



# What's New in the City

## City of Natchitoches



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The City of Natchitoches will “Turn on the Holidays” on Saturday, November 21, 2015! Turn on the Holidays is a Louisiana Main to Main and Natchitoches Christmas event that officially marks the beginning of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival season. The event will feature live musical performances, amusements, food, lights and fireworks. Admission is free and open to the public.

Turn on the Holidays, the official start to 45 nights of Christmas lights, is an entire day of family entertainment in downtown Natchitoches. The event kicks off the Natchitoches Christmas Season as the city prepares for the 89th Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival taking place on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Amusement and food vendors for Turn on the Holidays will open at 10:00 a.m. All

vendors will require Natchitoches Christmas tickets for purchases. Tickets may be purchased at automated ticket dispensers located along the downtown riverbank and select Natchitoches businesses.

The entertainment schedule for Turn on the Holidays begins at 11:00 a.m. with a Local Talent Showcase. Local spirit groups and dance teams participating in the annual Festival of Lights Parade on December 5th will give spectators a preview of what they can expect at this year’s festival parade. The Local Talent Showcase will take place in front of the riverbank stage from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment continues at 3:00 p.m. with a live performance by the GQP Band. GQP exudes great quality with precision and is a

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### Did you know?

- Christmas Festival Posters are on sale for \$35 and can be purchased from the Office of Community Development.
- The Cane River Green Market will be open November 7 & 14 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the downtown riverbank for the Fall Season.
- The 89th Annual Christmas Festival is December 5. For complete schedule of events, tickets, and armband information visit [www.NatchitochesChristmas.com](http://www.NatchitochesChristmas.com).
- The Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra will hold a “World Portraits” concert on Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10.
- The Northwestern State University Concert Choir will perform its fall concert Monday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free.
- A Band Called Honalee, a modern day folk trio, will perform at NSU Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Tickets are “pay as much as you wish” and benefit the NSU Theatre and Dance Scholarship Fund.

## NSU Theatre and Dance to Perform Shakespeare’s “As You Like It”

Northwestern State University Theatre and Dance will perform Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” November 5 - 7 and 12 - 14 at 6:00 p.m. on Normal Hill near Russell Hall. Admission is free to the outdoor performance. Those attending should bring their own seating if needed. In case of bad weather, performances will be held in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Director Scott Burrell has set the play in the late 1960s

with costumes and music evoking Woodstock.

“This is the first time in anyone’s memory that we have done an outdoor show and incorporated the historic columns into the show,” said



director Burrell. “The play

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versatile party band playing a mixture of Southern Soul, Zydeco, Blues, Classic Rock, R&B and Swing Out jams. GQP's focus is to provide the best entertainment for all occasions no matter the audience. GQP will perform on the riverbank stage from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m., the Natchitoches Historic District Business Association will host a Holiday Open House. Visitors will have an opportunity to preview the latest holiday merchandise and trends at shops along Front Street. Select shops will extend business hours until 8:00 p.m. to allow for more shopping time during the Holiday Open House.

Live music continues at 5:30 p.m. with a performance by Bluesiana Red, a blues band from southwest Louisiana throwing down some real funky Blues, Rock and Roll, Soul, and R&B. The Lake Charles area band consists of dynamic musicians with more than 75 years of combined experience seasoned with spicy Louisiana flavors and down home blues. Bluesiana Red has a sound that is true to the roots of southern blues, rock and roll, boogie woogie, and cultural music. Bluesiana Red will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the official turning on of hundreds of thousands of Christmas lights that will illuminate the Natchitoches Historic Landmark District throughout the Christmas Season. A lighting ceremony will be held at 6:45 p.m. followed by a spectacular fireworks show over Cane River Lake at 7:00 p.m.

In preparation for Turn on the Holidays, the downtown riverbank will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The Church Street Bridge and Williams Avenue from Whitfield Drive to Henry Avenue will close at 6:30 p.m. to all traffic and will reopen after the conclusion of the fireworks show.

Turn on the Holidays is sponsored by grants from the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, and the Office of the Lt. Governor, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

For more information on Turn on the Holidays, please call the Natchitoches Main Street office at (318) 352-2746 or visit [www.downtownnatchitoches.com](http://www.downtownnatchitoches.com). For more information on the Natchitoches Christmas Festival and Christmas Season, visit [www.NatchitochesChristmas.com](http://www.NatchitochesChristmas.com).

### About Louisiana Main-to-Main

Turn on the Holidays is a Louisiana Main to Main event. Louisiana Main to Main: A Cultural Road Show is designed to showcase the Louisiana Main Street communities. Throughout the month of November, Main Street communities across the state will host various events and activities that promote cultural tourism. Louisiana Main to Main is a program of Louisiana Main Street and is sponsored by a grant from the Office of the Lt. Governor, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. For more information on Main to Main events, visit [www.louisianamaintomain.org](http://www.louisianamaintomain.org).

