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REPORT**

**PROGRESS AND MOMENTUM
FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

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On the Cover

A rare weather event known as the Gulf Coast Blizzard turned Downtown Lafayette and surrounding areas into a winter wonderland on January 21, 2025, as captured by Philip Gould on the cover.



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A Message from the Mayor-President



Dear Lafayette Parish,

2025 was a year full of progress and momentum for our community. Together, we focused on the basics—keeping people safe, improving roads and drainage, and making sure your local government is open and accountable—while also investing in the things that make Lafayette Parish a great place to live.

We worked to be better prepared for storms, kept drainage projects moving, and protected our flood rating to help keep costs down for residents. We made real progress on roads and projects people have waited a long time to see, reopened Brown and Moore Parks, announced the Northeast Regional Library site, and moved LFT Fiber downtown. At the same time, public safety leadership remained strong, and we continued supporting veterans across the parish.

We also invested in recreation and community life—upgrading parks and campgrounds, bringing back the Fourth of July celebration, and making it easier for residents to access services. Lafayette earned recognition on the national and international stage and secured significant funding that will help our city and parish grow and stay safe for years to come.

I'm so proud of what we accomplished together in 2025. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your commitment to our community. The best days for Lafayette Parish are still ahead, and I'm excited for everything we will achieve together in 2026.

Sincerely,

Monique B. Boulet
Lafayette Mayor-President



Monique B. Boulet

MISSION: *To enhance the quality of life for our community by providing high-quality, cost-effective services that meet the needs and expectations of the public.*

LAFAYETTE

at a glance

RETAIL SALES

\$9,236,276,873

YTD ESTIMATED TAXABLE SALES, DECEMBER 2025



FOUNDED IN

1821 as Vermilionville

LATER RENAMED

Lafayette in **1884**



190,964
JOBS IN 2025

SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

POPULATION

123,418 CITY

250,819 PARISH

TOP EMPLOYERS

Ochsner Lafayette General	4,344
Lafayette Parish School System.....	4,198
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center	2,875
University of Louisiana at Lafayette ...	2,637
Lafayette Consolidated Government...	2,478
Stuller Inc.	1,522
Walmart Companies	1,354
Amazon	1,300
LHC Group.....	942



AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$92,375

LAFAYETTE PARISH

MEDIAN AGE

38.3

CITY

37.5

PARISH

ENROLLMENT IN HIGHER ED

- University of Louisiana: **19,723**
- South Louisiana Community College: **4,691**

CRIME STATISTICS

Homicides.....	10
Adult/Juvenile Arrests	371
Domestic Incidents.....	244
Vehicle Crashes	934
Citations Issued	777
Stolen Vehicles	12
Alarms Responded To	647
Dispatched Calls.....	9,792



A Year of Achievement in Lafayette

Key Awards and Recognitions that Shaped Our Community in 2025

“Tastiest Town
in the South”

Southern Living

“The Beating Heart
of Cajun Culture”

Forbes

“10 Best Places to
Live in the South”

**TRAVEL+
LEISURE**

“Best Place to Live
in Louisiana”

**U.S. News
& WORLD REPORT**

“Best Places to Visit for Fall”

 **USA TODAY**

Lafayette climbed to third place in USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards for “Best Place to Visit for Fall,” up from fourth place last year. Lafayette was the only destination in the South recognized in the top 10. USA Today reaches millions of readers nationwide, and this recognition introduces the area to a wide audience of potential travelers.



“Readers’ Choice Award”

The Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission was recognized with a 2025 ConventionSouth Readers’ Choice Award, one of only 33 winners across Louisiana. Selected from more than 500 winners in the South and based on votes from over 7,000 readers and fans, the award highlights Lafayette Travel’s dedication to excellence in the meetings and hospitality industry.



City-Parish Councils

Advocating for Our Community

The legislative power of the Lafayette Consolidated Government is vested in a Lafayette City Council and a Lafayette Parish Council, each consisting of five members elected from single-member districts for four-year terms. Council members serve as the voice of their constituents and, along with Mayor-President Monique B. Boulet, provide leadership and direction to the various departments of consolidated government. This leadership was previously provided by a joint City-Parish Council, but in 2018, voters approved a charter amendment to create separate councils.

The Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council meet regularly, every first and third Tuesday of the month in City Hall at 705 West University Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Lafayette Parish Council meetings begin at 4:30 p.m., and Lafayette City Council meetings follow at 5:30 p.m. Special or emergency meetings may be held on the call of the presiding Council officer or by a majority vote of members to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public safety. All meetings of the Councils and their committees are open to the public. Those wishing to address

GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Attend a meeting on the first or third Tuesday of the month at 705 W. University Avenue
- ✓ Watch the meeting Acadiana Open Channel (AOC), local broadcast listing, or visit lafayettela.gov/tunein
- ✓ Volunteer for a board or commission by calling 337-291-8800 or emailing BCLafayette@lafayettela.gov

either Council are asked to complete a form located at the entrance of the council auditorium prior to the call of the agenda item to which they wish to speak. Citizens are allotted three minutes to speak.



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District 3



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District 4



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District 5
Chairman

Parish Council Members



Bryan Tabor
District 1



Donald Richard
District 2



Ken Stansbury
District 3



John Guilbeau
District 4



AB Rubin
District 5
Chairman

Executive Staff and Department Directors



Rachel Godeaux
Chief Administrative Officer



Christina Dayries
Chief of Staff



Patrick S. Ottinger
City-Parish Attorney



Karen Fontenot
Chief Financial Officer



Warren Abadie
Director of Public Works and Traffic, Roads, and Bridges



John Bourgeois, II
Interim Fire Chief



Jamie Boudreaux
Chief Communications Officer



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Manager of Lafayette Animal Shelter and Care Center



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Director of International Trade and Development (ret.)



Matthew Duhon
Chief Innovation Officer



Tammy Luke
Director of Community Development & Planning



Adam Marcantel
Director of Civil Service



Brian McGrath
Interim Director of Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture



Brian Smith
Director of Drainage



Michael D. Soileau
Director of LFT Fiber



Chad Sonnier
Director of the Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness



Jeffrey Stewart
Director of Lafayette Utilities System



Alonzo Thomas
Manager of Juvenile Detention Home



Paul Trouard
Chief of Police



Community Development and Planning (CDP)



Coordinating Growth, Strengthening Communities, Delivering Results.

The Community Development and Planning Department (CDP) serves as a one-stop-shop for businesses and individuals involved in a variety of activities including developing property, zoning regulations, annexations, abandonments and historic property designations. The department also handles all permitting of construction projects, alcohol sales and bar cards, and the opening or relocating of businesses. Development and Planning works with the compliance of zoning and building regulations as well as condemnation of unsafe structures and is responsible for the implementation of Lafayette's comprehensive plan, PlanLafayette.

Development

Plays a central role in shaping Lafayette's physical growth. The administration prioritizes internal process improvements to reduce development bottlenecks and improve coordination across departments.

LCG teams began meeting regularly to streamline review timelines, and mandatory use of **MyGovernmentOnline (MGO)** was implemented across all development-facing departments.

This standardization improved transparency, accountability, and overall efficiency in the permitting process.

With stronger internal alignment in place, the division successfully managed increased case volume across platting, zoning, and development review functions while supporting responsible growth and neighborhood stability.

Platting Activity & Land Development

Platting activity reflects subdivision growth, lot creation, and boundary adjustments that support both residential and commercial expansion.

Hearing Examiner Plats

- 162 cases
- 262 new lots created

Planning Commission Plats

- 70 cases
- 553 new lots created
 - ✓ 23 cases within the City of Lafayette (241 lots)
 - ✓ 47 cases in Unincorporated Parish (312 lots)

Boundary Line Adjustments
• 2 cases
• 99 new lots created

Annexations
• 12 cases
• 57.076 acres added to the City of Lafayette

Additional Actions
• 8 abandonments processed
• 40 Board of Zoning Adjustment cases

Zoning & Land Use Oversight

Zoning cases ensure that land uses remain compatible and aligned with long-term planning goals.

- 28 Re-Zonings
- 8 Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

These cases reflect continued land use adjustments to accommodate evolving development patterns while maintaining regulatory oversight.

Pre-Development Coordination

Early coordination reduces project delays and improves compliance outcomes with **88 Pre-Development Meetings** completed. These meetings allow applicants to identify potential issues before formal submission, resulting in smoother reviews and more efficient project timelines.

Permit Review Activity

Reviewed **2,368 permits** across residential and commercial categories, reflecting strong development momentum.

Residential-Focused Permits
• 916 Residential New Construction
• 276 Townhouse (Residential)
• 212 Residential Additions/Repairs
• 117 Residential Pools/Spas
• 85 Residential Accessory Structures
• 138 Mobile Homes (Private Property)

Commercial-Focused Permits
• 110 Commercial New Construction
• 324 Commercial Additions/Repairs
• 22 Freestanding Signs
• 84 Wall Signs
• 32 Freestanding Electrical Signs
• 29 Wall Signs Electrical
• 7 Commercial Pools/Spas

Compliance

Managed **2,455 active cases**, addressing violations related to property maintenance, development standards, municipal code compliance, and debris/grass enforcement.

The division's approach prioritizes **voluntary compliance first**, using education and direct engagement with property owners whenever possible.

Property Maintenance Code (PMC)

Addresses unsafe structures, deteriorated buildings, and general blight conditions.

Case Management Overview

- ✓ Total Cases: 553
- ✓ Current Closure Rate: 34%

Breakdown by Status

Case Status	Count	Percentage
Voluntary Compliance	313	56.6%
Closed	186	33.6%
A.A.B. Process (Appeals/Advisory)	42	7.6%
Condemnation Process	12	2.2%

Land Development Code (LDC)

Focuses on zoning, land use, and site compliance issues.

Case Management Overview

- ✓ Total Cases: 373
- ✓ Current Closure Rate: 44%

Breakdown by Status

Case Status	Count	Percentage
Voluntary Compliance	198	53.1%
Closed	163	43.7%
A.A.B. Process (Appeals/Advisory)	12	3.2%

Municipal Code Ordinance (MCO)

Addresses issues such as junk vehicles and other non-structural violations impacting neighborhood appearance.

Case Management Overview

- ✓ Total Cases: 189
- ✓ Current Closure Rate: 46%

Breakdown by Status

Case Status	Count	Percentage
Voluntary Compliance	76	40.2%
Closed	87	46.0%
A.A.B. Process (Appeals/Advisory)	26	13.8%

Debris, Grass & Clean (DGC) Enforcement

Enforcement efforts target overgrown lots and vegetation that contribute to blight.

