

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT



LAFAYETTE

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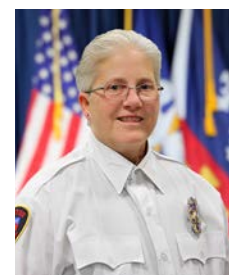
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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT



2022 marks my third year as Mayor-President. I am deeply blessed to serve the people of Lafayette Parish, and I am committed to a safer, more prosperous future for our people and our communities. I am

dedicated to ensuring all of our people are treated fairly, no matter where we live in Lafayette Parish. I am grateful for the amazing team we have at Lafayette Consolidated Government and everyone who works so hard to serve the people of Lafayette. I am honored to have the privilege to serve with each of our LCG public servants.

Our accomplishments in the last year reflect this administration's continued efforts towards initiatives that strengthen our core priorities of **drainage**, **roads and traffic**, **public safety**, **economic development**, and **quality of life**.

This year, LCG completed more than \$40 million in **drainage** projects, including \$12.5 million committed to address downtown drainage. Downtown Lafayette's drainage system is one of the oldest in Lafayette Parish. The Jefferson/Lee Avenue Surge Basin project, which added 2.7 million cubic feet of stormwater storage, was the first drainage improvement project in the downtown area in decades. Coulee maintenance totaled 109 locations with 20 miles of vegetation removed and 46 miles of accumulated silt and vegetation removed. Several detention ponds have been completed, representing more than 20 million gallons of stormwater storage throughout Lafayette Parish. In FY 21-22 alone, we cleaned another 20,950 feet of channel in seven locations.

We continue to enhance our Asphalt Overlay Program, which includes patching of failed sections of **roadway** and overlaying patched roadways. LCG used to pave an average of 5-10 miles of roadways each year. We are now paving 20-40 miles of roadways each year and plan to continue to find ways to increase these efforts even more. In FY 21-22, LCG overlayed approximately 19.7 miles of urban roadways and 19.3 miles of rural roadways. LCG also embarked upon a preservation/repair program for bridges expressly targeted to repair bridges, whereas before the only option was total replacement. LCG targeted 19 bridges, totaling \$3.055 million, ensuring these bridges remain servable for 10-20 more years. Additionally, the long-awaited Kaliste Saloom Widening Project and the Dulles Road Widening projects were completed in 2022.

**Public safety** remains one of the top priorities for my administration, and we remain dedicated to reducing crime and saving lives and property through a partnership with our community and other agencies. In 2022, our new Police Chief, Judith Estorge was named at the Lafayette Police Department. Chief Estorge's nearly 30 years of experience in law enforcement made her the ideal candidate to lead LPD. The new police Precinct 5 also opened in downtown Lafayette to help with faster response times, more visibility and police presence in the downtown area, and to help reduce the strain on Precincts

1 and 4. Not only did we hire 12 new police officers at LPD, but we also took more police officers out of the office and put them on patrol to ensure Lafayette is a safer place to live, work, and play.

Lafayette's **economy** is thriving! We are more business-friendly than we ever have been, and we are bringing in hundreds of new jobs. We will continue to support oil and gas, and Lafayette is now diversifying with other industries such as technology (SchoolMint), innovation (CGI), manufacturing (Safe Source), hospitality, and medical (Ochsner expansion). Additionally, LCG's Community Development & Planning Department has made Lafayette a One Stop Shop for business and residential development with the launch of the new [Permit & Planning Guide](#) and [MGO Online](#). These new programs allows residents and businesses to determine what permits are needed for a project and pay for everything online. Finally, Lafayette welcomed LAGCOE back to Lafayette for the first time since 2017. Lafayette also hosted the Louisiana Municipal Association Conference and the inaugural Electric Utility Summit.

We remain committed to improving the **quality of life** for the residents of Lafayette. To help make Lafayette the most inviting place to live and do business, we are working to make Lafayette the cleanest place, and we are proud to have been named Cleanest City in 2022. We are addressing our gateways so visitors feel

welcomed when entering Lafayette. Huge names like Dave & Busters, Top Gulf, and The Chimes announced the opening of locations in Lafayette. We also announced the new Brown Park Baseball and Softball Super Complex, as well as the Moore Park Soccer Super Complex. These improvements will provide first-class fields for youth sports and will draw regional and national tournaments to Lafayette. This, in turn, can open the door to host larger tournaments simultaneously with municipalities that have existing complexes — Youngsville, Broussard, Carencro, and Scott.

As I reflect on 2022, I recognize and thank everyone who has helped to inspire positive change in Lafayette Parish. I am proud of the strong working relationships that have developed between Lafayette Consolidated Government and the stakeholders of all the municipalities within our parish. These intergovernmental ties are key to providing quality services to our constituents. This spirit of cooperation and shared destiny is a powerful driver for progress in our parish. Our parish is stronger when we work together for mutual benefit.

Sincerely,

Josh Guillory  
Lafayette Mayor-President



# CITY & PARISH COUNCILS



**COUNCIL CLERK,  
VERONICA L.  
ARCENEAUX**

After 29 years of exclusive public service in the Council Office, let me begin by saying what an honor and a privilege it is to serve the community of Lafayette. The Clerk is appointed by both Councils and serves as director in the Council office. As the Clerk of the Council for two separate Councils, I, along with a staff, provide public notification and meet publication requirements for all Council meetings in accordance with Open Meeting Laws and the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government

(LCG) Home Rule Charter. Additionally, we assist Council Members as they serve their constituents and preserve, protect, and improve the quality of life for residents through legislation prepared for their consideration. Another important aspect of this department is updating the LCG Code of Ordinances, the codified form of the laws adopted in the City and Parish of Lafayette.

Both Councils and the staff place a great deal of importance on providing services in a manner that is both open and transparent. As the legislative branch of government, the staff and Councils work in conjunction with the Mayor-President and his administration aimed at ensuring a balanced government, one that, at its core, works

to make the best decisions for residents and businesses of this City and Parish. Our office mission is to do our very best to resolve the concerns of citizens, as we work through each issue raised. Further, we continue to work to ensure that services to constituents are uncomplicated.

Both the City Council and the Parish Council approved funds to provide for digitization of the historic document books dating back to the 1800's. This project will make processes more secure and quicker to access. Making these public records easier to retrieve also improves employee workflow. The anticipated date of completion is within the first quarter of 2023.

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MESSAGES



**City District 1:  
Pat Lewis**

- Secured funding for Martin Luther King (MLK) Recreation Center swimming pool -- a special victory for our seniors who utilize the pool for therapeutic recreation and socialization.
- Nottingham Circle, Acorn Drive, and Walker Road drainage improvement projects nearing completion
- Worked with the LCG administration on \$25 million in recreation investments for Brown Park and Moore Park, which will not only enhance quality of life, but will also spark economic development

for the district and the city

- Looking forward to 2023, we plan to see bolder activity on the North Saint Antoine Street extension project, the finishing touches on the widening and drainage projects on Dulles Drive, significant progress and improvement to drainage along Ole Colony Road, and the development and funding for the widening of West Willow Street from North University Avenue to North Bud Street.



**City District 2:  
Andy Naquin**

- Drainage and Public Works Departments

continue to clear and clean the ditches and culverts within our district.

- Dulles Drive Widening and Improvement Project now complete – traffic flow is better and less retention of water during rain events.
- Public Works is now ahead of schedule on refurbishing and overlaying many miles of asphalt roadways within our district.
- Congratulations to our newly-appointed Chief of the Lafayette Police Department, Judith Estorge!



**City District 3: Liz Hebert**

- A new Adopt-a-Stop Partnership

was formed with Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) with the installation of the Lafayette High School Bus Stop.



- The new Ambassador Caffery Parkway sound wall was installed.
- City District 3 had many road and drainage improvements, coulee cleanouts, continued efforts for traffic calming, roadside ditch excavations, and road overlays.
- Over 4,000 service requests were reported within the district, most of which have either been addressed or are currently scheduled to be addressed.
- I have continued my commitment to accessibility by hosting town hall meetings, 48-hour response time for constituent and citizen phone calls and emails, as well as active social media pages and monthly email newsletters to keep the community informed.



**City District 4:  
Nanette Cook**

- The Kaliste Saloom Road Widening project completed.
- Site visits with residents and representatives from our Public Works Department to ensure drainage issues get addressed.
- Construction of the Middlebrook Detention Pond is complete and has already provided some relief for residents.
- Additional street drains installed in some neighborhoods to prevent house flooding in these areas.
- Another partnership was

created between LCG and LPSS through a fitness court at Lafayette Middle School. This court will be used by Lafayette Middle School students during the school day, and the public outside of school hours.



