

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline to submit political announcements including a photo at no charge will be Friday, August 19th, at 4:00 p.m. (500 word maximum)

**ALL POLITICAL ADS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

## NOW HIRING!

We're Looking for Full-Time Nurses: LPN & CNA's, All Shifts Available.

Please contact Human Resources at 225-869-5725 for more information and to schedule an interview.

1980 Jefferson Hwy.  
Lutcher, Louisiana 70071  
225-869-5725



## Glenn Waguespack

St. James Parish Assessor



Age 65 or Greater? You may qualify for a Special Assessment Freeze! Come See Us...We'd Love to Help!

5800 LA Hwy 44 • P.O. Box 55 • Convent, LA 70723  
(225) 562-2253 - Convent • (225) 562-2565 - Vacherie

The Newspaper for St. James Parish

# News Examiner - ENTERPRISE

Offices in Lutcher & Vacherie



VOLUME 84, NUMBER 44

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

LUTCHER, LA 70071

\$1.00

## November Ballot Set As Qualifying Closes

By David Reynaud  
Editor

At the close of official qualifying last Friday, the following citizens placed their names in the political hat seeking elective office. Qualifying was held

last Wednesday through Friday and the Open Primary election is set for November 8, 2022 and the General Election is scheduled for December 10, 2022.

The following are the candidates who have qual-

ified and the elective seats they seek (incumbents are marked with an asterisk): Here in St. James Parish, voters will have the following choices.

St. James Parish

See **Ballot Page 4**

## Community Devastated After Ferry Landing Burns Down



The River Road in Lutcher will never quite be the same since the *Ferry Landing* burned down early last Thursday morning. The former home that was converted into a vendors market/café by Andy and Kerri Tramonte housed 68 various vendors and there was a waiting list to get a spot. The main building completely burned and the brick building in front of the home (used by vendors and a fabrication business) was also a total loss. Firefighters fought the blaze for several hours and thankfully no one was injured, burned or killed.

## Crime Spree - Three Arrested After Breaking In And Vandalizing Lutcher High

By David Reynaud  
Editor

What is going on in this community?

The St. James Parish Sheriff's Office reports that on Sunday, July 24th, around 4:30 a.m., police responded to a call from the fire alarm company that protects Lutcher High School, and the caller advised that the smoke alarm had been triggered at the main building on the campus school.

Sheriff deputies and members of the Fire Department were dispatched

See **Vandals Page 4**



Vandals broke into Lutcher High and trashed the Main Office (above), five classrooms and the cafeteria.

## Public Housing, Employment Service, Blighted Property, and More Discussed At Council Meeting

By David Reynaud  
Editor

The St. James Parish Council met last Wednesday in Vacherie and a lot

was discussed during the gathering.

St. James Parish Housing Authority Director Dana Groover passionately gave the Council the Au-

thority's Annual Report and she started out saying they are not ready for another hurricane.

See **Council Page 4**

## American Cruise Lines Attempts To Stop In Vacherie



A Brass Band was ready to greet passengers disembarking from the first American Cruise Lines riverboat to dock in Vacherie, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers put a stop to the groundbreaking ceremony because the Mississippi River's water level was considered too low.

By Pamela Folse  
Contributor

St. James Parish residents will have to wait a little longer for the long-

awaited maiden stop of an American Cruise Lines boat at the St. James Dock in Vacherie.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers denied a per-

mit for the paddle wheeler American Heritage to land at the dock on Tuesday morning due to low Missis-

See **Attempts Page 4**

## Another Iconic Lutcher Building Is No More

Just like the River Road in Lutcher will no longer be the same since the *Ferry Landing* caught fire and burned last week, South Railroad Avenue in Lutcher was forever changed as the old Red & White Store building was demolished Monday morning.

Hennis Roussel, Sr. and his wife Violet purchased the store in 1954 and for many years Red & White was the Walmart of Lutcher.

Customers could buy (or charge) any and all groceries, there was a meat counter and deli, there was a bakery, and the store sold small appliances, clothes (Dickies) and shoes (Converse).

The Roussels sold the store in 1992 and after remaining a small convenient store (Penny Saver) for a few more years, the building was closed for good.



Well, time and neglect have taken a toll on the building and the current owner refused to make the necessary repairs needed to make the building safe.

The building was condemned by the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office, South Central Planning &

Development Commission, and the St. James Fire Department.

Recently, the Town of Lutcher followed the process to demolish a condemned building/structure and any expense the Town incurred tearing down and hauling off material will be placed as a lien on the tax roll.

**So long Red & White!**

## Zapp's Potato Chips Belongs In St. James Parish

When a bankrupt Texas businessman bagged his first kettle-cooked bag of spicy chips in 1985, St. James Parish has proudly enjoyed its identity as the "Home of Zapp's Potato Chips".

A true entrepreneur and marketing genius, Ron Zappe quickly endeared himself to our community,

and he became a valued employer and South Louisiana spokesman.

Zappe, with the help of local metal fabricator Bill Clopton (owner of *On the Spot Welding*), crafted the first kettles used to produce what Ron called the nation's first "spicy chips" and flavors like Cajun Crawtators made Zapp's

an iconic brand all over the country.

Ron's creativity and vision resulted in "Tiger Tators", which was LSU's first officially-licensed food product, and who can forget the "Who Dat" chips that the New Orleans Saints also licensed. Today, his "VooDoo Chips" are the most recognizable

and hottest-selling of the entire multi-flavored Zapp's product line.

Hundreds of residents of the Parish, the River Region and the southern U.S. have had the privilege of knowing him, supplying to him, distributing for him, working for him, and enjoying the fruits of his culinary passion.

Upon his passing in 2010, most would have thought that all of this would come to an end. But, Utz Brands stepped in and bought the company, continuing his legacy and building upon it.

Utz Brands, headquartered in Hanover, PA and started in 1921 by William and Salie Utz as "Hanover

Home Brand Potato Chips", is taking Zapp's nationwide. Along with Utz's other brands made at 18 other manufacturing plants, including "On the Border", "Golden Flake" and their original "Utz" label, the company is quickly growing Zapp's

See **Zapp's Page 4**



SCHEXNAYDER  
WEALTH ADVISORS

Today's plan with tomorrow's vision

330 Belle Terre Blvd., Ste. 201  
LaPlace, LA 70068  
Phone: (985) 652-2877  
Website: www.schexwealth.com

Listen to our podcast  
Red Beans & Advice



# Opinion.....

**Power of Praise**



By  
*Liz Wahl André*

## "The Greatest Inheritance"

The Bible declares, *"Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men, and the living will take it to heart"* (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

Upon death, a person leaves behind a will, or testament, of their earthly goods that are of no use to him any longer. As long as the person lives, the testament is not activated. Our Lord Jesus Christ left us the greatest "will" of all—the eternal promise of everlasting life. Hebrews 9 describes the greatest and final sacrifice that once and for all removes the stain of sin, purifying us so that we can enter the presence of the Father.

*"But Christ came as a High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not part of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.* For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of the heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, *how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant...For where there is a testament [will], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives."* (Hebrews 9:11-17)

Jesus left us the greatest legacy of all—everyone who believes upon Him and what he accomplished on the cross may inherit everlasting life. This "will" that His children have inherited is not so that we may hoard it for ourselves, but that we may follow in our Master's footsteps, sharing the life-changing, good news of the gospel with others.

When our loved ones die in Christ, we grieve their loss but take great comfort in knowing that they are with the Lord. They have run their race and have gone ahead to receive their reward, which is Christ, to live forevermore in glory. They are "waiting at the gate" for their loved ones on the earth to rejoin them in an eternal family reunion where we will never have to say "good-bye" again.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."* (Psalm 116:15)



**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**

Save \$24.84 a year  
(off newsstand price)



## News Examiner-Enterprise



Published by  
Member **Ruhr Valley Publishing, Inc.**  
Published Every Thursday  
2290 Texas Street • P.O. Drawer 460  
Lutcher, LA 70071  
PHONE: (225) 869-5784 • FAX: (225) 869-4386  
EMAIL: ruhrvalley@earthlink.net

2677 Hwy. 20 • P.O. Box 9  
Vacherie, LA 70090  
PHONE / FAX: (225) 265-2120  
EMAIL: ne-ent@earthlink.net

Periodical Postage Paid at Lutcher Post Office and Additional Entry Office

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to News Examiner Postal ID No. USPS 38-8000 P.O. Drawer 460, Lutcher, La. 70071

WILBUR REYNAUD - Publisher  
DAVID REYNAUD - General Manager / Editor  
JENNIFER GLIDDEN - Advertising Consultant  
KATHLEEN BECNEL - Legals / Circulation  
CONNIE FREDERIC - Advertising / Classifieds  
CINDY ROUYEA - Bookkeeping / Advertising

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

News Examiner-Enterprise

In Parish	\$27.16
Out of Parish	\$36.56
E-edition only	\$21.93

In-Parish Subscribers,  
Save \$24.84 per year off newsstand price

**Advertising & News Deadline is 4 p.m. on Fridays!**

## Letter to Editor

### A "Call To Action" As We Are In Desperate Need For CASA Volunteers For The River Region:

In the months to come, as you are excited for all the changes autumn brings, you may be looking to become more active in your local community. One way to serve the needs of those most vulnerable is through Child Advocacy Services' Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Program.

Our community is in need of trusting adults to make a difference in the lives of children in foster care. Nearly half the children in foster care in the River Region do not have someone to be their advocate. Child Advocacy Services CASA Program trains everyday community members to advocate for a child in foster care.

If you have been thinking about how you can make a difference in a child's life, visit Child Advocacy Services' website at [www.childadv.net](http://www.childadv.net) under the "Become a Volunteer" tab for more information. By becoming a CASA, you can change a child's story and improve the community by helping those in need.

Training starts on August 16th for the River Parishes. Call 985-902-9583 or email [malone@childadv.net](mailto:malone@childadv.net) to become the light in a child's life.

**Morgan Malone**  
CASA Recruiter  
Child Advocacy Services



## Hearts In Touch

By

Ronny Michel

When I feel there's been a delay in the answer to my prayers, God reminds me of last year's trip to Colorado with two daughters, a son-in-law, and four granddaughters.

My daughter Monique planned the vacation which promised snow-related activities. As our plane landed, my daughter Lauren said, "I don't see any snow."

"We're not there yet," Monique said.

My son-in-law Frank drove from the rental car lot in a vehicle we filled. He and Monique sat in front, two-year-old Caroline sat between Lauren and I in the second seat, and the other three granddaughters were in the third.

"I still don't see snow," Lauren said.

"We're two hours away," Monique said.

Once out of Denver we heard Lauren again, "All I see are red rocks. No snow."

"Just wait. We're on the way," Monique said.

Some form of this conversation was repeated until Caroline, affected by increasing altitude, began to projectile vomit.

I grabbed wipes and everything else I could find in the carryon wedged between the seat and my legs and started to clean up. Lauren curled into the fetal position, now content with staring at rocks, and covered her nose and mouth.

Caroline settled down as snow-covered mountains came into view. Lauren was in awe and for the next few days repeated versions of "This is so beautiful. I'm moving here."

While the rest of us sat in the hot tub one night, Lauren, dressed in the Elsa costume and wig she'd packed, burst onto the deck singing, "Let It Go."

We enjoyed the activities just as Monique had promised, but we had to drive through rocky places, and deal with Caroline, to get there.

Sometimes in life, you experience hard, messy places, to get to the mountaintop experiences you're praying for.

Ask Lauren.

Ronny can be reached at [rmichel@rtconline.com](mailto:rmichel@rtconline.com).

## Get High On Life

By: Harold Keller



### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LEGACY

With our country now experiencing the most racially divided in my lifetime, I thought it would be appropriate to write about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the legacy for which he lived and died.

In part, he said he had a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that all men are created equal. His dream was that one day his four little children would live in a nation where they would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Those words by Mr. King were spoken in front of over 250,000 people. At the time, it was the largest gathering of protesters in Washington, D.C.'s history. I was preoccupied with the small picture of those times rather than the big picture that he dreamed of.

During that time, I was 28 years old and running for a seat in the state legislature. I'm ashamed to admit that as one of the greatest movements in American history was being written, I didn't realize the impact it would have on our country.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 — April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, and leader in the African American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience. Because of his nonviolent approach, many of his own race didn't support the march. Malcolm X called the march the "Farce on Washington" and his followers were forbidden to attend.

Mr. King was killed in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 39. I'm reminded that a man isn't remembered by the years in his life, but by the life in his years.

In 1963, he was named Time Person of the Year. King was the first African American and first non-president honored with his own memorial in the National Mall area.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom was posthumously awarded to Mr. King by President Jimmy Carter. The citation read: "Martin Luther King, Jr. was the conscience of his generation." Another of the many recognitions he received was being second in Gallup's List of Most Widely Admired People of the Century.

He was one of the bravest and most courageous men in my lifetime. I think he would be disappointed at the condition of our society today.

If you have any questions, or comments, please write to Get High on Life, P.O. Drawer U, Reserve, LA 70084, or call (504) 881-0113.



Across  
the River  
by Pamela Folse

**Socks:** I've been noticing men's socks lately and there are some that are quite fashionable. I first saw them on television. With the modern TV sets, news anchors no longer sit behind desks for very long. Some sit at tables and we can see their socks and shoes. I've seen priests wear socks with saints on them--I mean saints like St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Therese and others. Then there are those who wear team socks like the New Orleans Saints fleur de lis, or the purple and gold ones. Closer to home, I saw that Dr. Granger at the eye clinic had mint green socks with fish on them. I guess that men choose socks that have a special meaning to them, that depict their hobbies or they were gifted fashionable socks. Pay attention to men's socks and the secrets they tell about the ones who wear them.

**The Landing That Didn't Happen...Yet:** A crowd gathered behind the levee Tuesday morning to welcome the maiden stop of an American Cruise Lines boat filled with passengers bound for St. James Parish. However, the Corps of Engineers would not allow the paddlewheeler to dock in the shallow Mississippi River waters. We'll have to wait until next time. While waiting, it would be a good thing to beautify the area a bit and make it more pleasing to passengers who will be visiting us for the first time. Hopefully, it won't be long before the boats are allowed to dock here and we can welcome tourists to our area.

**Standing at the River:** While waiting for activities to begin at the river on Tuesday morning, my thoughts drifted back to the very many times I sat in my car or stood outside visiting with others who waited along with me to ride the ferry to the other side of the river. I realized that many of the young people who were there had no memory of the ferry at all. I thought of the many times we rode the school bus to the ferry and had to disembark and walk onto the boat and then off at the other side to board the bus. Sometimes the passengers gathered at the back of the boat to watch the engines churn up the waters as it plowed the way across to the other side. Other times we gathered at the front of boat and watched it cut through the current with a spray. It didn't matter how busy we were or how fast we needed to get to where we were going, ferry traffic was usually slow. However, no one really seemed to care. Waiting provided a good time to visit or a respite from the busyness or traffic. Those were memorable times for sure.

**Welcome Dr. Weidert:** Welcome to Dr. Dustin Weidert, a brand new, fresh-out-of-school eye doctor to River Parishes Eye Center in Lutcher. Dr. Weidert grew up in Gramercy, the son of Chad and Susan Waguespack Weidert. His grandmother is Virgie Waguespack of Vacherie. Dr. Weidert is already seeing patients at the clinic along with Dr. Richard Granger. Stop in and say hello to Dr. Weidert or say hello again. We wish him well!

**River Shrimping in the News:** Jerry Folse's son and grandsons were featured in The Heart of Louisiana by Dave McNamara this week. If you missed it, you can go to website in a few days and see the replay. Many of us grew up watching our grandfathers and dads raise shrimp boxes in the river, taking home their catch and adding them to a tasty dish. Very few people are brave enough to go shrimping in the river. Kudos to the Folse family for passing that tradition on to the next generations.

**Heading Back to School:** While it hardly seems possible, students will be back at school in a week or two. Summer vacation is about done. I loved going back to school, especially when I was in elementary school, because I loved having new school supplies. New lead pencils with sharp points and matching erasers, fresh ink pens, beautiful new composition books, and crayons that were still sharp and still covered with paper. Oh, and that creamy white paste. I wonder how many bottles of paste were eaten during the year. Paste smelled good and tasted good, too. Those glue sticks just don't seem so appetizing. Even today I just can't pass by the school supply shelves in the stores. Clean paper and fancy pens are my favorites.

**Here's How to Reach Me:** My mailing address is 23067 Oak Street, Vacherie, LA 70090. My email address is [pamfolse@bellsouth.net](mailto:pamfolse@bellsouth.net). You can reach me by phone at 225-715-0556 and leave a message.

**To Close With a Quote:** "Life imposes things on you that you can't control, but you still have the choice of how you're going to live through this." -- Celine Dion

**NOTICE**

**All Editorial and Advertising DEADLINES:**

**4 P.M. ON FRIDAYS**

# Jambalaya

A Mixture Of Social, News & Reminiscing



Happy Birthday wishes to Chanel Banks on July 30th. From family and friends.

Happy Birthday wishes to Jahndell Shorty on August 1st. From family and friends.

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Kim Poché**  
on August 1st  
Love,  
Family & Friends



**Happy Anniversary**  
**David and Nicole**  
Love, Watson,  
Stewie and the Chickens,  
Family and Friends  
August 2nd

## Jr. Fishing Rodeo Brings A Close To Summer



Summer is coming to a close, but don't save those fishing poles. The St. James Boat Club is bringing back the Jr. Fishing Rodeo. It will be **Sunday, August 7, 2022** on Blind River Point Area and Boat Launch Areas. We are located at 39180 Hwy. 61 at the Scenic Blind River, which is located in St. James Parish, just outside of the Town

## Louisiana Hospital Association Announces Board Officers, Trustees

The Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) announced its 2022-2023 Board of Trustee officers and newly-elected board members during its annual membership meeting on July 18.

