



Speaking of Sunset!



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FREE Flu Clinic
Friday Feb 2, 2018
1-4pm @ Sunset
Health Unit
178 Sunset Strip
337-662-5260

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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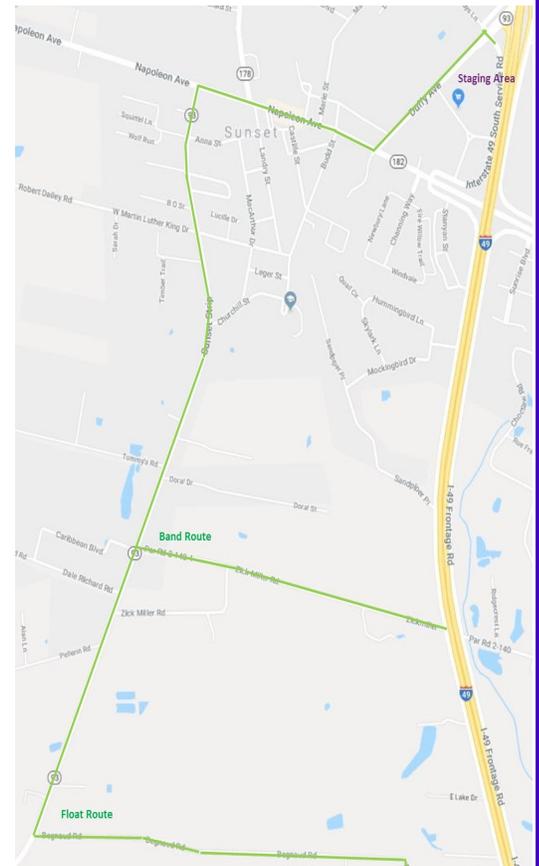
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Free

Sunset Mardi Gras Parade

As you know, thousands of visitors travel to Louisiana to revel in the tradition of Mardi Gras! Our local businesses, new and old, contribute to the rich culture and heritage that Sunset is known for. The Sunset Mardi Gras Association is kicking off the 3rd Annual Sunset Mardi Gras Parade!! The Sunset Mardi Gras parade will roll through the streets of Sunset February 13, starting at 2:00 pm on Duffy street. The route continues right on Napoleon and turns left on 93, heading out of town. Please plan for streets to be closed at 1:00 pm. There will be signs and barricades to guide traffic. Once the parade starts, no one should cross the barricades. There will be port-a-lets placed on both sides of the street along the parade route for parade goers to use. For public safety there will be no dogs or horses allowed on the parade route. Additionally, is also no glass bottles will be allowed, so please bring non-glass containers for your beverages. Police will be present throughout the parade route and there will be zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior. If you see anything needing attention, please advise the officer closest to you or call the Sunset Police Department at 337 -662-5555.

Please join us and celebrate the Mardi Gras holiday as we look forward to a successful, family oriented parade!



Follow us on FaceBook @ [sunsetmardigras](https://www.facebook.com/sunsetmardigras).
 Questions, call 337-337-322-5374.

Town Hall Meeting Snapshot

- Public input on water quality & compliance/boil advisory vs boil order
 - Moving forward with slab for chemical injection system for water well
 - Water meter installation beginning soon and should take approximately two months to complete
 - Mobile home ordinance still under review. Draft ready before next meeting
 - Richard house owner notified to attend meeting in February to demolish house
 - Fire truck repair waiting on full inspection
 - Sunset Volunteer Fire Department completed over 18 hours of training
- Next Town Hall meeting February 8, 2018, 6:00pm @ the Community Center**



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Did You Know?
Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.

Source: U.S. EPA



From the Mayor's Desk

Greetings

My best wishes to those of you who are down because of the flu. I certainly hope that you get well soon so you can get back to doing the things you like to do. It is my sincere hope and prayer that the effects on everyone have been minimal or nonexistent.

Weather

So this is what winter is supposed to look like. Still trying to decide if I like it or not. We have seen two snow events and without checking the record books I know it has been a long time since we have witnessed anything quite like this. Although I am still not sure if I like it or not, I must admit it is sort of special. Out-of-the-ordinary events like this bring out the kid in you and you know the excitement that only a kid has for these special times. An excitement, that for some reason, we adults keep deeply hidden under all our grownup stuff. Yes, nice break I think.

Oh well, back to the grownup stuff. While it is good to allow ourselves to take a break, the men of the Utility department were not so fortunate. They were working day and night to keep the water and gas flowing. No easy task as evidenced by the time put in by Utility Supervisor Robert Dunbar. Because of the freezing temperatures, many of us let the water run as is the practice so the water would not freeze in the pipes causing them to rupture. Others chose to turn off the water where it connects to the Town's water system, after which they drained the water from the piping to prevent them from bursting. Because our water system is primarily gravity fed keeping the water level in the tank was a challenge. After experiencing some initial problems with a mechanical failure at the wellsite, which caused the water level in the tank to drop to very low levels for about 20 minutes, we have been able, again with Robert's hard work and dedication, to stay on line throughout the cold spell. We continue to experience an intermittent glitch in the electrical system at the well. Monitoring the activities at the well continues and, once the weather warms, we will be able to make a more extensive examination of the equipment to find the source of troubles.

Open Door Policy

When I took office in 2014 one of the first things I did was to establish an open door policy and it is still in place. If you have a question or concern, I am in the office every day.

Mardi Gras Festivities

It's getting to be time again for Mardi Gras. The Mardi Gras Committee is at work planning the parade and assorted activities for Mardi Gras 2018. The parade is scheduled for

February 13, 2018, at 2:00PM. Come bring the children to what is quickly becoming a fun-filled family day.