Case Management Overview

- ✓ Total Cases: 1,340 since July 14, 2025
- ✓ Current Closure Rate: 88%

Breakdown by Status

Case Status	Count	Percentage
Voluntary Compliance	168	12.5%
Closed	1,172	87.5%

2,872 mowing and debris jobs were bid through Geaux Mow to maintain public health and neighborhood standards.

Administrative Adjudication Bureau (A.A.B.)

Serves as a structured enforcement mechanism for persistent or chronic violations. In 2025, **252 matters** were brought before the Bureau, including:

- 94 PMC violations
- 69 junk vehicle cases
- 55 LDC violations
- 21 additional MCO violations
- 13 combined LDC & PMC cases

Lafayette Consolidated Government successfully led state legislation in 2025 which enables the A.A.B. to process dangerous and dilapidated structure cases locally. This ordinance brings all condemnations through the A.A.B., further streamlining enforcement.

Condemnation & Blight Removal

Condemnation remains a critical tool for addressing unsafe structures that pose risks to neighborhoods.

- 21 structures condemned
- 6 demolished by property owners
- 73 properties currently referred for condemnation

Codes

Plays a critical role in ensuring safe construction practices, code compliance, and orderly development. By reviewing plans, issuing permits, and conducting inspections, the division helps protect residents while facilitating economic growth and long-term community investment.

Total Construction Value for All Permits:
\$538,561,895.50

This level of investment reflects sustained residential demand, continued commercial expansion, and ongoing confidence in Lafayette's development climate.

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Residential development remained strong, with over one thousand new residential permits issued.

New Residential Construction

- 806 Single-Family Homes
- 235 Townhomes
- 2 Duplexes

Total Residential Units: 1,043
Total Residential Valuation: \$225,679,226.83

Commercial Construction

Commercial development also demonstrated significant capital investment across retail, office, and mixed-use projects.

New Commercial Construction

- 53 Commercial Buildings
- 6 Commercial Townhomes
- 1 Commercial Duplex

Total Commercial Permits: 60
Total Commercial Valuation: \$164,664,015.33

Growth Snapshot

1,103

Total new construction permits (residential + commercial)

\$390M+

Combined new residential and commercial valuation

\$538.5M

Total construction value across permitted activity

Public Education & Hurricane Resilience

Hosted two public seminars in advance of new state legislation strengthening roof installation enforcement requirements in coastal zones. These workshops educated contrac-

tors and the public on updated requirements and reinforced compliance standards ahead of hurricane season.

Operational Improvements & Staffing

To improve workflow and respond to rising permit volume, the division transitioned from a model where Chief Inspectors handled both inspections and plan reviews to a specialized staffing structure. This restructuring improved workload distribution, reduced bottlenecks, and increased productivity across the division.

Staff Development Highlights

- Hired a second fully certified **Construction Inspector - Level 3**
- Trained and certified the division's first **ICC Plan Reviewer** through the Apprenticeship Program

Roofing Permit Activity

Strengthened enforcement and increased public awareness have led to a significant rise in roofing permit activity.

- **2024:** Approximately 50 total roofing permits issued
- **2025 (July–October):** Several hundred permits issued

The dramatic increase reflects stronger compliance with state requirements and improved contractor engagement.

Housing & Community Investment

Federal Housing Programs

\$1.5M CDBG Housing counseling, rehabilitation, and housing loans	\$619,808 HOME Housing rehabilitation	\$810,000 HUD Lead Hazard Reduction (Capacity Building)
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Affordable Housing Development

\$550,000 HOME Lafayette Habitat for Humanity (new construction)	\$250,000 HOME Rebuilding Together Acadiana (major rehabilitation)
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- Additional HOME-ARP & CDBG awards supporting:
 - ✓ Transitional housing
 - ✓ Homeless shelter improvements
 - ✓ Rental housing preservation

Impact:

Expanded affordable housing supply, preserved aging housing stock, and increased access to safe, stable housing.

Public Health & Opioid Settlement Investments

- Strategic allocation of National Opioid Settlement funds supported:
 - ✓ 15th Judicial District Court diversion programs
 - ✓ Catholic Charities case management and recovery services

- ✓ Acadiana Crime Lab cost share used for analysis
- ✓ Lafayette Crisis Center assessment and planning
- ✓ Transitional housing initiatives

Impact:

Reduced recidivism, expanded access to treatment, enhanced forensic capacity, and improved housing stability for individuals in recovery.

Economic & Cultural Development

\$715,000 Acadiana Center for the Arts (operations and capital improvements)	\$103,000+ Major cultural festivals
\$263,720 CDBG Small business lending (LNEDC)	\$50,000 232-HELP social services

Impact:

Strengthened small businesses, sustained Lafayette's cultural economy, and supported essential community services.

Grants Administration

Infrastructure & Resilience Investments

Water & Utility Improvements

\$500,000 ARPA New water well improving water quality in unincorporated areas	\$40,088 LGAP Rural water line extensions and system upgrades	\$288,000 HMGP Emergency generator at George Dupuis Recreation Center (disaster shelter site)
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Impact:

Improved reliability, strengthened rural infrastructure, and enhanced emergency preparedness.

FLOOD MITIGATION & DISASTER RECOVERY

MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA)

- 12 home elevations, 2 demolitions

\$2.8M FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (HMGP)

- 5 elevations, 1 demolition, additional properties pending

CDBG-MITIGATION BUYOUTS

- Flood-prone properties near Graham Brown Memorial Park

Impact:

Reduced repetitive flood loss, protected families, restored natural floodplains, and lowered long-term disaster recovery costs.

Transportation & Public Safety

\$9.9M SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A)

Submitted application to improve safety along Johnston Street

\$21,646 FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT

Cardiac emergency equipment for Lafayette Fire Department

Impact:

Advanced pedestrian safety planning and strengthened life-saving emergency response capacity.

Human Services



Jessie L. Taylor Center

111 Shirley Picard Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501

HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant

The program is designed to remove longstanding barriers to housing assistance caused by lead hazards, which expands access to rehabilitation services while protecting public health and preserving affordable housing across Lafayette Parish.

Benefits to Residents & Taxpayers

-  **Expanded Access to Housing Assistance:** Families previously ineligible due to lead hazards can now receive rehabilitation support, allowing more residents to safely remain in their homes.
-  **Healthier Living Environments:** Lead hazard reduction protects children and families from lead exposure, improving long-term health outcomes.
-  **Preventative Cost Savings:** Early intervention reduces future medical, educational, and social service costs.
-  **Stronger Neighborhoods:** Improved housing safety standards support neighborhood stability and preserve affordable housing stock.
-  **Efficient Use of Public Funds:** Federal grant dollars increase local capacity while maximizing the impact of taxpayer investment.

Capacity Building

-  To support program delivery and long-term sustainability, the Taylor Center strengthened its internal and community-facing infrastructure:
-  Added a **Lead Program Manager** and **Lead Intake & Outreach Specialist**
-  Initiated **EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP)** certification training for staff and community partners
-  Integrated lead-safety education into **Home Maintenance and Home Ownership** programs

Economic & Workforce Benefits

- Supports local small businesses through training and remediation opportunities
- Keeps remediation and construction dollars within the local economy
- Creates pathways for future collaboration with LEDA to grow a certified, lead-safe workforce and support long-term economic development

Housing Counseling Program

By combining education, counseling, and strategic partnerships, the Housing Counseling Program helps residents move from aspiration to achievement—supporting sustainable homeownership, preserving housing stability, and maximizing the impact of public investment across Lafayette Parish.

Additional Program Highlights

- Obtained staff certification of a new **HUD-Certified Housing Counselor**, bringing the total to **three certified counselors**

KEY IMPACT & FAST FACTS

- **519 community members served** through education and counseling
 - ✓ 479 residents received housing education
 - ✓ 40 residents received one-on-one counseling
- **7 new homeowners** created through the Housing Counseling Program in 2025
- **2 homeowners assisted in avoiding foreclosure** (*pending final verification*)

- Hosted a **Disaster Readiness Workshop** to prepare homeowners for emergencies
- Offered a **Fair Housing Workshop** to promote housing rights and equity
- Partnered with **Acadiana Legal Services** to provide a **Wills & Succession Workshop**, supporting long-term family and property stability

Planning

The Planning Division launched a Growth Plan for the unincorporated parts of the Parish. Working with a consultant, planners are developing tools and targeting areas for growth. The plan is expected to be complete in the Fall of 2026.

Evangeline Corridor Initiative – Catalyst Projects

- Secured funding for neighborhood projects within communities impacted by the future I-49 Connector project. These investments help ensure surrounding neighborhoods benefit from infrastructure changes through targeted improvements that support long-term stability and revitalization.
- Construction began for the streetscape improvements on 12th Street and Surrey.
- Continues to develop wayfinding signage in the urban core and along the future I-49 corridor. The pedestrian wayfinding signage identifying parks and coterie neighborhoods, as well as the Oil Center, Fightin'ville (La Place) and Freetown Neighborhoods

Public Art & Placemaking – Traffic ArtBoxes



In partnership with the Acadiana Center for the Arts and the Public Art Network, CDP facilitated the solicitation, selection, and installation of **20 new traffic signal ArtBoxes for a total of \$50,000** across the parish. Phase 1 of this initiative started in **2021** to help bring more beautification to the area.

Community Benefit

- Enhances streetscapes and neighborhood identity
- Supports local artists and creative industries
- Integrates art into everyday public spaces

Neighborhood Coterie Program

CDP continued its collaboration with coterie neighborhoods as they completed the third year of **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) totaling \$30,000**. The coterie neighborhoods use their O&M funds to increase their network and for outreach efforts to the neighborhood, conduct training on various topics to facilitate coterie development, fund their meeting spaces and ongoing maintenance, increasing safety and planning work for the neighborhood planning projects.

Neighborhood Coterie:

- Oasis Planning Neighborhood
- Freetown-Port Rico Planning Neighborhood
- La Place Planning Neighborhood
- McComb-Veazey Planning Neighborhood
- Quiet Town Planning Neighborhood

Community Benefit

- Empowers neighborhoods to lead local improvements
- Ensures accountability and sustainability of public investments
- Strengthens long-term neighborhood capacity



African-American Heritage Trail

Launched a new cultural initiative beginning with seven heritage signs, each featuring QR codes linking to a StoryMap with maps, historic narratives, photos, and bilingual content in English and Kouri-Vini, including audio recordings.

KEY IMPACT & FAST FACTS



220 properties rezoned in the McComb Veazey neighborhood



Completion of CDP's **final urban core rezoning effort**, correcting outdated and inappropriate zoning in a mixed residential area



20 new public art installations enhancing high-visibility intersections

Disability Awareness



Supporting Inclusion, Enhancing Mobility, Advocating for Change

2025 was another productive year for disability inclusion in Lafayette. Lafayette continues to lead the state as one of Louisiana’s most progressive disability-forward communities—reflected in its culture, public activity, and ongoing support from Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG).