**City District 5:  
Glenn Lazard**

- New passenger terminal at the Lafayette Regional Airport open, providing unrivaled comfort and convenience for passengers.
- Both the Canadian Heights drainage outfall project and the Peck Villa drainage project were completed.
- Drainage and Public Works Departments continue to clear and clean the ditches and culverts within our district.
- Public Works is now ahead of schedule on refurbishing and overlaying many miles of asphalt roadways within our district.
- Several major commercial and private developments have opened this year - Infinity College (the only institution of higher learning on the north side of Lafayette), Aldi (a much needed, full service grocery store), and the Downtown Convention Center (a much needed, full service, multiuse convention and event venue in the heart of the district).

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER  
MESSAGES**



**Parish District 1:  
Bryan Tabor**

- Joli Road and Beau Bassin Road overlays complete.
- The overlay of Braquet Road is in progress, and the gravel portion of Prejean Road will be soon be completely blacktopped.
- After years of being closed, Bajat Road has reopened, and the bridge on Braquet Road is scheduled for replacement.
- Further, the bridge serving the low-lying Prejean Road will be replaced with a box culvert bridge.
- District 1 has two major flood control/detention projects in progress, Oak Springs area and the Coulee Mine area.
- Made instrumental strides in the \$2 million appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act for the completion of the Louisiana Avenue extension project.



**Parish District 2:  
Kevin Naquin**

- Improved public safety in the unincorporated areas of the Parish by advancing the ballot initiative for rededicating a portion of CREATE revenues to fund rural fire protection,

assisting with the purchase of seven new tanker trucks for the Parish Volunteer Fire Departments, and securing funding to install 19 fire hydrants in unincorporated Lafayette Parish.

- Instrumental in negotiating agreements with Lafayette Parish municipalities to take over Parish parks, which allows the Parish to save money.
- Helped forge the effort on relocating the Parish Correctional Facility from Downtown to a new location and facility on Willow Street. This would correct many issues associated with the current aging jail and capacity for the inmates.



**Parish District 3:  
Josh Carlson**

- Partnered with the City of Youngsville, Mayor Ken Ritter, and the Youngsville City Council to reconstruct Decon Road and reconstruct and widen Bonin Road.
- Partnered with the City of Broussard, Mayor Ray Bourque, and the Broussard City Council to reconstruct La Neuville Road.
- Reconstructed five additional Parish roads that needed maintenance work.
- Completion of numerous detention ponds as well as the cleaning and maintenance of miles

of roadside ditches and drainage coulees.



**Parish District 4:  
John Guilbeau**

- Kaliste Saloom Road & E. Broussard Road roundabout near completion; the completion of the Kaliste Saloom Road widening project; drainage improvements at Camellia Boulevard and Settlers Trace Boulevard; and intersection improvements at Robley Drive & E. Broussard Road.
- Vermilion River debris removal and spot dredging, and Coulee Mine cleaning.
- The installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Verot School Road & Vincent Road; the completion of the Frem Boustany Drive extension; the lowered speed limit within neighborhoods from 35 mph to 25 mph; the continued fight against blighted properties and litter; and ongoing work with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development on Phases 1, 2 and 3 of traffic safety improvements along Johnston Street was also accomplished.



**Parish District 5:  
AB Rubin**

- I worked with the Lafayette Mayor-

President and the LCG administration on big wins for our district such as appropriating \$85,000 to the PARC Department for the Heymann Park playground equipment.

- We appropriated \$1.25 million for public health and safety updates at the War Memorial Building.
- We have also seen critical drainage projects come to completion, such as the long-awaited project with benefit to the Derby Heights neighborhood as well as the appropriation of \$2 million for major upgrades to the Juvenile Detention Home.
- I continue to maintain a high level of engagement with the community and my colleagues throughout the state, such as my regular mentoring of young men at Lafayette Middle School, my various community service projects that focus on children and the less fortunate, and my service on the Police Jury Association of Louisiana's Black Caucus as Parliamentarian.





# BEAUTIFICATION

## MAKING LAFAYETTE CLEAN AND INVITING

### PROJECT PARK SWEEP

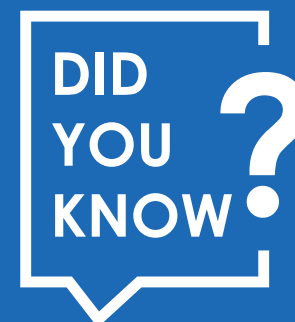
The Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Department (PARC) set long-term goals to beautify Lafayette's parks. PARC staff identified nearly 350 areas throughout the 27 parks that need attention, including repairs, replacements, cleaning, painting, and sprucing. Project Park Sweep set higher standards for having first-class parks where the community can enjoy more vibrant, cleaner, and better maintained parks. In addition to staff man-hours, volunteers were invited to lend a hand. Lafayette residents generously volunteered their time

to assist staff in making Beaver, Heymann, Dorsey, Donlon, Acadiana, Oaklawn, and Chargois Parks more attractive. These parks received a multitude of upgrades including cleaning of restrooms, playground equipment and other amenities, adding a fresh coat of paint to rails and restrooms, and mulching the playground area. "There is a sense of ownership when the community works together to beautify our parks. By partnering with the community, we have a chance to strengthen our parks and neighborhoods," PARC Director Hollis Conway said. PARC continues to chip away at the remaining parks.

### PAPER SHREDDING

After a year-long hiatus, the Environmental Quality Division brought back a past event to help citizens safely dispose of personal documents and encourage recycling during Lafayette Recycling Week.

The partnership with Keep Lafayette Beautiful proved to be a success with hundreds of residents turning out to shred 4 tons of personal documents, the equivalent of 200,000 sheets of standard 8X10 copy paper — the most EQ has processed at a shredding event. To put that into perspective, four tons of recycled paper is enough energy to power the average home for six months, not to mention it saves about 7,000 gallons of water, reduces greenhouse gases, preserves resources, and saves space in landfills.



In 2022, Lafayette was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 31st consecutive year. Lafayette achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

### HHWD

Twice a year, the Environmental Quality Division hosts two events for residents to safely dispose of common household chemicals and electronics. Altogether, 43 tons were collected during [Household Hazardous Waste Day \(HHWD\)](#) drop-off, including poisonous, flammable, corrosive, and toxic materials.

HHWD is one of many ways the Environmental Quality Division is committed to protecting the environment. Properly disposing common household items, such

as paint, cleaners, batteries, and pesticides reduces soil and water pollution is crucial, as they contaminate drinking water, rivers and oceans, and air. While some items are not accepted at HHWD, many [Lafayette businesses collect unwanted items](#) to safely dispose, reuse, or recycle them.

LCG is also opening a permanent building where residents will be able to dispose of chemicals on a regular basis instead of only twice a year. This building will be located at the [Dean Domingues Compost Facility](#) and is expected to open in late 2023.





# DEBRIS DROP

Residents had the opportunity to spring clean and get rid of bulky items that aren't typically picked up during their monthly bulky waste pickup. The Environmental Quality Division offers this free service to dispose of old tires, wood, metal, carpet, construction debris, among other items.

# CLEANEST CITY

Lafayette was awarded Cleanest City by the Louisiana Garden Club. The award validates the commitment and pride to make Lafayette a beautiful city to live and visit. Judges voted on ten categories and examined residential areas, public buildings, recreation areas, streets and sidewalks, and vacant lots, among others.

## BROWN PARK

163	VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH
193	TIRES COLLECTED
30	BICYCLES COLLECTED
14.78	TONS OF DEBRIS COLLECTED

## ROBICHEAUX RECREATION CENTER

287	VEHICLES PASSED THROUGH
152	TIRES COLLECTED
33	BICYCLES COLLECTED
25.21	TONS OF DEBRIS COLLECTED

# OPERATION NEAUX THROW

Lafayette Consolidated Government launched Operation Neaux Throw aimed at drivers who toss trash, cigarette butts, or any type of litter out a car window, and in addition, violators are now facing steeper penalties.



Citizens can now report litterers by calling 311 or by visiting 311lafayette.services. Residents are encouraged to gather as much information as possible when witnessing someone intentionally littering — date, time, the vehicle's color, make, model, and license plate. Unintentional littering, such as trash flying out of a truck bed is still considered littering.

Reported cases are turned over to the city prosecutor and include a mandatory court appearance.