## Billy Cannon Returns to LASHOF November 17

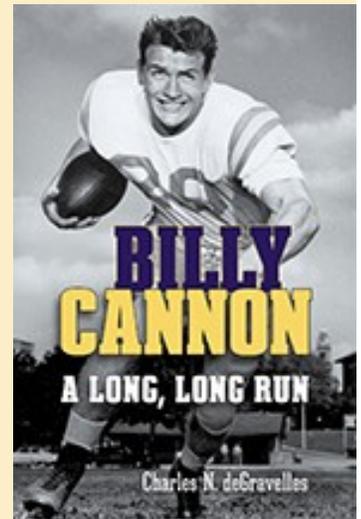
The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation and the Louisiana State Museum invite the public to attend a book signing for *Billy Cannon: A Long, Long Run*, with biographer Charles deGravelles and Dr. Billy Cannon, on November 17th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum. The event is free and open to the public and includes the opportunity to tour the museum.

Billy Cannon's name, his image, and his remarkable athletic career serve as emblems for Louisiana State University, the Southeastern Conference, and college football. LSU's only Heisman Trophy winner and a 1976 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Cannon led the Tigers to a national championship in 1958, igniting a love of the game in Louisiana and establishing a tradition of greatness at LSU.

But like many stories of lionized athletes who rise to the status of legend, there was a fall - and in the case of Billy Cannon, also redemption. For the first time, Charles N. deGravelles reveals in full the thrilling highs and unexpected lows of Cannon's life in *Billy Cannon: A Long, Long Run*.

Through conversations with Cannon, deGravelles follows the athlete-turned-reformer from his boyhood in a working-class Baton Rouge neighborhood to his sudden rush of fame as the leading high school running back in the country. Personal and previously unpublished stories about Cannon's glory days at LSU and his stellar but controversial career in the pros, as well as details of his indictment for counterfeiting and his post-release work as staff dentist at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, unfold in a riveting biography characterized by uncanny success, deep internal struggles, and a champion's spirit that pushed through it all.

Parking is available on Front Street, on the Riverfront, and at the Event Center located one block to the rear of the building. For more information about the event and the book, please contact the LSU Press Marketing Department at 225.578.8282 / [erolfs@lsu.edu](mailto:erolfs@lsu.edu).



## Oakland Plantation Gets New Roof in November - Tours Limited

The main house at Oakland Plantation is getting a new roof in November! Historic preservation efforts will be underway during the month of November to replace the existing 1950s roof. As a result, park tours inside the Oakland main house and around adjacent structures will be limited; and on most days, the main house will be closed to visitors. Please contact the Cane River Creole NHP at 318.356.8441 for the latest information about tours and visitor access.

## Fall Programs at Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS

Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site will host several programs during the month of November including Native Camp and the Feast of St. Martin.

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS will host Native Camp from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fort St. Jean Baptiste was a trading outpost for everybody, as Native Americans camped around the fort to trade and interact with the French settlers. Learn about some of the traditions of 18th-century Native American camp life.

On November 11, 2015, celebrate the Feast of St. Martin from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. November 11 is a French holiday celebrated in honor of St. Martin, and site staff will demonstrate various celebrations of this holiday. Local schools are invited to preregister for this program, and the general public is also welcome.

Regular park fees apply for both programs. For more information call 888.677.7853 toll free or 318.357.3101 locally.

## “Can Your Fines” and “Costumes for Coins” at Natchitoches Parish Library

The Natchitoches Parish Library is offering its patrons an alternative to paying fines during the month of November.

Starting on November 1, the Natchitoches Parish Library will begin its annual “Can Your Fines” program. During the “Can Your Fines” program, any patron who donates a canned food item will receive a \$2 reduction to their account for any late fees per one canned food item they donate. There is no limit to the number of items that a patron can donate, but donations must be canned food items only. Expired canned items will not be accepted.

Collected canned food items will be donated to the local agencies within the parish that accept nonperishable food donations.

Patrons may also donate their gently used Halloween costumes for a \$15 reduction per costume to their account. Costumes must be complete (all parts and pieces included) and in good condition to receive the \$15 reduction to their account for either late fees or lost/damaged item fines.

Canned food items and costumes may be dropped off at the circulation desk on the second floor of the Natchitoches Parish Library.

Patrons may also drop off their canned food items and costumes at any of the Bookmobile stops in the rural communities of Natchitoches Parish. The Bookmobile stops can be found at [www.youseemore.com/Natchitoches](http://www.youseemore.com/Natchitoches).

Patrons who are donating canned food or costumes must tell a Natchitoches Parish Library staff member that he or she is donating the item(s) so that fines can be removed from their account.