The Disability Awareness Coordinator serves as a liaison between the Mayor-President’s Office, the Mayor-President’s Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities, the public, and disability-related organizations.

The Disability Awareness Committee remained focused on three major challenges facing people with disabilities: **transportation**, **accessibility**, and **employment**. Subcommittees dedicated to these topics met regularly and collaborated with LCG staff to advance meaningful improvements across public spaces, transit, and emergency management planning.

Subcommittees



Sidewalks & Transportation Subcommittee

Works with Public Works to advance ADA-compliant infrastructure and partners with LCG to address policies and issues related to fixed-route transit and paratransit services for people with disabilities.



Emergency Management Subcommittee

Partners with Lafayette Emergency Managers, the EOC, and community organizations to improve emergency planning, deliver Disability Awareness Emergency Preparedness Trainings, and promote tools like Smart 911 and the Lafayette Now alert system.

Programs & Projects

The committee advanced several major accessibility initiatives and supported multiple community programs throughout 2025.



Capital & Infrastructure Projects

- University Avenue Corridor Project: **ADA-compliant sidewalks and street crossings**
- Ongoing involvement in: Louisiana Avenue, Bertrand Drive, Saint John Sidewalk Project, Johnston Street, and other accessibility-focused public infrastructure projects

Transportation & Community Engagement

- Worked with state and local partners to promote improvements in transportation and mobility services for disability transportation.
- Shared employment resources, supported Ticket to Work, and partnered with dozens of disability-focused agencies for community outreach.

Community Programs & Events

- Supported numerous outreach events: rummage sales, cookoffs, Buddy Walk, KBON Music Festival, Treats at the Village, Christmas Extravaganza, Deafblind Awareness Day, and others
- Assisted agencies in organizing Summer Camps for youth with disabilities, including **Camp ABLE** and the **Louisiana Youth Leadership Forum**.
- Promoted advocacy training for Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Training Center participants.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



Participated in the **2025 Acadiana Opportunities Job Fair**, which welcomed **1,000 participants**, resulting in **159 on-site hires** and **262 scheduled interviews**.



Hosted one **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Training** for more than **25 individuals**.



Held the **2025 Lafayette Disability Awards Ceremony** at the Heymann Center, honoring six community members and businesses. The event **doubled both nominations (34) and attendance (120+)** compared to 2024.

Drainage Department



Protecting Homes, Enhancing Stormwater Flow, and Reducing Flood Risk

The Drainage Department continues its mission to minimize the flood risk for homes and businesses across Lafayette Parish. With more than 2,580 miles of drainage infrastructure, the department focused on proactive maintenance, strategic excavation, and rapid response to storm events.

Staff addressed more than **1,600 service requests**, closing or routing more than half of them. Through a combination of in-house crews and contracted support, the department executed large-scale clearing, excavation, pipe replacement, and vegetation management projects designed to increase system capacity and improve the flow of stormwater throughout Lafayette Parish.

Efforts remained guided by the **Drainage Master Plan**, which emphasizes watershed management, system-wide assessments, routine inspections, and

long-term improvements aimed at increasing drainage efficiency for the entire community.

Programs & Projects

Off-Road Channel Excavation

To restore channel capacity and improve stormwater conveyance, the department excavated:

- **7,397 linear feet** by in-house crews
- **51,737 linear feet** through the Drainage Channel System Maintenance Initiative

In-House Project Highlights

Includes work on:

- L-8 & L-5 of Bayou Carencro
- Coulee Granges
- Coulee Ile des Cannes (including tree removal)

- Bayou Parc Perdue
- Coulee des Poches
- Moncus Park Outfall
- Rue des Etoiles Outfall
- Beau Bassin Coulee
- L-5 of Anselm Coulee (culvert installation)

Maintenance Initiative Projects

Includes work on:

- L-6C of Isaac Verot Coulee
- L-4B of Bayou La Salle
- L-3A of Dan Debaillon
- L-5A-1 of Bayou Queue de Tortue
- Riverbirch/Riverwood Outfall, and others

Vegetation Management Program

- **600 miles** of earthen channels treated
- **30.4 miles** of improved channels maintained

This program controls vegetation to help maintain adequate water flow, improving drainage efficiency across the parish.

Cross Drain Inspection & Inventory Program

- Ongoing inspection of all culverts and span structures under 20 ft. on public roads
- Over **2,400 cross drains identified to date**
- Ensures small-span drainage structures—often unregulated—remain safe and functioning

Roadside Ditch & Subsurface Improvements



- **398,359 linear feet** of roadside ditches excavated



- **180,106 linear feet** of culverts flushed/vacuumed



- **2,371 linear feet** of subsurface drainage pipe replaced or installed

These improvements restore flow in neighborhood drainage systems and reduce localized flooding.

Project Spotlights



Moncus Park Outfall

Replaced **545 ft.** of failing 36" RCP pipe with new HD storm pipe to repair dangerous sinkholes impacting park

visitors and surrounding neighborhoods. Ensures safe access and restores reliable stormwater flow.



Beau Bassin Road

Replaced **70 ft.** of deteriorated metal pipe causing a major roadway sinkhole. New aluminum pipe restored structural safety and reopened the roadway quickly.



Topping Road

Installed **100 ft.** of 18" ADS pipe to resolve persistent roadway flooding. Improved grading and pipe sizing now allow water to recede significantly faster.

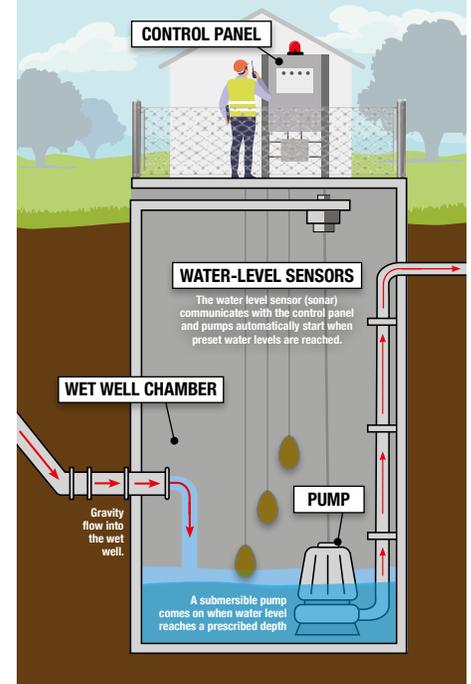
PUMP STATIONS

The department maintains **five automated pump stations**, each equipped with water-level sensors to activate pumps as needed at the following locations:

- River Oaks Pump Station
- University Avenue Pump Station
- Jefferson Street Pump Station
- Long Plantation Pump Station
- Four Corners Pump Station

Operators remain on 24/7 call during severe weather, ensuring immediate response to rising water.

DRAINAGE PUMP STATION HOW IT WORKS



Finance and Management



Modernizing Systems, Strengthening Transparency, and Enhancing Public Stewardship

The Office of Finance & Management delivered major modernization initiatives this year that improve financial accuracy, streamline operations, expand transparency, and strengthen the responsible use of taxpayer dollars. These upgrades ensure LCG's financial systems and internal processes meet contemporary standards while delivering direct, measurable benefits to citizens.

Major Programs & Projects Completed

Implementation of a New Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

LCG successfully deployed Tyler Technologies' EERP system—replacing the aging legacy platform and transforming the way financial data is processed, tracked, and managed. Transitioned **650+ employees** onto the new ERP system with comprehensive training

Citizen Benefits

- **Improved fiscal stewardship** through more accurate accounting, budgeting, and reporting

- **Full document digitization**, reducing misplaced files and increasing transparency
- **Modernized approvals** with a fully electronic, time-stamped audit trail
- **Enhanced internal controls** via system-built workflows and compliance checkpoints
- **Better data-driven decisions** with robust reporting and forecasting tools
- **Greater efficiency** by reducing manual processing and minimizing errors

Introduction of Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)

- **Streamlines routine and small-dollar purchasing**
- **Accelerates payments** to local vendors, supporting local business cash flow
- **Reduces administrative costs** associated with purchase orders and checks
- **Strengthens accountability** with transaction limits, real-time monitoring, and required digital receipts

Inaugural Health & Safety Fair for Employees

Created to support employee wellness, safety awareness, and long-term cost savings in LCG's self-insured health plan.



The Inaugural Health and Safety Fair for Employees

Benefits to Citizens

- A healthier, safer workforce delivering more reliable public services
- Reduced workplace injuries and absenteeism
- Lower training and hiring costs due to improved retention
- Strengthened safety culture across LCG departments

Fair Offerings

- Performed over **80 on-site health screenings**
- Flu shots and vaccination resources
- Blood donations
- Safety demonstrations and equipment showcases
- Mental health and stress-management resources
- Fitness and wellness education
- Participation from more than **40 vendors and partners**, with over **200 LCG employees** attending

LAUNCH OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY PORTAL: OPEN FINANCE

LCG rolled out a redesigned public transparency website, dramatically improving access to financial information.

Benefits to Citizens

- ✓ Real-time or frequently updated visibility into how tax dollars are used
- ✓ User-friendly search tools for budgets, expenditures, and vendor payments
- ✓ Stronger public trust through consistent, accessible financial reporting



Redesigned Public Transparency Website: Open Finance

OTHER NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed updated internal procedures aligned with best practices
- Released new employee training materials and user guides
- Earned the **GFOA Triple Crown**, receiving:



✓ Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting



✓ Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award



✓ Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Demonstrating LCG's continued commitment to transparency, financial integrity, and responsible governance

Innovation and Technology Department



Modern Systems, Real-Time Information, and Digital Access for Citizens

The Innovation and Technology Department advanced digital service delivery, upgraded emergency communication tools, and significantly expanded GIS capabilities—supporting both internal operations and public access to accurate, real-time information. In addition to maintaining the Parish’s core technology infrastructure, IT oversees a broad portfolio that includes application development, cybersecurity, data management, GIS services, and the 311 Customer Service Center. Through 311, residents and businesses have a centralized, easy-to-use point of contact for non-emergency services, service requests, and information—reinforcing IT’s role as a critical connector between local government operations and the community it serves.

