

# What's New in the City



## City of Natchitoches



### Green Market kicks off 2011 season

May 1, 2011

The Cane River Green Market has officially kicked off its 2011 season.

The Green Market will be open every Saturday through July 30 on the downtown riverbank from 8 a.m. to noon.

Besides fresh fruits and vegetables, the Green Market offers an assortment of products including value-added items such as honey, jams, jellies,



baked goods, meat, milk, eggs and cheeses. The market also offers homemade arts and crafts items.

The market regularly features live musical entertainment, special demonstrations, chil-

dren's activities and much more.

Several activities have been planned for the month of May including a

Mother's Day celebration May 7, a four-week Family Fitness Bootcamp and a salsa making contest on May 28 which includes a free Zumba class.

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### Natchitoches firefighters assist in Alabama

Two Natchitoches Fire Department personnel, Michael Sevold and Jon McCart, have been activated for duty in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with the Region 6 Urban Search and Rescue Regional Response Team along with Task Force Team 1 from New Orleans, Task Force Team 2 from Baton Rouge and Task Force



Team 3 from Shreveport, some 120 personnel in all.

Louisiana teams will

have an initial tasking of seven (7) days. Depending on the results of the search and rescue efforts, that tasking could be extended.

Natchitoches firefighters joined their counterparts from the Pineville Fire Department. Information provided by the

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#### Did you know?

- The Natchitoches Arts Council is seeking artists for the 2011 Christmas Festival Poster. The theme for this year's poster is "Christmas in Natchitoches." The artist's sketch or painting must be 18 inches wide and 24 inches tall. The winning entry will become the exclusive property of the Natchitoches Arts Council. The deadline for entering the contest is Friday, June 24. The winner will receive a \$600 commission. For more information, please call the Office of Community Development at 357-3839.

## Super Salsa Saturday

The Cane River Green Market will host a "Super Salsa Saturday" on Saturday, May 28 at the farmer's market from 8 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank.

The month of May is known as "National Salsa Month."

The Green Market will host a salsa making contest, open to amateurs and professionals. Homemade salsa entries will be judged at the May 28 market, and prizes will be awarded for the top three entries. Samples of the salsa entries will be made available for tasting by Green Market customers.

First United Methodist Church will sell special jars of homemade salsa made specifically to bene-

fit the Methodist Children's Home. Proceeds from the sale of salsa at the May 28 market will go to the Methodist Children's Home.

In celebration of Super Salsa Saturday, a free Zumba class will be offered to the public at the May 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. The class will be offered by Jennifer Riche, a Zumba instructor who offers classes at the WRAC on the NSU campus.

Call the Market at 352-CRGM for more information about Salsa Day.

## Fire, cont'd. From page 1

Natchitoches firefighters part of all responders in Alabama indicates who will be working in there are still more than the Tuscaloosa area. 340 citizens missing and They desperately need almost 10,000 homes our prayerful support.. without power. Chief Boyt said in

"After Hurricane the future, there are Katrina, firefighters plans to have 4 to 6 additional personnel from from all across the country came to our aid," the Natchitoches Fire Department trained as Chief Dennie Boyt. members of the Region

"Now, it is our turn 6 Team. to give aid and assistance to one of our neighboring states. This will be a very difficult and stressful task on the

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An updated calendar of events for the market can be found online at [www.canerivergreenmarket.com](http://www.canerivergreenmarket.com)

The Green Market is also a certified location for the redemption of WIC and senior vouchers, administered through the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program. Vouchers allow qualified seniors and WIC recipients to receive free fruits and vegetables at the

Green Market.

Seniors should apply through the Natchitoches Parish Council on Aging and those on WIC should apply through the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit.

Those needing information about the

Green Market can call the market office at (318) 352-2746 (CRGM).



## April Employee of the Month

Chris Post has been named as the City of Natchitoches' Employee of the Month for April.

Chris has worked for the City of Natchitoches for nearly six years. During that time, he has been employed at the Natchitoches Events Center as its marketing/sales manager and most recently

as the Events Center Director.

Shown in the picture are (from left) Mayor Wayne McCullen and Chris Post. To nominate someone for Employee of the Month, please call Human Resources Manager Edd Lee at 357-3824 or the Office of Programming and Promotions at 357-3822.

## Recreation Department announces summer programs

The City of Natchitoches Recreation and Parks Department has announced several programs available to the community this summer.

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.

On Thursday, May 12, the Recreation and Parks Department will host the Hershey's Track and Field Games for children ages 9 to 14 years old. The event allows children to challenge their poten-

tial while they explore sports and recreation through running, jumping and throwing. The event will be held at 5 p.m. at the Natchitoches Central High School track. There is no cost to participate.

Other activities taking place this summer include adult softball and new classes such as a youth girls' dance class and an adult cardio class, incorporating boot camp-style circuit training.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the Recreation and Parks Department at 357-3839.

## Summer Splash to be held May 12 *Free informational summer fair*

Looking for something for your child to do this summer?

If so, be sure to attend "Summer Splash 2011," a free informational fair designed to educate families about programs, activities and other events for children this summer.

Summer Splash will allow organizations, clubs and other groups to showcase educational, recreational and social youth programs that will take place in Natchitoches this summer.

The informational fair will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 at the Natchitoches Events Center located at 750 Second Street in the Historic

District.

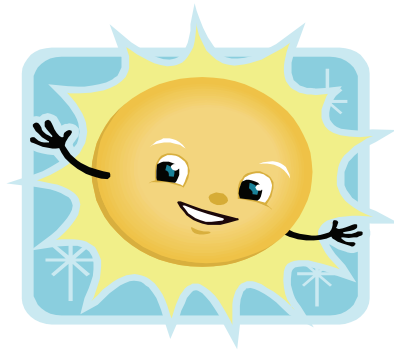
The public is invited to attend and admission is free. There will also be free popcorn and a jumper jump.

Local groups will distribute information and registration forms about various summer events including vacation bible

school, sports camps, art camps, and much more.

Space is still available at no cost for those groups wanting to participate in Summer Splash.

For more information about Summer Splash or to reserve a booth, please contact the City's Office of Programming and Promotions at (318) 357-3822.



**The City of Natchitoches will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.**

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**Congratulations to  
the graduates of  
2011!**

## Volunteers help Keep Natchitoches Beautiful



## Upcoming holidays and important events

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



May 5 and 6 – NSU Graduation at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

May 8 – Mother's Day

May 9 – Natchitoches City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

May 12–Summer Splash Informational Fair at the Natchitoches Events Center from 4

p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 12– Special-called Natchitoches City Council meeting at 4 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

May 16 – Natchitoches Airport Commission meeting at 5 p.m. at the Natchitoches Regional Airport.

May 16 – St. Mary's High graduation at 7 p.m. in the St. Mary's gymnasium.

May 19 – Natchitoches Historic District Development



Commission meeting at 10 a.m. at City Hall

May 20 – NCHS graduation at 7:30 p.m. at Prather Coliseum.

May 21– Children's Miracle Network Fishing Tournament on Red River.

May 23 – Natchitoches City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center.

May 28 – Fleur de Lis Arts and Crafts Show at the Natchitoches Events Center;

May 30 – Memorial Day; City of Natchitoches closed.