



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
MAY 23**

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**Town Hall  
meeting**

# Speaking of Sunset!



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## SUNSET – THE PLACE TO BE

In the quiet little town of Sunset you might think there is not much being offered for entertainment, culture, education, or even shopping and dining. There is no theater complex, no mall and no media blitz of all the 'happenings'. You might conclude there is nothing to do in Sunset. Nothing could be further from the reality of today's Sunset!

During the last few years Sunset has gone from a little town at Exit 11 to a booming, bustling place to live. It is the best of country living with the bonus of offering its community a variety of family-oriented activities, events, unique shops, and fine dining from seafood to Mexican cuisine.

There is no need to drive anywhere else for original artwork, specialty boutiques, antiques, home-town pharmacies, great food, or a well-stocked grocery store. Sunset has it all!

And, for all of your entertainment, mark your calendars for the following events:

- May 4th - 5:50 pm-8:00 pm - Open House at Artworks by Ted Bertrand (and every 1st Friday)

- May 4th and 18th - 10:30 am - Seniors Helping Seniors
- May 5th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sunset Herb Festival
- May 12th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Sunset Jam
- May 22nd - 10:00 am - Rubboard Capital Unveiling Ceremony
- Every Saturday 8:00 am - Noon - Sunset Farmers' Market

In addition to the fun-filled month of May, watch for all the activities at the Sunset Library. There is truly something for everyone at the library. On June 2, there is the Sunset Community SunFest. Upcoming is the bi-annual Exit 11 Yard Sale in April and September. And, be on the look-out for Cycle Zydeco and Mardi Gras news.

With so many exciting, educational and cultural events; with unique shopping and delicious dining opportunities, plan your days around all Sunset has to offer.

Written by Pat Watson

## Rubboard Unveiling—May 22 @ 10am

Five years ago Tony Davoren, the Irish Guy, planted an idea in Dori Janise's head - make Sunset the Rubboard capital of the world. With extensive research, persistence and the full support of the Senate and House of Representatives, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81 was accepted and Sunset became the "Rubboard Capital of the World".

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 10:00 am, there will be a special unveiling of the monument marker at the corner of Duffy Lane and Hwy 182. A reception will follow at the Sunset Community Center with food, drinks and Tee Don Landry's band. The event is open to the public and you are encouraged to bring your rubboards for this unique branding of Sunset, LA.

## Town Hall Meeting Snapshot

- Results on public hearing - house on Richard St - 3 months to be torn down
- Certificate of Appreciation SGT Lucas Padilla
- Grant awarded to fix water lines
- Cover windows on Old Sunset High
- Mobile home ordinance approved
- Water well online, no problems
- Contractor finished water meter project
- Police hired fill-in dispatcher
- New trainer for fire department
- Inspection for insurance rate package ends in May
- Proposed Mardi Gras parade move to Saturday before Mardi Gras
- \$1,000 Garden Club donation to the town

**Next Town Hall meeting May 10, 2018,  
6:00pm @ the Community Center**



MAYOR CHARLES JAMES

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# From the Mayor's Desk

## Greeting from the Mayor

Thanks to you, the Community, for your cooperation and patience during the installation of the new water meters. While there were situations that resulted in inconveniences for some, the contractor, Utility Department personnel, and the community worked together to correct situations as quickly as possible.

The meter project is nearing completion with only larger commercial and residential meters remaining. The contractor indicated the major portion of the work is projected to end in a matter of days. What remains is training for the clerks on the new system as they work with billing and data collection systems to produce the monthly utility bills. This is no small task as we work through the problems inherent in bringing on a new system of this type.

As has been stated in previous newsletters, with the new meters fully operational, it is possible some customers may see an increase in their water bill. This is due in part to replacing old, worn, or defective meters with the brand new meters that have more accurate meter reading capabilities. A more detailed explanation of the features of the new system will be given in the May newsletter.

I am sure everyone has seen the changes to the Main Street area. Thanks to Dr. Sorrel and Denise, the new office looks great and is designed to be accommodating to both staff and customers. Additionally, the Fruge family has given their building a new look brightening up that section of Main Street even more. In addition to these improvements the Bank of Sunset is engaged in a clean-up project and the Fire Hall is getting fresh paint. They join Denise and the Sunset Pharmacy, and the Fruge Family in winning the Mayor's very newly established Downtown Section of the Month Award.

## LCDBG Grant

As was widely reported in the media last week, I was informed by a letter from the Governor advising the Town we had been awarded a 467,000.00 LCDBG grant from the State for repairs and replacement of some of our old and defective water lines. Thanks to work by Grooms Engineering, grant writer Richard Mennville, and the Utility Department clerks for gathering and preparing the information and surveys needed to prepare the grant. Work will commence after plans, including the selection of a contractor, have been completed.

## Gift from the Garden Club

Mrs. Vivian Olivier presented the Town with a check for one thousand dollars at the April meeting of the Town Council. The money is to be used for the continuation of the beautification project including the painting of fire hydrants and installation of new street signs. We thank the Garden Club and hope other clubs and organizations in the community will allow the generosity of the Garden Club to serve as an inspiration for them to contribute as well.

