



NATCHITOCHEES: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

In the words of DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince it's "Summer, summer, summertime...!" Louisianans know that summertime in the South can be brutally hot so it's important for everyone to stay cool and hydrated for the next few months. Summertime also gives our students a break from scheduled classes and preparation for the state's annual standardized tests. We are fortunate to have nearly 30 high school students working this summer to help with keeping the city functioning properly. This has truly been a mutually beneficial arrangement.

The last three weeks have been an absolute blast. Beginning with Juneteenth, residents and visitors were able to take in three consecutive weeks of music and fireworks on our elegant riverbank. It's always a tremendous honor to welcome athletes who have contributed to Louisiana sports on the high school, collegiate and professional levels. This year's inductees were collectively an exceptional group of individuals that included a Saints offensive linemen, an LSU gymnast (who literally performed a flip on stage), and a title-collecting cross country coach from Mamou, LA. I strongly urge all residents to participate in the annual hall of fame festivities that take place right here in Natchitoches.

On July 4, 2022, our nation celebrated its 246th birthday. With any holiday, I look forward to scrolling social media platforms to observe how people in our community celebrate these special days. The Fourth of July continues to be a day immense patriotism, an occasion to spend valuable time with family and a day to debut some of the cutest red, white and blue custom-made t-shirts. Let's continue to live out the words of our 3rd President and author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson: "...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..."

Ronnie Williams, Jr.
Yours, truly,



BEAT THE HEAT

TIPS FOR STAYING COOL, AND SAFE, ALL SUMMER

AT HOME

- Make sure your house is properly insulated, or else cool air will escape.
- If no A/C, use a ceiling fan and apply reflective films to your windows. They greatly reduce the infrared energy coming in.
- Purchase white drapes, which reflect heat away from the home.
- Try cooking outdoors when possible. Cooking indoors quickly heats the home.

IN THE CAR

- Under the hood, periodically flush your cooling system and replace coolant.
- DO NOT** leave children or pets unattended.
- If you're unsure if your A/C is in top shape, you may need to get your refrigerant level checked.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, with water included.

ON THE GO

- Wear light materials like linen and light cotton. Don't wear black because it absorbs heat.
- Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water.
- Apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
- Run early in the morning when the sun is at its weakest. Or exercise indoors instead.
- Wear wide brimmed hats. What they lack in fashion, they make up for in protection.

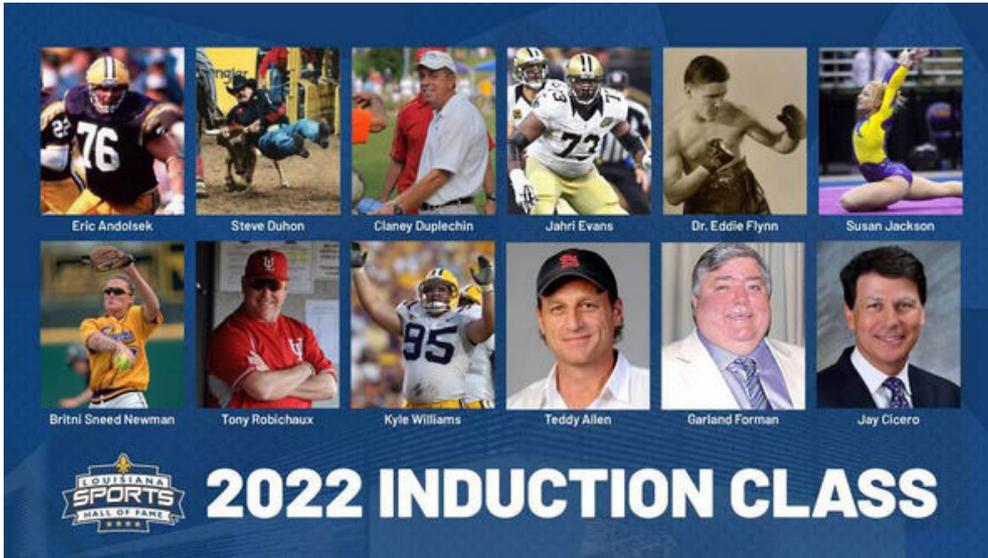
GENERAL TIPS

- Heat stroke most commonly occurs when your body temperature is 103 degrees or higher. If a heat stroke does occur, call 911 immediately.
- If you have a sunburn, stay out of the sun until it heals. Or else you risk a worse burn and blisters.
- Recognize the signs of heat exhaustion, dehydration and heat stroke in yourself and others. If you are unsure whether or not someone is in need, do not hesitate to seek medical help.

