

What's New in the City



City of Natchitoches



Cookin' on the Cane Festival June 3-4

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The Second Annual Cookin' on the Cane BBQ Festival will be held June 3 and 4 in downtown Natchitoches, presented by the Natchitoches Area Jaycees.



The BBQ Festival will serve as a Louisiana State Championship.

There is no admission to attend Cookin' on the Cane.

The event begins on Friday, June 3 and features music by The We-

hunt Band from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday's entertainment includes The Joel Martin Project from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and River Road from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Cane River Green Market will also operate that Saturday on the riverbank from 8 a.m. to noon. Music will be provided at the Green Market by The Back Porch Band from 9 a.m. to

11 a.m.

For more information about Cookin' on the Cane, please call Eric Upchurch at (318) 352-9500 or visit: www.natchitochesjaycees.com

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Did you know?

- Entries are due for the 2011 Natchitoches Christmas Festival on Friday, June 24. Entries should be submitted to the City's Office of Community Development, located at 420 Fourth Street. For more information, call the Community Development office at (318) 357-3839.
- The Recreation and Parks Dept. is set to begin its adult softball program this summer. Call the Recreation Dept. at 357-3891 for more information.

La. Sports Hall of Fame June 23-25 in Natchitoches

The City of Natchitoches is preparing to host the 2011 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Celebration June 23-25, with three New Orleans Saints greats and LSU and big league baseball star Todd Walker headlining this year's inductees.

Tickets and golf entries, along with congratulatory advertising for the com-



memorative program, can be ordered with secure credit card transactions through the website or by calling the Hall of Fame office at 318-238-4255.

The Induction Dinner and Ceremonies presented by Chesapeake Energy on Saturday evening, June 25, at the Natchitoches Events Center are the culmination of the 2011 Induction Celebration beginning Thursday evening, June 23, with the La Capitol/Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Kickoff Reception.

The Hall of Fame

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Pro-Am Celebrity Golf Scramble sponsored by Encana is Friday, June 24, at Oak Wing Golf Course in Alexandria.

New Orleans Saints stars Morten Andersen, Vaughan Johnson and Buford Jordan, along with Walker, the LSU All-American and 12-year major league baseball infielder, and High school football coaching great Don Shows, are among the eight 2011 inductees who will enter the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

NBA standout Donald "Slick" Watts, Louisiana-Lafayette softball All-America pitcher Kyla Hall Holas and innovative LSU athletic director Thomas P. "Skipper" Heard complete the Hall's 2011 induction class. Heard will be honored posthumously.

New Orleans native Elmo Adolph, a world-renowned boxing official, and Billy Montgomery, who as a highly-regarded state legislator championed sports causes including construction of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame museum, are the 2011 recipients of the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award.

Also honored will be two recipients of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Distinguished Service Award in Sports

Journalism, New Orleans-based sportswriter Ron Brocato and longtime Southeastern Louisiana University sports information director Larry Hymel.

Tickets for the Induction Dinner and Ceremonies are \$40. Golf entries are \$150 per player or \$750 for a five-man team. A wide variety of congratulatory advertising options are as low as \$25 for a one-line message.

Complete information on the 12 honorees, along with the complete rundown of events from June 23-25, is available on the www.lasportshall.com website, or by calling the Hall of Fame office at (318) 238-4255.

"We want to express our appreciation to everyone with the City of Natchitoches for the efforts made leading up to, and during, our event, that make it so wonderful for our visitors and especially our honored guests," said Doug Ireland, chairman of the Hall of Fame. "This is a team effort. One of our greatest assets is Natchitoches, its people, and the leadership and staff of the city government."

Fish Hatchery Open House June 4



The Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery will host its annual open house on Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The event will include a fishing derby for children 2 to 15 years old, a flip, pitch and cast contest, boating safety workshop, a kiddie train ride and live animal displays. Other children's activities include face paint-

ing, sidewalk chalk, bean bag toss and fish puzzles.

The event will also serve as an official Natchitoches Humane Society Pet Adoption Day.

For more information about the Fish Hatchery Open House, please call the Fish Hatchery at 352-5324.

May Employee of the Month

The City of Natchitoches' Employee of the Month for May is Cpl. Jayson Linebaugh.

Cpl. Linebaugh has been employed with the City of Natchitoches for eight years. He is currently assigned to an investigative unit.

He currently works in narcotics and just completed a two-week undercover school that kept students up and working at least 20 hours a day for two weeks. Police Chief Micky Dove said he successfully finished

the school and was recognized by the staff and awarded as a top student in the class.

"Cpl. Linebaugh has been an asset to the police department," said Police Chief Micky Dove.

To nominate someone for Employee of the Month, please call Human Resources Manager Edd Lee at (318) 357-3824 or the City's Office of Programming and Promotions at (318) 357-3822.

City announces pool hours, swim lessons



The City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department has announced its summer schedule.

