

Welcome
New Year
2018

Speaking of Sunset!



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Mardi Gras Season Starts

January 6th, King's Day, is the start of the Mardi Gras Season. To celebrate King's Day, the Sunset Mardi Gras Association will host a flag raising event along with the presentation of the 2018 King and Queen. This event will take place at 1pm in front of The Bank of Sunset and the public is welcome to attend. The Mardi Gras flag will remain posted until the end of the Mardi Gras Season.



The Sunset Mardi Gras Association is also hosting their 3rd annual Mardi Gras dance, January 20 at 7:00pm at Xclusive Event Center located at 805 Napoleon Avenue. They would like to invite the public. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance by calling 337-322-5374 or at the dance for \$12 the day of the event. Proceeds from the dance will be used for the 2018 Sunset Mardi Gras Parade being held February 13, 2018, downtown Sunset.



Queens of Sunset



The town of Sunset would like to introduce the 2018 Queens of Sunset. Baby Miss Sunset Queen—Oaklyn Rae Anne Dauphin, Toddler Miss Sunset Queen- Cheyenne Jolivet, Little Miss Sunset Queen- Khole Moten, Jr. Miss Sunset Queen- Joshlyn Melancon, PreTeen Miss Sunset Queen- Rachel Williams, Jr. Teen Miss Sunset Queen- Madison Couvillion, Teen Miss Sunset Queen - Serenity Lavergne, Miss Sunset Queen- Emmi Hebert, Mrs Sunset Queen- Christen Tausin, and Lady Sunset Queen- Shelly Terrance.

Town Hall Meeting Snapshot

- Audit Report-Good rating overall
- Demolition of house on Richard Street
- Hired Town Planner-Lorna Gwynn
- Change in town insurance 30/70 instead of 20/80, still Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Working on chemical injection system at new water well
- Grant to change out water meters to become more efficient
- Police hiring new officer, Nahia Simon
- Approval for 6 new radios and utility cart for police department
- Electrical issues at well, caused water outage Dec 9
- Fire truck repairs under budget
- New Sunset Queens introduced

**Next Town Hall meeting January 11, 2018,
6:00pm @ the Community Center**

If you have information on upcoming events or interesting articles please send

them to
speakingofsunset@yahoo.com

Thank you
Melissa Primeaux





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**Need a place to host
an event?**

**Use the Sunset
Community Center**

**\$200 deposit
\$500 rental
\$20 an hour for security
provided by Sunset Police
Department**

**Call Town Hall @
337-662-5296 for
reservations!**



From the Mayor's Desk

Greetings

As we enter the New Year many of us are contemplating changes in our lives, weight loss, relationships, career advancement, or simply just being a better person. I wish you luck with whatever you choose to do, but, as someone once said, "Life isn't so much about beginnings or endings but about going on and on and on, muddling through the middle."

To those among you who have volunteered your time, talents, and treasures by working in the community to help others, please know that your work is greatly appreciated. You have built treasures that will last a lifetime and beyond. I offer like sentiments to the many organizations that are busy building community in their service to the people of Sunset.

The Utility Department, in a continuing effort to enhance the physical appearance of the downtown area, is painting the fire hydrants along Napoleon Ave. The paint scheme will be the same throughout the downtown area and eventually the entire town.

At the December town meeting the Council voted to hire Ms. Lorna Guynn as the new Town Planner. With the addition of Ms. Guynn as lead person on the Planning Commission, Sunset will be solidly on the path for growth and development. She, along with the members of the planning commission, will begin the work of implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Guynn comes to us with impeccable credentials and diverse experience. She has worked as a planner with the United States Army, with parish governments, and large and small municipalities. Improving a town and city is an unending work-in-progress and Sunset is no exception to that rule. However, I think we have the drive and imagination to accomplish anything we set out to do, including meeting the challenges from within and those outside of our boundaries. Ms. Guynn and her group will be invaluable assets in helping us 'go on and on and on muddling through the middle'.

Audit Report

Burton Kolder, the town's auditor, gave a thumbs up on the annual audit report. He pointed out losses on the gas system as an area we need to address. He acknowledged, however, the Mayor and Utility Supervisor had already developed a plan to address the situation. He also stated the town had the lowest service charges in the area. He went on to say that at some point we will need to adjust these rates to meet future needs for repair and replacement of our aging facilities. We will be considering steps to address this situation and the development of future plans for consideration by the board.

Don't Litter

We have a great community! Please help us keep it clean by not throwing trash on the streets. Chief Padilla and his officers will be stepping up their enforcement of our Litter Ordinance. Please help us keep our community clean.