CLEANEST CITY

# DEBRIS DROP





# QUALITY OF LIFE

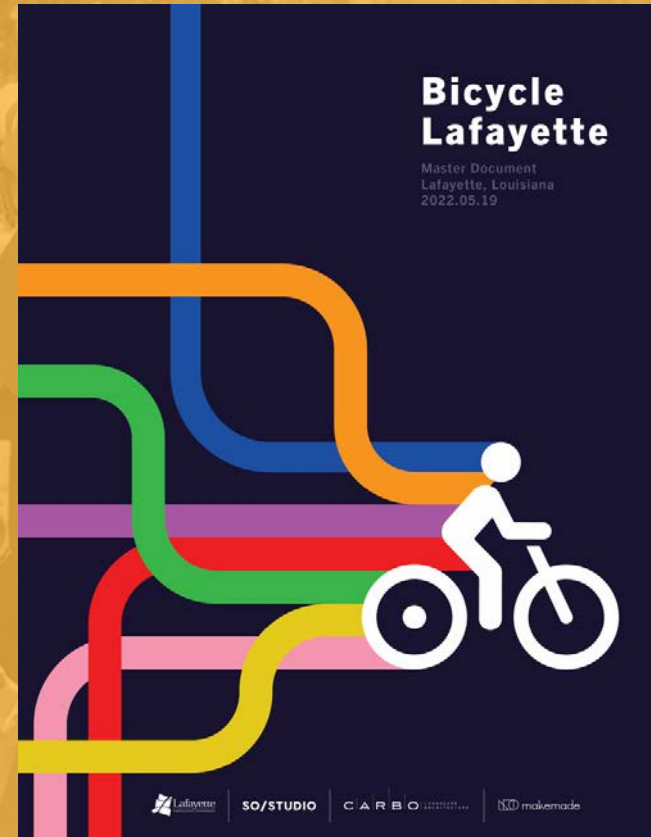
## FUN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

### SHIFTING GEARS

Lafayette is on its way to becoming a more bicycle-friendly city with the implementation of the [Bicycle Lafayette Plan](#). The plan was announced in May 2022 and presents designs and strategies to build a connected and safe system of bicycle and pedestrian paths and trails. The Bicycle Lafayette Plan will create recreational opportunities for residents, attract visitors, and open up new connectivity for those who rely on bicycles for transportation.

The plan includes 7 proposed paths organized in a loop and spoke design. The main route, the 8.8 mile Véloop (derived from the French word “vélo” meaning bicycle) will connect 16 neighborhoods between South and North Lafayette from Rotary Point to Pontiac Point and include 11 city assets — downtown, the Oil Center, UL Lafayette, South Louisiana Community College and points in between. While the bikeways provide a safe and comfortable bike route network for residents, they will also have recreational perks with trailheads at several different locations along the Véloop.

Four goals were paramount when designing the plan — safety, connectability, comfortability, and



equity. More than 20 percent of households along half of the Véloop do not have vehicles, and more than 50 percent of households along approximately two-thirds of the route live in poverty. Additionally, the majority of responses during public questionnaires indicated that many residents do not feel safe using existing bicycle infrastructure. The Bicycle Lafayette Plan tackles this issue by proposing protected bike lanes and pedestrian paths that are separated from vehicle lanes with buffers such as trees, greenspaces, and continuous planters.



7 PROPOSED PROTECTED BICYCLE ROUTES

47 MILES OF ROUTES

16 NEIGHBORHOODS CONNECTED

3.1 MILES OF COULEE RECREATIONAL ROUTES

32 PUBLIC ASSETS CONNECTED

This new investment supports Mayor-President Josh Guillory’s goals to not only make Lafayette a healthier and safer place to live but also make Lafayette more attractive to potential residents and tourists. Much like Tammany Trace near Covington attracts visitors, the Bicycle Lafayette Plan will attract tourists who want to explore Lafayette and enjoy off-the-beaten-path rides on the coulee recreational trails. Bikeway infrastructure also helps businesses attract talent, which is especially important to millennials who make up the largest working generation.

The first phase of the plan will begin with a 1.65-mile trail connecting Girard Park to Moncus Park. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2023.

### GET YOUR GAME ON

#### Brown and Moore Parks

Upgrades to two Lafayette youth parks will provide much-needed facility investments and offer a new experience for kids and families. Mayor-President Josh Guillory and Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture

(PARC) Director Hollis Conway unveiled renderings of the new Brown Park Baseball and Softball Super Complex and Moore Park Soccer Super Complex at a [press conference](#) in 2022.

The \$25M investments will provide more opportunities for youth sports and drive Lafayette’s economy. Strategically located in North Lafayette along I-10 and I-49 interstates, these parks will feature first-class fields to draw regional and national tournaments to Lafayette and open the door to host larger tournaments simultaneously with municipalities that have existing complexes — Youngsville, Broussard, and Carencro, along with Scott, where park improvements are in the works.

“This investment in our community is necessary and overdue. The northside of Lafayette has been a disinvested area of our city for more than 30 years, and our community and our kids deserve better facilities,” Guillory said. “Visitors will shop at our stores, stay in hotels, and eat at restaurants. The tax revenue from tourism will boost the economy all around. This is a win-win for Lafayette and Lafayette Parish.”



Lafayette Travel President and CEO Ben Berthelot points out the youth sports market is the fastest growing market and is excited for the opportunity to grow. “These improvements and expansions will allow us to target new events and will also build on the solid foundation we have in growing capacity for current events — all bringing in new dollars to the community.”

Improvement Highlights

- Moore Park, 11 improved fields (includes future indoor facility)
- Brown Park, 8 improved fields
- Tournament-quality fields
- Low glare, efficient LED lighting
- Digital scoreboards at featured fields
- Low glare, efficient LED lighting
- Expanded and ample parking
- New food and beverage facilities
- Larger spectator areas with added shade
- Plentiful and modern restrooms
- New playgrounds
- Pavilions
- Inner park connector walkway
- Walking/jogging trails
- Playgrounds

Thomas Park Skatepark

The skateboarding community is welcoming a new and improved skatepark at Thomas Park after Lafayette’s only skate park closed in 2018, leaving skateboarders without a place to call their own.



MOORE PARK SOCCER SUPER COMPLEX



BROWN PARK BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SUPER COMPLEX

A misconception about skateboarding is that it appeals only to the young, when in fact, it spans ages. The new park will provide a safe place for skaters of all levels and ages and serve as a gathering place to share their experiences. While it improves the quality of life for local skaters, skateparks also attract people from other cities.

The park is designed to be a 13,000 square-foot destination park with a street plaza, 4.5 to 7 foot bowl, and mini ramp and is expected to open before year’s end in 2023.

Heymann, Beaver, and Lil Woods Parks

The PARC Department revealed [potential concepts](#) that would connect and enhance Heymann, Beaver, and Lil Woods Parks. Although in the early stages of honing in on a final concept, adding an amphitheater to Heymann Park is the first confirmed project and is expected to begin sometime in 2023. “The history of Heymann Park is incredible and revitalizing it means a lot to the community,” PARC Director Hollis Conway said. “The amphitheater will be a great outdoor venue where the community can

come together and enjoy concerts, theater performances, and other special events.”

Early concepts also include pedestrian river crossings from Heymann to Beaver Park and from Beaver to the former, shut-down Trappey cannery site. This ties into plans to developers’ plans for a riverfront development similar to San Antonio’s famed riverfront. The Lafayette Riverwalk would draw in locals to dine and shop and attract tourists who want to experience the same plus Lafayette’s rich culture.

Middlebrook Park

A new fitness park, equipped with a walking trail and exercise equipment, is in the works where the Middlebrook detention pond sits near the intersection of Kaliste Saloom Road and Camellia Boulevard. Built in 2021, the detention pond will serve a dual-purpose — protect nearby homes and streets from flooding and a green area where the community can enjoy nature and reap the benefits of an active lifestyle. Construction is set to begin and be completed in 2023.