Greg C. Feirn, CPA, chief executive officer (CEO) of LCMC Health in New Orleans, will serve as the LHA Board of Trustees chair. He received the gavel from Jason E. Cobb, FACHE, CEO of Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, who will now serve as immediate past chair. Mary Ellen Pratt, FACHE, CEO of St. James Parish Hospital in Litcher, will serve as the Association's chair-elect, and Rene J. Ragas, FACHE, president and CEO of Woman's Hospital

in Baton Rouge, was elected treasurer.

"The LHA is grateful to our new and returning board members for their leadership and their dedication to the industry," said LHA President and CEO Paul A. Salles. "These members continually strive to improve patient care and lower healthcare cost for Louisianians."

**Mary Ellen Pratt, FACHE**, was elected as the chair-elect of the LHA Board of Trustees. Pratt is the CEO of St. James Parish Hospital, a critical access hospital located in Litcher. As a graduate of Tulane University with a Master of Health Administration, she started her career in the suite of academic medical centers and large community hospitals but has



**Mary Ellen Pratt**  
CEO of St. James Parish Hospital

been dedicated to rural health for the past 15 years.

Her leadership in rural healthcare is evidenced by her current service commitment as a member of the board of the National Rural

Resource Center, and her previous participation on the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Future of Rural Taskforce and as past chair of the AHA Small Rural Hospital Governing Council. At the state level, she serves on the boards of the Louisiana Rural Hospital Coalition and Louisiana Independent Hospital Network Coalition.

She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and the National Rural Health Association. She was named a top rural "CEO to Know" by Becker's Review for six consecutive years from 2015-2020 and was named a 2020 AHA Most Valuable PAC Player.

## TRHS Welcomes Dr. Rhandi Wise, Obstetrics & Gynecology To Staff



**Dr. Rhandi Wise**

Thibodaux Regional Health System is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Rhandi Wise, Obstetrics and Gynecology, to the active medical staff. She is available to care for patients at Thibodaux Regional Women's Clinic located at 604 N. Acadia Rd. Suite 500, Thibodaux, (985) 448-1216.

Dr. Wise received her medical degree from Louisiana State

University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. She completed her residency and internship in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University Health Shreveport.

Dr. Wise is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American

Medical Association, and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. Wise specializes in prenatal care and delivery, annual exams and wellness care for women of all ages, infertility, urogynecology, and gynecologic cancer diagnosis.

She is skilled in vaginal and laparoscopic surgical techniques.

Dr. Wise chose to practice at Thibodaux Regional because she wanted to raise her family in a small community and provide care to the community where her husband was born and raised.



## We support hunger-relief efforts to feed thousands.

Our mission is to help the world grow the food it needs. Right here in our corner of the world, we're engaging with hunger-relief organizations like the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank to provide food and hope to the children, seniors and families that are hungry in the Food Bank's 11 parish service region including St. James Parish. Mosaic is proud to partner with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank through food drives, financial support and employee volunteer initiatives to help meet the critical hunger needs of our community.



# Zapp's.....from Page 1

into a national name. All was well until Hurricane Ida arrived last fall to South Louisiana and just as the devastating hurricane affected virtually every resident and business in St. James Parish, Zapp's Gramercy facility was also severely impacted. The effects of water, wind, and prolonged

loss of electricity resulted in the facility being unable to operate since last August 29th. Utz responded by shifting Zapp's production to several of their other facilities, while graciously continuing to pay their 65+ employees during this entire time from August until this past May, which is

when they provided severance-pay packages to those workers. The company is presently consulting with their engineers, negotiating with their insurers, and is considering their options for restoring their Zapp's production capacity. In mid-July several senior managers visited St.

James Parish, on a fact-finding and strategic mission, to tour the facility and meet with local community leaders in response to our request. They were met by a host of businesses and local, parish, regional, and state governmental leaders who all pledged to assist, however possible, to see Utz restore and "re-

boot" Zapp's right here in St. James Parish. Even Congressman Troy Carter has taken note and is offering his support. There will be more meetings with more specific discussions in the future and there are several local, regional, state and federal programs that have been identified to assist

Utz in their decision to rebuild and re-employ our residents. Zapp's truly belongs to St. James Parish and belongs in St. James Parish. Our community knows that and the region, state and now even the nation knows that. We hope and pray that Utz is coming to know that as well.

# Attempts.....from Page 1

Mississippi River waters. The ship was scheduled to dock in celebratory fashion at the old ferry landing in Vacherie, allowing passengers to disembark and board buses to Oak Alley Plantation and other excursions.

will be a boom to the local economy. With the paddle wheeler as a backdrop, St. James Parish President Peter Dufresne welcomed American Cruise Lines to St. James Parish. He said that other excursions are being planned for cruising passengers to visit.



St. James Parish President Peter Dufresne welcomes American Cruise Lines to St. James Parish Tuesday morning at the former ferry dock in Vacherie.

tours from as far south as New Orleans to as far north as Minneapolis, with numerous stops in between. Their cruise boats also travel other major rivers in the United States eleven months a year.

River Parishes Tourist Commission president Garret Monti said, "No trip to New Orleans is complete without visiting the River Parishes." He sees the cruise line stop a great way to promote the River Parishes as a travel destination.

Despite the change in plans, residents and dignitaries gathered on the river side of the levee to celebrate what St. James Parish government and River Parishes Tourist Commission officials hope

American Cruise Lines Director of City Partnerships Frank Klipsch, a former mayor of Davenport, IA, said the fast-growing company offers

"We want to be here as much as the local people want us to be here," Klipsch said. He also said that he has been meeting with others in the area to discuss other possibilities for excursions.

State Senator Ed Price said the cruise line stops in St. James Parish provides the opportunity to "expose us to the world."

# Vandals.....from Page 1

and when they arrived at the school they discovered someone had in fact entered the main building where the fire alarm was triggered. During the initial search of the school, deputies quickly located and extinguished a small fire that had been started in the Main Office of the school. Deputies continued to investigate and soon discovered the Main Office vandalized and a small amount of money stolen

from a drawer, five classrooms had been vandalized, and vandals had even entered the cafeteria where they threw food all over the room and caused other damage. The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office was called and the Sheriff's Office partnered with the Fire Marshal to process the scene for evidence. As the investigation unfolded, law enforcement officials viewed the school's video surveillance cameras and soon pictures

of the three suspects were published to social media and it did not take long for tips to start coming in as to the identity of the three suspects. The Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of Gramercy Police Department, made contact with one of the suspects and he was taken into custody. Subsequently, the other two suspects turned themselves in to Detectives. As this edition went to press, Justin Kruger, 19-years old of Paulina;

Mason Ainsworth, 18-years old of Paulina; and a 17-year old male juvenile from Gramercy were arrested. Police also reported that all three suspects are former Lutcher High School students and to date no motive for the crimes has been given. Kruger and Ainsworth were booked into the St. James Parish Jail on the charges of R.S. 14:62 Simple Burglary and R.S. 14:52 Simple Arson. The juvenile was also arrested

and booked on R.S. 14:62 Simple Burglary and R.S. 14:52 Simple Arson. All charges are felony charges. It was also reported that during the investigation at Lutcher High, police learned that thieves had attempted to break into a residence and three vehicles in Gramercy and when the Gramercy Police Department responded and processed the scene for evidence, video footage matched Kruger, Ainsworth and the juvenile.

All three suspects are also being charged with four counts of Attempted Simple Burglary. The St. James Parish Sheriff's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the residents who provided information and tips that led to the quick arrests of these individuals. This incident demonstrates the importance of the public sharing information with Law Enforcement in solving crimes.

# Ballot.....from Page 1

**School Board**  
 \*District 1: \*Diana "Granny" Cantillo and newcomer Sandra Jenkins Johnson.  
 \*District 2: Tim Detillier and Darlene Francois Riley.  
 Detillier is the former Lutcher High head football coach and Riley is the current Alderwoman-at-Large in Lutcher.  
 The two candidates are seeking the seat currently held by long-time Board member Kenneth "Wop" Foret. Foret, who has served on the School Board for 32-years, opted not to run for another term.  
 \*District 3: \*Sue Bienvenu Beier returns to office unopposed.  
 \*District 4 amassed three political neophytes as

Elizabeth Wahl Andre, Judy Ezidore, and Marty Poché signed up to run for the seat currently held by George Nassar, another long-time board member who has decided not to run after serving for 28-years. District 5 also has three candidates signed up to run. Incumbent Dianne Spencer seeks a third and final term, while Stephanie Cooper and Angela Washington, both political newcomers, vie for the seat. Finally, Districts 6 and 7 saw incumbents Nicole Florent and Raymond Gros, respectively, unopposed at the end of qualifying.  
**Town of Gramercy**  
 Mayor: Incumbent mayor Steve Nosacka has decided to seek another

four-year term and he will be challenged by Donald Arbutnot and Steven Bourgeois.  
 \*Chief of Police Brent Dicharry was re-elected due to not having an opponent.  
 \*Alderman-at-Large: Two At-Large seats on the Town's council are up for grabs with \*Craig Calcagno, Shelly Warren and \*Claude 'Clyde' Wiggins running for the spot. The top two vote getters are elected.  
 \*Alderman, District 1: \*Barbara Woods and Percy Williams will compete for the District 1 Alderman's seat.  
 \*Alderman, District 2: Incumbent Darren Brack has been challenged by political newcomer Marshall C. Budd.

\*Alderman, District 3: Theron Louque was unopposed for the District 3 seat.  
**Town of Lutcher**  
 \*Mayor Patrick St. Pierre returns to Lutcher's Mayor's office without an opponent.  
 \*Chief of Police: Incumbent Dwan Bowser has two challengers as Darrel Louque and Marrill McKarry have put their names in the hat for top police job in the Town.  
 \*Alderman-at-Large: Former Lutcher mayor Rowdy Scott will face Barry Weber for the one At-Large seat on the Town council.  
 \*Alderman, District 1, Division A candidates include \*Danny B. Manuel, Shanrick Burns, and Gavin J. Webster.  
 \*Alderman, District 1,

Division B: Incumbent Donald J. Batiste is being challenged by Konetha LaGrange.  
 \*Alderman District 2, Division A: Ronald 'R. J.' St. Pierre was unopposed.  
 \*Alderman District 2, Division B: Incumbent Tommy George and Keondra Riley will vie for seat.  
**Constable - Justice of the Peace District 4**  
 JoAnn Cola Davis and Raymond Shorty qualified for the District 4 Justice of the Peace job.  
**U.S. Senate**  
 Candidates for the U.S. Senate are as follows: Incumbent John Kennedy, Beryl A. Billiot, Gary Chambers, Devin Lance Graham, 'Xan' John, W. Thomas La Fontaine Olson, Bradley McMorris, MV

'Vinny' Mendoza, 'Luke' Mixon, Salvador P. Rodriguez, Aaron C. Sigler, Syrita Steib, and Thomas Wenn.  
**Second Congressional District**  
 Incumbent Troy A. Carter is being challenged by "Dan" Lux.  
**6th Supreme Court District**  
 Incumbent \*John L. Weimer did not garner an opponent.  
**Public Service Commission**  
 The Public Service Commission's 3rd District, which covers St. James Parish, will be represented by one of the following candidates: \*Lambert C. Bois-siere, Willie Jones, Davante Lewis, Gregory Manning, or Jesse Thompson.

# Council.....from Page 1

Hurricane Ida hit on August 29th and by September 9th, 148 of 252 public housing units (Convent not included) were condemned by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Groover shared a lot of members with the Council and said it has been extremely hard for families who have had to be relocated to unfamiliar areas. "We are still in recovery mode," said Groover. "A lot has happened and a lot is happening now. It is hard for people to understand just how difficult it is to just pick up and move." To date all roofs have been changed, which had to be done before any further work could commence. Groover said some families have found permanent housing somewhere else, some remain in FEMA RVs, some clients have decided not to return, some have been provided vouchers to temporarily live in Baton Rouge, Ascension Parish,

Texas, Minnesota, and other places. Some are also staying with family members. "It has been a lot of administrative work and my staff has done a wonderful job helping our clients. In another matter, west bank resident Kevin Lancaster, who resides in the Molaison area, was on the agenda to discuss a blighted home and a mobile home moved to the property after last year's hurricane, and problems the rundown home and property are causing for he and his neighbors. Lancaster began by talking about the Parish's tall grass ordinance and the process in place to get unkept grass cut. "We call and put in a work order and ten-days later it is cut and then we are back in the same boat," said Lancaster. "We have a rodent infestation. You can sit and watch them run across the road. And when it does get cut not all the grass

gets cut." Lancaster said the process takes too long and the problem never really gets fixed. Concerning the blighted home on the property, Lancaster said his area is not ready for another hurricane and that the dilapidated home in question was dilapidated before Hurricane Ida last year. He told those present that no one ever told him how to start the process of creating a work order to get a blighted property removed and that he has been fighting this issue for more than a year. "We were told our councilman was working on it. That he was gonna get a grant," said Lancaster. "But nothing ever came through." Lancaster went on to say that they were recently made aware of how to start the official process, which is a lengthy one, and he feels it is ridiculous he and his

neighbors are still in this mess. "We are looking for answers," said Lancaster. "Why hasn't a lien been put on the property." St. James Parish Director of Operations Rick Webre spoke and gave a detailed history of the property and home in question. Webre said the mobile home was legally moved to the property after the storm, that Entergy hooked up the mobile home with power, the proper sewerage and water connections were made and that the laws in place were followed. Webre also said South Central Planning has condemned the permanent home on the property. "We have cut the grass and removed debris from the property and all costs will be applied as a lien, which we can only do once per year. Webre said he has to follow the law, which is what he has done. Webre also said plans

are to move forward with demolishing the home in August or September, unless instructed otherwise by the owner and that all costs of removing the condemned home will be applied as a lien. To initiate a Parish work order of any kind residents should call 225-562-2500. In a final matter, the Council debated whether to hire AM-PM Services, which is a temporary staffing agency, to help fill open positions/jobs on the Parish level. Parish President Peter Dufresne said there are several positions that the Parish is struggling to find applicants to fill, and AM-PM would not only open the jobs up to a larger pool of potential candidates, but it would also save the Parish money on pre-employment costs (background checks, drug tests, unemployment insurance costs, etc.) Councilman Nash said he was hesitant to support

hiring AM-PM because he wants to hire local residents, which is something President Dufresne said the Parish can direct AM-PM to do. "We can tell the staffing service to look for St. James Parish residents first," said Dufresne. Nash also said some of the positions in question are lower level paying jobs and the Parish should look into increasing the pay, which Finance Director Bubba Boughton said the salary schedule has been studied and salaries that needed adjusting were adjusted. Councilman Mason Bland suggested more targeted advertising directly to St. James Parish residents should be done before bringing in a third party staffing agency, and Councilman Clyde Cooper suggested offering incentives to attract local people to apply.

**ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
HELD BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met for a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse in Convent, Louisiana at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Those present were Council Members Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Clyde Cooper, Donald Nash, and Council Chairwoman Vondra Etienne-Steib. Council Members Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. and Mason Bland were absent.

Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called the Public Hearing on the following items to order:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 19 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PREMISES, SECTION 18-207 DEFINITIONS, RELATIVE TO THE LENGTH OF TALL GRASS AND CHAPTER 54 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE II NUISANCES, SECTION 54-25 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, RELATIVE TO THE NOTICE ISSUED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER**

Council Amato explained that the changes were needed to address tall grass. President Dufresne said this is another mechanism to address tall grass complaints in a quicker manner.

After the Council Secretary read aloud the proposed ordinance, Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called for public comments.

The following provided public comment:

Barbara Washington, 8191 Pleasant Hill Street, Romeville, LA  
Gail LeBoeuf, 758 N. Ezidore, Gramercy, LA

Councilman Cooper said we need to make sure we are clear, that the council is not taking anyone's land, it's a tool to be used to allow the work to get done.

Chairwoman dittoed Councilman Cooper, saying that it is not the intention to steal anyone's property or take advantage of someone who may not be mentally capable of making those decisions.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-06, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 118 "WATERWAYS" OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 1 - "NO WAKE ZONES" AND REPLACE WITH SECTION 1 - "SPEED OF WATERCRAFT/IDLE ZONES"**

Councilman Louque explained that this ordinance repeals the current section, 118-1, which is a basic ordinance and enacts a more detailed ordinance governing idle zones as allowed by R. S. 34:851.27, maintaining the current idle zone that is established at the Blind River Boat Club and adds an idle zone by the Blind River Chapel.

After the council secretary read aloud the ordinance, Chairwoman Etienne-Steib called for public comments. No comments were received from the public.

Councilman Amato said he appreciates the work done by Councilman Louque on the ordinance. He said it will make it safer where there are large gatherings of boats.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Linda Hubbell, Secretary**  
\*\*\*\*\*

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON JULY 6, 2022**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse in Convent, Louisiana on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 6:20 p.m. immediately following the public hearing.

On roll call, the following were recorded present: Council Members Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Clyde Cooper, Donald Nash, and Chairwoman Vondra Etienne-Steib. Councilmen Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. and Mason Bland was absent.