Sunset Mardi Gras Dance

Thanks to the Sunset Mardi Gras Association for a great time at their annual Mardi Gras Dance held at Exclusive of Sunset on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Congratulations to the 2018 King and Queen of the Sunset Mardi Gras Association, Dwayne and Dori Janise. Crowning the new King and Queen was the 2017 King and Queen, George and Pansy Walker. The 2018 Sunset Mardi Gras Association Parade Marshall is Mr. Robert Barry II.

The 2018 Mardi Gras Dance guest list boasted the following royalty:

Mrs. Melissa Anderson – 2017-18 Mrs. Louisiana USA Ambassador, Mrs. Shirley Jolivet – 2018 Lady Sunset Queen, Serenity Lavergne – 2018 Miss Teen Sunset and Miss Teen Gulf Coast Royal International, Cheyenne Jolivet – 2018 Miss Sunset Queen (Cheyenne was represented by her mother, Mrs. Germaine Jolivet), Alana Rainey – Ms. Louisiana Mardi Gras, Keondria Hayes – Ms. Louisiana Royal International

Planning Commission Office

We have officially established the Planning Commission Office in the conference room of the Community Center. Lorna Guynn, Town Planner, is busy preparing her goals for 2018. Feel free to stop by Lorna's office for a visit. Lorna will be in her office from 8:00AM to 4:30PM on Thursdays of each week.

Water Meter Project

The Electronic Water Meter project is back on track. The purpose and scope of the project is to upgrade the Town of Sunset's water meters to assist in detecting leaks, reduce the amount of unaccounted for water,

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Calendar of Events



Mardi Gras
February 13



Valentine's Day
February 14



Presidents Day
February 19

Upcoming Events

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, Wednes-
day 10-6, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Saturday
10-4. Closed every Sunday and Monday
337-662-3442

FINE FORGIVENESS MONTH-Late items in good condition can be returned with no fine



Tutoring program
Every Saturday

@ 10:30am-1:30pm

Tutors are Louisiana Board Certi-
fied educators. Math tutoring for
grades 1-6 and 7-12 on alternating
Saturdays. Bring homework or as-
signment that are being worked on
so teachers are able to help the
students.



Teen Book Club
February 10 @ 1:00 pm
"When Willows Weep"
by Charlay Marie



ACT Free Practice Test

February 24 @ 10am

Need help with the ACT? Join us
at the library for a free practice
test and see what you score be-
fore you take the real one. Re-
freshments will be served.



Computer class

February 27 @ 10-11am

Learn how to download books and
navigate your kindle or e-reader



Book Club
February 24 @ 1pm



Story Time
February 3, 10, 17, 24
10:15am—10:45am



Starting in February
Board Games 2-3pm
Every Saturday



Mardi Gras Break

No School - Feb 12-14



Farmers Market

Winter Break

@ 832 Napoleon Avenue, Sunset

For market or vendor info call 337-662-FARM



Sunset Jam

Winter Break—Resuming March 2018



Seniors Helping Seniors

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Feb 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)

February 27 - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Town Hall Meeting
City Court

Feb 8
Feb 19

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

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and save the Town money in costs paid to a meter reading contractor. This will be accomplished with the installation of an automatic meter reading system by placing new meter registers and electronic transmitters on all water services throughout the Town. Also, up to 800 broken and/or incompatible meters will be replaced with new water meters. The project is to be financed through the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) – Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) program. Work on this project is scheduled to begin in the next two months.

Volunteers

Thanks to Melissa Primeaux and Pat Watson for their extraordinary service and dedication to getting the Sunset News Letter out every month.

Trash

Please help keep our town clean by properly disposing of trash and debris.

Thanks. Mayor James

2018 Sunset Mardi Gras Parade King and Queen

The Sunset Mardi Gras Association's 2018 King and Queen are Michael Dwayne Janise and Dori Ann Doucet Janise. The married couple of 26 years have served on the Sunset Mardi Gras Association board together for the last three years. Dori has been the president of the organization while Dwayne has served on the board. Together they have three beautiful daughters and a grandson, granddaughter, and a new grandson to be born in April.

Dwayne has worked in his family business, Janise's Supermarket, since 1984. Dwayne, Dori, and Dwayne's sister, Lori and her husband Kevin Labbe, bought the business in 2001. Dori grew up in Church Point. She has 25 years of experience in mortgage banking, where she was a member of Acadiana Mortgage Bankers for 5 years. In addition, she has 8 years of experience as a nurse.

Every year at the Sunset Mardi Gras Association, the chosen king and queen are a married couple. This makes them very unique; however, it is the commitment to providing good family fun that is their utmost priority as an association. Dwayne and Dori commented, "Our commitment to our town is to provide safe, family fun. We are so excited to be King and Queen for we truly love Mardi Gras. The carnival season is where our culture is honored. Our goals are to keep our traditions and heritage alive. Royalty is someone who gives and serves its community. It is not measured by money but a kind and giving heart. The responsibility to serve and represent our community is truly a great honor. Sunset is where we work, play, and pray."



Article by Stacey Justice with Community Chronicles

New Crosswalk and Rules



When approaching the intersection of Napoleon and Sibille you will see a new crosswalk. Along with the new crosswalk, the state has posted yellow warning signs to alert drivers of the upcoming crossing. Because the crosswalk is new, there have been some close calls. According to Louisiana law RS 32:212, the driver of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk. With this said, no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Please be cautious when driving or walking down Napoleon near the intersection of Sibille Street. Let's keep pedestrians and drivers safe on the streets of Sunset.