Davidson, of Waltrip's Saltwater Guide Service (Big Lake). Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held October 6 at Lake Charles Care Center. Tickets may be purchased at Lake Charles Care Center, Cajun Tackle, or Hebert's Marina.

NEW INFO! Families Helping Families of SWLA is hosting their 2017 Empowerment Conference, & Resource Fair on Wednesday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harbor's Edge Pavilion in the Calcasieu and Sabine Rooms at Prien Lake Park (4150 W. Prien Lake Rd, Lake Charles). This full-day, information packed conference promises to offer something for everyone on topics relevant to individuals with disabilities and their families and interested professionals related to empowerment

and advocacy. This year's keynote speaker is Mark Thomas, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Assistant Secretary, and guest speakers include Jeff Arseneaux, People First of Louisiana; Nomica Guillory, Excellence In You, LLC; Dr. Brandi Kelly, OCDD Clinical Director; and Dr. Amy Greer, OCDD Assistant Clinical Director. At the event there will be a light lunch (at no cost) and an area provider/agency resource fair where guests can visit information tables from area agencies that will spotlight services and supports available in Southwest Louisiana for individuals with disabilities and their families. There is no fee to attend, but you must register to attend. Contact Wallace Johnson at info@fhfswla.org, (337) 436-2570 or 1-800-894-6558.

NEW INFO! CARC is hosting a free breakfast seminar on Wednesday, October 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the SEED Center (4310 Ryan Street, Lake Charles). Attorneys John Bradford and Ross Raley with Stockwell Sievert Law Firm will be covering tax credits for employers that go unnoticed. Please RSVP with Cindy Dewees at cdewees@carc.us or call (337) 433-3620. Bring business cards for a chance to win a prize!!

NEW INFO! The City of Westlake is holding their 2nd Annual Community Citizen of the Year Banquet on October 19 at the Isle of Capri Event Center. This event will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$650 for a table of ten. There will be a cash bar, live auction and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the Westlake Armed Forces Commission. Get your tickets by September 29 through Becky Cryer at mayorsoffice@cityofwestlake.com or by calling (337) 802-0077.

The Girl Scouts of Louisiana Pines to the Gulf is hosting their first Thin Mint Sprint on October 28 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Visit gslpg.org/thinmintsprint to register. Registration is only \$25 for Girl Scouts and their families, and \$35 for non-Girl Scouts. The price will increase after August 31.

Job Opportunities / Training

The City of Lake Charles is hosting a free workshop for foster parents and others interested in learning more about child safety and wellbeing. The workshop entitled "Linked" will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Church of the King, 2145 Oak Park Blvd. in Lake Charles. The schedule for the remainder of 2017 follows: September 12 - Child Passenger Safety, October 10 - Risk Reduction Methods of SIDS and Accidental Suffocation, November 14 - Stress Relief, and December 12 - To Be Determined. Foster parents can receive one training hour per workshop. The workshops are free to the public, and supper and childcare will be provided. Pre-registration is required. You can register to attend at www.swlafostercare.com or call (337) 491-8735 for more information.

McNeese State University is holding a presentation on energy with Dr. Anas Alhajji on LNG trade, the shale revolution and their implications for Southwest Louisiana. At the event, Dr. Daryl Burckel, President of McNeese State University, will address the economic issues in SWLA region. The presentation will take place on Thursday, September 14, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the SEED Center, Lake Charles.

ICHRMA, in partnership with Sowela Technical Community College, will host a Labor Law Summit on Thursday, September 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Regional Training Center in Lake Charles. Kean Miller LLP, will present Trumpcare and Other Key Developments in the First 200 Days, by Brian Carnie and Common Workplace Issues Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, by Scott Huffstetler. All business owners, directors, human resources managers, specialist, and generalist are invited to attend. The fee is \$35 per person, includes lunch, and is pre-approved for HRCI and SHRM Continuing

Education Credits. Please register on or before September 12th at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/sowela/coursedisplay.cfm?schID=707&check=1>