Those also in attendance were Linda Hubbell, Council Secretary; Peter Dufresne, Parish President; Ingrid Bergeron, Human Resources Director; Eric Deroche, Emergency Preparedness Director; Felix Boughton, Finance Director; Ryan Larousse, Assistant Director of Operations, and Adam Koenig, Legal Advisor. Special Counsel Vic Franckiewicz was also in attendance.

The Honorable Vondra Etienne-Steib, Chairwoman, duly convened the Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, and stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business.

Councilman Amato offered the invocation and Councilman Nash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

On a motion offered by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Nash the minutes of the June 22, 2022 regular meeting were approved as distributed, and the reading of these minutes dispensed with.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for May 2022 was approved on a motion offered by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Dufresne presented this report to the Council: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, Council. Good evening, everyone.

- First, I'd like to begin by reminding everyone COVID still exists so please be aware and socially distance if you feel symptoms.
- St. James Parish Market Day will be held this Saturday, July 9th, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center in Gramercy.
- I had the pleasure of attending the WWL Radio and FEMA bunker ribbon cutting last week in Algiers. I was able to see firsthand the upgraded emergency

system and see the new emergency broadcast studio that was constructed in coordination with FEMA, making WWL Radio the 14th station in the nation to partner with the federal government to complete an all-hazards upgrade. The project includes increased sheltering capabilities, expanded broadcast capacity & sustainable power generation for all types of hazardous events. Effectively, the bunker provides a reliable and comprehensive system to alert and warn the public in times of emergency.

- The physical structure of the broadcast bunker provides WWL AM/FM the ability to broadcast for up to 60 days in a completely secure space impervious to the most devastating of natural and man-made disasters. The broadcast facility is built on a 12-foot stand to withstand a 1,000-year flooding event. It is also designed to withstand electro-magnetic power surges presumably from detonated nuclear devices, an event that would eliminate our traditional methods of broadcast. I encourage all residents to get a transistor radio and have fresh batteries on hand in case of an emergency. St. James Parish Government will be in communication with WWL radio station during a storm for residents to receive the most up-to-date information.
- With the approach of the one-year anniversary of Hurricane IDA, I would like to give the council and public an update on recovery process with our insurance carrier and with FEMA. There are 2 categories with FEMA, temporary which includes debris removal and emergency protective measures, which includes supplies like sand and sand bags, EOC activation, generator usage on public building and parish workers working the disaster. The estimated cost for the temporary category is \$6.6 million which none of that money is recoverable from our insurance company only reimbursable by FEMA. The other category is permanent work which is the repair or replacement of public buildings and facilities. The parish with Rostan has estimated the damage claim to be \$2.9 million for parish building and facilities, this figure does not include the 4 building we are working on with FEMA to get 50% ruled which means they are substantially damaged and need to be replaced. They are the Vacherie Senior Center, St. James ARC building, Gramercy Recreation Building Park A and North Vacherie Main Fire Station. These 4 buildings the parish has provide the documentation to FEMA for 50% rule, we believe it has exceeded the requirements and now FEMA is currently reviewing the data to see if they agreed with the information that was provided. If FEMA agrees they will issue us an approved project worksheet (PW) which means we can demo buildings and start the design of the replacement building. Once we have plans completed, they will need to be submitted for review and approval to GOHSEP before we can go out for bid and or construction of the new building.
- Currently, the parish has approved project worksheets with GOHSEP/FEMA for \$3,740,904 and as of today the parish has submitted reimbursement request to GOHSEP for \$2,460,786 and received \$2,419,912. 90% to 95% was debris removal. The remaining went towards Rostan administrative cost and mosquito spraying in which some has been reimbursed as well. The parish has requested express pay were GOSHEP hold back 20% of the payment until they conduct an audit of the request for payment. Once they complete that audit the money is released and sent to the parish less the FEMA match.
- The parish has received \$2,182,057 from the insurance company and we are currently reconciling with the insurance company so we can submit the difference to FEMA.
- As of now the parish has received from insurance and FEMA a total of \$4,601,969.
- All St. James Parish Government departments and I have been meeting and discussing hurricane preparedness preparations, and it's a good time for residents to do the same. Let's remember Hurricane Ida originated and made landfall within only 48 hours. Please be prepared.
- Task Order #1 has been issued to Material Resources Inc. for the 2022 Road Preservation Project. Substantial Completion has been issued on the David Plantation drainage improvement project. A final walk through of the project with representatives from High Tide Consultants, Byron Talbot Contractors, and St. James Parish took place last week. The major drainage outfalls in the Baytree Community are currently being cleared. This project will take several months due to neglect over the last few decades. Crews have been clearing and grubbing the parish right-of-ways at the rear of Magnolia Heights as part of the Magnolia Heights Project.
- East Bank natural gas metering upgrades are still on track to be completed mid-August. Preparations have also been made in case of a storm during construction. Progress is being made on the West Bank for the Natural Gas Tap and Purchase Point. This agreement has been signed, and site meetings have been conducted over the past several weeks.
- Various summer programs are still going on at our Parish Libraries. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information.
- God Bless everyone here tonight and God Bless St. James Parish.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following provided comments on agenda item #12 and/or 13 under new business

Mark Kleehammer, 4809 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson (Entergy)  
Tripp Roy, 60 Maryland Dr., New Orleans (DE Shaw)  
Sharon Lavigne, 8581 Hwy. 18, St. James  
Jessica Cunningham, 4505 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans (Alliance for affordable energy)

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Mr. Glenn Millet was not in attendance to present the Planning Commission's Annual Report.
- Mr. Donald Hains, with Waste Management, reviewed the Hurricane Response Plan for St. James Parish.
- Tommy Naquin and Jesse Daze' with Postlethwaite & Netterville presented the 2021 Annual Audit Report.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS -**

Councilman Louque offered and moved for adoption **RESOLUTION 22-140, A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LOUIS KLIBERT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT 3 TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.** Councilman Amato offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Acquisition of Land for Multipurpose Building** - the appraisal value needed to be corrected and needs to be resubmitted to the hospital. A synopsis was requested for the July 20th meeting.

**Update of drainage study for Forrestal Street to Pool Lane** - before starting we wanted to see if we would be able to get reimbursed by FEMA. FEMA requested a letter of no objection from Coastal Zone, which was received today and was submitted to FEMA, once we get approval we will be ready to

start.

**ORDINANCE 22-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 19 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I UNSIGHTLY AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PREMISES, SECTION 18-207 DEFINITIONS, RELATIVE TO THE LENGTH OF TALL GRASS AND CHAPTER 54 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE II NUISANCES, SECTION 54-25 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, RELATIVE TO THE NOTICE ISSUED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER,** having undergone the hearing process, was offered and moved adoption by Councilman Amato and was seconded by Councilman Louque. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the ordinance was adopted.

**ORDINANCE 22-06, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 118 "WATERWAYS" OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL SECTION 1 - "NO WAKE ZONES" AND REPLACE WITH SECTION 1 - "SPEED OF WATERCRAFT/IDLE ZONES",** having undergone the hearing process, was offered and moved adoption by Councilman Louque and was seconded by Councilman Amato. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the ordinance was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 22-141, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF PAYROLL FOR THE JULY 8, 2022 PAYROLL,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman Cooper. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-142, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO PAY PENDING CURRENT INVOICES AND PAYABLES,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Amato. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-143, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR EMR ELEVATOR SERVICES, LLC TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT BY ONE (1) YEAR AND INCREASE CONTRACT PRICE FOR COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and was seconded by Councilman Cooper. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-144, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ST. JAMES PARISH PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LA CONTRACTING ENTERPRISE, LLC FOR THE BUDDY WHITNEY CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Nash. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-145, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE ST. JAMES PARISH COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-146, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR ROSTAN SOLUTIONS, LLC TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT BY ONE (1) YEAR FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AND MITIGATION AND ADD NEW 2CFR REQUIREMENTS,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Nash. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-147, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONTRACT FOR CRESCENT ENGINEERING & MAPPING, LLC TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT BY TWO (2) YEARS AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT PRICE FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Cooper. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-148, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MATHERNE'S MARKET FOR EMERGENCY FEEDING,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman Cooper. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-149, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL MONITORING SERVICES BETWEEN TETRA TECH AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER, AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-150, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL SERVICES BETWEEN DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER, AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Cooper. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-151, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE VARIANCE FOR A. RUSSELL WEBER, ET AUX OWNER WAYNE WEBER FOR A 21' PUBLIC UTILITY AND ACCESS SERVITUDE, PLANNING COMMISSION ITEM 22-21,** was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman Amato. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

After Mr. Franckiewicz went over a few things, he then suggested to amend the resolution that would delegate guidelines to the Planning Commission that the Council could also use, that would address the issues in the interim while waiting for the study. The guidelines are based on public input for the one solar farm. They would, #1 - consider the comparative economics, #2 - whether or not there would be more beneficial uses of the land, #3 - compatibility with our long-term land use plan, #4 - impact on infrastructure, #5 - cumulative

**CONTINUED**

**CONTINUED**

impacts. After the Council's questions were answered, and Council members provided comments, Councilman Cooper offered a motion to table A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OR PERMITTING OF ALL SOLAR PANEL FARMS IN ST. JAMES PARISH until the July 20th meeting for revision. Councilman Nash offered a second. After a roll call vote showing Louque and Amato against, Cooper, Nash, and Etienne-Steib in favor, and St. Pierre and Bland absent, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-152, A RESOLUTION FOR ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT TO ENGAGE WITH SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY**, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque. After a roll call vote showing a yes vote by Louque, Amato, Cooper and Etienne-Steib, a nay vote by Nash, and St. Pierre and Bland absent, the resolution was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 22-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-86 "KEEP ST. JAMES PARISH BEAUTIFUL BOARD"**, was introduced on a motion offered by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque. After a unanimous roll call vote, with St. Pierre and Bland absent, the ordinance was accepted and ordered filed with the Secretary for public inspection and publication of Notice of Public Hearing, which was scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex in Vacherie.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**FELIX BOUGHTON** - next year's budget process will soon begin. Effective August 1st, the bid threshold increases from \$30,000 to \$60,000 which will allow the administration to get the things needed at a lower cost.

**INGRID BERGERON** - invitations are going out for the community breakfast.

**ERIC DEROUCHE** - he and President Dufresne met with representative of Acadian Ambulance about staffing issues and are working to amend the contract.

Councilman Cooper left the Chambers at 8:16 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT**

**COUNCILMAN NASH** - Councilman Nash had no comments.

**COUNCILMAN COOPER** - Councilman Cooper was not in attendance.

**COUNCILMAN BLAND** - Councilman Bland was absent.

**COUNCILMAN LOUQUE** - Councilman Louque inquired about canal cleaning on the East Bank. Mr. Larousse indicated that they started by Acadiana last week and working toward Paulina.

**COUNCILMAN AMATO** - Councilman Amato congratulated the Finance Department on the excellent audit. He thanked the Parish for coming to the assistance for the Buddy Whitney project. He requested a letter be sent to Janet Stout, FEMA EA/IGA liaison, for the communications throughout Hurricane Ida recovery. He said our Coastal Zone Board is also having attendance issues with meetings and inquired about also reducing the number of members. He also requested assistance for payment to those who show up to the meeting but there was no quorum.

**COUNCILMAN ST. PIERRE** - Councilman St. Pierre was absent.

**CHAIRWOMAN ETIENNE-STEIB** - Chairwoman Etienne-Steib thanked Mr. Ken for all he does for the *Keep St. James Parish Beautiful* Board. She said she would like to make people understand that when you volunteer for these boards that it is a commitment, adding that if you can't be committed to give up the seat and give it to someone who wants to do it. She said she knows there is disappointment about the moratorium and said she thinks we are setting precedence, and said she is glad that they will be rewriting to make it fit everyone.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Louque and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Linda Hubbell, Secretary*

PUB: 7/28



The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Bland, and unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION 22-153  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING  
GENEVA LANDRY AS THE DISTRICT 5  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, R. S. 25:214 states in part that a public library shall be governed by a Board of Control and the members of said Board shall be appointed by the Parish Council; and,

WHEREAS, Geneva Landry, a member of the St. James Parish Public Library Board, has, since her original appointment, rendered services and performed duties faithfully and well; and

WHEREAS, the term of Mrs. Landry expired on June 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of the Parish Council that Geneva Landry be reappointed as the representative of District 5:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Geneva Landry, 5700 Landry-Geason Rd., St. James, Louisiana, 70086, is hereby reappointed as the District 5 representative to the St. James Parish Public Library Board for a term of five (5) years, with said term to expire June 28, 2027.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman Louque:

**RESOLUTION 22-154  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT  
OF PAYROLL FOR THE JULY 22, 2022  
PAYROLL**

WHEREAS, the employee payroll is July 22, 2022 and said payroll is reflected in the payroll disbursement report presented to the Parish Council with this Resolution.

WHEREAS, according to the Home Rule Charter, Article III §C(2)(a)(v), all checks and warrants drawn against the parish treasury shall be approved by a majority vote of the St. James Parish Council and the Parish Council by Resolution authorizes the administration to execute, sign or countersign any such check or draft in accordance with said provision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. James Parish Council does hereby approve disbursement of the July 22, 2022 payroll and further authorizes the Parish President and Director of Finance to execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to wire transfer forms with financial services institutions, to perfect the disbursement of payroll.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Cooper, Nash, St. Pierre, Louque, Bland, and Etienne-Steib
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Amato

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Bland:

**RESOLUTION 22-155  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT  
OF FUNDS TO PAY PENDING CURRENT  
INVOICES AND PAYABLES**

WHEREAS, invoices payable to vendors, employees and other reimbursements due and all other current payables to be processed this week; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Home Rule Charter, Article III §C(2)(a)(v), all checks and warrants drawn against the parish treasury shall be approved by a majority vote of the St. James Parish Council and the Parish Council by Resolution authorizes the administration to execute, sign or countersign any such check or draft in accordance with said provision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. James Parish Council does hereby approve the disbursement of funds per the distribution report presented to the Parish Council reflecting the pending current invoices and other payables as of Thursday, July 21, 2022.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Louque, Nash, St. Pierre, Cooper, Bland, and Etienne-Steib
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Amato

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Bland and seconded by Councilman Louque:

**RESOLUTION 22-156  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO ADVERTISE FOR  
AND RECEIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR AUTOMATED COLLECTION AND  
TRANSPORTATION OF RESIDENTIAL  
SOLID WASTE**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish is interested in procuring the services for automated collection and transportation of residential solid waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. James Parish Council does hereby authorize the parish administration to advertise and seek request for proposals for automated collection and transportation of residential solid waste.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Bland:

**RESOLUTION 22-157  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CHANGE ORDER  
#4 FROM TBT CONTRACTING, INC. OF LA FOR  
THE EAST BANK RECREATION FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council did cause the advertisement of, and award the bid to TBT Contracting, Inc. of LA, as prescribed by law, for the East Bank Recreation Facility; and

WHEREAS, the description of work for Change Order #4 is for the addition of two (2) manual basketball goal height adjusters furnished and installed; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost amount for Change Order #4 is an increase in the amount of \$3,003.88; and,

WHEREAS, the Change Order #4 was given due and proper consideration:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Change Order #4, is hereby accepted, and that Peter A. Dufresne, St. James Parish President and/or his designee, is hereby authorized to sign, execute and administer all documents between TBT Contracting, Inc. of LA for Change Order #4.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Bland, St. Pierre, Cooper, Nash, Louque, and Etienne-Steib
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Amato

And, the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Bland:

**RESOLUTION 22-158  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING  
THE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM FOR  
ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES,  
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY-TRANSIT  
DIVISION**

WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey data, approximately 2.5% of individuals residing in the parish speak a language other than English.

WHEREAS, The St. James Parish Government assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs or activities. St. James Parish Government assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not (inclusive of additional Title VI Authorities and citations).

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government will be responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation, (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. James Parish Council that:

- SECTION 1. The St. James Parish Council hereby approves the Non-Discrimination Plan, dated \_\_\_\_\_, for St. James Parish,
- SECTION 2. The St. James Parish President and/or the Director of Human Resources is hereby authorized to sign, submit, the Non-Discrimination Program and take all necessary actions with respect to administration of the Parish's Non-Discrimination Program.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: Louque, Cooper, Bland, Nash, St. Pierre, and Etienne-Steib
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Amato

And, the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

\*\*\*\*\*

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Louque:

**RESOLUTION 22-159  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH  
PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
AM-PM SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Peter A. Dufresne, Parish President, is hereby duly authorized and empowered to sign and execute a contract with AM-PM Services for temporary staffing.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: St. Pierre, Cooper, Louque, and Etienne-Steib
- NAYS: Nash, Bland
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Amato

And, the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

PUB: 7/28



The following ordinance, which was previously introduced at a regular meeting held on July 06, 2022, a summary thereof having been published in the official journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on a motion offered by Councilman St. Pierre and seconded by Councilman Nash:

**ORDINANCE 22-07  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. JAMES  
PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2,  
ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-86 "KEEP ST. JAMES  
PARISH BEAUTIFUL BOARD"**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS that the following sections of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Section 2-86 *Keep St. James Parish Beautiful* Board

- (2) **MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE:**
  - (a) The Board shall be composed of 9 members. Each Council Member shall nominate one (1) member to the Board and the Parish President shall nominate (2) members to the Board. The Sheriff and the Parish President or his designee shall serve on the Board ex-officio (non voting members). All nominations for membership on the Board shall be approved unanimously by resolution

**CONTINUED**

of the Parish Council.