Recreational swim begins at the City Park Pool on June 1. Recreational swim times are available Mondays through Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost to swim is 50 cents per person.

Garrett Spray Park, located on MLK Jr. Drive, will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is 50

cents per child. The rental of the spray park is also available for summer camp groups and daycares.

Swimming lessons will also be offered this summer in various sessions. Sessions begin June 6 and end August 5. Several levels of lessons are offered. Lessons are \$20 for a three-week session and \$17 for each additional child.

For more information about summer programs, please call the Recreation and Parks Department at (318) 357-3891.

NPD announces promotions



Natchitoches Police Chief Micky Dove announced promotions made at the Natchitoches Police Department.

Det. Victor Pinkney and Jeremiah Barkley were both promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Pinkney is assigned to the investigative unit of the Police Department, specializing in juve-

niles. Cpl. Barkley is assigned to traffic and patrol and just recently passed the POST Firearms Instructor School and will serve as one of the Police Department's firearm instructors. Shown in the photo are (from left) Cpl. Victor Pinkney, Police Chief Micky Dove and Cpl. Jeremiah Barkley.

Student's artwork selected as budget cover

A Natchitoches Central High School student's artwork was selected as the cover of the City of Natchitoches' 2011-2012 budget.

Calvin Gallion III, who just completed his junior year at Natchitoches Central High School, was selected as the artist for this year's budget cover. His rendering of the Rusca House, located in the Natchitoches Historic District, is this year's cover.

Shown in the photo are (from left) Mayor Wayne McCullen, Calvin Gallion and



Assistant Finance Director Shawna Straub.

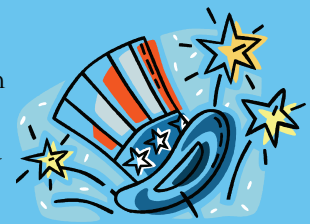
Celebration on the Cane July 4

Celebration on the Cane is the City of Natchitoches' Fourth of July Celebration. The event will be held on Monday, July 4 on the downtown riverbank.

Activities will include a musical performance by The Glenn Rainey Band

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the downtown stage. Food and merchandise vendors will sell items on the riverbank during the evening celebration.

The highlight of the evening will be a spectacular fireworks show over Cane River Lake at 9 p.m. For more information, please call the City's Office of Programming and Promotions at 357-3822 or the Natchitoches Main Street office at 352-2746.



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Oldest Permanent
Settlement in the
Louisiana Purchase

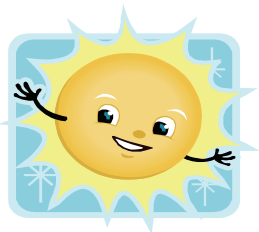
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Happy Summer!

Annual Melrose Festival June 11-12

The Annual Melrose Plantation Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on June 11-12, sponsored by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

Over 100 artists and craftsmen from throughout Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and other surrounding states will be displaying their hand-crafted products during the two-day event. There will be unique jewelry, original pottery, handcrafted wooden items, fine arts, a variety of clothing booth, hand-made candles, several types of dolls and stuffed animals.

Festival hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age.

The festival will be held at Melrose Plantation, a complex of nine buildings located 14 miles south of Natchitoches. This festival is one of the largest Arts and Crafts shows held in Louisiana.

Guided tours of the Main House and African House will be available for \$5 per person.

For more information about the Melrose Festival, please call the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission at (800) 259-1714 or visit

www.natchitoches.net/melrose.

Upcoming holidays and important events

Every Saturday
– Cane River
Green Market
on the down-
town riverbank
from 8 a.m. to
noon.



June 3-4 – Cookin' on the Cane
BBQ Festival on the downtown
riverbank.

June 4 – Open house at the Nat-
chitoches National Fish Hatchery

June 6 – Historic District Com-
mission meeting at 5 p.m. at the
Arts Center.

June 7 – Natchitoches Planning
and Zoning Commission meet-
ing at 6 p.m. at the Natchitoches
Arts Center.

June 11-12 – Annual Melrose
Arts and Crafts Festival from 8
a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 13 – Natchitoches City
Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the
Natchitoches Arts Center.

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Natchitoches Historic
District Development Commis-
sion meeting at 10 a.m. at City
Hall.

June 19 – Father's Day

June 20 – Natchitoches Airport
Commission meeting at 5 p.m. at
the Natchitoches Regional Air-
port.

June 23-25 – Louisiana Sports
Hall of Fame Induction Cere-

mony Banquet at the Natchito-
ches Events Center.

June 24 – Christmas Festival
Poster entries due to the City's
Office of Community Develop-
ment

June 27 – Natchitoches City
Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the
Natchitoches Arts Center.

July 4 –
Celebra-
tion on
the Cane
in the Nat-
chitoches
Historic District; City of Natchi-
toches closed.