Sources: www.cdc.gov/heatstroke/heatstrokewarning.html, exchange.aaa.com/cars/repair-maintenance/seasonal-car-maintenance/summer-tips-to-help-your-car/#:~:text=WWB@dY1T

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

This year the City of Natchitoches hosted its first Juneteenth Celebration with help from our local sponsors. Celebrations included a Coffee Social, and a Juneteenth Basketball Classics. Where summer youth teams played against each other. Followed by an intense celebrity match with big names like Mayor Williams, DA Billy Harrington, NSU's Coach Gipson, and Michael Jordan himself. The City commemorated the moment with Mr. Nixon as a guest speaker on the topic of Juneteenth.

In addition to the Juneteenth Basketball Classic, the city hosted a festival on the beautiful riverfront of Natchitoches with live music by local artists, a kid's zone, food vendors, Italian ice, and snow cones. The event was concluded with a fantastic fireworks show.

The significance of Juneteenth was defiantly honored and remembered by residents in our great city.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

1. PLAN AHEAD.

DEVELOP A PLAN FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. IDENTIFY A SAFE AREA, AND DECIDE NOW WHAT YOU'LL DO IF THERE'S AN EXTENDED POWER OUTAGE. BE SURE TO CONTACT FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY OR PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO ENSURE THEY ALSO HAVE A PLAN.

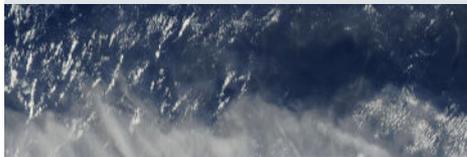
2. MAKE AN EMERGENCY OUTAGE KIT.

GET AHEAD OF STORMS BY PUTTING TOGETHER AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT THAT INCLUDES:

- FLASHLIGHTS AND FRESH BATTERIES
- BATTERY POWERED RADIOS OR TELEVISIONS
- CANDLES, MATCHES OR LIGHTERS
- WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING
- CAMPING EQUIPMENT LIKE SLEEPING BAGS, CAMP STOVES AND LANTERNS
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND A MANUAL CAN OPENER
- IMPORTANT MEDICINES (PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE COUNTER) AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
- SUPPLIES FOR BABIES AND PETS
- FIRST AID KIT
- MASKS, SOAP, HAND SANITIZER, DISINFECTING WIPES
- MANUFACTURERS' INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR GENERATOR (IF YOU HAVE ONE}}
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOW TO MANUALLY OPEN YOUR GARAGE DOOR

3. REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST.

4. STAY IN THE KNOW.



NATCHITOCHEES
Regroup
Simple, Effective Mass Communication

- 1 DOWNLOAD THE "ALERT ME" APP TO YOUR DEVICE
- 2 CREATE AN ACCOUNT
REGISTRATION CODE: CONALERTS
- 3 STAY UPDATED ON THE LATEST INFORMATION

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The month of June began with full swim classes and basketball registration. Recreation played an essential role in coordinating the Juneteenth Basketball Classic that was fun for all ages, including Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr. and DA Billy Joe Harrington. Our very own Blake Dodson participated in the Celebrity game and brought the Maroon team back for a fighting chance.

Track season has begun and youth in our city are displaying blazing speed and extreme talent.

As a reminder, the Recreation Department has a temporary office location at 560 Second Street, next to the Fire Station downtown. They can be contacted by phone at their same office number 318.357.3892 during regular business hours.