- (5) **QUORUM:** 5 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and all matters to be voted on by the Board shall be passed by a majority vote of these members present and voting.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** St. Pierre, Louque, Bland, Cooper, Nash, and Etienne-Steib  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Amato

And, the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 20th day of July 2022.

**PUB: 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the St. James Parish Government until **12:00 p.m.** on **Monday, August 22, 2022**, in the Convent Council Chambers, 5800 LA Highway 44, Convent, Louisiana, on the 2nd Floor for:

**AUTOMATED COLLECTION AND  
TRANSPORTATION OF RESIDENTIAL  
SOLID WASTE IN  
ST. JAMES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Proposals received after the above specified time will not be considered.

The service covered by the Contract is for the curbside collection and transportation of residential solid waste material and refuse from qualifying residential and small commercial units located within the Parish, including the Towns of Gramercy and Lutchter.

Specifications and forms of the Contract Documents may be obtained in the Operations Office, 5800 LA Highway 44, Convent, Louisiana on the 3rd Floor. Explanations, interpretations, or clarifications must be requested in writing to the Operations Office, P. O. Box 106, Convent, Louisiana 70723 by 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2022

No Contractor may withdraw his proposal for at least sixty (60) days after the time scheduled for the opening of proposals. Each proposal shall be submitted only on the Contractor's Proposal Forms.

Interested Contractors to the above-mentioned subject are urged to attend a Pre-Submission Conference on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in the Convent Council Chambers, 5800 LA Highway 44, Convent, Louisiana on the 2nd Floor.

The St. James Parish Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28; 8/4**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
2245 Canal Street, Paulina, LA 70763**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **2245 Canal Street, Paulina, LA 70763, Tax Parcel #0300105100**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
6128 Haydel Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **6128 Haydel Street, Convent, LA, Tax Parcel #0400101600**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
6160 Haydel Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **6160 Haydel Street, Convent, LA, Tax Parcel #0400052712**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
6248 Haydel Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **6248 Haydel Street, Convent, LA, Tax Parcel #0400006200**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
8137 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **8137 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent, LA, Tax Parcel #7400002800**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
8246 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **8246 Pleasant Hill Street, Convent, LA, Tax Parcel #0400127900**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
10337 Legion Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **10337 Legion Street, Convent, LA 70723, Tax Parcel #0400126900**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
10341 Legion Street, Convent LA 70723**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **10341 Legion Street, Convent, LA 70723, Tax Parcel #0400117500**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
8195 Geason Street, St. James, LA 70086**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **8195 Geason Street, St. James, LA 70086, St. James, LA 70086, Tax Parcel #0500008300**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
Lot on Paul Nelson & Highway 18,  
St. James, LA 70086**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **Lot on Paul Nelson & Highway 18, St. James, LA 70086, Tax Parcel #0500057605**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12") tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
1235 Luther King Street, Vacherie, LA 70090**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **1235 Luther King Street, Vacherie, LA 70090, Tax Parcel #0600043100**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12”) tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF TALL GRASS,  
ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CHAPTER 54**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:  
19470 Lime Street, Vacherie, LA 70090**

Notice is hereby given that the premises located at **19470 Lime Street, Vacherie, LA 70090, Tax Parcel #0700081700**, has been declared unsightly/unsafe and is in violation of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 because of an accumulation excessive grass and/or weeds more than twelve inches (12”) tall and also in violation of Sections 5.028, 5.029, and 5.054 of Chapter 5 of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code. The owner of the premises must make the premises safe and secure and have the grass and seeds removed within ten (10) days from the publication of this Notice of Violation. Failure to comply within this time frame shall result in the assessment against the owner of the premises for charges and fees incurred by the Parish of St. James in bringing the property into compliance with the aforementioned laws. The Parish shall then file a lien against the property in the mortgage records of the Parish of St. James and will be added to your annual ad valorem taxes and shall not remove same until such time that all charges and fees have been paid in full.

**NO ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN**

**PUB: 7/21; 7/28**

**TOWN OF LUTCHER  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
TOWN OF LUTCHER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 5, 2022**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Litcher met in regular session at the Litcher Town Hall, 2500 Louisiana Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. as follows.

Mayor St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Riley led the prayer and Alderman Ronald St. Pierre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Vanessa Roussel called the roll.

Present were Mayor Patrick P. St. Pierre, Aldermen Donald Batiste, Danny Manuel, Darlene Riley and Ronald St. Pierre. Also, present were Town Clerk Vanessa Roussel, and Town Attorney Wilbur Reynaud. Absent were Alderman Thomas George and Chief of Police Dwan Bowser.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor St. Pierre asked if anyone in attendance would like to comment on any agenda item they may do so at this time. No one in attendance commented on any agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alderman Manuel moved, seconded by Alderman St. Pierre to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 7, 2022, Public Hearing, June 16, 2022, and Special Meeting, June 16, 2022, as published in the official journal. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call by those Aldermen present.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Alderman St. Pierre moved, seconded by Alderman Riley to approve for payment all bills presented to the Board of Aldermen. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote by those Aldermen present. A monthly financial report was included in the Aldermen’s packets.

Chief Dwan Bowser entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor St. Pierre gave updates on the completed drainage projects on South King Avenue, North King Avenue and Cypress Street. Mayor St. Pierre stated the next project will be to resurface Fifth Street. He also has stated the sewer loan with LDEQ has been approved.

Mayor St. Pierre called on Alderman Danny Manuel to read the proclamation recognizing the St. James Parish Biddy Basketball Team for winning the 2022 AA National Championship.

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Biddy Basketball Team has won the 2022 National Biddy Basketball AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Biddy Basketball Team have FINISHED their mystical journey; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Biddy Basketball Team is a source of pride and community spirit to the Town of Litcher; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Litcher congratulates the St. James Parish Biddy Basketball Team and coaching staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Patrick P. St. Pierre, do hereby proclaim July 5, 2022, as

**2022 ST. JAMES PARISH BIDDY BASKETBALL  
AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS DAY**

In the Town of Litcher.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and cause to be affixed, the seal of the Town of Litcher, this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two.

*Patrick P. St. Pierre, Mayor*

ATTEST:

**Vanessa C. Roussel, LMMC, Town Clerk**

Each player was presented a trophy and coaches a plaque for their great accomplishments.

**ORDINANCE(S):**

Alderman St. Pierre introduced Proposed Ordinance 22-03 -- An ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) of taxable hurricane recovery revenue bonds, Series 2022, of the Town of Litcher State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Alderman St. Pierre moved, seconded by Alderman Riley to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. for public comments regarding Proposed Ordinance 22-03 -- An ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) of taxable hurricane recovery revenue bonds, Series 2022, of the Town of Litcher State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote by those Aldermen present.

**RESOLUTION(S):**

Alderman Manuel moved, seconded by Alderman St. Pierre to approve Resolution 22-14 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 22-14  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL MONITORING SERVICES BETWEEN TETRA TECH AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Council authorized the Administration to seek Request for Proposals for Debris Monitoring Services; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Departments, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, everyone meets as a committee and selected Tetra Tech; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Peter Dufresne, St. James President, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Tetra Tech and St. James Parish Government, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher.

This Resolution 22-14 having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon, was as follows:

**YEAS:** Batiste, Manuel, Riley, St. Pierre  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** George

As declared adopted on this 5th day of July 2022.

*Patrick P. St. Pierre, Mayor*

Alderman St. Pierre moved, seconded by Alderman Manuel to approve Resolution 22-15 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 22-15  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL SERVICES BETWEEN DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Council authorized the Administration to seek Request for Proposals for Emergency Debris and Disposal Services; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Departments, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, everyone meets as a committee and selected DRC Emergency Services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Peter Dufresne, St. James President, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between DRC Emergency Services and St. James Parish Government, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher.

This Resolution 22-15 having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon, was as follows:

**YEAS:** Batiste, Manuel, Riley, St. Pierre  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** George

As declared adopted on this 5th day of July 2022.

*Patrick P. St. Pierre, Mayor*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Alderman St. Pierre moved, seconded by Alderman Batiste to approve acceptance of First American Bank and Trust proposal on Hurricane Recovery Bond. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote by those Aldermen present.

St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness Director Eric Deroche explained and updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the status of the Parish-wide IT upgrade. He stated that the Town Hall, Water Plant and Sewer Pond will be included in Phase I of the upgrade, this will bring Litcher into compliance with State and Federal regulations in respect to cyber security. He also stated the Town will benefit by teaming up with the Parish and the Town of Gramercy as it is a major cost savings. The Parish and Sheriff’s Office are paying for the infrastructure and the Town will only pay for what is actually needed.

Alderman Riley moved, seconded by Alderman Manuel to surplus the following trucks: 2004 Ford Pickup Truck Vin # 1FDNF20L14ED12374 and 2007 Ford Pickup Truck Vin #1FTWW30567EA02175. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote by those Aldermen present.

**REPORTS:**

**CHIEF OF POLICE’S REPORT:**

Chief Dwan Bowser gave an update for the month of June 2022 for the Police Department. Chief Bowser also stated there are still STOP signs that need replacement throughout the Town and there are potholes on Lionel Washington Street in need of repair.

**ALDERMEN’S REPORTS:**

The Board of Aldermen was each given an opportunity to give individual reports.

**Alderman Manuel** - Alderman Manuel stated lots of work is being done around Town from that the Town is looking good; the reflectors on King Avenue and LA Hwy. 3125 has helped. He stated there is a problem with Entergy not repairing lights and poles around Town. He stated several calls have been made to Entergy concerning this problem.

**Alderman St. Pierre** - Alderman St. Pierre gave an update on the streetlight the Town owns which need repair. He stated the streetlights on Marquette Drive are now repaired, this has been since Hurricane Ida.

**Alderman Riley** - Alderman Riley asked about picking up the culverts on Central Street. She stated someone called her concerning a lot on S. Exchange Alley that needs cutting due to animals coming from the lot. She asked for an update on the Bobby Boudreaux building demolition.

**COUNCILMEN’S REPORT:**

Jason Amato, Councilman District 2, stated the Parish Council has on the agenda the approval LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC to do the Buddy Whitney Canal Drainage Improvement Project. He also stated at the Parish Council has approved the Road Rehabilitation Program. This program includes the overlay of South David Road.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business Alderman Batiste moved, seconded by Alderman Manuel, and approved unanimously by those Aldermen present the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Patrick P. St. Pierre, Mayor*

*Vanessa C. Roussel, LMMC Town Clerk*

**NOTICE:** The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is scheduled to be held **Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Litcher Town Hall, 2500 Louisiana Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071

**PUB: 7/28**

**TOWN OF LUTCHER  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE  
NOT EXCEEDING \$2,100,000 OF  
UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS OF  
THE TOWN OF LUTCHER, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

As provided by a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Litcher, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Litcher, State of Louisiana (the “Issuer”), on August 2, 2022, the Issuer HEREBY DECLARES ITS INTENTION to issue up to Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds (the “Bonds”), in one or more series, for the purpose of constructing, improving and extending the System, including the purchase of equipment therefor, to the hereinafter defined System of the Town.

The Bonds will be limited and special revenue bonds of the Issuer, secured by and payable, solely from the revenues of the drinking water system and sewer system operated as a combined utility (the “System”), subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System. The Bonds will not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the Issuer, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the Issuer. The Bonds will be issued pursuant to Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and/or other applicable laws (the “Act”).

The Bonds will be issued and authorized by ordinance(s) adopted by the Governing Authority, in one or more series, will mature up to thirty (30) years from their respective dates of issuance, will bear interest at a rate or rates up to two and forty-five hundredths percent (2.45%) (which shall include any administrative fees), and will be subject to prepayment anytime without penalty.

As provided by the Act, all of the other details of the Bonds will be set forth in the ordinances(s) authorizing their issuance, including the following: covenants relating to the management and operation of the System, the imposition and collection of rates and charges from the System’s customers, the expenditure of such rates and charges, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and all other pertinent matters



**CONTINUED**

as may be necessary to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds are expected to be sold at private sales, as provided for in the Act, to the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

**THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Governing Authority will meet in open and public session **on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, at Town Hall, 2500 Louisiana Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana, to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. If at such hearing a petition duly signed by electors of the Issuer in a number not less than five percent (5%) of the number of such electors voting in the last special or general election object to the issuance of the Bonds, then the Bonds shall not be issued until approved at an election held for that purpose. Any such petition must be accompanied by a certificate of the St. James Parish Registrar of Voters certifying that the signers of the petition(s) are registered electors of the Issuer and the number of signers amounts to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters that voted in the last tax election held in the Issuer, all as provided by the Act.

**TOWN OF LUTCHER, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

PUB: 7/7; 7/14; 7/21; 7/28

<p align="center"><b>TOWN OF GRAMERCY OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS</b></p>
--

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 11, 2022**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in special session on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and called roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: None

The notice of the special meeting was as follows:

July 8, 2022

Board of Aldermen  
Town of Gramercy  
Louisiana

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Please be advised that there will be a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** Gramercy Town Hall for the following purpose:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - RISE St. James and Sharon Lavigne vs. Town of Gramercy

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We, the undersigned Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana do hereby acknowledge receipt in due time of the call to the special meeting to be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

ALDERMEN  
/s/ Darren Brack  
/s/ Craig Calcagno  
/s/ Theron Louque  
/s/ Clyde Wiggins  
/s/ Barbara Woods

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen meet in Executive Session to discuss the RISE St. James lawsuit.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

/s/ **Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor**

/s/ **Amy O. St. Pierre, Town Clerk**

PUB: 7/28

<p align="center"><b>TOWN OF GRAMERCY OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS</b></p>
--

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
JULY 11, 2022**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 743-2022** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 38 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE II WEEDS AND OFFENSIVE ACCUMULATIONS

Gail LeBoeuf, 758 N. Ezidore, asked who determines if a structure needs demolition. Mayor Nosacka responded that the Mayor and Board members review the properties. She also asked if the property owner is contacted and understands the process. Mayor Nosacka stated that the property owner receives three certified letters, and he does speak with them in person. The property owner also has an appeal option.

**ORDINANCE NO. 744-2022** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 18-32 IMPOSITION OF LIEN AND PRIVILEGE

No public comments received on Ordinance No. 744-2022

**ORDINANCE NO. 745-2022** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS

NANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS

Shelly Warren, 605 N. Pine Street, expressed concerns about people who may not be able to afford a newer model mobile home and thinks a seven-year age limit might be more acceptable.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Louque and passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:09 p.m. at Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked the Clerk to call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: None

There were also present: Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS** -

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen presented a plaque to Litcher High School Baseball Team in recognition of winning the 2022 LHSAA 3A State Championship; team members Cade Bourgeois and Cohen Veron accepted the plaque on behalf of the team.

Zedra Thomas, 263 S. Hickory Street, spoke to the Board concerning a dumpster fire by her residence on June 12, 2022, and when the fire department arrived the fire hydrant near her home did not work, the fireman had to connect to a hydrant further away from her. She was frustrated with the delayed communication from the mayor when she voiced her concerns about the broken hydrant. Mayor Nosacka said he had already discussed this with her will contact Mrs. Thomas to schedule a meeting to address her concerns.

**REPORTS****1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka reported that Lead and Copper testing will begin this month. LA DOTD has reprogrammed the timing on the traffic signal lights on LA 3125 at N. Airline and Main Street. The Town's Main Street Certification is in process and the steering committee will meet on July 27, 2022. There will be an exploratory meeting to discuss recovery group plans in advance of a natural disaster; participants will include local, parish and state government, police department, industry, small businesses, and community members. Waste Management will meet with the Mayor in August to discuss plans on garbage collection after natural disasters. The Parish will soon announce those applicants who were approved to receive assistant through the Parish Disaster Relief and Recovery program. The Mayor has met with Charlie Martin, the new owner of the Café Perique building on E. Main Street, concerning his plans for rehabilitating the building. On July 14, 2022 Utz Quality Foods executives will meet with local, parish and state officials to discuss the future of Zapp's Potato Chips in Gramercy. Mayor Nosacka provided a list of completed capital improvement projects located south of Main Street. The Town's annual Consumer Confidence Report was published in the *News Examiner* on June 23, 2022.

The Mayor presented a list of condemnations approved by the board in May where some homeowners were also the landowner, and some homeowners were renting the land. Mayor Nosacka asked Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr. to research if we can pass the cost of demolition to the property owner. A motion to proceed with demolition on those who own their home and land only was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Wiggins and the motion passed unanimously.

**2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT**

Mayor Nosacka reported that the AMR meter installation is complete and training on reading and programming will begin soon. We have received the bids for the S. Millet culvert project and will advertise for S. Millet asphalt bids by end of July. All PPDR applications must be turned in by July 31, 2022. The 4th Street drainage project will begin soon. The engineers continue to work on specifications for Central Canal concrete matting from 2nd Street to 4th Street.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS****A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE**

Sgt. Gerhold reported on behalf of Chief Dicharry that they will begin more enhanced patrolling concerning recent crimes in the Town. Each police officer received a flashlight from the US Deputies Association.

**B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated the National Weather Service is expecting 4 - 8 inches of rain from the disturbance located in the Gulf of Mexico. The Police Department will purchase equipment to aid our officers in response to active shooter events.

**C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Alex Gerhold reported that he has completed his assessment of abandoned vehicles in the Town and there are 116 abandoned vehicles. He has made first contact with owners, and he will begin his second round of communications soon to check the status of removing the vehicle. Some vehicles have already been removed by the property owner.

**REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT**

District 1 Parish Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. could not be with us this month.