THOMAS PARK SKATEPARK CONCEPT  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE





ADOPT-A-STOP RIBBON CUTTING  
AT LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL

## ALL ABOARD

### Adopt-A-Stop

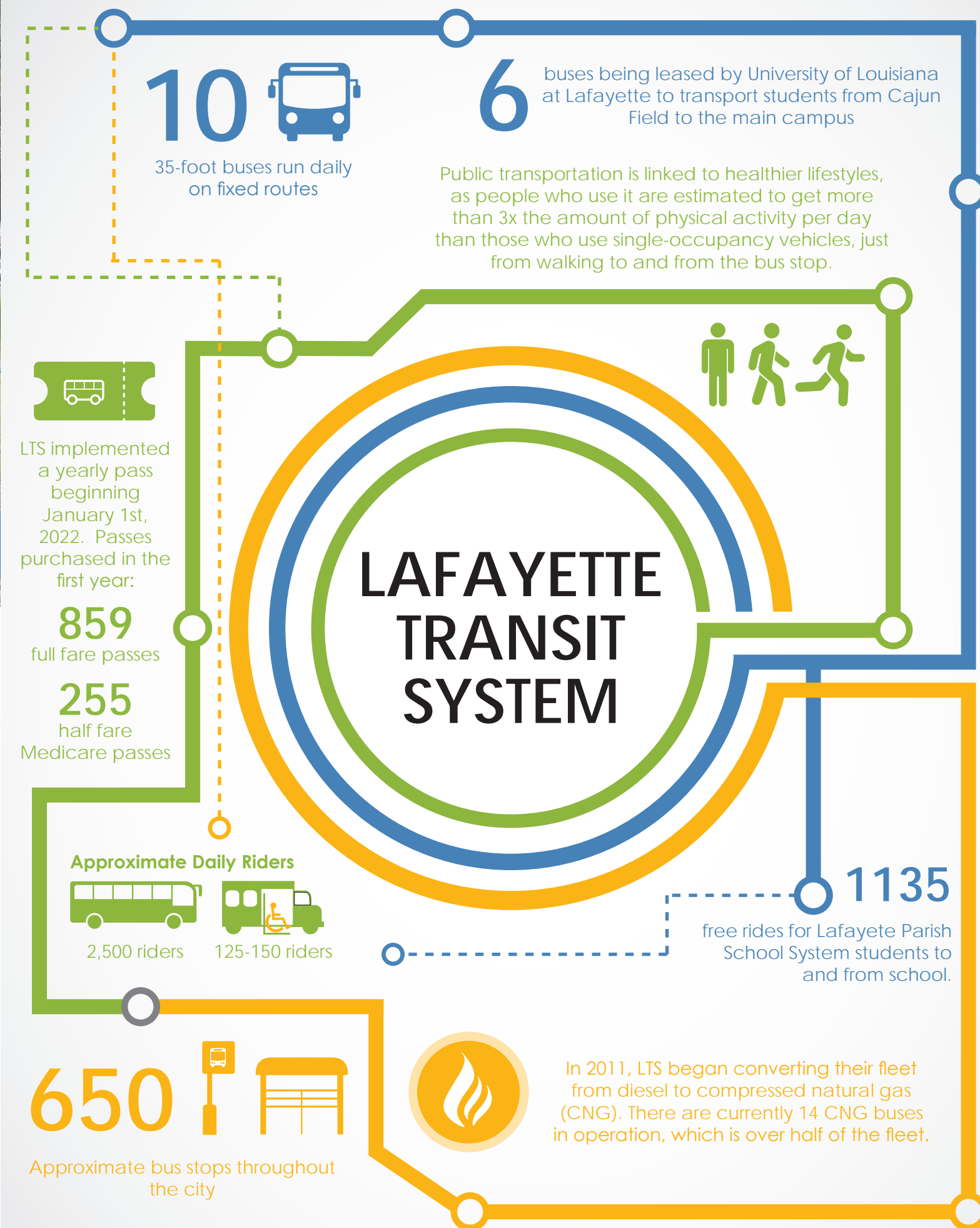
13 new bus stop shelters were added to city bus stop locations. Lafayette Consolidated Government annually budgets for 10 stops; however, additional sheltered stops wouldn't be possible without The Adopt-A-Stop program. This initiative allows local businesses and organizations to sponsor a bus stop and provide Lafayette bus riders with protection from weather while waiting for a bus. The Adopt-A-Stop program began in May 2019, and nearly 80 bus shelters have been installed throughout the city as part of this initiative.

Lafayette Transit System riders use 650 stops in the city, but only 10 percent are sheltered. Shelters protect riders from the elements and include seating, lighting,

a trash bin, and solar-powered USB charging ports. The average cost to build a three-sided bus shelter with a roof and concrete pad is \$6,000. Businesses and organizations interested in adopting a stop should email City Councilwoman Liz Webb Hebert at [lizhebert@lafayettela.gov](mailto:lizhebert@lafayettela.gov). Also, the Community Foundation of Acadiana accepts donations to the Adopt-A-Stop Fund. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at [cfacadiana.org/adoptabusstop](http://cfacadiana.org/adoptabusstop).

### Bus Bay Signage Project

The Mayor- President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities worked with LCG officials to establish signs in the bus bays at the Lafayette City Bus Terminal that are written in both large print and Braille. These signs provide direction to people who are visually impaired, blind, and deafblind.





# ARTS, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY



## FESTIVALS RETURN

The 47th Annual Festivals Acadiens et Creoles returned to Girard Park for the first time since 2019. The 36th Annual Festival International de Louisiane also returned to an in-person event in Downtown Lafayette.

## LAFAYETTE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Under a new public-private partnership, the Lafayette Science Museum was renamed to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Science Museum. With this new partnership, the Lafayette Science Museum has bigger, more enhanced exhibitions, programs, and resources for visitors.

ULL has been operating the UL Lafayette Geology Museum at the Lafayette Science Museum since 2013, which has more than 2,000 square feet of exhibit space and a 1,500 square foot vertebrate paleontology lab for students and faculty. Because of this new partnership, the Geology Museum will be able to expand to include more exhibits and programs for the public to utilize.

## VIETNAM VETERANS CEREMONY OF HONOR

Lafayette Consolidated Government held the inaugural Vietnam Veterans Ceremony of Honor to pay tribute to the over 2.7 million Americans who fought for our country in the Vietnam War. Veterans from the Acadiana area who served during the Vietnam War were in attendance and were honored and recognized on stage. They were provided with pins and challenge coins from Heart of Hospice as well as homemade beads from volunteers from Acadian Hospice.

Grammy-nominated recording artist, Laura Huval of Sweet Cecilia was also present and performed the National Anthem, Amazing Grace, and God Bless America for everyone in attendance.

## LOCAL PALOOZA

The 2nd Annual Local Palooza was a huge success with performances by local artists including School of Rock, Lil Nathan & the Zydeco Big Timers, Clay Cormier & The Highway Boys, and more!

Local Palooza is a celebration of local arts and culture in Downtown Lafayette. It aims to support Lafayette's arts community through live entertainment, art market, and pop-up activations.







# DOWNTOWN

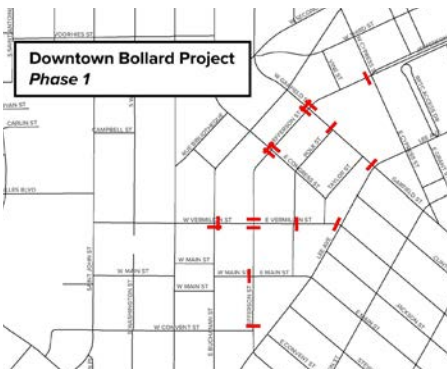
REVITALIZING OUR CITY CENTER

## DRAINAGE

As one of the oldest developed areas in Lafayette Parish, Downtown Lafayette's subsurface drainage system is outdated and insufficient by modern standards. Lafayette Consolidated Government has committed more than \$12.5 million to address drainage in the downtown area. The initial phase of the expansive Downtown Drainage project was completed in 2022, which involved the Jefferson/Lee Street Surge Basin. This project was the first drainage improvement project in the downtown area in decades. It has been 100% operational as of July 2022 and was built to address localized flooding. The

surge basin that was installed diverts water off of the main drainage trunk line on Lee Avenue, which drains all of downtown. This project is phase one of seven planned, coordinated projects to mitigate flooding in the downtown area, by adding 2.7 million cubic feet of stormwater storage, providing flood relief for downtown businesses and residents such as Pop's Poboys who has experienced flooding issues since opening.

In addition to this completed project, drainage maintenance crews flushed the entire downtown drainage system below ground after the May 2021 rain event. They also installed an additional drainage inlet and pipes at a commercial intersection highly prone to flooding.



[CLICK TO WATCH A TIMELAPSED VIDEO OF THE ENTIRE JEFFERSON/LEE SURGE BASIN PROJECT](#)

## BOLLARDS

The Traffic, Roads, and Bridges Department installed removable bollards in the downtown area, designed to enhance public safety during large-scale community events such as Festival International as well as smaller events like Downtown Alive, ArtWalk, and Gulf Brew. The project is also intended to assist the Lafayette Police Department with street

closures during nightlife hours.

"We're thrilled about this project and grateful for Lafayette Consolidated Government's investment that will encourage downtown's vibrancy as well as make streets more pedestrian and bike-friendly, which is one of our district's most important amenities," said Downtown Development Authority CEO Anita Begnaud.