PLANNING & ZONING



KEEP NATCHITOCHEs CLEAN

PLANNING AND ZONING GUIDELINES

OVERGROWN LOTS

OVERGROWN WEEDS, SHRUBS, GRASS, AND VEGETATION ARE FIRE AND SAFETY HAZARDS. THE PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING WEEDS AND GRASS AT 9 INCHES OR LESS AND BRUSH AND SHRUBBERY AT 7 FEET OR LESS.

FINES:

1ST OFFENSE: \$50 - \$1,000
2ND OFFENSE: \$100 - \$1,500
3RD OFFENSE: \$200 - \$2,000

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

WINDOWS, DOORS AND OTHER OPENINGS ON VACANT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES MUST BE KEPT LOCKED AND COVERED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY. A PROPERTY OWNER MAY BE REQUIRED TO BOARD UP A BUILDING/STRUCTURE IF IT BECOMES VACANT AND IS NOT SECURED. STORAGE SHEDS AND GARAGES MUST ALSO BE SECURED.

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

PERMITTING CONDITIONS THAT MAY ATTRACT VERMIN A PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPANT MAY NOT ACCUMULATE LUMBER, BOXES, BARRELS OR SIMILAR MATERIALS THAT MAY BE USED AS A HARBORAGE FOR VERMIN. CONTROL OF VERMIN INFESTATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OCCUPANT/OWNER.

FINES: \$100 - \$2,000

GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND TRASH

IT IS THE OWNER/OCCUPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE PROPERTY FREE FROM ANY GARBAGE, TRASH OR RUBBISH. JUNK, TRASH, LITTER AND RUBBISH CANNOT BE DEPOSITED OR ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE ON THE LOT OR STREET. IT IS A VIOLATION TO PLACE HEAVY TRASH OR ANY OVERSIZED ITEMS ON THE CURB LINE PRIOR TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION DATE.

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DISCHARGING RAW SEWAGE

IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN, IN GOOD CONDITION, CONNECTIONS THAT DISCHARGE SEWAGE FROM THE BUILDING TO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEMS OR AN APPROVED SEPTIC SYSTEM.

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

TO AVOID FINES: CORRECT ANY CONDITIONS THAT HAVE CREATED THE DISCHARGE, WHETHER IT IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ON A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND SANITIZE THE SPILL AREA.

JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES

A JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE IS ANY VEHICLE, VISIBLE FROM A PUBLIC PLACE OR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, THAT IS:

WRECKED, DISMANTLED, DISCARDED, OR IS INOPERABLE AND REMAINS INOPERABLE FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 DAYS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND DISPLAYS AN EXPIRED LICENSE PLATE OR DOES NOT DISPLAY A LICENSE PLATE.

ANY SUCH VEHICLE MUST BE SCREENED BY COMPLETELY ENCLOSING THE VEHICLE IN A BUILDING, CAR COVERS, TARPS, BAMBOO SHADES AND OTHER TYPES OF MATERIALS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE SCREENING.

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OPEN AND VISIBLE STORAGE MATERIALS

PROPERTY OWNERS MUST NOT STORE MATERIALS OUT IN THE OPEN. THESE MATERIALS INCLUDE DEAD TREES, TIRES, REFUSE, GLASS, BUILDING MATERIALS, APPLIANCES, INOPERABLE BOATS, AND JUNK VEHICLES. JUNK, TRASH, LITTER AND RUBBISH CANNOT BE DEPOSITED OR ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE ON A LOT STREET. THIS INCLUDES JUNKED AUTO PARTS, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, BUILDING MATERIALS, TIRES, DISCARDED PAPER, TREE TRIMMINGS, CARDBOARD, PLASTICS, FALLEN TREE LIMBS AND OTHER OFFENSIVE OR OBJECTIONABLE MATERIALS.

TIRES

FINES: \$250 - \$2,000

BOATS/TRAILERS

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

TO AVOID FINES: REMOVE ANY RUBBISH OUR GARBAGE FROM THE BOAT OR TRAILER. ELEVATE THE BOAT OR TRAILER AT LEAST 6 INCHES FROM THE LOT SURFACE. THE BOAT MUST BE STORED SO THAT WATER CANNOT ACCUMULATE IN THE BOAT. IF THE BOAT IS ON A TRAILER, THE TRAILER MUST BE OPERABLE.