Mayor James

## Mobile Home Ordinance Revised

The Town Council recently approved a revised Mobile Home Ordinance for the Town of Sunset. You may be wondering how that affects you? If you already have a mobile home here there really are no changes. You are expected to maintain your home and property just like any other homeowner in Sunset.

But what if you want to bring a new mobile home into the city limits? Better check with the Town Hall first or the Planning Department at 337-662-3438. Some of the requirements for setbacks around your proposed mobile home and the size of the lot required have changed. Don't assume that a mobile home is allowed just because there is already one in the neighborhood! No construction of footings or connection of utilities can be

made prior to requesting a mobile home permit at City Hall.

These regulations are in effect to protect you and your neighboring properties. The Town Staff will be happy to help you in reviewing your permit request. For more information contact Lorna Guynn, Town Planner at 337-662-3438.

*Written by Lorna Guynn*



If you have information on upcoming events or interesting articles please send them to [speakingofsunset@yahoo.com](mailto:speakingofsunset@yahoo.com)

Thank you  
Melissa Primeaux

# Calendar of Events



**Cinco de Mayo**  
May 5



**Mother's Day**  
May 13



**Armed Forces Day**  
May 19



**Memorial Day**  
May 28

## Upcoming Events

**Sunset SunFest**  
June 2

**Exit 11 Yard Sale**  
September 15



**Friday Movie Matinee**  
@ 4:00pm  
Refreshments will be served.



**Board Games 2-3pm**  
Every Saturday



**Computer Basic**  
May 18 @  
10am-12pm

**Word**  
May 18 @  
1pm-3pm

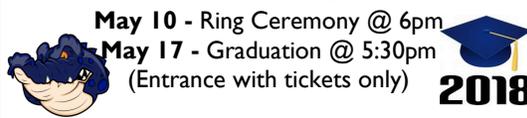


**Book Club**  
May 26 @ 1pm



**Registration for Summer Programs**  
May 29-May 31  
@ library  
337-662-3442

## Beau Chene High School



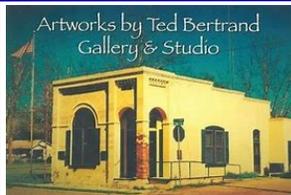
May 10 - Ring Ceremony @ 6pm  
May 17 - Graduation @ 5:30pm  
(Entrance with tickets only)

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## Sunset Middle School

May 4 - Sports Day  
May 11 - Perfect Attendance Incentive  
May 16 - Awards Program(5th-7th) @ 6pm  
May 21 - Eighth Grade Class Night @ 6:15pm



Artworks by Ted Bertrand  
Gallery & Studio

## Open House at Artworks by Ted Bertrand

May 4 - 5:30pm-8pm  
New artist featured monthly, along with live music and refreshments  
855 Napoleon Ave, Sunset  
For more information call 337-351-3043



Sponsored by Sunset Garden Club - Sunset, LA  
**SATURDAY, MAY 5 • 9AM TO 4PM**  
Marie St. - Address from Old Sunset High School  
Native Plants  
Flowers - Fresh Herbs  
Garden Art & Herbal Products  
Crafts - Silent Auction  
Landscape Paint Master Gardens  
to answer questions on gardening  
benefits include direct humming birds  
& butterflies. etc.  
Admission \$5.00  
No Pets or Cages  
Trade for  
Cakes

## Herb And Garden Festival

May 5 9am-4pm (Rain date May 6 9am-4pm)  
@ Sunset Park on Marie Street  
\$5 Admission



Sunrise Saturdays in Sunset  
**Farmers Market**  
**662-FARM**  
Please Call For Vendor & Market Info

## Farmers Market

May 5, 12, 19, 26 8am-12pm  
@ 832 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset  
For market or vendor info call 337-662-FARM



## Sunset Jam

May 12 9am-2pm  
Downtown Sunset off Napoleon Ave & Sibille St



Seniors Helping Seniors

## Seniors Helping Seniors

May 4 & 18 @ 10:30 am at Community Center  
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)  
May 22 - 5:30pm-7:30pm  
South St. Landry Community Library 235 Marie St, Sunset, 70584  
More information contact Kim Juneau 337-540-8910

**Town Hall Meeting**  
City Court

May 10  
May 14

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

## Around Town



**Wacky Games Sunset Middle School 2018**



**April Town Hall Meeting**

# Sunset Community

3rd Annual **SunFest**

**June 2, 2018**  
11 AM - 2 PM

**Come out and enjoy the afternoon with the Town of Sunset**

@ Sunset Park on Marie Street

**Free games with prizes, an obstacle course, food, drinks, music and much more.**

(Free event with fun for all ages and open to the community)

Come out and meet your local businesses and neighbors!

Challenge your friends to a race on the obstacle course

Face Painting

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

LIVE MUSIC

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket & sit and enjoy the music!

For more information call Melissa Primeaux @ 337-654-6228 or Tanya at Town Hall @ 337-662-5296

Sunset

Sunset Volunteer Fire Department

Early 1950's

On the pic from left to right  
J.A. Bernard, Harrison Darbonne,  
Octave Guilbeau, Olan Stelly,  
Ben Guilbeau

Get the latest information by text, on town emergencies, cut, complete, and return to Town Hall

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