## NEW PRECINCT

In June 2022, the Lafayette Police Department welcomed downtown residents and business owners to its newest precinct at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center, officially launching the center that will bring added police presence to Lafayette's downtown area.

The new Precinct 5 includes space for regular patrol officers, offices dedicated to the department's K-9 unit, and a monitoring center for LPD's new integrated cloud-based surveillance system, which officers can tap into to help with managing large events downtown.

Captain Chastity Arwood, who has been with LPD for 27 years, was named Precinct 5's first leader. She previously worked as a watch commander, internal affairs division head, a detective, and in juvenile crimes. Captain Arwood's focus for the new downtown precinct include stopping violent crime, removing illegal weapons, and limiting the dangers to the public, from reckless driving to crimes against persons.

"Our goals are to work with downtown residents and business owners to hopefully make things safer in the area, to bump up patrols, and for the officers who are working in the area to have a better relationship with the residents and business owners," she said.

Captain Arwood indicated the precinct will be staffed with a mix of new hires and officers transferred from other areas, and there will be patrols 7 days a week.

## SIDEWALKS

LCG remains committed to making travel along sidewalks safer and more convenient for all citizens and in particular the disabled population. Years of substandard sidewalk construction and infringement from utilities within sidewalk paths have prevented the effective use of sidewalks, especially in the older sections of Downtown.

LCG is working toward safer, wider, ADA compliant sidewalks throughout the city, with a target on the most heavily used areas around the City including Downtown Lafayette. Department leaders and engineers are currently working together on the design and implementation of the Downtown Accessibility Project, which is expected to begin in early 2023.

"This particular project has been in the works for many years, and I am so excited for the disabled community that we are finally nearing the time of construction," said Disability Awareness Coordinator, Harlon Cowsar.

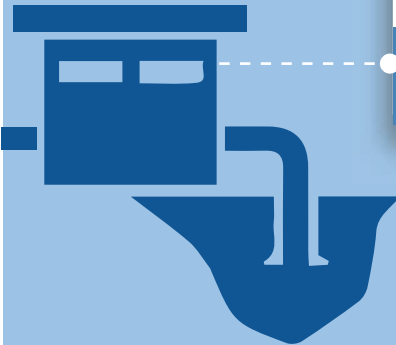


# DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT



2,570

MILES OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE PARISH

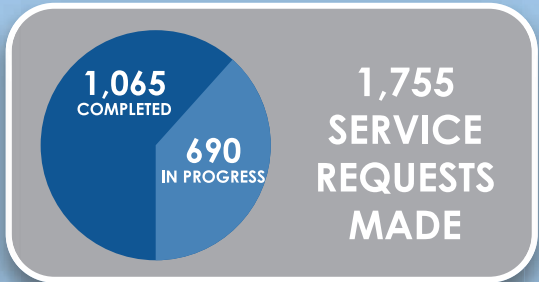
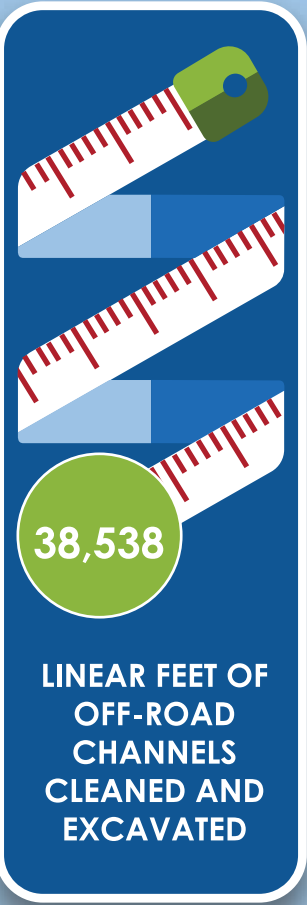


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AUTOMATED PUMPING STATIONS ARE USED FOR FLOOD CONTROL. THE PUMPS ARE BOTH ELECTRICALLY AND MECHANICALLY DRIVEN, AND OPERATORS ARE ON CALL DURING THE NIGHT AND WEEKEND TO RESPOND SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.



THE CROSS DRAIN INSPECTION AND INVENTORY PROGRAM LOCATES AND INSPECTS ALL CROSS DRAIN CULVERTS ON PUBLIC ROADS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE PARISH. APPROXIMATELY 2,400 CROSS DRAIN CULVERTS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND INVENTORIED TO DATE.



232,592

LINEAR FEET OF CULVERTS FLUSHED

504

CUBIC YARDS OF DEBRIS REMOVED

1,809

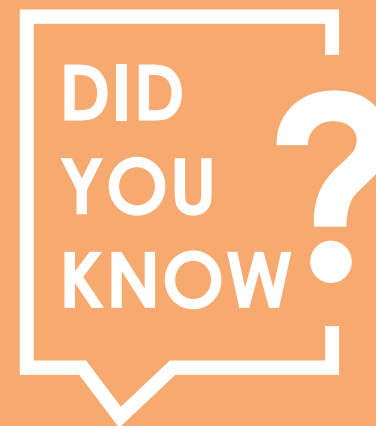
LINEAR FEET OF CULVERTS FLUSHED

IN ADDITION TO MAINTENANCE, THE DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT IS UTILIZED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER STORM EVENTS AND NATURAL DISASTERS TO ASSIST WITH KEEPING ROADWAYS OPEN AND DRAINAGE FEATURES FUNCTIONING. BY INITIATING **STORM MODE**, DRAINAGE EMPLOYEES ARE ON CALL 24/7 AND CAN PROVIDE QUICK RESPONSE IN FLASH FLOOD EVENTS.

363,967 LINEAR FEET OF ROADSIDE DITCHES EXCAVATED



# ECONOMY & WORKFORCE



## Lafayette is LAGCOE's home!

In 1955, the first LAGCOE expo took place at the Blackham Coliseum with about 130 exhibitors from 10 states, including Texas, California, New York, and Louisiana. LAGCOE has grown exponentially in these 67 years, and their hope is to continue to strengthen and promote the energy industry for years to come!

## LAGCOE

LAGCOE's "Energy Fest" returned to Lafayette, Louisiana for the first time since 2017. This year, it was more than just an expo, it was an experience! There were exhibits, presentations, and keynote speakers from 49 different states and over 40 different countries, showcasing not just the oil and gas industry but engineering, telecommunications, environmental, solar, fabrication, and so many more!

## WE'RE HIRING

### Disability Job Fair

LCG's Disability Awareness Coordinator, Harlon Cowsar worked closely with Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA), Louisiana Workforce Commission, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, and others to host the 19th Annual Acadiana Diversity Job Fair at the Heymann Convention

Center. This fair helped to connect more than 50 employers with diverse job seekers including persons with disabilities.

Organizers also held a prep rally before the event, where job seekers could attend to help with resume' prep, interview etiquette, mock interviews, professionalism, and more!

280 job seekers attended this year's event, with 27 job offers taking place at the event and 98 follow-up interviews scheduled.

### Lafayette Minority Business Conference & Trade Show

LCG and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held the first ever Minority Business Conference & Trade Show, bringing together large corporations, minority-owned businesses, and government agencies. This opportunity helped to create relationships, thus providing more opportunities and resources for these minority-owned businesses.

Large companies such as Cox Communications, JP Morgan Chase, and Ochsner Lafayette General participated in the event.

Lafayette Parish currently has more than 650 [African-American business owners](#).

### Ticket-to-Work Program

Social Security's Ticket-to-Work Program supports career development for people with disabilities who want to work. The goal of the program is to help individuals with disabilities progress toward financial independence.

LCG is a Ticket to Work services provider and is authorized to help people who receive Social Security disability benefits prepare for, find, and maintain employment. Services include but are not limited to: career counseling, resume assistance, job referrals, mock interviews, disability disclosure discussions, and job accommodation requests.

In 2022, LCG helped 24 individuals with disabilities toward financial independence.







ELECTRIC UTILITY STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVER SUMMIT

## LMA CONVENTION

Lafayette was proud to host the 85th Louisiana Municipal Association Convention at the Cajundome. This year, over 1,100 elected officials across 305 municipalities attended the convention.

Attendees were able to hear from Governor Edwards as well as connect with over 150 different vendors at the convention on road and infrastructure improvements, park and recreation, drainage, environmental quality issues, and so much more.

History was also made at this year's convention with the swearing in of the new LMA President, Jennifer Vidrine, Mayor of Ville Platte.

