



Speaking of Sunset!



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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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Sunset Residents Message System

The town of Sunset has looked for an efficient and accurate way to deliver important messages to the residents of Sunset and they have found a way. The Town of Sunset is implementing One Call Now, an automated system which can call, text, or email residents important messages. This system will notify residents of outages, flushing of water systems, water main breaks, storm updates, boil advisories, street closures and other important messages affecting the community.

When something happens in town and the residents need to be informed, the town can send a message on the One Call Now system to hundreds of residents at one time. This system will only be used to keep residents informed of inci-

dents and outages. To stay informed and up to date on what's going on, the Town of Sunset need residents to enroll. The enrollment process is extremely easy. To sign up you can call or stop by Town Hall and provide the necessary information for inclusion on the list. The information you provide will not be shared or sold! If you decide you do not want the messages, you can call and asked to be removed from the list. It is that easy.

So, stop by and visit the ladies at Town Hall. When you provide them with your information they can explain the system and the types of messages which might be sent out with the One call Now system.



New Code Enforcement Officer

In the past few years the Town of Sunset has implemented zoning codes and ordinances to make Sunset a safer and better place to live and work. In an effort to administer compliance with these new zoning codes and town ordinances the town of Sunset is hiring a code enforcement officer. The code enforcement officer will be focusing on safety and improving town appearance by working with residents and property owners to maintain property aesthetics and value. The officer will work directly under the Chief of police, Monday-Friday

9am-5pm. Some of the issues the code enforcement officer will be handling public nuisances, overgrown grass, illegal signage, maintenance of existing structures and dismantled/abandoned cars on property. Residents wishing to view zoning codes and town ordinances can visit Sunset Town Hall located at 211 Marie Street during business hours. Help keep our town clean and safe for all who live, work and shop Sunset.



Town Hall Meeting Snapshot

- Sunset Merchants Alliance spoke about several advertisements they've bought promoting the town of Sunset
- Inspection report on houses on Richard Street
- Resident notification system—One Call Now System
- Introduced new mobile home ordinance
- Discussion to purchase School Board properties-park and a historic property
- St Landry Parish Council on Aging requested funding-more info needed
- Police department hired new officer, moving another to code enforcement
- Town getting assistance locating gas leaks
- Water Meter project started, about 160 replaced already

Next Town Hall meeting April 12, 2018, 6:00pm @ the Community Center



MAYOR CHARLES JAMES

TOWN HALL

211 Marie Street
Sunset, LA 70584

Phone: 337-662-5296

Fax: 337-662-5763

Email: tsunset@centurytel.net



If you are burning limbs, grass, or leaves in the town of Sunset you need to acquire a burn permit from the Sunset Volunteer Fire Department. (NO TRASH) Permits are issued Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm and are usually good for a few days depending on the situation. Visit Sunset Volunteer Fire Department @ 872 Napoleon Ave for more information and a acquire a permit.

From the Mayor's Desk

Greetings

One Call System

The Town Council has approved the purchase of the Emergency One Call System. Beginning this month (April), the clerks in the office will be taking names and contact information for any citizen of Sunset who would like to participate. To be able to receive voice and/or text messages from this emergency notification system, citizens simply need to call Town Hall and give their names and telephone numbers. We will continue to collect names until the end of June 2018. Please share this information with family and friends who live within the Town limits and those who are on the Town's utility systems.

Website

We are currently working with a vendor to develop a new website. A proposal will be presented to the town council for their consideration at the next town meeting.

Water Meter Installations

At the time of this writing, 50 percent of the 1018 hundred new electronic meters have been installed. The contractor, with help from town personnel, is moving quickly to complete the project. Projected completion is scheduled for early July. Thanks for your patience as we try to complete this much needed addition to the Town's utility system.

