

Rubboard Capital of the World

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# Speaking of Sunset!



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## Back to School!

August is already here! It is hard to believe summer vacation is almost over. It seems it was just the other day kids were celebrating the last day of school and anticipating a ten week vacation. And now, all of a sudden, schools are again opening their doors for another academic year. A year sounds like a very long time but, actually, the academic year is not really a full year. It is really only about ten months and of those ten months students attend about 180 days. Those 180 days of the 2018-19 School Year begin August 9 for St. Landry Parish Schools.

In order to welcome students properly, school personnel have been busy getting everything ready. Classrooms have been cleaned; fresh paint has been applied; and the grounds have been land-

scaped. Teachers have been hard at work getting their classrooms just right in an effort to present a bright, welcoming atmosphere for all their students. Each new school year is a wonderful opportunity for every student to excel. There will be new facts to learn and master, and old skills to review. There will be new friends to make and old friends to see again. Each day of the year presents the chance to shine brighter than ever. Each new school year allows for bad habits to be broken and excellent habits and routines to be established. Take the opportunity on August 9 to rise and shine. Take the opportunity to be excited about the new knowledge and great experiences this 2018-19 school year offers. Make it the best one yet!

Written by Pat Watson

## Summer Reading List

Summer reading is encouraged by St Landry Parish School Board and they have provided a list based on grades as follows...

**3rd grade:** The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron, Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney, Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

**4th grade:** Number the Stars by Lois Lowry, The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

**5th grade:** Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan, The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith, Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**6th grade:** No Talking by Andrew Clements, Shiloh Season by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

**7th grade:** Deep and Dark and Dangerous by Mary

Downing Hahn, The Bully (Bluford High Series #5) by Paul Langan, Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

**8th grade:** Theodore Boone-Kid Lawyer by John Grisham, One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

**9th grade:** The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper, The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros

**10th grade:** Lord of the Flies by William Golding, Eragon by Christopher Paolini, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

**11th grade:** A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway, A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly, A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

**12th grade:** 1984 by George Orwell, The Road by Cormac McCarthy, In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

## TOWN HALL MEETING

## Town Hall Meeting Snapshot

- Special Events bar-b-q coal dumping
- Amend noxious weed & dilapidated property ordinance
- Filing documents at courthouse for new town property purchased
- Working on trademark for rubboard project
- Water meter project is substantial complete
- Grooms Engineering, LLC & Mayor to check water filtration systems
- 2 police vehicles for bid-see Town Hall
- 3 new committees for planning-Beautification, Infrastructure, and Fees-Volunteers needed
- Planning for repair of gas leak on Hwy 178, substantial loss of income
- Town inspection done for fire rating 6 wks-3 months for results
- 7 members of fire department received certifications-first time ever!

Next Town Hall meeting August 9, 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



Community Center is available to rent! Call Town Hall for more information and to reserve a date.

Volunteers normally don't have the time, but they do have the HEART!



Call Town Hall to find out what volunteer positions are available!

## From the Mayor's Desk

Greetings from the Mayor

As we begin the transition from summer fun and folly to the beginning of the school year, let us also commit to support the schools and the people we entrust with the education of our children. The measures by which our schools are graded are aggressive, as they should be. The drive to be the best is not a concept that is embraced individually by each school or parish school system, but by the entire state and even possibly the nation. It is a concept that drives the pursuit for the highest possible academic achievement throughout the world. However, it is most important that the teachers who work to achieve the highest academic levels know we are with them and support them in this effort. It is not solely their responsibility. It is ours, yours and mine, as well, for if they fail, we all fail. As has been said before, sometimes that support may simply mean a word of thanks to the teachers for what they do; or maybe an offer to help; or, in the privacy of our homes, a stern directive to our children about behavior and respect for everyone including themselves. I know that the phrase, "The Children are Our Future", is an over worked cliché, but truth will always stand the test of time and the phrase is still with us and still has relevance. In community, all children are our children. Let's work together to see that they all succeed and prosper. We simply must commit to positively reinforcing the idea that education is the key to a successful future.

To the students, parents and teachers, I pray God's blessing and protection on you all. Have a great year of sharing the wonderful gift of learning. "See you in the hallways"!