## ELECTRIC UTILITY SUMMIT

LCG and Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) held the 1st Electric Utility Storm Response and

Recovery Summit at the LITE Center. The focus of the summit was to find effective ways of securing materials and increasing mutual aid efforts during and after major weather events, including hurricanes.

Utility companies from all over the state attended the summit including Entergy, Slemco, Cleco, Washington St. Tammany Electric, the City of Kaplan, and so many more. Guest speakers included representatives from the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, American Public Power Association, Hubbell Power Systems, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and others.

Attendees learned a great deal of information at the summit, and more synergy was created between utility companies. Mayor-President Josh Guillory said, "Mutual aid is strong, but as we strengthen our partnerships and increase communication, we will get better no matter how big or small the problem."



### Name and Years of Service

David Bertrand	47
Elliott Roger	37
Michael Bourque	35
Mary-Nell Harper	34
Lonnie Spell	34
Daphne Boudreaux	34
Charita Benoit	33
Roger Bernard, Jr.	33
Marshall Miller	33
Joanna Eglund	32
Todd Guidry	32
Rodney Dugas, Jr.	32
Randy Viator	31
Andrew Babb	31
Michael Boudreaux	30
Terence Olivier	29
John Miller	27
Todd Alcorn	27
Casey Roger	27
Samuel Broussard	27
Jason Menard	26
Lisa Rochester	26
Christopher Duplechin	25
Robert Guidry	25
Robert Boudreaux	25
Nina Lopez	24

### Name and Years of Service

Martin Faul	24
Chad Landrenau	24
Edward Wismann	23
Glenn Landry	23
Russell Carriere	23
Charlotte Yeager	21
Charles Laporte	21
Bert Lavergne	20
Carolyn White	18
Mary Myers	18
Raylan Allemand	18
Elizabeth Bare	16
Dianna Domingue	15
Christopher Royer	14
Lee Davis	14
James Looney	14
Theresa Roy	12
William Patin	11
Monica Semien	10
Joseph Toussaint, III	10
Margaret Frank	9
Rose St. Romain	8
Linda Broussard	8
Robert Breaxu, Jr.	7
Lowell Duhon	6

Thank you for your years of service!



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY

### SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Lafayette firefighters regularly participate in two programs to promote the necessity of smoke alarms. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the risk of dying in a home fire is 55 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms than in homes with no alarms or alarms that aren't operational.

Working with the Louisiana Fire Marshall's Operation-Save-A-Life program, LFD installed 236 10-year lithium battery-operated smoke detectors to households

in need. The department also partnered with the American Red Cross to install more than 200 smoke alarms in high-risk neighborhoods across Lafayette.

### FIGHTING CRIME WITH CAMERAS

To reduce crime and give police an edge over criminals, nearly \$1 million was budgeted for more neighborhood surveillance cameras in high-crime neighborhoods and high traffic areas. On-street cameras as well as surveillance trailers will be installed.

### NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART FIRE STATION

Fire Station 3 at 429 Cooper Drive is nearing completion and will open in January 2023. The near 45-year-old building had insufficient space for today's modern fire service and was dilapidated and structurally unsound.

The new facility will have two access roads instead of one, providing for quicker response to emergencies. The building's square footage will grow 2,000 more feet, bays to house fire trucks and equipment will increase from two to three, and living arrangements will significantly improve from firefighters sleeping in a dorm-style 12 feet by 14 feet room to eight individual rooms.



FIRE STATION 3 UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

17 NEW FIREFIGHTERS  
GRADUATED FROM 105<sup>TH</sup>  
AND 160<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIES

4,000 STUDENTS EDUCATED  
BY FIRE PREVENTION  
BUREAU

#### VIOLENT CRIME



LPD launched the Violent Incident Prevention and Early Response Unit (VIPER) to combat an increase in violent crimes, mostly attributed to illegal drugs.

617

ARRESTS

156

GUNS  
CONFISCATED

14

STOLEN GUNS  
RECOVERED

\$4.2M

WORTH OF DRUGS  
SEIZED

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION



Detectives who work in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) focus on violent crimes against people, property crimes, and youth services.

1,357

CASES  
INVESTIGATED

94%

AVERAGE CASES  
SOLVED

150

VIOLENT  
OFFENDERS  
CAPTURED

\$6.1M

WORTH OF PROPERTY  
RECOVERED



CLICK TO  
WATCH

### MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO

Sgt. Robin Green and her daughter Officer Nadia Adams were featured on ["The Today Show's" Mother and Daughter Week](#). Community service and community relations are at the heart of what drive both officers to serve their community. The segment shined a national spotlight on the Lafayette Police Department showing this mother & daughter team working together in law enforcement.





## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

### GFOA AWARDS

The Finance & Management Department once again received accolades for its outstanding achievements and commitment to transparency, accurate, and detailed financial reporting.

They received two internationally recognized awards from the Government Finance Officers Association of United States and Canada (GFOA) which acknowledges outstanding public financial management. For the ninth consecutive year, LCG was one of only 15 governmental entities in Louisiana to bring home the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, GFOA's highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. For the sixth year in a row, the Finance & Management Department won the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, one of 56 governmental entities to receive the honor.

The department is consistently recognized for producing accurate and timely financial information for citizens, the City and Parish Councils and for its work in being good stewards of taxpayers' money.

### SWAWWA CHAIR

At this year's Southwest Section of American Water Works Association (SWAWWA) conference, LUS's Water Plant Operations Supervisor, Keenan Menard, was named the Southwest Section AWWA Chair of the Board of Trustees. Keenan has worked at LUS for 23 years and has been involved with SWAWWA since 2018.

### SHELTER COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

Lafayette Animal Shelter and Care Center was selected as a leader in animal welfare to participate in the [Shelter Collaborative Program](#) by Best Friends Animal Society. In conjunction with Acadiana Animal Aid, we are mentoring Vernon Parish Animal Shelter in order to increase their live release rate. From the start of the program to current (August) Vernon Parish's live release rate has increased by 20%! They now vaccinated all animals upon intake and now have a vet on contract to perform exams on their animals once a week (they had zero vet care prior to this program). In November, Wildcat Foundation/SpayNation and LASCC will host their 5th Annual Free Rabies Clinic, drive-thru style at the Cajundome.

### LPD AWARDS BANQUET

On September 20, 2022, the Lafayette Police Department was able to resume the [Annual Awards banquet](#) which was held & sponsored by the First Baptist Church in downtown Lafayette. LPD was unable to host the event in 2021 because of COVID. The ceremony recognized the employees and a citizen awarded in 2021.



# FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

To enhance transparency and increase understanding of LCG's finances, staff produces several yearly documents including the Budget Book by Fund which rolled out this year, separating and identifying each fund's specific purpose. The Popular Financial Report, in its second year, is a wonderful tool that does away with budget jargon and complexities for the general public to easily understand. Also in its second year, Open Book provides on-demand and up-to-date online financial information where citizens can explore how their

tax dollars are spent. The document provides a current balance of city and parish funds along with a view of dollars spent versus what is budgeted. Information is continually updated and enhanced.

The Accounting Division also increased the number of vendors enrolled in the Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment system. Direct deposit payments allow for faster payment to vendors, reduce the number of written checks, improve office efficiencies, and save taxpayer dollars.





# INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

## MGO

LCG continues to streamline online services and improve customer service for Acadiana. Community Development & Planning (CDP) created the [MyGovernmentOnline \(MGO\) platform](#), a new online service to apply for permits and request inspections. MGO allows contactors and residents to apply and pay for permits, submit plans and documents, request inspections, track application progress, and view and print reports, plans, and letters. “I am so proud of my staff for all of their hard work in getting MGO up and running. When I became the Director

of CDP, I wanted to provide a one-stop-shop for residents and contractors to do everything online and save them time from having to come into our office to complete permit applications in person,” said CDP Director, Mary Sliman.

Along with MGO, the [Permit and Planning Guide](#) was also launched in 2022. This online tool helps residential and commercial builders determine the required permits and estimate costs for projects. Whether building a new home, installing an underground swimming pool, or building a new fence, residents and contactors are able to determine the costs of required permits right at their fingertips.

## LED STREET LIGHT PROJECT

In an effort to save an estimated \$500,000 to \$800,000 per year, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) began installing and upgrading over 20,000 publicly-owned street lights from the current phosphorous/incandescent/high pressure sodium lights to new LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes). These new LED lights will not only improve nighttime traffic visibility and public safety, but they will reduce electric consumption and decrease maintenance costs.

To view the progress of this project, LUS has implemented a convenient, easy-to-read [online dashboard](#). The LED Street Light Project is estimated to be complete in October 2023.

