

# Things to Do

NEW INFO! The Children's Museum has the following activities on tap! On Wednesday, September 6, it is "Read a Book Day." On Saturday, September 9, it is Sasol's Second Saturday Science Show with the "Physics of Sound" at 11:30 a.m. On that day, they are also honoring Grandparents Day, so all senior citizens (grandparents) get in free with a paid child admission. 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.

NEW INFO! McNeese's Leisure Learning is offering the following classes:

- Annual Alligator Harvest, 7:30 am - 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 6
- Traditional Cajun Dance, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2
- 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](http://www.mcneese.edu/leisure) or call (337) 475-5616.

NEW INFO! Dr. Eric Snow is offering the "5 Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss, Looking and Feeling Younger and Correcting Type 2 Diabetes" on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. This event will be held at his offices located at 721 E. Bayou Pines in Lake Charles. Call (337) 853-3335 to reserve your seat. If you bring a guest, you will be get a chance to win \$25!

NEW INFO! The Lake Charles Little Theatre will open its 91st season with the production of The Marvelous Wonderettes! Opening night is Friday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. with performances following on September 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. Adults: \$20; Seniors (65+) \$15; Students \$10.

Tickets available on-line at [thelclt.com](http://thelclt.com) or leave a message at (337) 433-7988. The Lake Charles Little Theater is located at 813 Enterprise Blvd.

**NEW INFO!** The Golden Nugget Lake Charles is pleased to announce the September 2017 live entertainment schedules for the Grand Event Center: John Michael Montgomery (September 8), Art Garfunkel (September 9), 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).

The American Cancer Society is holding “Jamaica Me Crazy” event on September 8, at the Isle of Capri Casino Hotel. This fun, social event benefits the work of the American Cancer Society. There will be a live and silent auction. Attendees can buy single tickets (\$75) or entire tables (\$1000 for 10 seats). Organizers are also seeking items for their auctions. If you or your business has an item to donate, contact Jocelyn Kyle Dickson at (337) 287-0262.

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](http://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](mailto:blake.trahan@cityoflc.us).

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](http://ChristusHealth.org/Lake-Area). Deadline to register is September 7.

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is hosting some great hands-on learning on September 23, October 14, and November 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. These practical, fun, and inspiring 'make and take' programs each have a \$20 materials fee. Space is limited for Adult Workshop Series Programs, so be sure to reserve a spot before each program by registering online at [shangrilagardens.org](http://shangrilagardens.org) or call (409) 670-0803. Prepayment is required to guarantee a spot. The events are Container Gardening: Bringing the Garden to your Porch (September 23), Painting in the Garden (October 14), and Orchid Repotting Workshop (November 18). Located at 2111 West Park Avenue in Orange, Texas, Shangri La is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and directions call (409) 670-9113 or visit [www.shangrilagardens.org](http://www.shangrilagardens.org).

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](http://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.

NEW INFO! 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](http://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.

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](http://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

Families Helping Families of SWLA is hosting a workshop called "Options for Resolution of Special Education Disputes" on September 12, from 10 a.M. to 2 P.M. at Calcasieu Parish Health Unit in the conference room (3236 Kirkman Street, Lake Charles). This presentation will examine the dispute resolution options for children with exceptionalities, and identify some of the most common / frequent dispute issues. Seating is limited! There is no fee to attend but registration is required! Register Now by contacting Wallace Johnson at [info@fhfswla.org](mailto:info@fhfswla.org) or (337) 436-2570.

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](http://www.swlafostercare.com) or call (337) 491-8735 for more information.

NEW INFO! 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](http://www.fyca.org) or by calling Laura Perry at (337) 436.9533. The fee for Career Exploration is \$100 per student.

**NEW INFO!** 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](mailto: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.

#### **Sponsorships / Assistance Needed**

The Lake Charles Symphony has a wonderful advertising opportunity exclusive for Chamber Members. The 2017-18 Concert Season is near and they have a variety of concerts planned for their 60th (Diamond Jubilee) Season including a concert starring Lake Charles's own Paul Groves; "Video Games Live" - a super energetic concert featuring pop culture's favorite video games; "Southwest La: Through the Eyes of Evangeline" a beautiful retelling of Evangeline set to stunning aerial video of the Southwest Louisiana landscape, and much more. Approximately 2,000 programs are printed for this series. The first concert is September 30. For only \$450, you can receive a quarter page ad; patron level membership, 2 tickets to each of the 4 concerts; a name listing for you or your business in addition to the ad, and reserved seating to experience the wonderful talents of the Lake Charles Symphony Orchestra. Other levels are available. Support the Lake Charles Symphony as they celebrate 60 years of music with an ad in their 2017/2018 Concert Season Program. Contact the Symphony Office at (337) 433-1611.

The Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA will be accepting submissions from artists for a portfolio to present to local businesses for purchase to display in their offices. If you are interested please submit your bio with pictures of your work to [ashliw@artscouncilswla.org](mailto:ashliw@artscouncilswla.org). Please include prices for complete work, framed and ready to hang. If your business is interested in purchasing local art, please contact the Arts Council. For details, call (337) 439-2787 or visit [www.artscouncilswla.org](http://www.artscouncilswla.org).

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 years' 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 years' walk, submitting donations or to learn more about the Ethel Precht HOPE Breast Cancer Foundation, please visit [www.EthelBreastCancerWalk.org](http://www.EthelBreastCancerWalk.org).