Key Accomplishments

LafayetteNOW Emergency Notification Upgrade

Modernized and launched the parish-wide alert system to the public on March 27 to improve communication during emergencies and major events. Subscribe to receive LafayetteNOW notification alerts **by texting "Join LFTalert" to 31002.**



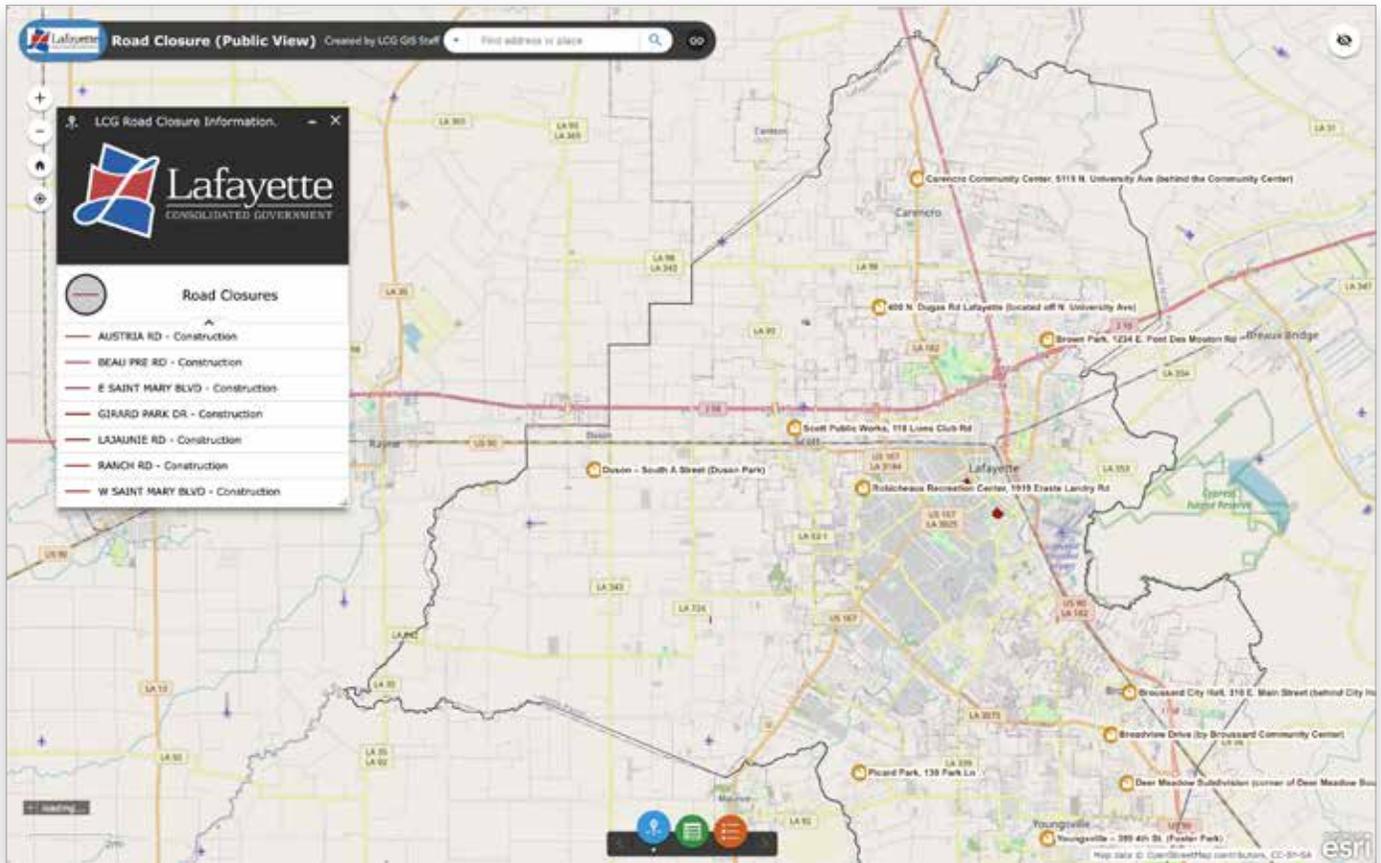
Impact:

- 4,991 subscribers
- Faster, more reliable delivery of public safety messages
- Provides a centralized platform for Lafayette Parish municipalities to leverage

Support for Tyler ERP Implementation

Collaborated with Finance & Management on launching LCG’s new ERP system, enabling:

- Online employee self-service
- Public Open Finance transparency portal
- Automated electronic approvals and invoice routing
- 24/7 vendor self-service tools



Newly implemented [Road Closure Map](#)

GIS Services & Digital Mapping Enhancements

Develops, maintains, and supports LCG's enterprise Geographical Information System (GIS) and public safety applications.

2025 GIS Production & Updates

- 259 new subdivisions added
- 2,589 new lots added
- 2,664 new address points
- 350+ new road centerlines
- 12 annexation updates
- 55 zoning updates
- 300+ GIS service requests processed

Modernized Road Closure Mapping

Implemented a new road closure map in collaboration with the Lafayette Police Department and Communi-

cations & Media, and integrated with Waze and DOTD systems.

Impact:

- Accurate road closure information for residents
- Improved navigation data across public mapping apps

Map Maintenance & Public Use

- 120 maps and applications maintained
- Significant increases in public engagement on LCG's website, including 5,971 clicks to the Lafayette Maps Gallery (nearly double from 2024)

International Trade and Development



Strengthening Global Partnerships, Expanding Cultural Exchange & Supporting Local Industry

The International Trade and Development Department advanced Lafayette's global presence through trade development, cultural diplomacy, international tourism initiatives, and strategic partnerships that drive economic growth. This year's efforts delivered a meaningful impact for businesses, artists, educators, and residents.

Trade & Economic Development

Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Trade Mission to Paris

The International Center co-led LED's delegation following a request from the U.S. Commercial Service. Staff

supported trade mission planning, logistics, materials development, and in-country execution.

Culture & Tourism

Sound Economy Initiative

Team members collaborated with partners on a first-ever regional music census and strategy. The census ran for two months and had over 560 respondents. This kick-started the Music Lafayette project that will serve as a hub and resource for the music ecosystem.

Additional efforts included:

- Representation at international music industry conferences in Canada, Arkansas, and France

- Continued partnership with World Café to nationally spotlight Lafayette artists
- Support for Lafayette's Grammy winners through special recognition events

Festival, Ceremony & Cultural Tourism Support

The department provided hospitality and support for international VIPs at major annual events, including Festival International, Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, and Grand Réveil Acadien. Additional efforts included:

- Coordinating French Mass
- Participating in Juneteenth ceremonies
- Supporting international sports events
- Helping local institutions secure global partnerships

Sister Cities

Lafayette has sister cities around the world as a reflection of its rich history and diverse cultural heritage. These decades-long partnerships help promote economic ties, share best practices in urban development, and encourage cooperation on environmental and social issues.

Lafayette–Namur (Belgium) Twinned June 19, 1979

- Worked with partners on a new **Lafayette mural** to mirror Namur’s 2023 project
- Namur dedicated a new neighborhood with amenities named after Lafayette cultural symbols

Lafayette–Poitiers (France) Twinned April 22, 1975

- Assisted in planning the Mayor-President’s visit for the **50th anniversary of Lafayette’s twin city**

- Supported cultural programming, diplomatic meetings, and university collaboration

Diplomacy & International Relations

Throughout the year, LCG’s International team facilitated high-level meetings with ambassadors, consuls, foreign ministers, and international delegations, including:



Lafayette Sister Cities



Lafayette Animal Shelter and Care Center (LASCC)



Expanding Lifesaving Services, Strengthening Community Trust, and Improving Animal Welfare

The Lafayette Animal Shelter & Care Center continues its commitment to lifesaving work, community partnership, and responsible pet ownership. The shelter secured major national grants, expanded spay/neuter capacity, improved reunification efforts, strengthened community outreach, and maintained an exceptional **90%+ save rate for the sixth consecutive year**.

A focus on reducing shelter intake, increasing adoptions, and supporting surrounding rural parishes has positioned LASCC as a regional leader in animal welfare. The shelter continued to build trust through offsite adoption events, free vaccination clinics, micro-chip initiatives, and partnerships with organizations across the country that

help place local dogs and cats in loving homes.

Programs & Initiatives

National Grants & Lifesaving Partnerships

LASCC secured three major grants in 2025:

- **\$48,000 Bissell Pet Foundation “Fix the Future” Program**

Funds provided free spay/neuter procedures for pets in surrounding parishes with no veterinary access, plus select owned pets in Lafayette Parish.

Impact: **1,400 shelter pets** and **540 owned pets** scheduled for surgery in 2025.

- **\$30,000 ASPCA “Rescue Effect” Campaign**

Funded six fee-waived adoption events and provided free crates for all dog adoptions.

- **\$20,000 ASPCA “Run to Raskel’s” Grant**

Supports transport costs to Raskel’s Rescue in South Carolina. LASCC transported **46 dogs by partnering with Acadiana Animal Aid**.

146
PETS
ADOPTED

A NEW ERA FOR ANIMAL CARE*

↓ **81%**
EUTHANASIA



↑ **263%**
ADOPTIONS



↑ **157%**
RESCUES



*Data since 2015

100%

The passed Public Health & Safety millage funded all local adoptions, trap rentals, and more!

Microchip Initiatives & Reunification Efforts

To increase the number of pets reunited with their families, LASCC installed:

- **Three microchip scanning stations** at LASCC, Youngsville Police Department, and Lafayette Police Department—fully funded by nonprofit partner **FLASH**
- Additional five stations planned for 2026
- Began offering **low-cost \$15 microchipping** Monday-Friday with quarterly Saturday clinics



Microchipping Station

Annual Rabies Clinic - October 5, 2025

LASCC achieved record-breaking turnout at its annual Cajundome Rabies Clinic:

- **1,177 dogs vaccinated for free**
- **150+ microchipped** at low cost

This event continues to be one of LASCC's strongest community resources for responsible pet ownership and is made possible with their non-profit partner, SpayNation.

Transport & Lifesaving Flights

To expand adoption opportunities for local pets:

- Participated in **14 Greater Good Charities flights** transporting 60 animals from South Louisiana to New Jersey through St. Hubert's Rescue.

Shelter Operations Enhancements

With the help of over 50 new volunteers, LASCC was able to get 150 pets fostered in 2025. Hosted **20+ fee-waived adoption events at both the shelter and local business**, sponsored by ASPCA, Bissell Pet Foundation, and Best Friends Animal Society. Interested in hosting your own adoption event? **Call us at 337-291-5644 and we can work with you to create your event!**



Lafayette Fire Department



Protecting Life, Property & Community

The Lafayette Fire Department expanded its capabilities, strengthened its infrastructure, modernized emergency communication systems, and continued to deliver life-saving services across the city and parish.

From opening a new fire station to advancing critical training and replacing aging apparatus, this year's investments ensure faster response times, improved safety, and stronger community outreach.