APPLIANCES

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

TO AVOID FINES: REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF INOPERABLE REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, AND OTHER APPLIANCES.

DEAD TREES

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

TO AVOID FINES: REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF DEAD TREES AND TREE LIMBS.

BROKEN FENCE AND OTHER STRUCTURES

IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP ALL FENCES AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING DETACHED GARAGES AND SHEDS, IN STRUCTURALLY SOUND CONDITION AND IN GOOD REPAIR.

FINES: \$200 - \$2,000

TO AVOID FINES: REPAIR THE FENCE OR ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AND KEEP IT IN GOOD REPAIR.

OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

FINES: \$300 - \$500

TO AVOID FINES: DO NOT PLACE SIGNS ON CITY PROPERTY OR IN RIGHT OF WAY. DO NOT PLACE OFF-PREMISE SIGNS WHICH TYPICALLY CONSIST OF ANY SIGN THAT ADVERTISES GOODS, PRODUCTS, SERVICES, BUSINESS, PERSONS OR ACTIVITY NOT FOUND ON THE PREMISES WHERE THE SIGN IS LOCATED. DO NOT PLACE TEMPORARY SIGNS WHICH TYPICALLY CONSIST OF POLITICAL, REAL ESTATE AND GARAGE SALES FOR LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development has been staying busy with summer responsibilities in addition to assisting with summer events and the beautification of the city. From potting plants, Downtown stage setup, and maintenance on our City building they are finding ways to beat the heat while keeping Natchitoches Beautiful.



Farmers market continues to make new partnerships within the community while keeping busy with the upkeep of the Strawberry patch. Harvesting vegetables and fruits for the upcoming market, and tending to the DC garden are a few things they have been doing the past month.

Saturday Farmers Market will be concluding on July 23rd. This season has been another success with exciting themes and fun activities for all.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at this year's market, contact (318)238-4211.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

On Thursday May 19, the Senate passed the budget bills, including a total of \$84 million dollars for early care and education. The most historic investment ever made for young children in Louisiana! We are so pleased with the success that we've been able to achieve, and we couldn't have done any of this without you and your passion!

To go from no new funding in 2020, to no new funding and a sports betting allocation in 2021, to \$84 million in 2022 is a tremendous achievement and we are so proud of what this money will be able to do for young children and their families!

Please take the time to send a thank you note to our legislators for their support on this issue. It is imperative that legislators know we appreciate their service. They will be hearing from the City of Natchitoches, and many early childhood advocates again until every child in Louisiana has what they need to learn and grow!



Early Childhood Education & Development

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Water— LDH testing is complete and Hwy 3191 water tower is back in service. The water tank was taken out of service on May 2nd for cleaning and maintenance.

Bids were opened for rehab and upgrades to 2 sewer lift stations located on Mill St. and Washington St. These two stations will get new pumps, rails, controls, piping, valuing and restoration of the wet wells.

Electric—Temporary power for construction of the new Dodge Dealership at Hwy 6 and I-49 has been hooked up. The electric department recently had engineers test and adjust settings for several substation breakers to help reduce the frequency of power outages. We were finally able to get all of the communication cables off of the broken pole on University Pkwy so it could be removed.

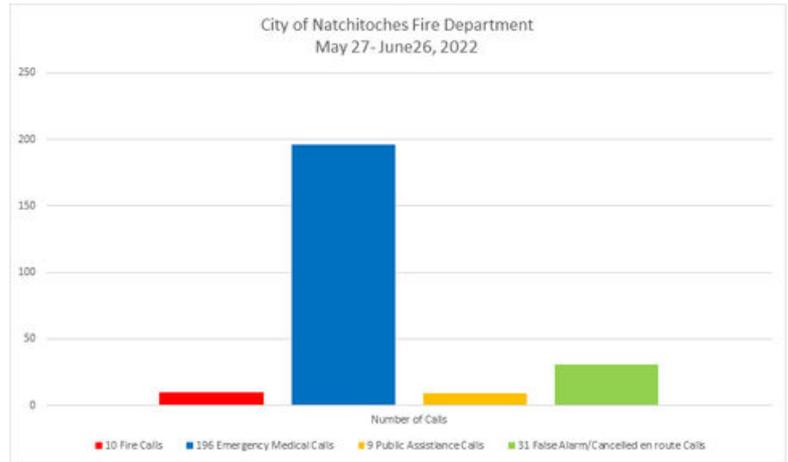
FIRE DEPARTMENT

In June, the Fire Department responded to a total of 246 calls as outlined in the chart below.