## LUS OUTAGE MAP

After working on this project since 2019, Lafayette Utilities System's (LUS) outage and event map went live in 2022. This mobile-friendly map enables the public to stay informed about predicted or confirmed power outages/restorations, planned power outages, boil water advisories, and other maintenance events such as tree trimming. LUS Director, Jeff Stewart said, “We are excited the outage map is finally live and user-friendly for the public to utilize. This type of technology is crucial for our crews and dispatchers, especially during hurricane season and major weather events.”

Lafayette residents and visitors are able to access [the map](#) as well as subscribe to receive email and/or text alerts for an event.







## FIND MY HOME

[Find My Home](#), a new convenient and helpful tool for residents to learn important information about their neighborhood, was launched in November 2022. This new feature allows residents to see information such as property, flood zone, and drainage information, local and state representatives, voter precincts, nearby schools, parks, bike trails, and bus stops, trash and recycling service days, and more.

“The Innovation and Technology Department continues to look for ways to make information more accessible and convenient for residents, and we hope Find My Home does just that,” said Chief Information Officer, Randy Gray.

## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

A \$21 million federal grant will allow LUS Fiber to expand broadband services to residents and businesses in three parishes. Funding will provide essential resources for Ville Platte, an Evangeline Parish city that has the fifth slowest internet speed in the United States. Work will first begin in Ville Platte then branch out into nearby

rural communities of Church Point, Eunice, Mamou, and Basile, totaling more than one million feet of fiber optic cable infrastructure. High quality connectivity is vital for growing and helping rural communities thrive and secures equitable access and opportunities for residents and businesses.

Nearly 80 miles east and bordering Lafayette Parish, LUS Fiber has begun rolling out 47 miles of broadband infrastructure along the Highway 90 corridor to provide services in portions of Iberia and St. Martin Parishes.

A \$3 million grant will allow fiber technology to provide beneficial internet service to more than 650 businesses along the corridor, including the Iberia Parish Emergency Operations Center, the Acadiana Regional Airport, the Port of Iberia, and four industrial parks. It is also expected to spur \$26 million in private economical development investments.

Optical fiber technology is a welcome technology for parish leaders, where 1,200 acres at the Airport Industrial Park in New Iberia are ripe for development. At the St. Martin Economic Development Authority's (SMEDA) Industrial Park on the Lafayette/St. Martin Parish line, broadband technology will also attract business investments.

Operating one of the nation's largest municipal fiber networks, LUS Fiber is committed to the growth and prosperity of the Acadiana region, becoming an industry leader and constructing a fiber-optic system which delivers the fastest home internet in the U.S. as well as the nation's first gigabit peer-to-peer intranet. Not only does LUS Fiber's network ensure that residents and businesses have access to the robust connectivity of high-quality, high-speed fiber broadband for communication, online learning, telehealth, managing business in a digital economy, and more, but it also increases the strength and stability of the areas it serves across Acadiana.

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## Enhancing Home TV Experience and Communications

LUS Fiber television customers will enjoy an upgrade to video services with more amenities and an overall improved experience.

- More than double the number of HD channels
- RestartTV channels increasing from 16 to 138 channels
- Record more shows simultaneously on DVR service. Increasing from 3 to 5.
- Instant channel switching allows for flipping through channels without delay.
- Picture-in-Picture allows one channel to be displayed while browsing channels.
- Re-imagined User Interface adds a fresh, modern look to the screen and gives customers the ability to customize programming to their liking.

## TV Service

Text alerts, another upgrade, are now active and streamlines the customer experience to assist with bill reminders, scheduling technicians, and more.







## PUBLIC WORKS COMPLETED PROJECTS

### DERBY HEIGHTS FLOOD WALL

included the construction of the flood wall that will prevent backwater from Webb Coulee and Bayou Vermilion from entering neighborhoods along the Breaux Bridge Highway without increasing flood risk to adjoining properties.

### ZION CIRCLE

Created an outfall for the road which will reduce the potential stormwater flow through two homes.

**\$40,000,000**

in drainage projects completed by Public Works in 2022

### BUCHANAN GARAGE

The Buchanan Garage reopened to the public after being closed for repairs in October 2018. The first phase of construction to repair deteriorated columns and steel beams is complete. The second phase will include repairs to the elevators, stairwells, and lights.

### DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE PHASE 1

The initial phase of the expansive Downtown Drainage is complete and is part of a larger drainage plan throughout downtown.

### ASPHALT PROGRAM

Includes patching of failed sections of roadway, overlaying patched roadways, complete reconstruction of roads, and the use of various pavement preservation techniques to improve and upgrade our aging asphalt roads. Provides for quicker and safer transportation around the Parish. LCG has gone from working on 5-10 miles of roadways to working on 20-40 miles of roadways every year.



## TRAFFIC, ROADS, & BRIDGES



**3,000**  
APPROXIMATE SERVICE  
REQUESTS RECEIVED

70 miles of concrete streets – 377 lane miles  
855 miles of asphalt streets  
75 miles of gravel roads  
284 off-system bridges (spanning more than 20')  
200+ smaller bridge structures  
485 miles of sidewalks



### ROADS DIVISION COVERAGE

PROJECT  
**GEAUX  
MOW**

**27,519**  
ACRES CUT

**5,465**  
JOBS COMPLETED

**35**  
CONTRACTORS HIRED



### MARDI GRAS BARRICADES

Traffic, Roads, & Bridges employees are responsible for placing barricades for Mardi Gras and other parades and festivals. Over 5,000 barricades are placed for these activities, equally over 5,000 man hours.



[CLICK TO WATCH A  
TIMELAPSE VIDEO OF  
BARRICADES BEING PLACED](#)



### PINHOOK BRIDGE PAINTINGS

Traffic, Roads, & Bridges coordinated murals being installed on the Pinhook Bridge. The bridge plays a significant role in the history of Lafayette, long before the city was Vermilionville. The 44-foot-wide and 8-foot-high panels sit on either side of the bridge. Renowned artist and Lafayette native Robert Dafford painted the panels that depict scenes from Lafayette's roots and honors the unique culture.



### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Traffic, Roads, & Bridges is also responsible for maintaining medians, right of ways, parks, and roadsides as well as trimming trees over city streets and sidewalks.



# YOUTH

## THE FUTURE OF LAFAYETTE

### FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Fire Explorer Program, designed to introduce 14-21-year-olds to a potential career in firefighting and first response, enrolled nine students in the department's week-long academy at the Louis F. Babin Institute of Fire Training. Students gain insight on what it's like to be a firefighter and being a part of the community as well as learn emergency operations and understand leadership.

With Instructor Lee Quattrone at the helm, students participated in an intensive mini fire academy where they learned forced building entry, CPR, rescue, fire science, hose handling, and understanding different hydrant pressures.



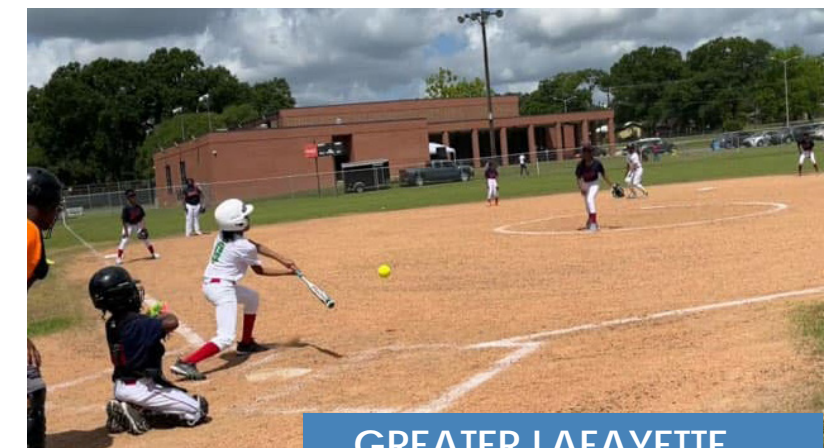
FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM

### YOUTH ATHLETICS

The PARC Department offers a wide variety of [youth sports](#) each year, including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, and football. Athletics are not only physically beneficial for children but also teaches them many social skills like teamwork and sportsmanship. Through public-private partnerships, PARC was able to provide even more opportunities to Lafayette Parish children, including partnerships with the New Orleans Pelicans to bring the Jr. Pelicans Basketball League to Lafayette for boys and girls ages 6-14, Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns Football team to provide a free football clinic for kids ages 8-17, NFL FLAG to bring he Acadiana NFL Youth Flag Football League for boys and girls ages 4 to 17, and SMILE Community Action Agency to provide a new summer athletic leadership academy for youth.