Major Projects & Programs Completed



New Fire Station #6

In June 2025, the Lafayette Fire Department opened the new Fire Station #6, a **\$3.3 million project** relocating the station from Montrose Boulevard to Camellia Boulevard at Eastland Drive. The new location improves response times, expands service coverage for growing residential and commercial areas, and provides increased space for personnel and equipment, supporting the department's long-term operational needs.

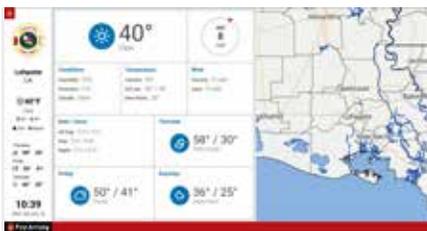
Honoring the Service of Fire Chief Robert Benoit

In 2025, the Lafayette Fire Department recognized the retirement of Fire Chief Robert Benoit, whose distinguished career spanned 46 years of dedicated service to the City of Lafayette, 32 of those years as Fire Chief. Throughout his tenure, Chief Benoit exemplified leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. Rising through the ranks of the department, he played a pivotal role in strengthening operational readiness, mentoring generations of firefighters, and guiding the department through periods of growth and change. His legacy is reflected in the strong foundation, culture of service, and high standards that continue to define the Lafayette Fire Department today.



First Arriving Digital Dashboard & Signage System

In January, the department-wide internal communications platform began serving all 14 fire stations and support divisions. The system **provides real-time dispatch information, enhances station-to-station communication, improves asset and equipment management, and centralizes departmental bulletins**, strengthening operational coordination and situational awareness across the department.



Digital dashboard

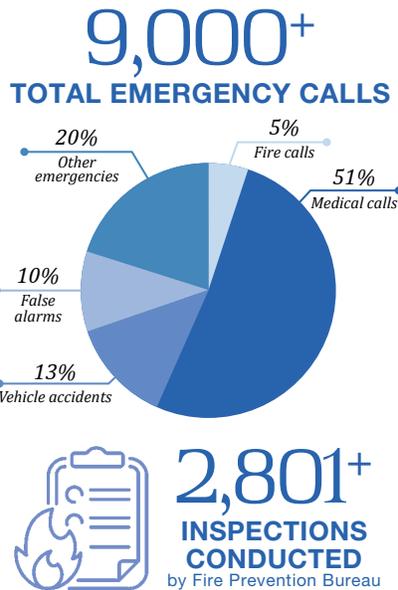
Fire Station #12 Major Renovation

In November 2025, the Lafayette Fire Department completed a **\$661,000 major renovation of Fire Station #12**, originally constructed in 1999. The project included roof replacement, exterior brick joint repairs, HVAC ductwork replacement, and interior ceiling and paint upgrades. These improvements enhanced facility safety and resilience, extended the life of the station's infrastructure, and reduced ongoing maintenance issues related to prior water intrusion.

Fire Training Center Renovations

In November 2025, the Lafayette Fire Department completed renovation of a training facility. The project included roof replacement, exterior veneer resurfacing, HVAC replacement, LED lighting upgrades, and flooring replacements. These upgrades enhance firefighter safety, support training for LFD and parishwide first responders, and **expand capacity for specialized training scenarios**.

2025 FAST FACTS



2025 ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fire Prevention Bureau educated **6,182 students**
- Graduation of **109th Fire Recruit Academy** (12 new firefighters)
- Participation in **99 community service events**
- Acquisition of **2 new fire pumpers** and **2 new aerial ladder trucks**
- Strengthened community partnerships & safety outreach

Rural Fire Protection Investments

In 2025, Lafayette Parish strengthened rural fire protection with the opening of the new Milton Fire Station and voter approval of the rural fire

protection millage renewal. Together, these milestones ensure sustained funding, improved facilities, and reliable emergency response for Parish communities.

Life-Saving Smoke Alarm Programs



Operation Save-A-Life (State Fire Marshal Partnership)

- **360 smoke alarms installed**
10-year lithium battery alarms cannot be disabled
Increases survival rates significantly (NFPA research)



Sound the Alarm (American Red Cross Partnership)

- **122 smoke alarms installed**
Focus on at-risk neighborhoods



Deaf & Hard of Hearing Smoke Alarm Program

- **18 specialized devices installed**
Includes bed-shaker alert systems for residents with hearing challenges

Overall Impact: Hundreds of families received potentially life-saving protection at no cost.

Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP)



Leading Lafayette in Preparedness: Coordinating plans, people, and resources to ensure our community is ready for any emergency or disaster.

Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness continued its responsibility for formulating and updating plans, procedures, arrangements, and agreements, and for coordinating emergency and disaster operations under the direction of the Parish President. OHSEP focused on strengthening emergency response capabilities, improving coordination

among local and regional partners, and ensuring tax dollars and grant funds are used responsibly to enhance community resilience.

Programs & Projects

Strategic Investments in Public Safety

OHSEP successfully secured over \$66,000 in competitive State grant awards for two major response tools that will directly benefit citizens:

- Emergency Response Drone:** Will support real-time incident assessment, post-storm surveys, and search-and-rescue operations. This investment will reduce response time, improve situational awareness, and increase safety for residents and first responders.

These assets ensure taxpayer dollars are leveraged responsibly, maximizing grant funding to protect the community without requiring additional local spending.

Planning, Training & Exercises

The division led several high-impact exercises designed to identify gaps, strengthen response plans, and enhance interagency coordination, and facilitated several trainings for first responder agencies.

- Weapons Detection System:** A mobile, parish-wide screening tool that can be deployed at festivals, sporting events, concerts, and other large gatherings to enhance attendee safety.



Active Shooter Exercise

- Conducted with local public safety partners
- Worked with schools to update and improve emergency procedures

H-Hour Exercise

- Evaluated the Emergency Operations Center’s ability to:
 - ✓ Activate quickly
 - ✓ Operate under Incident Command System (ICS) principles
 - ✓ Coordinate with local, regional, state, and federal partners
- Provided essential insights to improve cross-agency collaboration and crisis readiness
- Participated in
 - ✓ State Exercise
 - ✓ Airport Mass Casualty Incident Exercise

Trainings

- **NWS Storm Spotter Class**
- **NWS SKY Warn Class**; educated citizens on how to assist OHSEP in weather emergencies by observing and notifying the proper individual.
- **Certified drone pilots** for emergencies

Outreach & Engagements

- **The 705**
- **Kiwanis Club**
- **Disability Emergency Preparedness Workshop**
- **LUS Summit**
- **Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Workshop**

Plan Developments & Updates

- **Finalized the new Lafayette Parish EOP**
- **Revised the Warming/Cooling Center Plan**
- **Developed Burn Ban Plan**–To establish clear and objective criteria for determining when to implement, continue or lift a burn ban within Lafayette Parish.
- **Developed an Auxiliary Communications Plan**–To ensure continuity of critical communication during disasters or emergencies when primary systems are unavailable, degraded, or overloaded.
- **Revised the Reunification plan**–To include all regional hospitals the ability and access to review missing persons and their identifying features during a mass casualty incident.

- **Developed a Closed Medical Point of Dispensing (POD) Plan**–With the assistance of DOH, OHSEP developed a plan to rapidly deliver and dispense these assets in response to a naturally occurring public health disease threat or to a hazardous bio agent, such as anthrax or smallpox.
- **Overdose Spike Response Plan**–To outline the rapid notification protocols and response actions to sudden increases in overdoses, improving public health communication and community awareness.



OHSEP coordinated the donation of many critical items needed for cooling center sites, including large fans from Stine.

2025 FAST FACTS

EOC and Shelter Activations

When severe weather, natural disasters or large-scale special events threaten public safety, OHSEP activates the emergency operations center for overall coordination of first responder and partner agencies, and opens shelters to provide residents with a safe and secure place to stay until conditions improve.

- **Warming shelters** operated (3 total)
- **EOC Activation** (8 total)
 - ✓ Winter Storm
 - ✓ Mardi Gras Season
 - ✓ Festival International
 - ✓ Severe Weather and Flooding
- **Cooling centers** were set up through existing contracts with private companies to acquire necessary fans.

Lafayette Police Department



Building Trust, Strengthening Partnerships, and Enhancing Public Safety

The past year represented a landmark year for the Lafayette Police Department (LPD), characterized by a profound and measurable decline in crime across every major category. Driven by our "Community First" policing philosophy, these efforts resulted in a substantial decrease in both violent and property crimes, making our neighborhoods noticeably safer for everyone.

These successes were reinforced by a comprehensive departmental restructuring that strengthened our regional and community partnerships. By implementing targeted safety initiatives, we achieved significant improvements in response times, officer visibility, and overall accountability. Simultaneously, the LPD expanded its public engagement through record-setting outreach events, which served to

deepen the foundation of public trust. Collectively, these efforts positioned 2025 as a milestone year where the integration of data-driven policing and community collaboration delivered tangible, lasting results for Lafayette Parish.

Internal Restructuring & Operational Efficiency

LPD implemented key structural changes to improve internal operations and better support frontline officers:

Deputy Chief Position Re-Implemented

The reinstated Deputy role strengthens administrative capacity and ensures that all enforcement and support activities receive consistent oversight.

Creation of the Community Engagement Division

A major structural enhancement, this new division led by a team of Lieutenants focuses exclusively on:

- Direct community contact
- Relationship building
- Problem solving alongside residents
- Improving communication and transparency

This proactive approach is designed to deepen trust and enhance safety through collaboration.

Community Partnerships & Safety Initiatives

Lafayette Community Safety Alliance (LCSA)

Launched in 2025, the LCSA is a collaborative model built around:

- Education & Awareness
- Accountability & Transparency
- Recruitment & Training

RECRUITMENT & PERSONNEL

Recruitment efforts in 2025 focused on strengthening patrol staffing and improving administrative support. LPD's improved staffing levels allow for more efficient response times, increased patrol presence, and expanded community engagement.



25
NEW POLICE
OFFICERS
HIRED



3
NEW RECORDS
CLERKS
added to improve
internal processing
and support functions

The alliance connects officers with neighborhood groups, builds stronger partnerships, and ensures community voices remain central in public safety discussions.

Targeted Traffic Enforcement

Responding directly to citizen concerns about red-light violations, LPD conducted a **30-day red-light enforcement initiative**, which proved to be so effective with 407 red-light citations, that a second round was launched. These targeted strategies reinforce LPD's commitment to community-driven action.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

LPD reached record levels of positive community engagement in 2025, creating informal, welcoming spaces for residents to connect with their officers.

9th Annual Trunk or Treat:

Achieved the **largest attendance in LPD history** by moving the event to Cajun Field to accommodate hundreds of trick or treaters, offering a safe and festive Halloween experience for children and families.