**3. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS****A. PLANNING COMMISSION**

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported the commission met with Mr. Dean Millet concerning plans to subdivide property on N. Pine Street from four properties to two properties. The Commission's recommendation was to defer a decision on the subdivision and leave the four lots and remodel the homes already on the property.

**B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT**

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. The recreation tax 4.63 millage has been approved for another year. His report included a list of possible improvements the members are discussing. The back flow preventers have been installed.

**ORDINANCE - FINAL ACTION****ORDINANCE NO. 743-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 38 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE II WEEDS AND OFFENSIVE ACCUMULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Health and Sanitation, Article II Weeds and Offensive Accumulations, Section 38-31 Lien for cost of correction by town, adding, paragraph (c).

The following shall be amended and read as:

Section 38-31 Lien for cost of correction by Town

- (c) Upon failure of the owner of a commercial property to pay or reimburse the lien amount, utility service to the subject commercial property shall be withheld subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, June 13, 2022, notices of public hearing having been published on June 23, 2022 said public hearing held on Monday, July 11, 2022, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

**YEAS:** Louque, Calcagno, Brack, Woods, Wiggins  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of July, 2022.

**ORDINANCE NO. 744-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 18-32 IMPOSITION OF LIEN AND PRIVILEGE**

**WHEREAS**, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Building and Building Regulations, Section 18-32 Imposition of Lien and Privilege, adding, paragraph (g).

The following shall be amended and read as:

Section 18-32 Imposition of Lien and Privilege

- (g) Upon failure of the owner of a commercial property to pay or reimburse the lien amount, utility service to the subject commercial property shall be withheld subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, June 13, 2022, notices of public hearing having been published on June 23, 2022 said public hearing held on Monday, July 11, 2022, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

**YEAS:** Calcagno, Wiggins, Woods, Louque, Brack  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of July, 2022.

**ORDINANCE NO. 745-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Section 46.4, Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Standards, paragraph (b) (1)

The following shall be amended and read as:

Section 46.4 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Standards

- (a) (no change)
- (b) All manufactured homes and mobile homes ("homes") shall require permit approval prior to being located or relocated within the Town limits, and shall meet the following standards:

- (1) Homes must conform to the latest Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards which were applicable at the date of manufacture or construction and must have been manufactured or constructed no later than five years from the date of Permit Application. This paragraph is not applicable for the relocation of mobile homes from one location within the Town limits to another within the Town limits.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, June 13, 2022, notice of public hearing having been published on June 23, 2022, said public hearing held on Monday, July 11, 2022, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

**YEAS:** Louque, Calcagno, Wiggins, Woods  
**NAYS:** Brack  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. 30-2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL MONITORING SERVICES BETWEEN TETRA TECH AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER**

**CONTINUED**

**CONTINUED SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Council authorized the Administration to seek Request for Proposals for Debris Monitoring Services; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Departments, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, everyone meets as a committee and selected Tetra Tech; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven T. Nosacka is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, between Tetra Tech and St. James Parish Government, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutcher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, that Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, between Tetra Tech and St. James Parish Government, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutcher.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack and resulted in the following vote:

**YEAS:** Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Woods  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS AND DISPOSAL SERVICES BETWEEN DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Council authorized the Administration to seek Request for Proposals for Emergency Debris and Disposal Services; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Departments, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, everyone meets as a committee and selected DRC Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, that Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, between DRC Emergency Services and St. James Parish Government, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutcher.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Woods and resulted in the following vote:

**YEAS:** Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Woods  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH MILLET AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has identified that drainage infrastructure repairs are required on South Millet Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has publicly advertised and solicited proposals from qualified contractors to perform this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Robert Enterprises, LLC for installation of new culverts and related drainage improvements on South Millet Avenue (the "Work"), at a price of not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-One Dollars (\$128,841.00).

SECTION 2. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Robert Enterprises, LLC for this Work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the Work.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and resulted in the following vote:

**YEAS:** Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Woods  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Woods and approved and to adopt the minutes with a correction in On Going Projects to read as "Mayor Nosacka reported that after a delay the resurfacing of S. Mulberry and S. Willow Streets will continue on June 14th". The motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

**ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Woods received a complaint about a fire hydrant leaning on S. Elm Street and ask that it be repaired. The

Gramercy Concerned Citizens will meet on July 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James Parish Library in Lutcher.

Alderman Wiggins thanked Mayor Nosacka for calling LA DOTD about correcting the light timing on N. Airline at LA 3125 and Main Street. The fire hydrant by the CIO Hall needs repair. The fire hydrant at S. Elm Street and E. Jefferson Highway needs a barricade to prevent it from being hit by cars.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno asked the Mayor to look at high grass and accumulation of debris on S. Montz Street. When will Billy J. Clark & Co. be able to resume the asphalt overlay on S. Mulberry and S. Willow Streets? Mayor Nosacka stated they are waiting on an equipment repair. On Rose Street the ditches have been cleared and now the culverts need to be finished.

Alderman Louque inquired when will the engineer provide the specifications on the Central Canal bank repairs, this project has been delayed long enough.

Alderman Brack stated that District 1 residents pay a recreation tax for Parks in Gramercy. In his opinion, it doesn't make sense to spend money on improvements to a park that has no direct benefits to Gramercy citizens. He would like to meet with engineers concerning the David Canal failures.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Faucheux stated that we will meet with the Magistrate concerning the RISE St. James lawsuit on July 21, 2022.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

*/s/ Mayor Steven T. Nosacka*

Attest: */s/ Amy St. Pierre, Clerk*

PUB: 7/28

**ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The St. James Parish School Board (The Board) will conduct a Budget Hearing on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**. The Hearing will be held at **4:30 p.m.** at The Board's Central Office, 1876 West Main Street, Lutcher, Louisiana. All citizens are invited to attend.

The purpose of the Budget Hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed expenditures of The Board's General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The proposed budgets will be available for public inspection at The Board's Central Office, 1876 West Main Street, Lutcher, Louisiana.

The preparation, adoption, and submission of these budgets will be in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1301-1314).

*Kelly Morton Cook, J.D.*  
**Interim Superintendent**

PUB: 7/28

**ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE**

**For Immediate Release**  
**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

*St. James Parish School Board Office*  
*Child Nutrition Department*

**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School: Food Service Section for ALL SJPSS Schools**

**St. James Parish School Board** today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2022-2023 school year. **All students** will be served lunch and breakfast at NO CHARGE at ALL SCHOOL sites.

For additional information please contact:  
*Sherien Lovette, Supervisor*  
*Child Nutrition Department*  
*P. O. Box 338, 1876 West Main Street, Lutcher, LA 70071*  
**Office: 225-258-4561 Email: slovette@sjspsb.org**

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), age, disability, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, and American Sign Language) should contact the responsible State or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at **(202) 720-2600** (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at **(800) 877-8339**.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online, at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027>, from any USDA office, by calling **(866) 632- 9992**, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

**Mail:**  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
 1400 Independence Avenue,  
 SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or  
**Fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442;  
**Email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

PUB: 7/28

**PONTCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, June 20, 2022, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

June 17, 2022

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the next Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
 Executive Director

President Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Seneca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Randy T. Cloutre, Sr. and Blaine J. Sheets, Percy Hebert, Jr., and Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III. Absent: Aaron Pourciau.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees present were Monica Salins Gorman - Executive Director and Kelly Poché - Administrative Assistant 6, Wayne Theall, CPA and Matthew Arseneaux - Captain, PLD Police Department. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier - PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Monica Salins Gorman was asked for the recognition of guests. Recognition of guests included: A. J. Domangue of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Benjamin Chadwick of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, John Troutman of CPRA, and Edward Anthony and Lance LaPlace of Quality Engineers.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 16, 2022, was offered by Commissioner Cloutre, seconded by Commissioner Butler. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Vice-President Sheets, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee of June 14, 2022.

**Equipment Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on June 14, 2022.

**Building Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Cloutre, Chairman of said committee who noted that there was only one item to report on from the Building Committee meeting held on June 14, 2022, specifically:

The only item on the agenda was to approve to proceed with the proposal for professional Architectural and Structural Services from Linfield, Hunter & Junius dated June 8, 2022 as recommend and so noted in committee on June 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Mainline River Levee project material agreement, specifically mainline levee improvements, between the Pontchartrain Levee District and Hurricane Work, LLC as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the WSLP Access Road A - Letter of No Objection to St. John the Baptist Parish and their contractor, Crowder Gulf, LLC, specific to the waterway storm debris collection as referenced in the email dated March 13, 2022, all as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice-President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve to complete and adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Governmental Entities as requested by the Louisiana Auditor through Griffin & Furman, LLC as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Cloutre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the renewal of the HVAC Service Contract with Watson Mechanical Services, Inc. for an additional one (1) year as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$36,437.92 for May 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice-President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$74,097.10 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$15,879.62; Laurel Ridge - \$32,759.22 and WSLP - \$25,458.26) representing the fees from May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 as recommended by committee and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there

**CONTINUED**

were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$2,110.26 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Vice-President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Bluff Swamp Control Structure - Fish Bayou in the amount of \$10,760.77 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative - Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning project in the amount of \$2,464.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Vice-President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,848.50 for the West Shore Task Order #9 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$247,266.69 for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Civix in the amount of \$278.56 for computer technical support for May 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice-President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the 2022-2023 annual dues for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association in the amount of \$5,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the expenses for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Annual Fall Meeting in Washington, DC on September 18-21, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the expenses for the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on November 30 - December 1, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Vice-President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the expenses for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association 87th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on December 1 - December 3, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the renewal of the Official Journal with *The News Examiner* in the amount of \$600.00 per month as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice-President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) for REG (Renewable Energy Group) dated June 1, 2022, concerning permission to transport up to twelve (12) components across the left descending bank of the Mississippi River Levee in Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on June 15, 2022. Public Comments: Commissioner Clouatre recused himself as an employee of REG. So noted and to be reflected in the minutes. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Vice-President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously, noting said recusal.

At this time, Vice-President Sheets requested to add an item to the agenda, specific to moving funds with the Pontchartrain Levee District specific to future levee lifts. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion to add an item to the agenda carried unanimously. At this time, a motion was made to transfer \$24 Million of the PLD Surplus Fund Balance to the PLD Committed Fund Balance Account No. 2513 to provide for the Mainline Mississippi River Levee Lifts in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes (for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026) and for the hurricane protection levee lifts in St. Charles Parish (for years 2026 and 2028). Public Comments: Ms. Gorman addressed members concerning the need to distribute these funds throughout the six (6) parish area over the next several years and that this was an internal transfer and not a state statute requirement but reflected just some of the District's future financial responsibilities. There were no other public comments, there was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee of June 15, 2022.

**Grants Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Grants Committee of June 15, 2022.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Executive Director LONO Report:** The Executive Director's report and LONO's issued were in the packet for the board members review. Ms. Gorman offered that if any of the board members have any questions they could email or contact her directly.

**Reports on Projects:** Reports were given for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative. Written reports were also in the board members packets.

- West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection and the Ascension Parish Storm Surge Protection Project (Henry Picard, BKI)
- Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Fish Bayou Structure project and LWI projects, specifically Hwy. 22 and the Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning project (Kimberly Koehl, McKim & Creed)
- St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee Matters, Mainline River Levee (MRL) Right of Entries, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension project and the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain project (A. J. Domangue, Civix)

**RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Boudreaux reminded members that the evaluation forms for the director and the executive assistant to the board were due to be returned to Commissioner Trey Granier on July 14, 2022 for review, consideration and discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Boudreaux noted that there were several items under New Business to consider:

First, was to approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**West Shore Lake Pontchartrain HSDRRS Project**

Next was to approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcel 23-4 in connection with WSLP-114 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice-President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project**

Next was to approve the Just Compensation for acquisition of right-of-way for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project for Parcels F-4 and 5-2/SS4 based on compensation determined by appraised value and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to sign any and all documents required for the transfer of Parcels F-4 and 5-2/SS4 to the Pontchartrain Levee District. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 9-1 now or formerly owned by Chris Delatte, et al required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Vice-President Sheets, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 9-1 now or formerly owned by Chris Delatte, et al required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana

**WITNESSETH, THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, the Pontchartrain Levee District ("PLD") and East Ascension Gravity Drainage District ("EAGDD") executed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension, Louisiana ("Project").

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has the obligation to provide all real estate, right-of-way, expropriation, title reports, and any other services related to the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Project, including properties necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements.

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project is across property now or formerly owned by Chris Delatte, et al identified as Parcel 9-1; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offers to Chris Delatte, et al for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$19,784.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Chris Delatte, et al for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offer or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in reg-

ular session assembled, that:

- In the event that the required real property for Parcel 9-1 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;
- That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS:** Randy Clouatre, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Matthew Butler, Seneca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Aaron Pourciau

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 20th day of June, 2022.

Next was a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 9-2 and SS1 now or formerly owned by James Savoie required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Granier, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 9-2 and SS1 now or formerly owned by James Savoie required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana

**WITNESSETH, THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, the Pontchartrain Levee District ("PLD") and East Ascension Gravity Drainage District ("EAGDD") executed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension, Louisiana ("Project").

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has the obligation to provide all real estate, right-of-way, expropriation, title reports, and any other services related to the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Project, including properties necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements.

**WHEREAS**, portions of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project are across property now or formerly owned by James Savoie identified as Parcels 9-2 and SS1; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022 PLD made a Just Compensation Offer to James Savoie for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$16,952.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from James Savoie for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowner if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offer or if the landowner declines to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

- In the event that the required real property for Parcels 9-2 and SS1 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;
- That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS:** Randy Clouatre, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Matthew Butler, Seneca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Aaron Pourciau

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 20th day of June, 2022.

Next was a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 9-3 and 9-5 now or formerly owned by Alan J. Savoie, et al required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Vice-President Sheets, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 9-3 and 9-5 now or formerly owned by Alan J. Savoie, et al required to complete the Laurel

**CONTINUED**

Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana

**WITNESSETH, THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, the Pontchartrain Levee District (“PLD”) and East Ascension Gravity Drainage District (“EAGDD”) executed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension, Louisiana (“Project”).

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has the obligation to provide all real estate, right-of-way, expropriation, title reports, and any other services related to the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Project, including properties necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements.

**WHEREAS**, portions of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project are across property now or formerly owned by Alan J. Savoie, et al identified as Parcels 9-3 and 9-5; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offers to Alan J. Savoie, et al for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offers in the total amount of \$6,650.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Alan J. Savoie, et al for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offers or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

- In the event that the required real property for Parcels 9-3 and 9-5 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;
- That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS:** Randy Clouatre, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Matthew Butler, Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Aaron Pourciau

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 20th day of June, 2022.

Next was a Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 9-4 now or formerly owned by Chris M. Delatte & Susette Savoie Delatte required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Vice-President Sheets, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 9-4 now or formerly owned by Chris M. Delatte & Susette Savoie Delatte required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana

**WITNESSETH, THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, the Pontchartrain Levee District (“PLD”) and East Ascension Gravity Drainage District (“EAGDD”) executed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension, Louisiana (“Project”).

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has the obligation to provide all real estate, right-of-way, expropriation, title reports, and any other services related to the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Project, including properties necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements.

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project is across property now or formerly owned by Chris M. Delatte & Susette Savoie Delatte identified as Parcel 9-4; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2022 PLD made a Just Compensation Offer to Chris M. Delatte & Susette Savoie Delatte for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$5,389.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Chris M. Delatte & Susette Savoie Delatte for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offer or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

- In the event that the required real property for Parcel 9-4 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD

will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;

- That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

**YEAS:** Randy Clouatre, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Matthew Butler, Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Aaron Pourciau

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 20th day of June, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

*Monica Salins Gorman*  
Executive Director

*Senecca Boudreaux, President*  
Pontchartrain Levee District

**PUB:** 7/28

**GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT  
786TH MEETING**

**786th Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners of the Gramercy Recreation District held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the St. James Parish Recreation Office.

Chairman Laurent called the meeting to order followed by a roll call. Board Members in attendance were: Jody Ordeneaux, Craig Calcagno, and Shelton Smith.

Also, in attendance were: Brent Dicharry of St. James Parish Recreation, Shelly Warren, Gail LeBeouf and Rondel Joseph of St. James Parish NAACP.

**Absent:** Edward Johnson

**Business Meeting:** The minutes of the March 21, 2022 monthly meeting were approved as distributed by email. Mr. Ordeneaux motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Craig Calcagno, all in favor.

The March 2022 Financial Reports were reviewed by the Board as provided by the Parish.

**Park Director’s Report:** Mr. Trosclair was not present for a report.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Dicharry stated that the rental building was deemed a total loss by the insurance. He asked the Board to consider options to replace the building and that insurance funds will be used to rebuild.

He also asked the Board to come to the next meeting with a list of ideas for the Master Plan. A bond will be used to fund the Master Plan.

The Board also held a discussion on ideas to develop the five acres across from Park B.

They also held a discussion about the replacement of the back flow preventers and the replacement of the water line for the splash pad.

**Correspondence:** None

**Unfinished Business:** The President originally intended to send a letter for a grant to HoopLa which is a grant to refurbish basketball courts but will not do so if the intent is to move Park B to the five acres.

**New Business:** None

**Board Member Reports:**

*Craig Calcagno:* Stated that there was complaints of air soft guns in the park. They were stopped by the Gramercy Police Department.

*Melissa Laurent:* She received several complaints about the splash park, the pavilion and picnic tables. Mrs. Laurent also received a complaint about the restrooms not being opened.