### Sunset Water System

I, along with Alderman Whitney Broussard and our town engineer Mark Savoy, visited a LUS water treatment plant in Carencro last week. The purpose of the visit was to observe the operations of their water filtration system. The experience was very rewarding as we were privileged to see the entire system and learn firsthand how it works, and how LUS and its customers have benefited from having it in place. As you might have guessed, it is expensive. The drawbacks are: the instillation will require the purchase of additional property, preferably somewhere near the water well; and it will be necessary to construct a building to house the equipment. One of the benefits is their system is it is designed to remove 99.9% of all of the iron and manganese from the water stream, eliminating the need for chemicals. Also beneficial is the system is simple to operate and requires a minimal amount of additional manpower. A third benefit is the production of clean, clear, and refreshing water for their customers. For an additional investment the system can be equipped with a water softener.

It is not just important, but necessary we consider progressing to some type of filtration system. Water quality begins with the water well over which we have little control. However, we can make good informed choices as to how we treat the water we get from the well.

### Old Sunset High Building

The Charter School Board continues to meet; however, I haven't received the latest report from them, as they will be meeting a week after this article is submitted for print. But we will provide space for the Board to address the subject in the September issue of the newsletter.

### Complaints

We are working very hard to deal with the noxious weeds and dilapidated houses complaints. Again, this is a community problem and needs a united community response. We will do our part, you can assist us by making us aware of these unacceptable conditions. Speak to your Councilman about them or come to the Town Meetings. This is our home, if we work together we can make it what we want it to be.

May the peace of God be with you and your families.

The Mayor



# Calendar of Events



**Story Time** Age: Lap sit-5 years  
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
10:15-10:45am



**Saturday Game Days** Ages: 6-up  
August 4, 11, 18, 25  
1:30-3:30pm



**Tween Tech** Age: 10-12  
August 11  
11am-12pm



**Slime Club Class** Age: 9-12  
Friday August 17th  
3:30-5pm



**Computer Class-Internet**  
Friday August 24  
10am-12pm

**Computer Class-Communicating with the Internet**  
Friday August 24  
1-3pm



**Book Club**  
**Circle of Friends Book Club**  
Saturday August 24  
1pm

**Knowledge is power!**

Armand J Brinkhaus Community Library is completely automated, wireless, and has a total of thirty computers on the network with internet access.  
Questions call 337-662-3442

## Upcoming Events

Exit 11 Yard Sale  
September 15

Cardinal Fun Fest  
October 7

Household Hazardous  
Waste Day  
November 3

Election Day  
November 6

If you have information on upcoming events or interesting articles please send them to speakingofsunset@yahoo.com

Thank you  
Melissa Primeaux

## Back to School Dates



St Ignatius  
Wednesday, August 8th



St Landry Parish  
Thursday, August 9th

**SLCC**  
SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

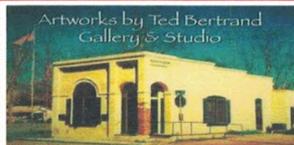
South Louisiana Community  
College  
Monday, August 13th



Westminster  
Tuesday, August 14th



UNIVERSITY  
OF LOUISIANA  
Lafayette  
University of Louisiana  
Monday, August 20th



**Open House at Artworks by Ted Bertrand**  
August 3 - 5:30pm-8pm

New artist featured monthly, live music, and refreshments  
855 Napoleon Ave, Sunset



August 4, 11, 18, 25 8am-12pm  
@ 832 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset  
For market or vendor info call 337-662-FARM



**Summer Break  
Returning September**



August 3 & 17 @ 10:30 am at Community Center  
Please call Joann Mayfield @ 337-298-7066 or  
Shirley James @ 337-945-5043 with any questions



Survivors of Suicide Support Group (18yrs and older)  
August 28 - 5:30pm-7:30pm  
South St. Landry Community Library 235 Marie St, Sunset, 70584  
More information contact Kim Juneau 337-540-8910  
Sunset 337-331-5577 Grand Coteau 337-313-4448

**Town Hall Meeting  
City Court**

August 9  
August 13

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

# Around Town