Tip-a-Cop Fundraiser:

Raised **\$4,021.56**—the highest amount since the fundraiser began—benefiting the local Domestic Violence Shelter. Partnered with Deano's Pizza to ensure the success of this fundraiser. Deano's generously hosted the event at both of their locations on Bertrand Drive and Kaliste Saloom Road.

"Cops, Pops & Pups":

Hosted alongside Councilwoman Liz Hebert, this first-time event brought officers and families together in a relaxed environment with their pets.

Shop with a Cop Christmas Program:

Partnered with Target to allow kids to shop with members of the Lafayette Police Department before the Christmas holiday.

Support for Faith House

LPD coordinated with surrounding agencies and Lafayette Consolidated Government to lead a paper goods drive for Faith House, helping meet critical needs for individuals impacted by domestic violence.

Operational Enhancements & Preparedness

LPD continues to invest in specialized units and ensure readiness for high-risk situations:

- **SWAT Team Assessment:** The National Organization of Tactical Officers (NOTA) conducted a comprehensive review, affirming LPD's commitment to operational excellence.



Mayor-President Monique B. Boulet riding the Lafayette Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit horse, "Mo," in the Sonic Christmas Parade down Jefferson Street.

- **Mounted Unit Expansion:** LPD expanded its mounted patrol program through the purchase of **two new Clydesdale horses** and strategic investment in **mounted patrol facilities**, enhancing visibility at major public events and community engagement efforts.
- Implemented an enhanced **Road Closure map** with the support of IT and Communications & Media to ensure the public has access to timely closures that may impact daily travel.

Lafayette Utilities System (LUS)



Reliable. Resilient. Community-Owned Since 1897.

LUS advanced major infrastructure investments, improved customer-facing services, strengthened system reliability, and earned multiple state and national recognitions for excellence, safety, and compliance. These achievements reflect a continued commitment to providing reliable services, maintaining affordability, and preparing the community for long-term growth.

Major Programs & Projects Completed

Bonin Switchyard – Reliability Upgrade

A major electric system enhancement that significantly increases grid reliability and resilience for customers parish-wide.

Ground Storage Tank at Jim Love Water Plant

New storage capacity boosts fire protection, stabilizes system pressure, and supports demand during peak usage and severe weather events.



Customer Bill Redesign

A complete redesign focused on clarity and transparency, including detailed rate breakdowns for each utility service for over 77,000 customers.

Benefit: Helps customers better understand their usage, charges, and conservation opportunities.

ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECTS

South Gravity Sewer Lift Station

A major capacity-expansion project that will:

- Serve ~2,000+ residential units
- Reduce sewer overflows
- Awarded EPA Grant funds to subsidize project
- Support downtown, midtown, and surrounding neighborhoods' growth

Moss Substation Upgrade

Will improve system reliability and shorten restoration times during maintenance or outages.



Bonin Redevelopment for Reliable Capacity

Modernizing LUS's ability to support renewable energy, manage power purchase agreements, and maintain dispatchable capacity during short-term high-demand periods. The Bonin site will be another local source of energy for the Lafayette community in addition to the two other local power plants currently operating.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Achieved **Non-Lead Classification** under the Lead & Copper Rule Revision



- Co-hosted **APPA's National Conference** with 1,400 attendees



- Earned **APPA's Diamond Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)** designation

- Received the **Certificate of Excellence in Reliability (APPA)**

- Maintained **zero NERC violations since 2016**



- Strengthened workforce pathways through partnership with **South Louisiana Community College's Power Line Worker Program**



- Featured in a national **Dell Technologies Customer Story** for cybersecurity advancements

- Water System received an **A rating from LDH** for the third consecutive year

- LUS Water Laboratory is **1 of only 13 labs in Louisiana** accredited for microbial drinking water analyses

- Wastewater Laboratory is **1 of 41 DEQ-accredited** labs statewide

- Achieved **zero violations** in the CMOM regulatory program for FY 24–25

- Hosted the **4th annual Electric Utility Storm Response & Recovery Summit** to coordinate industry-wide emergency response strategies



- Established a successful rain barrel program in partnership with the Environmental Quality Department

- LUS linemen competed at the **2025 American Public Power Association Lineworkers Rodeo** in Roseville, CA. Kody Bodoïn, Zan Habetz, and Dale Brasseaux placed fourth overall in the Journeyman category

- **2025 SWAWWA Conference** competition winners in Hot Springs, AR

- ✓ Emile Richard and Gaven Guidry placed first in Hydrant Hysteria

- ✓ Nadine Perry, Jeremy LeBlanc, Terry Shelvin, and Thaddeus Shevlin (coach) placed second in Top Ops



- At the **LRWA Annual Conference** in Lake Charles in July, Wendy Savoy (Meter Services Labor Foreman III) competed in the Zenner Water Meter Challenge and placed fourth in the overall competition

Legal Department



Ensuring Compliance, Transparency and Ethical Governance

The Legal Department plays a critical role in supporting every division of Lafayette Consolidated Government. This year’s work focused on strengthening transparency, modernizing processes, protecting taxpayer resources, supporting ethical decision-making, and ensuring that all departments operate within the bounds of state and federal law. Through system upgrades, increased training, and more efficient internal guidance, the Legal Department has helped improve service delivery across government while providing residents with a clearer, more accessible experience.

Major Projects & Programs Completed

Implementation of JustFOIA for Public Records Requests

A major modernization initiative that provides citizens with a **simple, intuitive online platform** to submit and track Public Records Requests.

Community Benefit:

- Faster, more transparent access to information
- More efficient internal processing
- Supports government accountability with no added burden to the public

Legal Training Seminars for Internal & External Partners

Hosted **four major legal seminars** on Public Records Law, Contracting Issues, Changes in Tax Collections, and Open Meetings Law.

Impact: These sessions strengthened staff understanding of critical laws, enhanced transparency, reduced errors, and improved service delivery for citizens.

Improved Service Delivery Through Document Templates & Guidance

The Legal Department developed standardized templates to help departments streamline processes while maintaining legal safeguards. These

include instruments used in the acquisition of land rights, adjudication of ordinance violations, as well as the formatting and content of various contracts.

Impact:

- Reduces turnaround times
- Improves accuracy
- Ensures consistency across LCG

Ethics Compliance Support

Contracted the former General Counsel of the Louisiana Board of Ethics to support ethical reviews, specifically:

- Nepotism evaluations
- Hiring considerations
- Internal ethical questions

Impact: Ensures LCG conducts business with integrity and strict compliance with applicable state ethics laws.

Ordinance Improvements in Collaboration with Departments

Worked with several departments to update and strengthen ordinances related to:

- Blighted and abandoned properties (CD&P)
- Parking ticket enforcement and vehicle immobilization (TRAB)
- Animal abuse violations (Animal Control)

Impact: Creates clearer processes, stronger enforcement tools, and improved protections for residents.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Aggressive Settlement Efforts

Actively pursued settlement opportunities of risk management claims through mediation and direct negotiation to significantly reduce legal costs to taxpayers.

Hiring Specialized Legal Counsel

Engaged experts in:

- Constitutional law
- Employment discrimination
- Unfunded mandates
- Immigration
- Procurement
- ADA compliance

Impact: Ensures LCG receives top-tier guidance on complex issues that affect service delivery and ensures compliance with controlling legal principles.

Major Litigation Resolution

Amicably resolved pending lawsuit involving the Library Board of Control on favorable terms to LCG.

Support of Legislative Efforts

Appearances before jurisdictional committees of the House and Senate in support of legislative amendments in Louisiana law, including:

- Standard of review in appeals of zoning decisions
- Streamlining of processes involved in demolition or condemnation decisions

Preparation and Finalization of Contracts for NERL

Negotiated and finalized relevant documents for the long-term lease of land for the construction of the Northeast Regional Library.

LFT Fiber



Expanding Access, Strengthening Service & Investing in Lafayette’s Digital Future

LFT Fiber continued its mission to provide reliable, affordable, high-quality broadband service while making strategic investments that improve customer experience, expand access, and increase operational efficiency. This year’s achievements reflect a focus on transparency, convenience, workforce development, and service enhancements that benefit residents and businesses across Lafayette.

On April 2, 2025, they rebranded from LUS Fiber into LFT Fiber. A brand assessment revealed that LUS Fiber was still widely perceived as a municipal utility rather than a premium, enterprise-level technology provider, despite its cutting-edge fiber-optic technology. To remain competitive against national ISPs moving into the region, LFT Fiber elevated its brand to reflect who it is today—a provider of world-class connectivity solutions that support homes, businesses, and entire communities.

LFT Fiber completed the GUMBO (Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities) 1.0 federal grant expansion, bringing its service to six additional parishes outside of Lafayette, including Evangeline, Acadia, Vermilion, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, and Iberia.

Operational Consolidation into a Single Headquarters



LFT Fiber moved into a new workspace at 214 Jefferson Street, in the heart of downtown Lafayette. A ribbon cutting took place on September 19.

Three separate operational sites were consolidated into **one centralized downtown headquarters**.

Community Benefits:

- Improved customer accessibility with convenient parking
- Reduced operational costs by owning rather than leasing
- Better collaboration and efficiency among teams

Major Programs & Projects Completed

Every Day Pricing (EDP)

LFT Fiber launched Every Day Pricing for its most popular internet packages, giving customers a predictable, stable rate they can rely on.

Community Benefit:

- No promotional gimmicks—just consistent, transparent pricing
- Helps households budget confidently
- Reinforces trust through fair, reliable cost structures

Every Day Pricing



1 Gbps \$85/mo
500 Mbps \$65/mo

Self-Install Kits for Customers

Customers can now pick up equipment and install services on their own schedules. With over 125 residents utilizing this service, LFT Fiber is offering a new program that the community loves.

Benefits to Residents:

- Eliminates installation fees
- Reduces wait times for technicians
- Increases flexibility for busy households and businesses

Customer Text Alert System

Implemented a new SMS notification platform to proactively update customers about:



- △ Account changes
- △ Billing reminders
- △ Service outages
- △ Weather-related impacts

Impact: Enhances communication, improves customer satisfaction, and helps residents stay prepared and informed.

Introduced New One-Time Payment Option

Expanded payment options through Paymentus that enable you to make one-time payments quickly and easily, without needing to log into your account.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Significant Workforce Growth

17 new employees were hired, strengthening support capabilities, customer service, and technical expertise, bringing the total number of LFT Fiber employees to 83.

Employee Training Program Launch

In partnership with **LinkedIn Learning**, LFT Fiber introduced a customized workforce development program.

Benefits:

- Personalized training pathways
- Professional growth at each employee's pace
- Stronger internal expertise and customer support

Powered by Connectivity Summit

Hosted the inaugural Powered by Connectivity Summit that brought together business leaders, innovators, and community partners to explore how technology and collaboration drive Acadiana's growth.