The Leadership Center (TLC), a division of Family & Youth Counseling Agency (Family & Youth), will be hosting "Building Career Pathways" a Career Exploration program. This program is designed to expose students to a variety of career fields, so they are better equipped to make informed decisions about their future. Local high school students explore different career options by participating in a series of field trips to a variety of businesses, companies, and industries in the Lake Area. Each visit includes experiential activities, discussions, and presentations led by professionals in their respective career fields. The youth are encouraged to ask questions about higher education, certification, and other training requirements that would qualify them for the different careers within each company. This program starts on September 18, and eight more times through to April 6. The Social Meet & Greet will be on September 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During this event, valuable information on Career Exploration will be discussed, all fees and forms will be turned in, and time will be allowed for any other questions to be answered. Registration is now open online at www.fyca.org or by calling Laura Perry at (337) 436.9533. The fee for Career Exploration is \$100 per student.

The Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, or LIDEA, has teamed up with the Louisiana Municipal Association, Louisiana Economic Development and CLECO to host a series of one-day classes on The Role of Elected Leaders in Economic Development. Local and state elected officials are encouraged to attend a class to learn more about economic development efforts in Louisiana and the important roles that elected officials play in securing economic-driver projects in the state. The classes, which are free and include lunch, will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Southwest Louisiana, the class will be held in Lake Charles on Sept. 27. Reservations are required and must be made no later than the Friday preceding the date of the desired class. For more information and to secure your reservation, please contact Cami Barlow via email at cbarlow@lma.org. Classes will include the following topics: Economic Development Fundamentals, Building a Team and Brand, Community and Economic Development, and Thinking Regionally. The same courses will be taught at all locations. The class will include three case studies on projects in Louisiana, with participants using the information provided to determine the outcome best-suited for their respective local economies.

NEW INFO! All job seekers and employers are invited to attend the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center's Quarterly Job Fair, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Lake Charles Civic Center's Exhibition Hall. Job seekers should wear business attire and bring a picture ID and several copies of their current resume. Arrive early to ensure the opportunity to meet with employers at the fair. Pre-registration is not required. Employers may register to take part in the job fair through Wednesday, Oct. 4, by contacting the Business & Career Solutions Center at 337-721-4010. There is no cost for employers to participate. Veterans will be given priority services. The job fair is sponsored by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, in conjunction with the Workforce Development Board, the Louisiana Workforce Commission and is funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. For more information, contact the Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center at (337) 721-4010.

Sponsorships / Assistance Needed

NEW INFO! The Arts Council of SWLA and the City of Lake Charles are currently accepting nominations from the public for persons to be honored at the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards ceremony which is scheduled for Friday, November 2, at 6 p.m. in the Benjamin W. Mount Auditorium at Central School. The Mayor's Arts Awards honors those working in the arts by recognizing the contributions of Southwest Louisiana's creative workers, patrons, and artists to the region's culture.

Newly-elected mayor Nic Hunter presents the awards to each recipient. Categories include Artist of the Year, Citizen of the Arts, Citizen of the Humanities, Arts Educator of the Year, Arts Organization of the Year, and Patron of the Year. The Keystone Award is also given to an individual who works diligently behind the scenes, without whom programs and performances would not be possible. Award winners are chosen by an independent panel, and kept secret until the night of the ceremony. Those who wish to nominate an organization, individual, or group can download a nomination form at www.artscouncilswla.org. Nominations must be received by the Arts Council office no later than Friday, October 20, 2017. For more information about this year's Mayor's Arts Awards, call the Arts Council at 439-2787.

The 13th Annual HOPE Breast Cancer Walk/Fun Run will be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The Foundation was formed in 2008 with the sole mission of providing 100% of proceeds directly to individuals in the Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes who are going through breast cancer treatment. Monies raised from this fundraising event are awarded as a financial stipend, regardless of insurance coverage, and may be used for transportation to receive treatment, wigs, prostheses, bras and other items related to a diagnosis of breast cancer. To date, over \$365,000 has been donated to help 675 individuals. Sponsorships for this year's walk come in various levels, with no amount being too small. All donations and door prizes of any amount are greatly appreciated! All sponsors \$1,000 and above will receive a vendor booth on the day of the walk if requested by October 6. To become a sponsor or with questions regarding this year's walk, submitting donations or to learn more about the Ethel Precht HOPE Breast Cancer Foundation, please visit www.EthelBreastCancerWalk.org.