TRACK MEET



GREATER LAFAYETTE LITTLE LEAGUE



88  
TEAMS IN ZYDECO  
HOOPFEST TOURNAMENT

116  
TEAMS IN YOUTH  
LEAGUE

1,160  
TEAMS IN YOUTH  
LEAGUE



540  
CHILDREN REGISTERED  
IN PONY BASEBALL

405  
CHILDREN REGISTERED IN GREATER  
LAFAYETTE LITTLE LEAGUE



LOUISIANA/TEXAS FOOTBALL CLASSIC  
WAS HELD AT CLARK FIELD



5  
TRACK MEETS

200  
AVERAGE PARTICIPANTS PER  
MEET





## SUMMER CAMPS AT RECREATION CENTERS

Lafayette PARC hosted a variety of [summer camps](#), increasing options for kids of all ages during the summer.

Through public-private partnerships, PARC and community organizations were able to provide quality programs focused on education, art, performing arts, enrichment, sports, leadership, STEM, and more. "By working together, we're able to provide facilities for summer camps to meet the needs of the community. We're building valuable community relations with organizations that can provide more of a variety of resources than we can on our own," Recreation Centers Manager Alena Fields said.

Eight recreation centers hosted camps, including Generational Voices which held its inaugural camp in 2021 and expanded from one location to two in 2022. Both locations included activities for special needs children, 144 children attended.

## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL'S WALK A MILE

The Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council is an opportunity for high school students to learn about local government. Members meet monthly, speak with government leaders, serve the community, and advocate for issues that are important to youth in Lafayette Parish.

Mayor-President Josh Guillory's Youth Advisory Council held a "Walk A Mile in Their Shoes" event in partnership with Hearts-of Hope to call attention to Women's Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2022.

Hearts of Hope is the sole sexual assault trauma center for Lafayette Parish and works to provide community education, medical emergency response, trauma counseling, and advocacy.

They had a great turnout, and a few members also wore high heels while walking the mile track around Girard Park.

# 2022 LAFAYETTE ANIMAL SHELTER AND CARE CENTER YEAR IN REVIEW

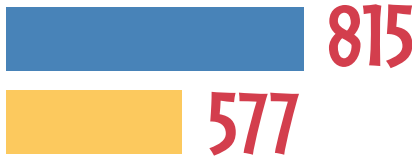
4,934

SHELTER INTAKES



1,892

ADOPTIONS  
RECORD HIGH!



OWNER SURRENDERS DOWN  
29% FROM 2021

803

ANIMALS PULLED  
BY RESCUES  
RECORD HIGH!



TNR  
1,344 RECORD  
HIGH!

Trap, Neuter, Return is a humane, non-lethal method of controlling stray cat populations. Free-roaming, community cats are safely trapped and evaluated by a licensed veterinarian and vaccinated and neutered/spayed before being returned to their original habitat.

92.24% AVERAGE  
LIVE OUTCOME

3RD YEAR IN A ROW ACHIEVING NO-KILL STATUS!



91%  
DOG LIVE OUTCOME



93%  
CAT LIVE OUTCOME





## HOUSING SERVICES

Housing Coordinator and sorority president, Kristy Hayes, recommended one of her former clients be the recipient of a full Thanksgiving meal and \$100.00 gift card from Iota Tau Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. The Castille family are part of the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The primary goal for Ms. Castille and her family was to provide them with a small 2-bedroom 1-bath house that would fit comfortably within her retirement pension; however, the plan changed when she obtained guardianship of two minor grandchildren. She completed the homeownership program, saved the down payment, and participated in all the educational classes. After two years of reestablishing her work history to increase the affordability of the home, she purchased a larger 3-bedroom 2-bath home of her dreams with a yard for the children.



The Human Services Division also worked closely with Habitat for Humanity to make a first-time home buyers dreams come true. The client completed Home Ownership Training, volunteer hours, and financial education to become eligible for a new Habitat for Humanity home while accessing a First-Time Home Buyer Loan down-payment assistance loan to keep her mortgage payments affordable.

### HOUSING LOANS DIVISION

Helped 17 First-Time homebuyers become homeowners and 2 low-income homeowners secure funding for needed home repairs.

### HOUSING REHABILITATION DIVISION

Completed 3 major rehabilitations, 3 minor rehabilitations, and the demolition of 3 dilapidated structures.



## FIRST FEMALE LINEWORKER

Jewel Everett became LUS Fiber's first female line worker in 2022. She took the power lineman program at SLCC and went straight to work at LUS Fiber right after graduating. Jewel's biggest challenge is carrying the larger equipment, but she most enjoys being in the bucket making repairs.



Desiree McCann is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Carencro, and their goal is to help children to learn to read as well as help fight youth hunger. Their support and participation help kids realize a brighter tomorrow. Kiwanis exists to help children around the world. Some popular projects that help kids include installing reading rooms in schools, creating a food pantry and Comfort Closet, packing backpacks with school supplies and programs that teach skills, or provide safety lessons.

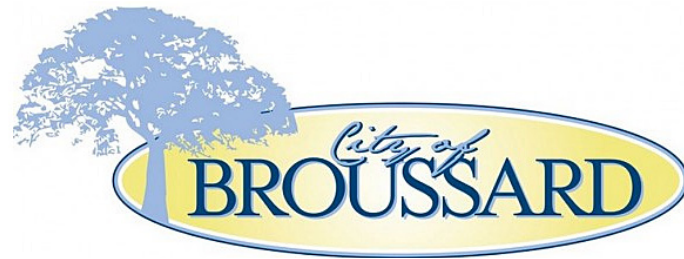


## LUS EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING

As part of LUS's vision to be involved in the community, LUS employees volunteered 1,705.25 hours at local non-profits and community events in 2022.



# MUNICIPALITIES



Broussard  
337-837-6681  
[www.cityofbroussard.com](http://www.cityofbroussard.com)



Carencro  
337-896-8481  
[www.carencro.org](http://www.carencro.org)



Duson  
337-873-6754  
[www.facebook.com/TownofDuson](https://www.facebook.com/TownofDuson)



Lafayette  
337-291-8200  
[www.lafayettela.gov](http://www.lafayettela.gov)



Scott  
337-233-1130  
[www.cityofscott.org](http://www.cityofscott.org)



Youngsville  
LOUISIANA

Youngsville  
337-856-4181  
[www.youngsville.us](http://www.youngsville.us)

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# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH GOVERNMENT

LCG Main Line.....	291-8200
Animal Control.....	291-5644
Chief Administrative Officer .....	291-8311
City Court.....	291-8720
City Marshal.....	291-8725
Mayor-President.....	291-8300
Civil Service.....	291-8330
Clerk of Council.....	291-8810
Community Development & Planning.....	291-8000
Fire Administration.....	291-8701
Fire and Police Civil Service.....	291-8762
Information & Technology.....	291-5600
International Trade.....	291-5474
Juvenile Detention Center.....	291-7130
Lafayette Parish Public Library.....	261-5787
Lafayette Utilities System (LUS).....	291-5804
LUS Customer Service.....	291-8280
Legal Department.....	210-8171
Minority Affairs.....	291-8354
Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture.....	291-8361
Police Administration.....	291-8653
Public Works.....	291-8517

## LAFAYETTE PARISH GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Clerk of Court.....	291-6400
Coroner.....	291-7100
Lafayette Parish Communications District.....	291-5060
North Water Treatment Plant.....	291-5919
Office of Emergency Preparedness	291-5075
Registrar of Voters.....	291-7140
South Water Treatment Plant.....	291-5910
Tax Assessor.....	291-7080

## OTHER GOVERNMENT AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Bayou Vermilion District.....	237-8360
City of Broussard.....	837-6681
CAJUNDOME.....	265-2100
City of Carencro.....	896-8481
Correctional Center.....	236-5400
Council on Aging.....	262-5990
Department of Health & Hospitals....	262-1635
District Attorney.....	232-5170
District Judges.....	232-8211
Downtown Development Authority..	291-5566
Town of Duson.....	873-6754
Employment Office.....	262-5601
Federal Courthouse.....	593-5000
Forensic Lab.....	291-7106
Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission.....	232-3737
Lafayette Economic Development Authority.....	593-1400
Lafayette Parish Health Unit.....	262-5616
Lafayette Parish School Board.....	521-7000
Lafayette Regional Airport.....	266-4400
LSU Ag Center.....	291-7090
Office of Motor Vehicles.....	896-8121
One Acadiana.....	233-2705
Sales Tax Office.....	232-3912
City of Scott.....	233-1130
Sheriff's Office.....	232-9211
City of Youngsville.....	856-4181



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