- **104 attendees, 8 states** represented, **17 speakers** and panelists participated

Hosted Downtown Business Roundtable

A conversation with Mayor-President Monique Boulet, focused on strengthening our downtown business community. Downtown business owners shared insights in an open forum, working collectively with a goal of strengthening downtown business



Winter Wonderland Series

The LFT Fiber lobby was decorated with Christmas decor, opening up space to the public for photo opportunities. This initiative allowed LFT Fiber to host a holiday concert series, featuring a Celtic music duo, local school choirs, a gospel choir, and other church choirs.

- Partnered with 10 local public schools that created ornaments in their art classes, with decorations featured in lobby as part of the holiday decor

Earned National Community Champions Award from America's Communications Association

Award given annually to a municipally owned telecommunications company that displays outstanding commitment to community service and historical preservation. The recognition corresponded with a sponsored event that took place on February 13, 2025, in collaboration with the 4-A Sisters Club, including a formal award presentation, a community meal, and a screening of Tyler Perry's film, "The Six Triple Eight," which highlights the battalion's legacy.

- At a ceremony held in the LFT Fiber lobby, ACA Connects made a **\$2,500 donation** to the 4-A Sisters Club on behalf of LFT Fiber.

SPONSORSHIPS/EVENTS



DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Hosted “**Allons Danser**” in downtown Lafayette, a free Cajun dancing class for the public
- **LFT Fiber employees donated** food to local elementary and high schools through the 52 Shepherds food pantry program
- **LFT Fiber employees donated** work clothes for young, aspiring professionals through the career closet donation.
- **LFT Fiber employees volunteered** and worked collectively at St. Joseph’s Diner.
- **Donated 100 backpacks** to Alice Boucher Elementary and 50 backpacks to Paul Breaux middle school through Love Our Schools backpack donation program
- **Donated 117 food & hygiene items** to Acadian Middle through Love Our Schools
- **Salute to Service Breakfast** for Veterans
- **Ragin’ Cajun Fan Day**
- **Tailgating-Fan Day** at Cajun Field
- Participated in **LPD’s Trunk or Treat**, handing out 30+ lbs of candy and straws to trick or treaters
- Participated and helped promote the **Acadiana Veteran’s Alliance Inaugural Memorial Day Run** for Heroes
- Participated in **Bark in the Park** to help promote animal adoptions
- Participated with **LPD in the Touch-a-Truck** event by donating backpacks to children who visited the mobile unit.

Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture (PARC)

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Investing in Public Spaces, Expanding Programs, and Strengthening Community Connections

The Department of Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) focused on transforming Lafayette’s parks, modernizing recreation infrastructure, expanding equitable access to programs, and deepening community partnerships. With upgrades underway across dozens of parks, major regional projects advancing, and a strong year of programming and events, PARC made significant progress toward improving quality of life parishwide. Multiple large-scale initiatives remain in active construction and planning, positioning 2026 for continued growth.

Recreation Centers & Community Programs

CivicRec Digital Launch

In September 2025, PARC launched CivicRec, a new online reservation and registration platform. Reserve a field or recreation center for your event at lafayettela.gov/parc.

First-year highlights:

- **814 rentals**
- **\$446,212 in revenue** to support continued operations and maintenance of 36+ PARC facilities

- Improved public access, scheduling accuracy, and customer service
- Platform expansion continues in 2026, including modules for Nature Station and campgrounds.

Senior Services

Greenhouse and Rosehouse Senior Centers offered **20–30+ monthly programs** plus large-scale events such as Senior Resource Fair and Fall Fashion Show.

Inclusive & Community-Focused Partnerships

- **Brookshire’s First Responders Luncheon – Robicheaux Center**
Recognized EMS, fire, police, and emergency management teams; Brookshire’s provided meals, PARC handled full event operations.

MAJOR PROGRAMS & EVENTS (2025)

- **Parish Proud Day – 200+ volunteers** across multiple beautification sites
- **Malik Nabers Youth Football Camp – 600+ participants**
- **Camp Ignite & Camp Inspire** – six-week summer camps serving 200 children
- **Senior Resource Fair – 300 attendees and 50+ vendors**
- **Pink Picnic – 250 participants** promoting women’s wellness during Breast Cancer Awareness month
- **PARCsGiving – 156 local families served** with holiday meals/support

- **Special Olympics Louisiana Summer Games – Robichaux Center**

Provided no-cost facility access, staffing, and logistics, supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Therapeutic Recreation

PARC provided monthly inclusive recreational and leisure activities for post-secondary teens and adults of all ages with disabilities. Programs such as Bingo, Pond Pacers, Arts & Crafts, and Fun & Fitness helped support at-risk community members in developing valuable recreational and coping skills.

Athletics Division

Youth Sports Partnerships

Offered youth sports programs for tackle football, flag football, volley-

ball, basketball, softball, and track and field. With a total of 5,980 youth registrations throughout 2025. PARC strengthened collaboration with Lafayette Little League, Cajun Sport Association, and Louisiana Krewe Rush to help support all of these sport programs.

Key outcomes:

- Coordinated field maintenance plans
- Supported LLL’s **\$22,000 refurbishment**
- Improved scheduling and shared-use access for baseball, soccer, softball, basketball, and multipurpose youth sports

Aquatics Growth

Open Swim participation surged from **64 swimmers in 2024 to 1,089 swimmers in 2025** with reopening of Girard Park pool and expanded lifeguard support with Cooperative Partnership with Destiny Camp International (DCI). Swim lessons were offered at Martin Luther King Recreation Center pool, provided by DCI to community and summer camp participants to expand water safety throughout our community with life-saving prevention and education.

Municipal Golf

Jay & Lionel Hebert Municipal Golf Course, Les Vieux Chenes Golf Course, and The Wetlands Golf Course recorded:

- **93,000+ rounds**
- Dozens of school and nonprofit tournaments
- Significant economic impact through sports tourism and recreation
- Adoption of a veterans discount

Facilities, Maintenance & Operations

PARC completed or advanced numerous improvements, including:

- HVAC replacements
- Restroom and concession renovations
- Electrical upgrades
- Gym floor repairs
- LED lighting improvements
- Interior painting

These upgrades support user safety, energy efficiency, and long-term maintenance savings.

CityWorks Implementation

PARC began onboarding CityWorks, a new platform that will:

- Track maintenance needs
- Improve work-order routing
- Streamline preventive maintenance planning

Full implementation is expected to significantly modernize PARC’s internal operations.

Heymann Performing Arts Center

Record Community

- **118,789 attendees** across concerts, theatre, comedy, conventions, and special events
- **197 rental days**, achieving **76% weekday utilization**
- **25,000+ LPSS students** served through school partnerships

Parks Improvements & Capital Projects



Status
Completed

Brown Park

Significant drainage repairs, four tournament-level baseball/softball fields, and safety upgrades were completed. This \$16.3 million transformation increased reliability for youth athletics and neighborhood recreations.



Status
Completed

Moore Park Soccer Complex

Moore Park Soccer Complex: This \$16 million City-funded investment in youth athletics, recreation, and quality of life in Lafayette Parish.

The new complex features nine state-of-the-art soccer fields, a stadium, playground, concessions, mural, and upgraded amenities designed for athletes, families, and visitors from across the region.

Neighborhood Park Modernizations - Ongoing

PARC advanced improvements at Neyland, Beaulieu, Veterans, Beaver, Thomas, St. Anthony, Pa Davis, and additional neighborhood parks.

Enhancements include:

- Field renovations
- Restroom & concession updates
- Lighting upgrades
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Drainage repairs
- Electrical enhancements
- Tree planting & volunteer-led beautification

This multi-year effort aims to reduce deferred maintenance, modernize amenities, and expand equitable access to high-quality recreational spaces.



Status
Ongoing

Girard Park

Work continues on erosion control, lighting upgrades, tree preservation, and pond cleanup preparation. These improvements enhance safety, environmental health, and park usability.



Status
Ongoing

Picard Park

Ongoing enhancements include an inclusive playground, upgraded fencing, drainage adjustments, ADA improvements, and new site amenities like pickleball courts, new restrooms, concession stands, and dog parks.

Partnership Support



Parish Proud, Trees Acadiana, Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, and other organizations provided tree plantings, beautification projects, and maintenance support—extending PARC's capacity and reducing taxpayer cost.



Public Works Department



Building Infrastructure, Maintaining Essential Services, Supporting Parish-wide Operations

The Public Works Department continued its essential role in building, maintaining, and improving the parish's critical infrastructure. Public Works is responsible for the construction and upkeep of parish-wide roads, bridges, and drainage infrastructure, the maintenance of over **120 government buildings**, and the management of **1,900+ vehicles and pieces of equipment**, including first responder units.

Through five divisions—Capital Improvements, Environmental Quality, Facilities Maintenance, Vehicle Maintenance, and Right-of-Way—Public Works delivered major roadway upgrades, enhanced public safety infrastructure, expanded environmental protection programs, and supported

efficient daily operations across the parish. The department also continued to provide engineering design services to all LCG departments, ensuring consistency and quality across government projects.

Capital Improvements Division

Delivering Major Road, Bridge & Drainage Infrastructure

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) team evaluates, designs, and manages yearly capital projects across the parish. Projects are prioritized using street rating systems, bridge safety inspections, cost analyses, and coordination with state and federal partners.



Louisiana Avenue Extension – Phase II-D2

- Final phase of Louisiana Avenue corridor
- New 4-lane concrete roadway + major drainage upgrades
- Includes new roundabout at Gloria Switch Road
- \$8M total project, \$7M ARPA funding
- Provides a parallel evacuation route for Lafayette Parish



Beau Pre Bridge Replacement

Design and construction of a 3-span concrete slab-span bridge between E. Pinhook Road and Railroad Tracks. The project also includes but is not limited to subsurface drainage, an erosion control system, and asphalt approaches.



Localized Drainage Improvements

- Improvements across 13 channels / 16 miles
- Restored channel capacity and improved stormwater flow



Downtown Drainage Inlet Replacement

- Over \$2.5M in ARPA-funded drainage upgrades
- Improved stormwater reliability and reduced street flooding downtown



Buchanan Street Parking Garage – Elevator Replacement (Phase II)

New elevators installed in FY 2025.



Gayle Road Reconstruction

Converted gravel road to asphalt; major drainage improvements for safer travel.

River Oaks Detention, Phase II

Added detention capacity to reduce flood risk for River Oaks subdivision.

Environmental Quality Division (EQ)

Protecting Waterways, Managing Waste, and Reducing Pollution

The Environmental Quality Division oversees waste diversion, watershed protection, code enforcement, and stormwater compliance to protect the Vermilion River and parish-wide environment.