Rubboard Unveiling Ceremonies

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 2:00PM, the Rubboard Committee would like to invite the entire community to join with them at the corner of Duffy and Napoleon Avenue for the unveiling of the Town of Sunset's Commemorative Rubboard. The Commemorative Rubboard is in celebration of the Town of Sunset being designated as the Rubboard Capital of the World. Joining the Town at the unveiling will be Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, personnel from St. Landry Tourism, and Parish leaders. Others in attendance will be local elected officials and guests from neighboring communities. There will be a brief reception in the Sunset Community Center after the unveiling. Again, all are invited to attend.

Sunset High School Building

Last month I told you of the need to board up the windows on the school to prevent further water damage. My plans were to have a meeting to discuss the subject in the hope of getting volunteers to assist in getting this job done. However, I was advised that because of the liabilities associated with doing this type of job, it would be better to get a contractor do the work.

Vegetable Gardening

To my vegetable gardening friends, just as I did last year, I encourage you to get those plants in the ground. I wish you a bountiful harvest with plenty to share. I would also like to make the same plea that I made last year - please remember your friends.

Have a safe and blessed Easter Holiday.

May God fill you and your household with love and peace.

The Mayor.



Calendar of Events



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



**Tutoring program
Every Saturday
@ 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.



**Library Databases
April 24 @ 10-11am**
Learn your library databases such as Cypress Resume, Ancestry, Heritage Quest, etc.



**Book Club
April 28 @ 1pm**



**Story Time
April 7, 14, 21, 28
10:15am—10:45am**



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



**Teen Book Club
April 28 @ 2:00 pm**
Book TBA



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

For more information call 337-662-3442



**April Fool's Day
April 1**

Happy Easter!



**Easter
April 1**



Cycle Zydeco

April 4-8
For more information, call
337-781-9416
or www.cyclezydeco.org

Spring/Easter Break



No School - April 2-6



**Earth Day
April 22**



Farmers Market

April 7, 14, 21, 28 8am-12pm
@ 832 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset
For market or vendor info call 337-662-FARM



Sunset Jam

April 14
9am-2pm
Downtown Sunset off Napoleon Ave & Sibille St



Seniors Helping Seniors

April 6 & 20 @ 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)
April 24 - 5:30pm-7:30pm
South St. Landry Community Library 235 Marie St, Sunset, 70584

Upcoming Events

Herb Festival
May 5

Rubboard Unveiling Event
May 22 @ 10am

Sunset SunFest
June 2

**Town Hall Meeting
City Court**

**April 12
April 9**

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

The Law Firm of Olivier and Brinkhaus 1962 - 2018

2018 marks the end of an era for many. In February 2018, the Law Firm of Olivier and Brinkhaus closed its doors forever. Rich with history and knowledge, the firm was the center of business activity not only in Sunset, but most of the area surrounding Sunset. With the retirement of John Olivier and the passing of Armand J. Brinkhaus, the fifty-five year partnership ceased to be. The following is a brief history of the firm and the men who established it.

John Olivier began his law practice in Sunset in 1955. The Olivier and Brinkhaus Law Firm was established in 1962 when Armand J. Brinkhaus returned to Sunset to join his brother-in-law. John Olivier retired in 2014 and the firm ended with Armand Brinkhaus' untimely death in February 2017.

The office was connected with politics in Sunset and the area for many years. John served as Mayor of Sunset for forty-five years from 1958 to 2002. Armand was a state representative from 1968 to 1976 and state senator until 1996. The firm was engaged in general law practice for fifty-five years. The "Final Five" staff members worked a combined total of two hundred fifteen years: Carmen B. Daigle for fifty-eight years; Barbara L. Faul for fifty-five years; Patricia D. Nicko for forty-nine years; Connie T. Manual for thirty-one years; and Reggie H. DeVaney for twenty-two years.

Tentative plans are to continue using the building for a law practice. Charles "Chuck" Fontenot has always wanted to return to Sunset and establish a law practice. He will be joined in the office by Frank Olivier.

Around Town



Exit II Yard Sale and Farmers Market- March 17, 2018



National Beta Week 2018-Sunset Middle School

Sunset Middle School Black History Program