The Natchitoches Parish Library is open Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Amy Walmsley at 318.357.3280 or visit [www.youseemore.com/natchitoches](http://www.youseemore.com/natchitoches).

## “As You Like It” (cont.)

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has a lot of humor with a Shakespearean plot twist, mean villains and clowns.”

Burrell said the columns were the perfect setting for the play because they can symbolize the city and later serve as trunks for the trees in the forest.

In “As You Like It,” Duchess Frederica has usurped the title and throne of her elder brother, Duke Senior. Duke Senior has taken up residence in the Forest of Arden with his band of loyal followers, leaving his daughter, Rosalind, behind at the court. Into this situation, enter Orlando and Oliver de Boys, two brothers divided by enmity. Orlando has long been mistreated by his brother and when Orlando enters a wrestling match sponsored by the Duchess, Oliver tells his opponent, Charles, a champion wrestler, that he wouldn’t care if Charles were to break Orlando’s neck.

To the surprise of all, Orlando wins the match. In doing so, he attracts the romantic attention of Rosalind and the ire of Oliver. Orlando and his servant, Adam, flee Oliver’s wrath into Arden. Duchess Frederica decides to banish Rosalind to Arden as she did with her father. Celia, Frederica’s daughter and Rosalind’s best friend, declares that she will accompany her in exile. Rosalind disguises herself as a boy named Ganymede, while Celia assumes the part of “his” sister, Aliena. They are accompanied by the clown Touchstone.

Orlando eventually finds himself in the company of Duke Senior’s men, pining for his lost Rosalind. Rosalind, meanwhile, purchases a flock of sheep and a pasture, and sets out to lead a pastoral life. Before long, however, Orlando’s habit of carving Rosalind’s name in the trees and leaving love poems scattered about the forest tip her off to his presence. Still disguised as Ganymede, Rosalind seeks out Orlando to get a better sense of his feelings for her. She promises to cure Orlando’s heartache by letting him pour his feelings out to Ganymede as if “he” were Rosalind. Rosalind also attempts a match between Silvius and Phebe that goes awry when Phebe falls instead for Rosalind’s Ganymede. Meanwhile, Touchstone courts a country girl named Audrey, adding to the multiple romance plots.

The resolution begins when Oliver enters the camp. Orlando has saved him from an attack by a lion, and the two brothers have reconciled. Upon meeting Celia, now Oliver falls in love; Duke Senior promises to join them in wedlock the next day. Rosalind makes Phebe promises to marry Silvius if she can’t have Ganymede, then tells Orlando that Rosalind will marry him that day as well. When all have gathered for the wedding, Rosalind reveals herself as the erstwhile Ganymede. She and Orlando are happily reunited, and Phebe agrees to marry Silvius. Touchstone will also marry Audrey. As the pledges of love are exchanged, Orlando and Oliver’s brother enters the scene. Jaques brings news that Duchess Frederica, upon meeting a holy man, has repented her ways and opted for a religious life. Duke Senior is restored to his rightful position, and all live happily ever after.

# City of Natchitoches 2015 Natchitoches Treasures Announced

Oldest Permanent  
Settlement in the  
Louisiana Purchase

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spirit.  
The 2015 Natchitoches Treasures were selected by a committee of those who have previously been named as a Natchitoches Treasure. Natchitoches

A recognition ceremony was held on Thursday, October 22 to honor this year's group of Natchitoches Treasures. The Natchitoches Treasures are an elite group of Natchitoches residents of retirement age who have made a lasting contribution to the community through their generosity, service, volunteerism and

Treasures have been selected each year since 2008. The treasures are selected from nominations received from members of the community. The 2015 Natchitoches Treasures are: Margaret Ann Berry, Vivian Prudhomme Flores Duggan, Crawford Ficklin, Jr., Gloria Jones, Jim Bob Key, and Adele Scott.



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

## Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Nov. 2: Natchitoches Historic District Commission Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 3: Planning & Zoning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 7: Cane River Green Market Fall Market, 8:00 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank

Nov. 7: NSU vs. Abilene Christian, 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Nov. 9: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Holiday (city offices closed)

Nov. 14: Cane River Green Market Fall Market, 8:00 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank

Nov. 16: Airport Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport.

Nov. 17: Christmas Spirit Day

Nov. 17: Bike Natchitoches Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 19: Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 21: Turn on the Holidays, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank; Fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 21: NSU vs. Stephen F. Austin, 3:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Nov. 23: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Nov. 26 - 27: Thanksgiving Holidays (City offices closed)

Nov. 27: Holiday Kids Fest, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank. Admission free.

Nov. 28: Holiday Kids Fest, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank. Fireworks at 7:00 p.m. Admission free.