*Jody Ordeneaux:* Asked the Board to access Google Earth and look at the Breck Facilities and what they offer and the lay out of their parks.

*Shelton Smith:* None

With no other business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Calcagno and seconded by Mr. Ordeneaux.

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 16 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Recreation Office in Lutcher.

/s/ *Melissa Laurent* Chairman /s/ *Juanita G. Bourgeois* Secretary

**PUB:** 7/28

**GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT  
787TH MEETING**

**787th Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners of the Gramercy Recreation District held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the St. James Parish Recreation Office.

Chairman Laurent called the meeting to order followed by a roll call. Board Members in attendance were: Shelton Smith, Edward Johnson and Craig Calcagno.

Also, in attendance were: Park Director Lynn Trosclair, Secretary Juanita Bourgeois, Brent Dicharry of St. James Parish Recreation and Alvin “Shark” St. Pierre, Councilman.

**Absent:** Jody Ordeneaux

**Business Meeting:** The minutes of the April 19, 2022 monthly meeting were read by the Secretary. Mr. Calcagno motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Smith.

The April 2022 Financial Reports were reviewed by the Board as provided by the Parish.

**Park Director’s Report:** Mr. Trosclair stated that ant poison has been spread and that there was a light out near the water tower. The Town came out and picked up galvanized that was debris from the storm. The bathroom locks are broken and he cannot open them.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Dicharry stated that he has two bids and is waiting on one more for the replacement of the water-line for the splash pad. He spoke with an engineer about removing the rental building. The Board and Mr. Dicharry discussed timeline of the demolition of the old concession stand. He also asked the Board to come forward with ideas for the replacement of the rental building.

**Correspondence:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Mr. Dicharry stated he should have drawings from engineers for next month’s meeting.

Mr. Shelton requested the Board create a timeline for the Master Plan. Shark agreed with the idea of the timeline and asked the Board to move forward with ideas for Master Plan. Mr. Calcagno presented the Board with a map of ideas he would like to see implemented.

The company that built the playground is coming out to view the structures for damage and replacement parts.

**New Business:** None

**Board Member Reports:**

*Edward Johnson:* Said he will meet with Mr. Donald and discuss football location. He also stated that there is burnt light by Park B and the trash is not being taken out at Park B.

*Craig Calcagno:* He stated he spoke with people at the park and one of the ideas they said they would like to see is a water fountain to refill water bottles.

*Melissa Laurent:* Thanked the Board for coming forward for their ideas and concerns.

*Shelton Smith:* None

With the no other business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Craig Calcagno and seconded by Edward Johnson.

The next monthly meeting will be held on June 20, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the St. James Parish Recreation Office.

/s/ *Melissa Laurent* Chairman /s/ *Juanita G. Bourgeois* Secretary

**PUB:** 7/28

**ST. JAMES PARISH ASSESSOR’S OFFICE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given that I have completed the listings of all properties in the Parish of St. James and have estimated the value thereon, and that said listings will be exposed in my office for public inspection and correction for a period of fifteen calendar days **beginning August 15, 2022 and ending August 30, 2022**. Any taxpayer desiring to examine his assessment is required to call my office during the said fifteen day period. St. James Parish Assessor’s Office is located in St. James Parish Courthouse Building, Convent, LA. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Glenn M. Waguespack, Assessor*  
Parish of St. James

**PUB:** 7/28; 8/4

**RIVER PARISHES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**River Parishes Workforce Innovation and  
Opportunities Act Local Plan  
Adjustment/Extension**

Under State Planning Guidance, River Parishes WIOA #14 Job Training Agency has completed the Local Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan Adjustment/Extension for Program Year 2020-2024. This Local Plan Adjustment/Extension is available for review on our website:

[www.letsworkriverparishes.com](http://www.letsworkriverparishes.com)

All comments or questions regarding the Local Plan Adjustment/Extension must be submitted via email to Tommy Scott at [tscott@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:tscott@stcharlesgov.net) **no later than August 31, 2022.**

**PUB:** 7/28; 8/4; 8/11; 8/18; 8/25

**RIVER PARISHES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the River Parishes Workforce Development Board has issued a Request for Proposal for a qualified operator to coordinate the service delivery of required one-stop partners and service providers. **Proposals are due by September 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** and should be submitted via hand delivery to: Tommy Scott, Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 737 Paul Maillard Rd., Luling, LA 70070, or mailed to Tommy Scott, P. O. Box 1010, Hahnville, LA 70057. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled: **RFP 2022-01 “Operator for One-Stop”** and name on the front lower left-hand corner of envelopes. For any information concerning the submission of proposal documents, call the Louisiana Workforce Commission, 737 Paul Maillard Rd., Suite 1A, Luling, LA 70070, (985) 783-5030, Tommy Scott. Please visit the Business and Career Solutions Center (WIA) web page at [www.letsworkriverparishes.com](http://www.letsworkriverparishes.com) to obtain a copy of Request for Proposals. The River Parishes Workforce Development Board reserves the right to reject any or all offerors’ proposals, to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, and to make such awards of contract as may be deemed to be the best interest of the River Parishes Workforce Development Board.

**Louisiana Workforce Development Board  
Tommy Scott, Director**

**PUB:** 7/28; 8/4; 8/11; 8/18; 8/25

**PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2010, a certain Mortgage was executed by Norman T. Peniston, Jr., as mortgagor in favor of Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., as mortgagee, and was recorded on October 25, 2010 in Mortgage Book 395, Page 513 at Instrument Number 150899, in the Office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, St. James Parish, Louisiana. Thereafter, a Fixed Rate Home Equity Conversion Second Mortgage in favor of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was executed October 7, 2010 and recorded on October 25, 2010 in Mortgage Book 395, Page 531 at Instrument Number 150901 in the Office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, St. James Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1707 et seq., for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated May 16, 2011 and recorded on May 23, 2011 in Mortgage Book 404, Page 39 at Instrument Number 153224 and an assignment dated March 16, 2017 and recorded on March 30, 2017 in Mortgage Book 480, Page 845 at Instrument Number 172152 in the office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, St. James Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the borrower, Norman T. Peniston, Jr. is deceased as of July 6, 2019 and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of December 4, 2019 is \$179,940.96.

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on March 10, 2021, in Book 3450, Page 780, at Instrument No. 12113654, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, notice is hereby given that on **August 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

The land described herein is situated in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Saint James, and is described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, with all improvements thereon, situated in the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at about 65 miles above the City of New Orleans; which lot of ground measures One-Half (1/2) acre, more or less front, on the public road by a depth of One Hundred Fifty (150') feet and is bounded as follows: In front or on the riverside by the public road, on the upper side by the property of Edward Rome, in the rear or on the wood side by property of Elmore Hoover or assigns and on the lower side by the Timberton Lane.

AND

A certain lot or portion of ground, with all improvements thereon, situated in the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at above 65 miles above the City of New Orleans, which lot of ground measures Seventy-Five (75') feet front on Timberton Lane or public road, by a depth of One Hundred and Five (105') feet, more or less, and is bounded as follows: In front or on the riverside by a lot belonging to Allen F. Simon or assigns; above or on the upper side by the property of Edward Rome: in the rear or wood side by other property of Elmore Hoover; and below or on the lower side by the Timberton Lane or Public Road.

Which has the address of 8111 Romeville Street, Convent, LA 70723.

The sale will be held at 8111 Romeville Street, Convent, LA 70723.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling **\$17,995.00** [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of **\$17,995.00** must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant and extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others

subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjointed if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is **\$179,940.96 as of August 11, 2022**, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien records searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Foreclosure Commissioner  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP  
Penny M. Daigrepoint, Attorney  
Louisiana Bar Roll Number 30464  
3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 600  
Metairie, LA 70002  
Phone (504) 831-7726  
Fax (504) 837-7622

PUB: 7/21; 7/28; 8/4

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND  
AMERICAN RIVER TRANSPORTATION CO., LLC**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and American River Transportation Co., LLC (Respondent), Agency Interest Numbers 140201, 150532, 159002, 162673, and 178884, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-MM-20-0074, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in St. James Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking Nos. MM-CN-16-00218.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Oscar Magee, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov), by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

PUB: 7/28

**LEGAL NOTICE****ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT  
ADJUDICATED PROPERTY SALE ADVERTISEMENT**

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I WILL SELL, AT CIVIC-SOURCE.COM, WITHIN THE LEGAL HOURS FOR JUDICIAL SALES BEGINNING AT 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2022 AND CONTINUING UNTIL SAID SALES ARE COMPLETED, TITLE TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON WHICH TAXES WERE ADJUDICATED TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT, TO ENFORCE COLLECTION OF TAXES. THE NAMES OF SAID DELINQUENT TAX DEBTORS AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR EACH OF THE PROPERTIES TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**EDWARDS, ED EST. C/O C/O LEROY & ALBERTHA SHORTY**  
6221 BADEAUX ST, CONVENT, LA 70723 TAXES OWED ARE WITH A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, ST. JAMES PARISH, LOUISIANA, ON THE LEFT DESCENDING BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ABOUT 60 MILES ABOVE OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, THAT MEASURES 100 FEET EAST AND WEST, AND 72 FEET NORTH AND SOUTH; BOUNDED

ON THE SOUTH BY A PUBLIC LANE KNOWN AS BADEAUX LANE, ON THE WEST BY PROPERTY OWNED BY THOMAS SHORTY, SR., ON THE NORTH BY PROPERTY OWNED BY ROSA LEE NASSER AND ON THE EAST BY PROPERTY OWNED BY MARY TAYLOR, SOLE SURVIVING HEIR OF EDWIN EDWARDS.  
8400000346

**ON THE DAY OF SALE I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE SALE WILL BE WITHOUT APPRAISEMENT, FOR CASH OR OTHER PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTABLE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, IN LEGAL TENDER MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A NON-WARRANTY CASH SALE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE PURCHASER FOR THE PROPERTY.**

PUB: 7/28

**SHERIFF'S SALE****SHERIFF'S SALE**

**TIB THE INDEPENDENT BANKERSBANK, N.A.  
VS. NO. 40,924  
MICHAEL J. CHAUVIN AND  
LORI VICKNAIR CHAUVIN,  
(A/K/A LORI VICKNAIR, LORI CHAUVIN)**

**23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF ST. JAMES**

Acting under and by virtue of a **Writ of Seizure and Sale** issued out of the Honorable Court aforesaid in the above numbered and entitled case, dated June 28, 2022, and to me directed, I did seize and will within legal hours on **Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**, in front of the Courthouse Door, offer for sale the following property, to-wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land, being a portion of David Plantation, South of Louisiana State Highway 3125, located in Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Southeast District of Louisiana, being Lot No. 11 of Square 10 of New Acadia Development Corporation, David Plantation Subdivision, Extension No. 6, Phase 2 all as is more fully shown on survey plat drawn and prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 8, 1997, last revised July 2, 1998, a copy of which is recorded at Entry No. 103223 of the conveyance records for the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, said Lot No. 11 of Square 10 being further described as:

Lot 11 of Square 10 measures 90.00 feet front on N. Magnolia Ave., by a depth on its Southern boundary line of 150.00 feet, and a depth on its Northern boundary line of 150.00 feet, with a width in the rear of 90.00 feet, and is bounded on the North by Lot 12, Sq. 10 on the South by Lot No. 10, Sq. 10, on the East by N. Magnolia Ave. and on the West by Lot 14, Sq. 10, all as is more fully shown on said survey.

Which has the address of 735 North Magnolia Street, Gramercy, LA 70052.

Sold **WITH APPRAISEMENT**, according to law, to the highest bidder, at public auction.

**TERMS OF SALE: CASH DEPOSIT OF \$500.00** at time of sale accompanied by letter of credit with balance due no later than 3:00 p.m. on the first Friday after sale in form of cash or cashier's check. Failure to comply with terms of sale will result in ban of purchaser from future bidding at Sheriff Sales.

**WILLY J. MARTIN, JR., SHERIFF**  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CONVENT, LOUISIANA

PUBLISH: **July 28, 2022 and August 25, 2022**

**Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Logs Legal Group LLP  
Penny Daigrepoint  
3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 600  
Metairie, LA 70002  
(504) 831-7726**

**\*Additional information can be found at  
<http://www.stjamessheriff.com>**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE****PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT  
AN EXEMPTION REQUEST  
MOSAIC FERTILIZER LLC - UNCLE SAM PLANT  
ST. JAMES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Notice is hereby given that Mosaic Fertilizer LLC does intend to submit to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Office of Environmental Services, Waste Permit Division, an Exemption Request as per LAC 33:VII:307.C.259.1. Mosaic Fertilizer LLC is requesting this for their Uncle Sam Plant which holds Permit P-0103R2. The exemption request is for the requirement in LAC:33:VII:803.C.2.b-c.

A solid waste permit renewal application was submitted to the LDEQ on December 28, 2021. As discussed with the agency, the permeable geologic units are highly lenticular and discontinuous and occur at variable depths. Because of the structure of the permeable units present, preparation of a traditional structure contour map is not possible, therefore this exemption request is being made. Maps depicting the structure of the highly lenticular and discontinuous permeable zones within discrete depth intervals have been constructed and are included in Attachment 49 of the permit application. Mosaic Fertilizer LLC holds a Type I Industrial Permit located in St. James Parish.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this exemption request should be directed to Solid Waste Permits Division, LDEQ, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3604.

**All correspondence should specify AI Number 2532, Permit Number P-0103R2, and Activity Number PER20210017.**

PUB: 7/28



## Council.....from Page 1



From left: Councilman Donald Nash, Parish President Peter Dufresne, Miss Very Special Louisiana Maddie Young and Council Chairwoman Vondra Etienne-Steib pose for a photo. The Council presented Maddie with a plaque during last week's Council meeting in Vacherie.

Every Councilman agreed they want to put local residents first in line for these jobs and in the end the motion passed 4-2 to hire AM-PM. Councilmen Bland and Nash voted against the measure and the rest of the Board (Councilman Jason Amato absent) voted in favor.

In other matters, the Council:

\*Reappointed Geneva Landry to the St. James Parish Library Board.

\*Recognized and presented Maddie Young, a Vacherie native who was recently crowned Miss Very Special Louisiana, a plaque honoring her for her achievement.

\*Authorized President Dufresne to advertise and receive Request for Proposals (RFP) for automated collection and transportation of residential slud waste.

\*Accepted a Change Order #4 from TBT Contracting for the East Bank Recreation Facility.

\*The Department of Human Resources reported that beginning August 1, 2022, out-of-Parish transportation service will be reduced to the first and last Tuesday of each month. This will not effect those needing medical care or educational opportunities.

\*Finance Director Bubba Boughton said his office is beginning to prepare next year's budget and he said it will be a challenge due to decreases in sales tax collections and the fact everything costs more.

Boughton said the Parish will feel the brunt of Shell closing and some tough decisions will have to be made in areas such as solid waste, recreation and elderly programs and services.

Boughton also said the ad-

ministration, since taking office, has been saving the taxpayers money in a variety of ways such as renegotiating contracts, doing more work in-house rather than contracting out jobs, saved substantial money on health insurance, and saved funds in many other ways.

Councilman Alvin "Shark" St. Pierre added to the discussion pointing out that sales tax collections are down roughly \$2.4 million in the last two years and that the Parish pays the School Board \$100,000 to get the Parish's taxes collected.

We have met and asked the School Board to do a RFP to get an outside firm to do audits and now I learn they just hired two additional in-house auditors.

"That is going backwards," said St. Pierre.

St. Pierre said St. John Parish, who hired an independent auditor, drastically increased their sales tax collections (\$18 million).

Councilman St. Pierre acknowledged St. John has bigger stores and more business than St. James, but concerning industry he said the parishes are very comparable.

"Take away half of the \$18 million for retail sales tax and that still leaves \$9 million more from industry," he said.

St. Pierre also said with the School Board having the monetary issues they are having, they should be "pulling on every rope they can get their hands on".

"I know I am gonna get chastised by School Board President Raymond Gros, who has said the Council needs to mind its own business. But, I am talking as a Councilman and as a citizen."

# Church..

## Obituaries



### CHENIER

Lois Ann Chenier was born on April 18, 1934 and passed away on June 18, 2022. She was a native of Litcher, LA and a resident of Grass Valley, CA. Lois was a nun with the Carmelite of St. Theresa in Oklahoma for 13 years until the order was dissolved. In 1967 she began her career as a nurse in California pursuing her degree and certification as a nurse practitioner. She owned and operated her medical clinic in Penn Valley, California until her

retirement in 2017.

Survivors include her sisters, Rosemary Dube and Grace (Buhel) Kliebert, her longtime friend, business partner, and caregiver Patricia Muro. Lois is also survived by four nieces and five nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Hortence (Ockman) Chenier, brother Henry (Ethelyn) Chenier and brother-in-law Allen (Buddy) Dube, nephews, Brian, Barry, and Jody Dube and niece Diane Chenier Vito.

Special thanks to Patricia Muro, her caretaker, family physicians, Dr. Linda, and Hospice Association of California. Lois devoted her life to the ministry of caring for those in the communities.

Services will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at St. Joseph Church. Visitation will be at 9:00 a.m. following a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m.



### ST. MARTIN

Deania St. Martin passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022 at the age of 59. She was born in Litcher, LA and was a resident of Paulina, LA. Beloved mother of Joseph "Joe Joe" Meyers, Jr. (MaryAnn) and Warren "Vincent" St. Martin, III. Daughter of Catherine Louque Pelham and the late

Kenneth Pelham. Sister of the late Shelly Manuel Long. Granddaughter of the late Jeanne and Kearney Louque, Sr., Clara Pelham and Jaco and Lynn Lamoine. Also survived by many grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church, 6484 Hwy. 44, Convent, LA on Monday, August 1, 2022. Visitation will be held in church from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Paulina.