The department continues to focus on Fire Prevention and Community Safety through public education a Fire Prevention class that was given by the City of Natchitoches Fire Department and also a community basketball game with the coaches from NSU. The firefighters really enjoyed the games.

Firefighters also trained Student Workers to suit up in two minutes drills pictures are featured below of their hard work in completing this task.

If you know of an organization or community event that could benefit from our services, please contact the Natchitoches Fire Department at (318)357-3860.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE HAS BEEN AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST RESIDENTS THROUGH THE ARPA UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED TO ASSIST HOUSEHOLDS IN MAINTAINING HOUSING STABILITY.

WE WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM JULY 5TH UNTIL AUGUST 8TH. APPLICANTS MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.NATCHITOCHELA.GOV OR BY VISITING THE UTILITY SERVICE CENTER LOCATED AT 806 SECOND ST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS PLEASE DIAL (318)238-5491.



CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

JUNE

JAMES BAYONNE - 32
DAVID DOBSON - 26
DAVID CADWALLADER - 23
FIRAL ROBERTSON - 19
DANIEL MURCHISON - 18
LATONYA BURTON - 14
DALE NIELSEN - 14
BRANDON BERRYMAN - 9
AMY METOYER - 8
TOMMY TOBIN - 7

JOHN WYNN - 7
MARCIA DALME - 7
CHARLES HARRINGTON - 6
NICHOLAS VERRET - 5
DANIEL DURR - 5
RUSSELL HAYS - 5
DAVID JOHNSON - 5
KORY LEO - 4
WHITNEY WOLF - 4
KELLY MORGAN - 3

JOHN HURT - 3
JILL LEO - 3
FAY JONES - 2
JOSHUA WOLF - 2
JOSEPH JONES - 2
TIMOTHY HIPPLER - 2
MICHAEL DOVE - 1
NYLA HELAIRE - 1
CAMERON MCKINNEY - 1
CRAIG STEPHENS - 1
SHANE WILSON - 1

JULY

JEFF FRANKS - 30
SCOTT NICHOLS - 22
JESSICA WILLIAMS - 21
MARK PERKINS - 21
STEPHEN WILKERSON - 16
WILLIAM TURNER - 16
JOSEPH HARRELL - 15
SEAN COLSON - 15

STACY MCQUEARY - 15
DIQUAN JOHNSON - 13
DONNY KEETH - 12
LANNIE COOLEY - 9
LONNIE HEAD - 7
DAVIN WHITE - 5
LASHEA CHARLEVILLE - 5
TILLERY FLYNT - 5

BRADY DUPREE - 3
CLAYTON JACKSON - 3
BETTY SMITH - 2
MELISSA WILSON - 2
DAVID REYNOLDS - 1
FREDERICK NASH - 1
KEITH BLAKE - 1
TAYLOR OWENS - 1

**MANY THANKS TO OUR EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2nd

Celebration on the Cane
Farmers Market

July 9th

Farmers Market
Sip & Stroll

July 16th

Farmers Market

July 23rd

Farmers Market
Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival

July 24th

City Pool Community Forum

July 30th

Back to School Community Fair



NATCHITOCHESES-NSU



JULY 23, 2022
IN AIR-CONDITIONED
PRATHER COLISEUM

Louisiana
State Fiddle
Championship
Sat. July 23rd
1-4pm Magale Recital Hall



CRAFTS SAT. 9-5!

Ticket Booth will accept CASH ONLY!
Admission Prices include sales tax.
FREE for children 12 and under
Saturday, all day, \$10.00 per person
Saturday, after 5pm only, \$6.00 per person



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