Spring/Summer Concert Series

Plans are being made to develop a Series of 4 Music Programs on Friday evenings in late spring and early summer. The programs will be free and intended to be 'down time' as we transition into the weekend. If you wish to be a sponsor for one of the events, please contact Mayor James at Town Hall. There will be more to come on the subject.

Beauty Pageant

Thanks to Melissa Anderson for a very successful first Miss Sunset Beauty Pageant. The program was well attended and beautifully organized. Melissa has already begun the work of organizing for 2018. The pageant is an effort to promote the Town of Sunset and has already received the attention of the publishers of "Kreol", an international magazine head-quartered in the UK. They will be featuring an article on the Town in its April issue.

Please join with us as we look forward to a new and exciting chapter in the Town of Sunset. This is a great time to live in this community.

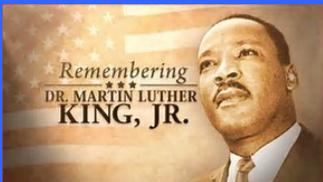
My prayer is that God, in his infinite wisdom and grace, will shower His blessings on each and every one of you and on this wonderful community in the New Year. May he give you his peace and joy. May he enable us to stand as one no matter what, knowing that he is with us and blesses all that we do for his greater glory. Let us forever pray in the name of Jesus, Amen

Mayor James

Calendar of Events



New Years Day
January 1



Martin Luther King Day
January 15



No School
St Landry Parish
Jan 1- 5
Christmas Break
Jan 15
Martin Luther King
Day

Upcoming Events

Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
February 13—2pm

Exit 11 Yard Sale
March 17

Herb Festival
May 5



Library is located at 235 Marie Street, Sunset, LA 70584
Hours of Operation Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6,
Saturday 10-4. Closed every Sunday and Monday
337-662-3442

SOUTH ST. LANDRY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Tutoring program
January 13 @ 10:30am-1:30pm
Tutors are Louisiana Board Certified educators. Math tutoring for grades 1-6 and 7-12 on alternating Saturdays. Bring homework or assignments that are being worked on so teachers are able to help the students.



Teen Book Club
January 13 @ 1:00 pm
Discussing what books were read and choosing a book for February



Celebration of Freedom:
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
January 16 @ 6-7pm
Guest Speaker, Song, Open Mic, and refreshments will be served



Computer class
January 23 @ 10-11am
Learn basic skills about your computer like how to use the keyboard, mouse, monitor, and more



Book Club
January 27 @ 1pm



Story Time
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:15am—10:45am

For more information,
contact the library at
337-662-3442

Mardi Gras Flag Raising & Crowning of 2018 King and Queen
Jan 6 @ 1pm at The Bank of Sunset



Sunset Mardi Gras Dance
Jan 20 @ 7pm
Exclusive Banquet Hall 805 Napoleon Ave



Farmers Market
Saturdays from 8 am-Noon
@ 832 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset
For market or vendor info call 337-662-FARM



Sunset Jam
Winter Break—Resuming March 2018



Seniors Helping Seniors

Seniors Helping Seniors
Jan 5 & 19 @ 10:30 am at Community Center
Seniors Helping Seniors is always looking for volunteers and donors to assist with the meals.
Please call Joann Mayfield @ 337-298-7066 or Shirley James @ 337-945-5043 with any questions.



Sunset Heartbreak to Healing
Survivors of Suicide Support Group (18yrs and older)
January 23 - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Town Hall Meeting
City Court

Jan 11
Jan 9

at 6:00 pm at Community Center
at 2:00 pm at Community Center

SUNSET JAM Taking WINTER BREAK

There will be no SUNSET JAM in January and February. They will resume the JAM in March.

They'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following people for their contributions and continued support of SUNSET JAM.

Thank you, Mayor James and the Town Council, for allowing this event to take place in our community. Thank you, Adam Doucet for your continued participation with music at SUNSET JAM. Chef Troy with Café Josephine, thank you for all the delicious food you have contributed. We would like to thank Cecil and Jerilyn LaVergne for providing SUNSET JAM with storage space for supplies and equipment. Thank you to all our volunteers who help at each JAM. Last, but not least, a special thank you to all our local artists and musicians who are the heart of SUNSET JAM. We look forward to seeing all of you again beginning the 2nd Saturday in March of 2018.

Sunset Volunteer Fire Department Looking For Volunteers



Can You Fill These Boots?

If you think you have what it takes then the Sunset Volunteer Fire Department would like you to come by and talk to them. No experience is necessary, All training needed will be provided by the department. They are looking for strong-willed people to join their team and make a difference in the community. The houses these boots walk through could belong to somebody you know. Call the Sunset Volunteer Fire Department @ 337-654-0595.



Around Town 2017