Arrangements by Rose Lynn Funeral Home. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit [www.roselynnfuneralhome.com](http://www.roselynnfuneralhome.com)

## CHURCH EVENT

### St. Luke Baptist Church Back 2 School Revival

St. Luke Baptist Church will have a Back 2 School Revival on **August 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** The theme is **LEAN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

(Proverbs 3:5-6)  
**St. Luke Baptist Church (Moonshine)**  
5030 Hwy. 18  
St. James, LA 70086



### DICHARRY

Carol Faucheux Dicharry passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022. She was 85 and was a native and lifelong resident of Gramercy, LA. Beloved wife of the late Carey Dicharry. Mother of Carey Dicharry, Jr., David Dicharry (Stacie), Marc Dicharry (Leslie) and Carolyn Dicharry. Grandmother of Brennan, Scotti, Benjamin, Michael,

Claire, Jacie, Julie and Codi. Daughter of the late Isabel Menuet Faucheux and Alonzo Faucheux, Jr. Sister of Rose Navarro, May Boudreaux, Don Faucheux, Jimmie Podufalski, Anne Haydel and the late Nookie Harrell, Sonny Faucheux, Pat Faucheux. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 616 E. Main St., Gramercy on Thursday, July 28, 2022. Visitation will be held in church from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Paulina.

Arrangements by Rose Lynn Funeral Home. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit [www.rose-lynnfuneralhome.com](http://www.rose-lynnfuneralhome.com)



## DENTAL Insurance

If you've put off dental care, it's easy to get back on track. Call Physicians Mutual Insurance Company now for inexpensive dental insurance. Get help paying for the dental care you need.

Getting back to the dentist couldn't be easier!

CALL TODAY  
**1-855-409-6083**

[Dental50Plus.com/statewide](http://Dental50Plus.com/statewide)

Get your FREE Information Kit

Product not available in all states. Includes the Participating (in GA: Designated) Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY; call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C250D); Insurance Policy P150 (GA: P150GA; NY: P150NY; OK: P150OK; TN: P150TN). Rider kinds: B438, B439 (GA: B439B), 6208-0721

# Business DIRECTORY

**NAPA** Vacherie Auto & Home Center  
**A Full Line Of Farm & Ranch Equipment Sold Here!**

**(225) 265-4801**  
22044 Hwy. 20 West • Jimmy Brazan - Owner **Must be 50 HP & Below**

**Republic FINANCE**

**We Are Consumer Loans**

10850 Hwy. 3125, Gramercy, LA 70052  
Phone: 225.869.5757 Fax: 225.869.9847

**Kayla Hymel**  
Branch Manager

[www.republicfinance.com](http://www.republicfinance.com)

2 Locations Proudly Serving You Since 1976 WE CARRY DIABETIC SHOES, ASK IF YOU QUALIFY

**Gem Drugs**

Pharmacy | Specialty Compounding | Infusion Therapy

"Shop local for all your medical needs!"  
Fully Accredited | Accepting All Insurances

139 Central Ave. • Reserve, LA (985) 536-3957 [www.gemdrugs.com](http://www.gemdrugs.com) 1635 Hwy. 3125 • Gramercy, LA (225) 869-3651

**Bordelon Pest Control Service**  
Complete Termite and Pest Control

**David Duhon**  
Owner

1344 Litcher Avenue  
P.O. Box 139  
Litcher, LA 70071  
Phone: 225-869-3598  
Fax: 225-869-3595  
E-mail: [pestcntl@bordelon.brcoxmail.com](mailto:pestcntl@bordelon.brcoxmail.com)

R.L. Funeral Home, L.L.C.  
**Rose Lynn Funeral Services**  
[www.roselynnfuneralhome.com](http://www.roselynnfuneralhome.com)

The **ONLY** locally owned.

**Owners:**  
Jerry & Mary Rose Hymel Brown  
1870 Cabanose Avenue, Litcher, LA  
Phone: 225-869-0000 • Fax: 225-869-7777  
Email: [roselynn@bellsouth.net](mailto:roselynn@bellsouth.net)

**WILL HONOR ALL INSURANCE POLICIES, INCLUDING PRE-NEED BURIAL POLICIES FROM OTHER FUNERAL HOMES.**

**HOME HARDWARE CENTER**

355 West Main Street, Gramercy, LA 70052  
Phone: 225-869-5701 • Fax: 225-869-9441

**Wilbur Woods Reynaud**  
Attorney At Law • Notary Public

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
MON.-THURS. 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
2300 Texas Street - P. O. Drawer N - Litcher, LA 70071

Office: 225-869-8566 • Fax: 225-869-8562  
[reynaudlaw@earthlink.net](mailto:reynaudlaw@earthlink.net)  
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

Place Your Business Directory Ad Here!  
**CALL 225-869-5784**  
*News Examiner-Enterprise*  
for more Details.

# Shop Smart SHOP THE CLASSIFIEDS!

## No Trespassing

**NOTICE - NO TRESPASSING:** No trespassing, hunting, fishing, 3 or 4 wheelers permitted on estate of **RUSSELL ADAM WEBER**. All trespassers will be prosecuted.

**06/22-06/23-PD**  
\*\*\*\*\*

### PUBLIC NOTICE

No trespassing, hunting or fishing permitted on all land leased by the **VACHERIE DEER HUNTING CLUB**, this includes: **Bayou Chevreuil Land Co., G.M. Beauford, Bowie Land Co., and Rathborne Land**. All trespassers will be prosecuted.

**9/21-9/22-PD**  
\*\*\*\*\*

**NOTICE - NO TRESPASSING:** No trespassing, or hunting permitted on all properties owned or leased by the **ZEN-NOH GRAIN CORPORATION**. All trespassers will be prosecuted.

**10/21-10/22-PD**  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Home & Garden

**Eliminate gutter cleaning forever** with LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a **FREE** LeafFilter estimate today. Call 1-866-846-0785 (LA-SCAN)

## Home Improvement

**BATHROOM RENOVATIONS. EASY, ONE DAY updates!** We specialize in safe bathing. Beautiful new walk-in showers with no slip flooring. Also, grab bars and seated showers available. Call for a free in-home consultation: 1-855-238-1870 (LA-SCAN)

**Prepare for power outages** today with a GENERAC home standby generator \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options Request a **FREE** Quote Call now before the next power outage: 1-844-335-2962 (LA-SCAN)

**The bathroom of your dreams for as little as \$149 per month!** BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Limited Time Offer - **FREE** virtual in-home consultation now and **SAVE 15%!** Call Today! 1-866-806-5009 (LA-SCAN)

**The Generac PWRcell, a solar plus battery storage system.** **SAVE** money, reduce your reliance on the grid, prepare for power outages and power your home. Full installation services available. \$0 Down Financing Option. Request a **FREE**, no obligation, quote today. Call 1-888-885-0098(LA-SCAN)

**UPDATE YOUR HOME** with Beautiful New Blinds & Shades. **FREE** in-home estimates make it convenient to shop from home. Professional installation. Top quality - Made in the USA. Call for free consultation: 1-844-539-0570. Ask about our specials. (LA-SCAN)

**Vivint. Smart security.** Professionally installed. One connected system for total peace of mind. **FREE** professional installation! Four **FREE** months of monitoring! Call now to customize your system. 1-844-919-0143 (LA-SCAN)

## Help Wanted

**JOB OPENING:** Election Machine Mechanic part-time positions available immediately in St. James Parish. No experience necessary. \$12.00 per hour. Call **225-925-4696** for more information.

**7/21; 7/28; 8/4-PD**

## Attorneys

**PROBLEM CREDIT REPORT?** Lexington Law helps works to challenge inaccurate negative items including identity theft, collections, late payments, liens and more from your credit report. Call for a free credit repair consultation: 1-888-521-0958 John C. Heath, Attorney at Law, PLLC, dba Lexington Law Firm. (LA-SCAN)

## Farm Equip.

**EARN \$15,000 - \$40,000 OVER 5 YEARS #1** Hunting Lease Company In America Customize your contract Call Base Camp Leasing 1-888 - 871-1982 (LA-SCAN)

**Use Happy Jack® Kennel Dip** as an area spray to control lyme disease ticks, fleas, stable flies, & mosquitoes where they breed.

At Tractor Supply®  
(www.fleabeacon.com)

## Finances

**Do you owe over \$10,000 to the IRS or State in back taxes?** Our firm works to reduce the tax bill or zero it out completely **FAST**. Let us help! Call 1-844-827-2674 (LA-SCAN)

**Over \$10K in Debt?** Be debt free in 24 to 48 months. No upfront fees to enroll. A+ BBB rated. Call National Debt Relief 1-844-932-4168. (LA-SCAN)

**SAVE YOUR HOME!** Are you behind paying your **MORTGAGE?** Denied a Loan Modification? Is the bank threatening foreclosure? **CALL** Homeowner's Relief Line! **FREE** CONSULTATION! 1-877-760-3072

**STOP worrying!** SilverBills eliminates the stress and hassle of bill payments. All household bills guaranteed to be paid on time, as long as appropriate funds are available. Computer not necessary. Call for a **FREE** trial or a custom quote today. SilverBills 1-877-480-8899 (LA-SCAN)

**The COVID crisis has cost us all something.** Many have lost jobs and financial security. Have \$10K In Debt? Credit Cards. Medical Bills. Car Loans. Call **NATIONAL DEBT RELIEF!** We can help! Get a **FREE** debt relief quote: Call 1-844-488-4687 (LA-SCAN)

## Want To Buy

**PAYING TOP CASH FOR MEN'S SPORT WATCHES!** Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. Call 1-888-330-5159 (LA-SCAN)

**TOP CASH PAID FOR OLD GUITARS!** 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. 1-877-791-2269 (LA-SCAN)

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Boat Motor 115 Johnson, 2 Props & Controls, in Running Condition. Asking \$3,000. Call **(504) 487-8521**.

**7/21,7/28-PD**  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Health & Wellness

**Aloe Care Health, medical alert system.** The most advanced medical alert product on the market. Voice-activated! No wi-fi needed! Special offer call and mention offer code **CARE20** to get \$20 off Mobile Companion. Call today 1-844-257-7923 (LA-SCAN)

**ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS!** Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. **FREE** information kit. Call 1-855-874-9438. (LA-SCAN)

**Attention: Oxygen Users!** Gain freedom with a Portable Oxygen Concentrator! No more heavy tanks and refills! Guaranteed Lowest Prices! Call the Oxygen Concentrator Store: 1-855-382-4168 (LA-SCAN)

**MobileHelp, America's Premier Mobile Medical Alert System.** Whether You're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-855-411-0949 (LA-SCAN)

**Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare!** Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 1-855-636-1667 (LA-SCAN)

**Safe Step.** North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our **FREE** shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-844-699-5801 (LA-SCAN)

**SAVE ON YOUR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT!** **FREE** QUOTES from top providers. Excellent coverage. Call for a no obligation quote to see how much you can save! 1-877-326-0344 (LA-SCAN)

**Stroke and Cardiovascular disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association.** Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-866-470-1458 (LA-SCAN)

**WE SHOP, YOU SAVE** on your Medicare Supplement Insurance! Call 1-877-761-1233 today to compare Medicare benefits and costs from up to 20 top-rated carriers. Receive the best option for you. (LA-SCAN)

## Medical Equip.

**Don't let the stairs limit your mobility!** Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 1-844-855-4978 (LA-SCAN)

## Miscellaneous

**Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim?** Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-844-883-2045 **FREE** Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. (TX/NM Bar)] (LA-SCAN)

**Attention: Auto Injury Victims.** If you have suffered a serious injury in an auto accident, call us! Our attorneys have the experience to get you the full compensation you deserve! Call Now: 1-866-394-0850 (LA-SCAN)

**Become a Published Author.** We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-888-695-1294 or visit dorranceinfo.com/lapress (LA-SCAN)

**DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY.** Receive maximum value of write off for your taxes. Running or not! All conditions accepted. Free pickup. Call for details. 1-888-296-0694 (LA-SCAN)

**DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND.** Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-844-605-9298 (LA-SCAN)

**Donate your car, truck, or van.** Help veterans find jobs or start a business. Call Patriotic Hearts Foundation. Fast, **FREE** pick-up. Max tax deduction. Operators are standing by! Call 1-866-934-5706 (LA-SCAN)

**To Place A Classified**  
Call 225-869-5784

## Real Estate For Sale



217 Main St. - Gramercy (Across from old Winn-Dixie)  
**Mac Bordelon/Broker - 225-869-8156**  
*LA. State Certified Residential Appraiser #0283*  
**Keith Bordelon/Associate Broker**  
225-445-3185

## FOR SALE!



**511 N. AIRLINE AVENUE, GRAMERCY:** Farmhouse meets Craftsman! Charming 3 Bedroom cottage has lots of character and is ready for its new owners. Spacious rooms create function and flow. Rustic country style kitchen with breakfast booth is unique and welcoming. Fenced yard, new roof, refinished wood floors and exterior was painted 3 years ago. Lot 100' x 118'+/- **\$219,900.**

**LOT FOR SALE: 60' x 122.7+/-** lot fronts Third Street and Buddy Whitney Road, and contains a 738 sq. ft. garage which is accessible from Buddy Whitney Road. The lot is located next to 1538 Third Street in LUTCHER - **\$49,900.**

## Insurance

**Lowest Prices on Health Insurance.** We have the best rates from top companies! Call Now! 1-888-720-2205 (LA-SCAN)

**SAVE BIG on HOME INSURANCE!** Compare 20 A-rated insurances companies. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of \$444 per year! Call 1-877-533-3917! (M-F 8am-8pm Central) (LA-SCAN)

**SelectQuote is dedicated to finding a Medicare plan** right for you and your wallet. Call 1-888-618-2208 today and receive a free quote from one of our multiple carriers. (LA-SCAN)

**Up to \$15,000.00 of GUARANTEED Life Insurance!** No medical exam or health questions. Cash to help pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company 1-877-535-2381 or visit [www.Life55plus.info/louisiana](http://www.Life55plus.info/louisiana) (LA-SCAN)

## Travel

**DISCOUNT AIR TRAVEL.** Call Flight Services for best pricing on domestic & international flights inside and from the US. Serving United, Delta, American & Southwest and many more airlines. Call for free quote now! Have travel dates ready! 1-866-984-4898 (LA-SCAN)

**Wesley Financial Group, LLC** **Timeshare** Cancellation Experts Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 1-855-473-0818 (LA-SCAN)

## Personals

**VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS!** 50 Pills SPECIAL \$99.00 **FREE** Shipping! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW! 1-855-403-6345 (LA-SCAN)

### VISIT UNUSUAL PLACES.

## WIN AN UNUSUAL PRIZE.

Take a rewarding trip to Louisiana—in more ways than one. Sign up to win a prize by exploring some of the most unique places around the state at [FUN.LOUISIANATRAVEL.COM](http://FUN.LOUISIANATRAVEL.COM).

# Miss St. James Parish Pageant To Be Held On July 30th

The St. James Parish Sugar Queen Committee is proud to announce that on Saturday, July 30th, 2022, we will be celebrating our 69th annual Miss St. James Parish Pageant and our 30th annual Teen Miss St. James Parish. Eight girls from across the parish will compete in the St. James Parish Pageant at St. James Parish Community Center located at 5775 Hwy. 44 in Convent across from St. James Parish Courthouse at 6:00 pm.

Three girls will vie for the 69th Miss St. James Parish title while the other five girls will compete for the 30th Teen Miss St. James Parish title. The theme for this year's pageant is "An Evening in St. James Parish".

Hailey Detillier and Anna Roussel will relinquish their titles as Miss St. James Parish and Teen St. James Parish. Hailey is the beautiful daughter of Deidre and Andy Detillier of Gramercy. Anna is the beautiful daughter of Kate and Derek Roussel of Paulina.

The contestants in the Miss St James Parish category are Elaina Ruiz, daughter of Darrin and Dianne Ruiz of Convent; Faith Madere, daughter of Jennifer and Davis Madere of Paulina; and Emily Loupe, daughter of Angela and Avery Loupe of Paulina.

The contestants in the Teen St. James Parish category are Cali Boudreaux, daughter of Cory and Bridget Boudreaux of Gramercy; Kaitlyn Hansley, daughter of Katasha Morris and Gerren Hansley of Gramercy; Calista Ordeneaux, daughter of Christy and Jody Ordeneaux of Gramercy; Carli Bourgeois, daughter of Lori and Stan Bourgeois of Paulina; and Aubrey Brumfield, daughter of Contina & Ricky Brumfield of Paulina.

A panel of certified judges will have the difficult task of selecting our new queens in the Teen and Miss Categories. The contestants compete in interview, introduction, and evening gown categories.

The new Miss St. James Parish will be awarded great honors and prizes. She will receive a crystal award, wardrobe allowance and travel allowance from Louisiana Sugar Refinery (LSR), sterling silver crown ring from Roussel's Antiques, a Queen's pin from 2016 Miss Queen Ashley Hymel, a sugar cane necklace from 2018 Miss Queen Savannah Loupe, a pendant from 2019 Miss Queen Elizabeth Coneglio, a sash, and a rose bouquet.