Debris Drop Event (March 2025)

- **105,000 lbs.** scrap metal recycled
- **13,000 lbs. / 195** waste tires collected
- **40** bicycles donated to Bike Lafayette
- **118,000 lbs.** total waste diverted

PROJECTS INITIATED BUT CONTINUING INTO 2026–27



Highlights include:

- ✓ **Thomas Park Tennis Court Phase II** – four new courts
- ✓ **University Corridor Initiative** – safety + mobility upgrades
- ✓ **Heymann Park Amphitheater** – construction underway
- ✓ **Parc International Improvements** – restrooms, stage, landscaping
- ✓ **E. Broussard / Robley Roundabout** – construction began Q4 2025
- ✓ **Lajaunie Road Bridge Replacement** – \$2M project via LaDOTD
- ✓ **Prejean Road Flood Mitigation** – road elevation + drainage upgrades
- ✓ **Buchanan Garage Stairwell Repairs** – began late 2025

Household Hazardous Waste (2 events)

- **1,398** vehicles served
- **16,578 lbs.** electronics
- **9,990 gallons** pesticides
- **32,880 gallons** oil-based paint
- **43,947 gallons** latex paint
- **88,210 lbs.** waste diverted
- **\$202,876** total cost

Litter Traps & Cleanups

- New contract with OSPREY initiative for coulee litter traps
- First Bandalong device cleanout captured:
 - ✓ **358** plastic bottles
 - ✓ **12** aluminum cans
 - ✓ **10** glass bottles
 - ✓ **185 lbs.** recyclables & debris

Neaux Throw Litter Complaints

- **197** cleanups completed

Stormwater Compliance & Water Protection

- **544** construction site inspections
- **67** illicit discharge investigations
- **19** proactive industrial inspections
- Launched Onsite Wastewater Treatment Education Program
- **20,000** educational mailers
- **11,324** formal letters to permitted homeowners
- New wastewater ordinance draft underway

Keep Lafayette Beautiful

- **14,460 lbs.** litter collected
- **500** reusable bags distributed
- Two shredding events (**9,000 lbs.** recycled)
- **1,400 lbs.** Mardi Gras beads recycled
- **500** litter bags distributed to float riders

Future Goals

- Open new **Convenience Center** by summer of 2026
- **Expand trash traps** across the watershed
- Launch **online environmental curriculum**
- Recruit **10+ “Embrace This Space” partners**
- Implement **sustainability & energy reduction study**
- Expand **wastewater education & enforcement**

Facilities Maintenance Division

Maintaining Safe, Reliable, Well-Functioning Public Buildings

Completed Projects

- 4th Floor Lafayette Parish Courthouse renovation
- Le Centre International – roof replacement + interior repairs
- Nearing completion: Acadiana Center for the Arts roof replacement

Projects In Progress

- Full-building generator at Dupuis Center (emergency shelter)
- 5th Floor Courthouse renovation
- War Memorial complex roof replacement
- City Hall interior renovation (Holly & Smith Architects)
- Courthouse inmate holding area design
- Fire Training Center – total roof replacement + interior work
- Fire Stations 11, 12 & 13 – roof and facility upgrades
- HVAC and generator replacement at Lafayette Police Station

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Vehicle Maintenance Division

Supporting Public Safety & Parish Operations Through Reliable Equipment

Core Responsibilities

- Maintains 1,900+ vehicles and equipment, including:
- Police, Fire, and Utilities fleets
- Transit buses
- Heavy equipment, generators, boats, ATVs, street sweepers, etc.

2024–25 Performance

- 11,478 maintenance jobs completed
- 92% job close-out rate

Future Goals

- Upgrade Service Station monitoring equipment
- Establish Fleet Mechanic Apprenticeship Program
- Transition to full synthetic oils fleetwide
- Continue developing the Enterprise Lease Program

Right-of-Way Division

Before construction begins on roads, sidewalks, or drainage projects, the Right-of-Way Division secures the land rights and servitudes needed to move projects forward.

In 2025, the division:

- Completed 10+ right-of-way and servitude agreements
- Supported roadway, drainage, sidewalk, and flood mitigation projects
- Enabled improvements along major corridors including Bertrand Drive, University Avenue, Johnston Street, and Carmel Drive

By resolving property access early, the Right-of-Way Division helps reduce delays and keeps public infrastructure projects on schedule. This division is responsible for acquiring necessary rights of way/servitudes for drainage, roads, channel/coulee and sidewalk projects.

Traffic, Roads and Bridges



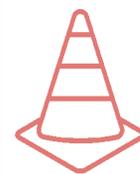
Safer Streets, Smarter Systems, & Reliable Mobility

The Traffic, Roads and Bridges Department focused on improving roadway safety, modernizing traffic systems, maintaining critical infrastructure, and strengthening transit services. These efforts enhance mobility, reduce congestion, and improve daily travel across Lafayette Parish.

Traffic Engineering Progress

- University Avenue (Alcide Dominique to Walker Road) **60% complete**
- Bid and design work underway for:
 - ✓ University Avenue at Cameron Street
 - ✓ University Avenue traffic signals (Willow Street to Taft Street)
 - ✓ University Avenue sidewalks (Street Landry to Taft Street)
- ✓ Doucet Road sidewalks
- Purchased Urban SDK (An AI-powered software subscription designed to analyze road speeds, monitor traffic volume, and validate safety complaints. It provides real-time data, mapping, and automated reporting to help identify high-risk areas and measure the impact of safety improvements like speed humps.)
- ✓ Traffic calming program activity (helps cities identify speeding and roadways that are opportunities to evaluate traffic calming efforts.):
 - » 57 requests received
 - » 22 community meetings
 - » 130 traffic counts completed

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE & SAFETY



COMPLETED

2000+

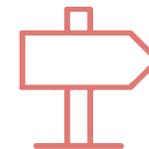
Service and Maintenance Tickets

EXPANDED STAFF



1

Traffic Signal Technician



2

Signs & Markings Specialists

NEW INITIATIVES COMING IN 2026, INCLUDING THE LAUNCH OF MICRO TRANSIT SERVICE. *Stay tuned!*

- Restriping crosswalks and major roadways
- Construction of **two new intersections**
- Continued traffic detection upgrades
- Launch of **MicroTransit service** to support first-mile/last-mile travel
- Continued fleet replacement, including:
 - ✓ Five new buses planned for FY 2026
 - ✓ Replacement of older shuttle buses with smaller transit vans

Parking & Facilities

Opened elevators at the **Buchanan Street Parking Garage**, improving accessibility by adding 48 parking meters within the garage.

Transit Accomplishments



- Added four **Clean Diesel buses**, replacing aging 2011 vehicles
- Restored **pre-COVID bus routes**
- Increased staffing for bus operators

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- Launched LafayetteNOW to help with transit specific notifications.

Lafayette TRANSIT SYSTEM

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- Rolled out an upgraded, GPS-enabled Bus Tracker—making it easier than ever to track your bus in real time, plan your route, and stay informed from any mobile device or computer.
 - ✓ This enhanced system brought much-needed tech upgrades designed with today’s riders in mind.

Veterans Affairs Commission



Serving those who served—with dignity, opportunity, and care.

- On July 4, 2025 the Mayor-President created an advisory body to Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG), working to improve the lives of **local veterans and military families**. The commission brings together veterans and local leaders to better understand and meet the needs of those who have served. The Commission focuses on improving access to services like health-care, housing, and job support, while also building stronger connections between veterans and the community through partnerships and public engagement.
- **Adopted Bylaws**
- Created Subcommittees: **Veteran Services Committee, Community Engagement and Events Committee, Legislative and Policy Advocacy Committee.**
- Developed a **webpage**
- Participated in the return of **Lafayette’s Stars and Stripes Fourth of July** event.
- Coordinated the **2025 Salute to Veterans Event** in Moncus Park.
- Worked with the Mayor-President and City Council establishing a **25% weekday discount** for veterans at all three municipal golf courses. This initiative aligns with



the administration’s ongoing commitments to accessibility, affordability, and community health, while strengthening support for Lafayette’s veteran population.



2025 Salute to Veterans Event in Moncus Park

Goals

1. Establish Lafayette as a community where every veteran and their family is honored, supported, and empowered through meaningful access to resources, services, and opportunities.
2. Position Lafayette as a statewide leader in veteran care, workforce integration, and quality of life, ensuring that those who served are never left behind.
3. To be smart, creative, and innovative in our mindset, and ask what are the fundamental needs of every veteran generation and meet them there.
4. To become a “Veteran-friendly city” with new initiatives like the city golf course discount. We want to show thanks as much as say it for our brave men and women of the armed forces.



Contact the Commission

veteransaffairs@lafayettela.gov

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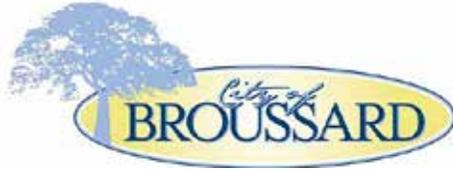
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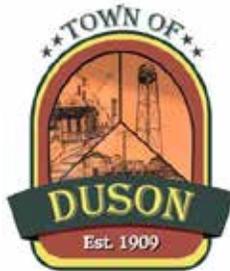
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Chief Administrative Officer.....	291-8311
Chief of Staff	291-8367
City Court.....	291-8720
City Marshal	291-8725
Civil Service	291-8330
Clerk of Council.....	291-8810
Community Development & Planning	291-8000
Constituent Services.....	291-8200
Disability Affairs.....	288-5330
Fire Administration	291-8701
Fire and Police Civil Service	291-8762
Information & Technology.....	291-5600
International Trade and Development.....	291-5474
Juvenile Detention Home.....	291-7130
Lafayette Animal Shelter and Care Center.....	291-5644
Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP)	291-5075
Lafayette Parish Public Library	261-5787
Lafayette Utilities System (LUS).....	291-5700
LUS Fiber Customer Service.....	291-8280
Mayor-President	291-8300
Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Culture	291-8361
Police Administration	291-8653
Public Works.....	291-8517
Veterans Affairs.....	291-8200

Lafayette Parish Government Offices

Clerk of Court.....	291-6400
Coroner	291-7100
Lafayette Parish Communications District.....	291-5060
North Water Treatment Plant.....	291-5919
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
Business & Career Solutions Center	262-5601
CAJUNDOME & Convention Center	265-2100
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
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
Legal	210-8171
Lafayette Parish School Board	521-7000
Lafayette Regional Airport	703-4800
LSU Ag Center.....	291-7090
Office of Motor Vehicles	896-8121
One Acadiana	233-2705
Sales Tax Office	232-3912
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