Perhaps the most exciting honor the queen will be given is a chance to compete in the 79th Louisiana State Sugar Festival in New Iberia at the end of September. The first maid in the Miss category will receive \$100 from LSR, and a crystal award. The 2nd maid will receive a crystal award. All maids will have a chance to compete in a state pageant if they choose to.

The new Miss Teen St. James Parish will be awarded cash from LSR, a sterling silver crown ring from Roussel's

Antiques, a crystal award, a Queen's pin from 2016 Teen Queen Kami Hymel, a sugar cane necklace from 2018 Teen Queen Hannah Roussel, a pendant from 2019 Miss Queen Elizabeth Coneglio, a sash, a rose bouquet, and an all-expense paid weekend for her and her parents at the State Sugar Queen contest in New Iberia as our guest. The 1st and 2nd maid in the teen division will receive a crystal award.

Each category will also have a crystal award for Fashion, Photogenic, Congeniality, and People's Choice.

The pageant will be held at St. James Parish Community Center in Convent. Admission will be general seating with \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children between the age of 10 and 2 and free for children under 2 years of age. Admission will begin at 5:15 p.m. The pageant will begin at 6:00 p.m. Snacks, hot dogs, and drinks will be sold in the concessions.

## Oliver Cooper, Sr. Day Celebration



Clergy, Family, Friends, Loved Ones and All

we the family of Oliver Cooper, Sr. cordially invite you to join us, as we celebrate this memorable event, on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Welcome Park in St. James, LA.

All persons interested in donating to the Oliver Cooper, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, can do so at any Whitney Bank or by contacting Melissa Cooper (225) 474-0512 or Cyde Cooper, Sr. (225) 806-4996. So, come enjoy and celebrate! Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

In observance of "OLIVER COOPER, SR. DAY" Celebration,

## Ready, Set, Grow! July 21, 2022 Figs

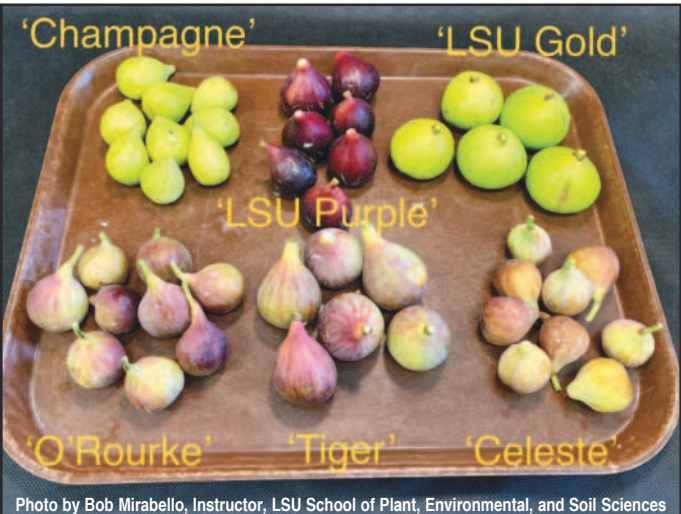


Photo by Bob Mirabello, Instructor, LSU School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences

By André Brock St. James & St. John Parishes Horticulture Extension Agent

'Purple' have been popular releases from the breeding program. The purple one is a beautiful dark purple though the gold one is really more yellow, of course. Both are large figs so it's easy to fill a bucket and make lots of preserves. 'LSU Gold' is very visible to birds, even more so than other cultivars. Also, yellow figs frustrate me sometimes because it's hard to tell when they're ripe.

Figs are a southern favorite fruit tree, especially in the Gulf Coast states. They are easy to care for, mostly problem-free, and of course the fruit is delicious. Fruit is usually harvested from July into August so hopefully you're enjoying some now. If not, consider planting one this fall or winter so you can have your own producing in a few years.

The most common variety historically is 'Celeste' (single quotes for cultivar / variety names) and this is probably what your parents and grandparents had. It's a small brown fig, very cold-hardy, and very sweet. It makes a sturdy tree; my grandparents sent us kids climbing into the higher branches to retrieve the ripe fruit. (Also, my sister tried to hide up there from my grandparents' discipline but she had to come down eventually. Ha Ha!)

Dr. Ed O'Rourke led a fig-breeding program in the mid-twentieth century at LSU, mostly based on 'Celeste.' One variety, named 'O'Rourke' by later professors, is nearly identical to 'Celeste', a little bigger, and can bear a second "breba" crop in a season. 'LSU Gold' and 'LSU

Jason Stagg with our Hammond Research Station has a good YouTube video with more information on LSU varieties. Search for his name or "LSU figs."

If you want to know more about gardening, landscaping, or anything else horticultural, contact the St. John & St. James Parishes Horticulture Extension Agent André Brock at [abrock@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:abrock@agcenter.lsu.edu). Also, the LSU Ag Center's website can be accessed at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) with lots of user-friendly information, including this article.



2021 Miss St. James Parish Queen Hailey Detillier



2021 Teen St. James Parish Queen Anna Roussel

## Miss Contestants



Miss Elaina Ruiz



Miss Faith Madere



Miss Emily Loupe

## Teen Contestants



Teen Cali Boudreaux



Teen Kaitlyn Hansley



Teen Calista Ordeneaux



Teen Carli Bourgeois



Teen Aubrey Brumfield



ALOE CARE HEALTH  
**The World's Most Advanced Medical Alert System**  
 Voice-Activated! No Wi-Fi Needed!  
 \$20 OFF Mobile Companion  
 Offer code: CARE20  
 CALL 1-855-965-6537

**GENERAC**  
**Prepare for power outages today**  
 WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR  
 \$0 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS  
 Contact a Generac dealer for full terms and conditions  
**REQUEST A FREE QUOTE**  
 CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE  
 (855) 649-6863  
**FREE** 7-Year Extended Warranty\* - A \$695 Value!  
\*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.



# Hurricane Survival Checklist

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Cash
- Prescription & non-prescription medications
- Cell Phone(s) - with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Batteries - all sizes
- Flashlight(s) with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records; place in a waterproof, portable container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Infant formula and diapers (if necessary)
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Toilet paper
- Lantern - extra fuel
- Insect Repellent
- Radio with extra batteries
- Manual can opener
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags for personal sanitation
- Local maps
- Bleach & household disinfectants
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Generator with extra fuel
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Boots, rain boots, work gloves and latex gloves
- Shovel, rake, hammer
- Chain saw, hand saw, axe
- Rope, heavy cord
- Pet Owners - pet food, water, leash, medications, Vet's contact information. Locate hotels and motels along your evacuation route that accept you and your pets.
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask

**Be Prepared!**

**Don't Wait Until Storm Hits!**



**Together, we weathered the storms.  
And we're ready for the next one.**

Last year marked another active storm season for Louisiana. As always, our communities stood strong. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as our crews worked to restore power.

At Entergy Louisiana, preparing for storm season is a year-round commitment. We've rebuilt and reinforced the grid, and our teams are ready to respond to whatever comes next. Learn how you can stay prepared at [entergystormcenter.com](http://entergystormcenter.com).

**We power life.™**

A message from Entergy Louisiana, LLC ©2022 Entergy Services, LLC. All Rights Reserved.



**Your 2022 Guide to Hurricane Readiness**



**News Examiner-Enterprise**

**"STAY STORM READY THIS HURRICANE SEASON BY PREPARING NOW AND HAVING YOUR EMERGENCY STORM KIT READY!"**

*I encourage you to use these materials to stay informed and prepared during severe weather.*

**Important Parish Phone Numbers:**

Emergency Preparedness 24 Hours	(225) 562-2564
Transportation	(225) 562-2352
Report power outage to Entergy	1-800-968-8243
	1-800-9OUTAGE

**Important Websites:**

- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- [www.emergency.la.gov](http://www.emergency.la.gov)
- [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org)
- [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION ALERTS AT [WWW.STJAMESLA.COM](http://WWW.STJAMESLA.COM)

**Follow us on** St James Parish StJamesParishLA St James Parish Government [www.stjamesla.com](http://www.stjamesla.com)

**Peter A. Dufresne**  
Parish President

FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION, VIDEOS AND TIPS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

*Selling & Servicing Fords Since 1915*  
**Cazenave Motor Co.**  
  
 1205 Highway 18 • Vacherie, LA 70090  
 1-800-447-4041 or (225) 265-4040

2 Locations Proudly Serving You Since 1976  
**Gem Drugs**  
 Pharmacy | Specialty Compounding | Infusion Therapy  
*"Shop local for all your medical needs"*  
 Fully Accredited | Accepting All Insurances  
  
 CUSTOMIZED PAIN RELIEF    CUSTOMIZED MEDICATION  
 139 Central Ave. • Reserve, LA    1635 Hwy 3125 • Gramercy, LA  
 (985) 536-3957    (225) 869-3651  
 www.gemdrugs.com

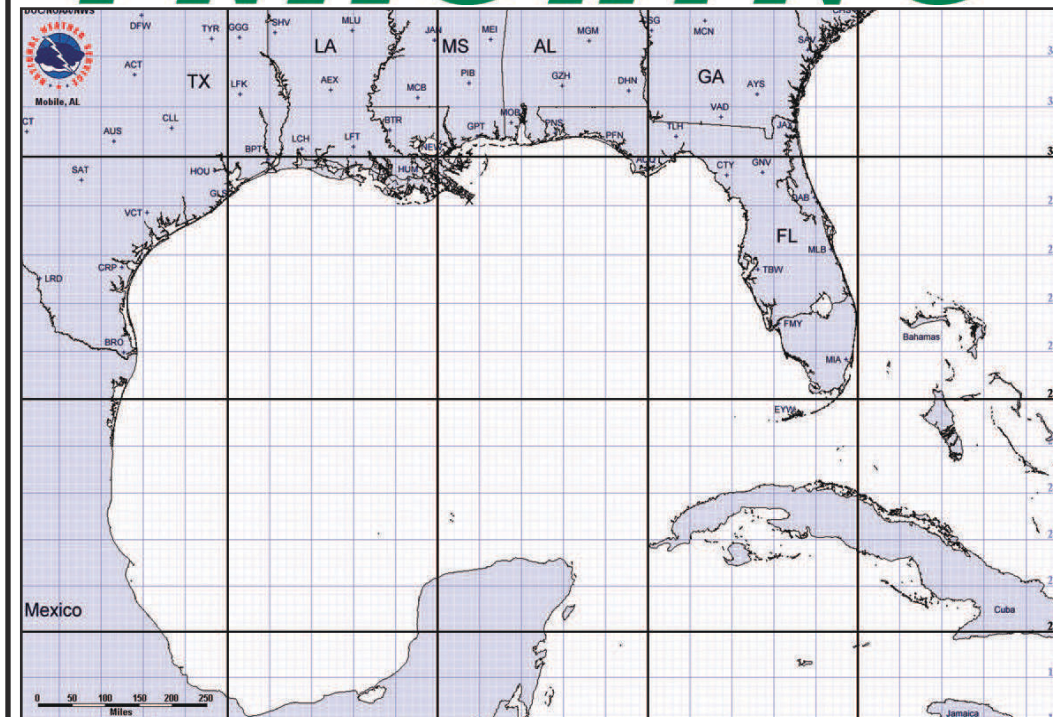
**First American Bank AND TRUST**  
 A BANKING TRADITION SINCE 1910  
  
 We believe in the value of strong relationships. Our business is building a relationship based not just on transactions, but interactions.  
 112 YEARS 1910-2022  
  
 FDIC    fabt.com

Since 2007    15 Years  
**HOME HARDWARE CENTER**  
**YOUR NUMBER ONE HARDWARE Center**  
 Where customers come first And We Strive for Excellence  
 355 West Main Street • Gramercy, LA 70052  
**(225) 869-5701**

**NAPA** Vacherie Auto & Home Center  
 Lawn And Garden  
  
 Certified Master Technician Available  
**NEW!** A Full Line Of Farm & Ranch Equipment Sold Here!  
  
  
 Oregon Generators with Briggs/Stratton Engines  
 Generac Generators Air Cool Stand-by with w-6 Whole House 200 amp transfer switch included - 22KW/999  
**(225) 265-4801**

**Sheriff Willy Martin, Jr.**  
 St. James Parish Sheriff's Office  
  
 5800 LA Highway 44  
 P. O. Box 83  
 Convent, LA 70723  
 www.stjamessheriff.com  
 Non-emergencies: 225-562-2200  
 Emergencies: 911  
 For emergency notifications to your phone, register at www.nixle.com

**72nd Anniversary!**  
**Vacherie Mart**  
 2665 Hwy. 20 West  
 Vacherie, LA  
**225-265-4086**

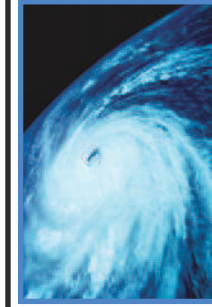
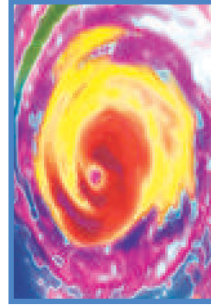
**HURRICANE TRACKING**  
  
 Map Source: NHC

*Rose Lynn*  
**Funeral Services**  
 1870 Cabanose Ave., Lutchter  
 A Family Owned Funeral Home in the River Parishes  
 • FULL SERVICE FUNERAL HOME  
 • TRADITIONAL CREMATIONS  
 • FUNERAL PREARRANGEMENTS  
 FREE CONSULTATIONS  
 We honor all pre-need insurance policies, including those from other funeral homes.  
 Ph: (225) 869-0000  
 Fax: (225) 869-7777  
 www.roselynnfuneralhome.com


**Get Connected. Get Help.**  
 United Way Capital Area United Way  
 Call: 211 or 225-923-2114  
 Search: CAUW.ORG/211  
 Text: Your Zip Code to 898-211  
 2-1-1 Capital Area United Way  
 Crisis Chat: CAUW.ORG/211  
 Teen Text Line: 833-TXT-TEEN(898-8336)  
  
 Serving 11 Parishes  
 Local Resources  
 Disaster Information  
 Mental Health Support

**Real Service. Real People.®**  
 (225) 869-5433  
 EAST ST. JAMES AGENCY  
 3763 Nicole Street • Paulina, LA 70763  
 (225) 265-4292  
 WEST ST. JAMES AGENCY  
 2634 LA-20 • Vacherie, LA 70090  
 lafarmbureau.com  
**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
 Auto Home Life Banking

**West St James PHARMACY**  
 21430 Hwy. 20 • Vacherie, LA 70090  
 **225-265-2191**   
 Now Offering Medication Synchronization  
 Don't forget medication and medical supplies.  
 Be READY & Stay SAFE  
 weststjamespharmacy.com

**National Hurricane Center's 2022 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names**  
 Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin, Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginia, Walter  
  


Serving this area since 1890  
**graugnard Inc.**  
 DONALDSONVILLE  
 FURNITURE & APPLIANCE STORES  
 MAIN STORE:  
 622 Railroad Ave. • Donaldsonville  
 (225) 473-8532  
 WAREHOUSE SHOWROOM:  
 3135 Hwy. 1 South • Donaldsonville  
 (225) 473-7717  
  
 Ashley, IKEA, MAYTAG, Serta, FRIGIDAIRE, KitchenAid, Barco Younger, Whirlpool, LA @ BOY

HEAT - AIR CONDITIONING - ELECTRICAL - PLUMBING - GENERATORS - INSTALLATION - REPAIR - SERVICE  
  
**Amato's Refrigeration, Inc.**  
 Mechanical Contractor #12512  
 LMP #R1366  
**GENERAC GENERATORS**  
 with Honeywell Technology  
**225-869-3491**  
 Donovan Amato, Owner  
 2219 S. Central Ave.  
 Lutchter, LA

**CHATEAU ST. JAMES**  
 REHAS & RETIREMENT  
  
 Call to set up a visit or go to our website at [chateaustjames.com](http://chateaustjames.com) for a virtual tour.  
 1980 Jefferson Highway • Lutchter, LA 70071  
 www.chateaustjames.com • 225-869-5725

**Towns of Lutchter And Gramercy**  
 Make Your Plans Today:  
[GetAGamePlan.Org](http://GetAGamePlan.Org)  
 Like Us On   
 MAYOR PATRICK ST. PIERRE  
 Lutchter Town Hall: 225-869-5823  
 Lutchter Police Dept: 225-869-4163  
 MAYOR STEVE NOSACKA  
 Gramercy Town Hall: 225-869-4403  
 Gramercy Police Dept: 225-869-8005

**Wilbur Woods Reynaud**  
 Attorney At Law • Notary Public  
**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MON.-THURS. 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
 2300 Texas Street • P. O. Drawer N - Lutchter, LA 70071  
 Office: 225-869-8566 • Fax: 225-869-8562  
[reynaudlaw@earthlink.net](mailto:reynaudlaw@earthlink.net)  
 All Major Credit Cards Accepted

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**  
 St. James Parish  
 Emergency Preparedness  
**225-562-2265**  
 St. James Parish  
 Sheriff's Office:  
 For emergencies call 9-1-1  
 For non-emergencies call  
**225-562-2200**  
 St. James Parish Hospital:  
**225-869-5512**  
 St. James Parish website:  
[www.stjamesla.com](http://www.stjamesla.com)  
 St. James Parish  
 Sheriff's Office website:  
[www.stjamessheriff.com](http://www.stjamessheriff.com)  
 National Weather Service  
[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
 Radio:  
**WWL 870 AM, 105.3 FM**  
 COVID-19 Information:  
[ldh.la.gov](http://ldh.la.gov)