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OF NOV. 8TH
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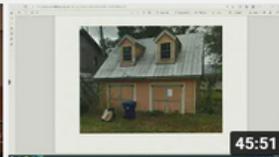
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October 2022

The Live Oak Journal team is excited to announce that we gave away over 500 free issues of Volume 1!

As we dove into creating Volume 2, we decided to organize our information a little differently this go-round. Each issue will have three main sections: The History of Abita Springs, Upcoming Events and Community News, and Information about our Local Government. In this issue, we chose to take an in-depth look at our upcoming election on November 8th. Take a look at our candidate bios and important dates.

If you would like to write a feature piece or know of an Abita Springs story worth sharing, please do not hesitate to reach out. Contact Kristin Tortorich at Ktortorich@abitaspringsla.gov.

We appreciate all of the support for this new tradition in our town!

Your,

-Live Oak Journal Team

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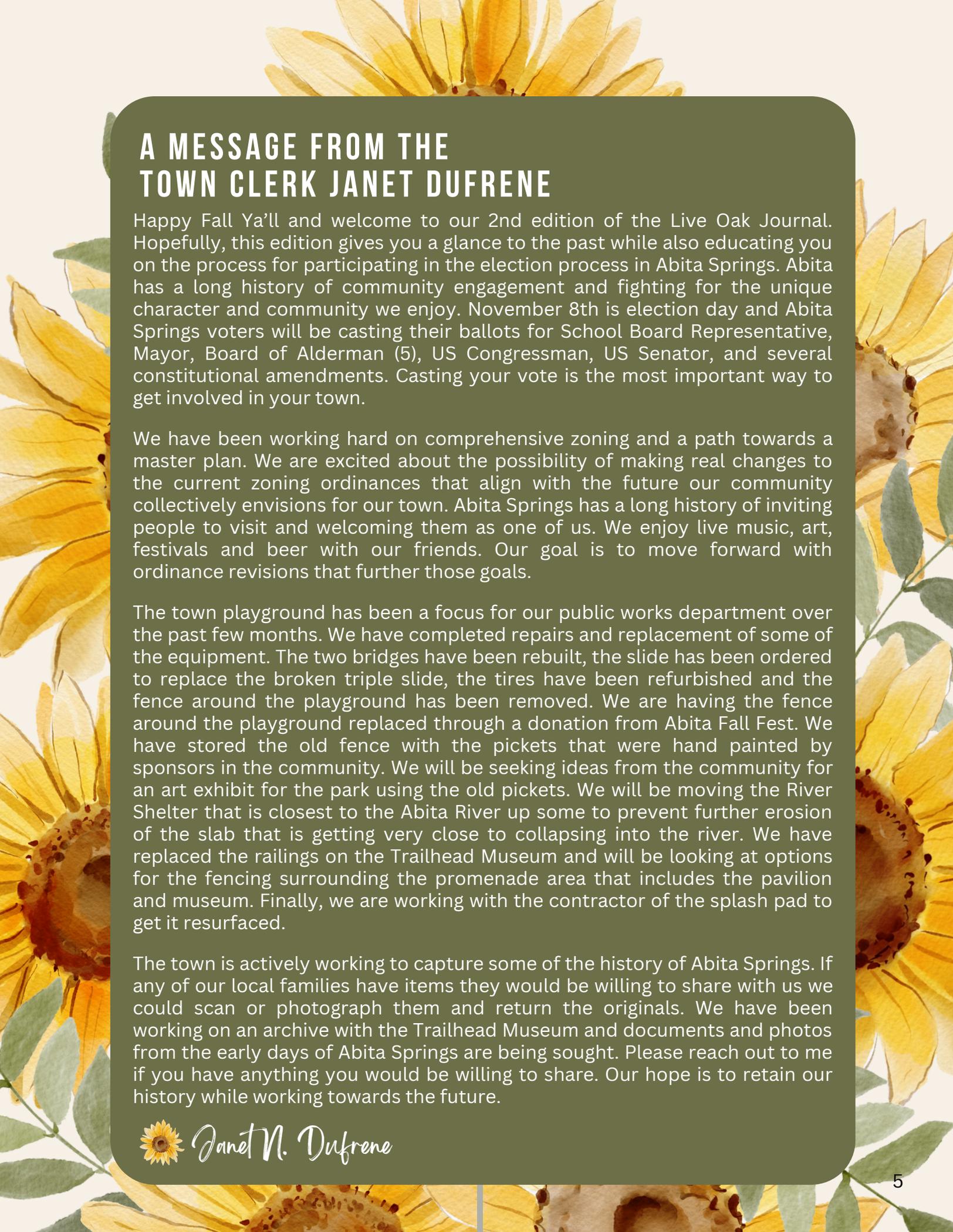
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A decorative background of watercolor sunflowers in shades of yellow and orange, with green leaves, framing a central dark green rounded rectangle containing text.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK JANET DUFRENE

Happy Fall Ya'll and welcome to our 2nd edition of the Live Oak Journal. Hopefully, this edition gives you a glance to the past while also educating you on the process for participating in the election process in Abita Springs. Abita has a long history of community engagement and fighting for the unique character and community we enjoy. November 8th is election day and Abita Springs voters will be casting their ballots for School Board Representative, Mayor, Board of Alderman (5), US Congressman, US Senator, and several constitutional amendments. Casting your vote is the most important way to get involved in your town.

We have been working hard on comprehensive zoning and a path towards a master plan. We are excited about the possibility of making real changes to the current zoning ordinances that align with the future our community collectively envisions for our town. Abita Springs has a long history of inviting people to visit and welcoming them as one of us. We enjoy live music, art, festivals and beer with our friends. Our goal is to move forward with ordinance revisions that further those goals.

The town playground has been a focus for our public works department over the past few months. We have completed repairs and replacement of some of the equipment. The two bridges have been rebuilt, the slide has been ordered to replace the broken triple slide, the tires have been refurbished and the fence around the playground has been removed. We are having the fence around the playground replaced through a donation from Abita Fall Fest. We have stored the old fence with the pickets that were hand painted by sponsors in the community. We will be seeking ideas from the community for an art exhibit for the park using the old pickets. We will be moving the River Shelter that is closest to the Abita River up some to prevent further erosion of the slab that is getting very close to collapsing into the river. We have replaced the railings on the Trailhead Museum and will be looking at options for the fencing surrounding the promenade area that includes the pavilion and museum. Finally, we are working with the contractor of the splash pad to get it resurfaced.

The town is actively working to capture some of the history of Abita Springs. If any of our local families have items they would be willing to share with us we could scan or photograph them and return the originals. We have been working on an archive with the Trailhead Museum and documents and photos from the early days of Abita Springs are being sought. Please reach out to me if you have anything you would be willing to share. Our hope is to retain our history while working towards the future.

 Janet N. Dufrene



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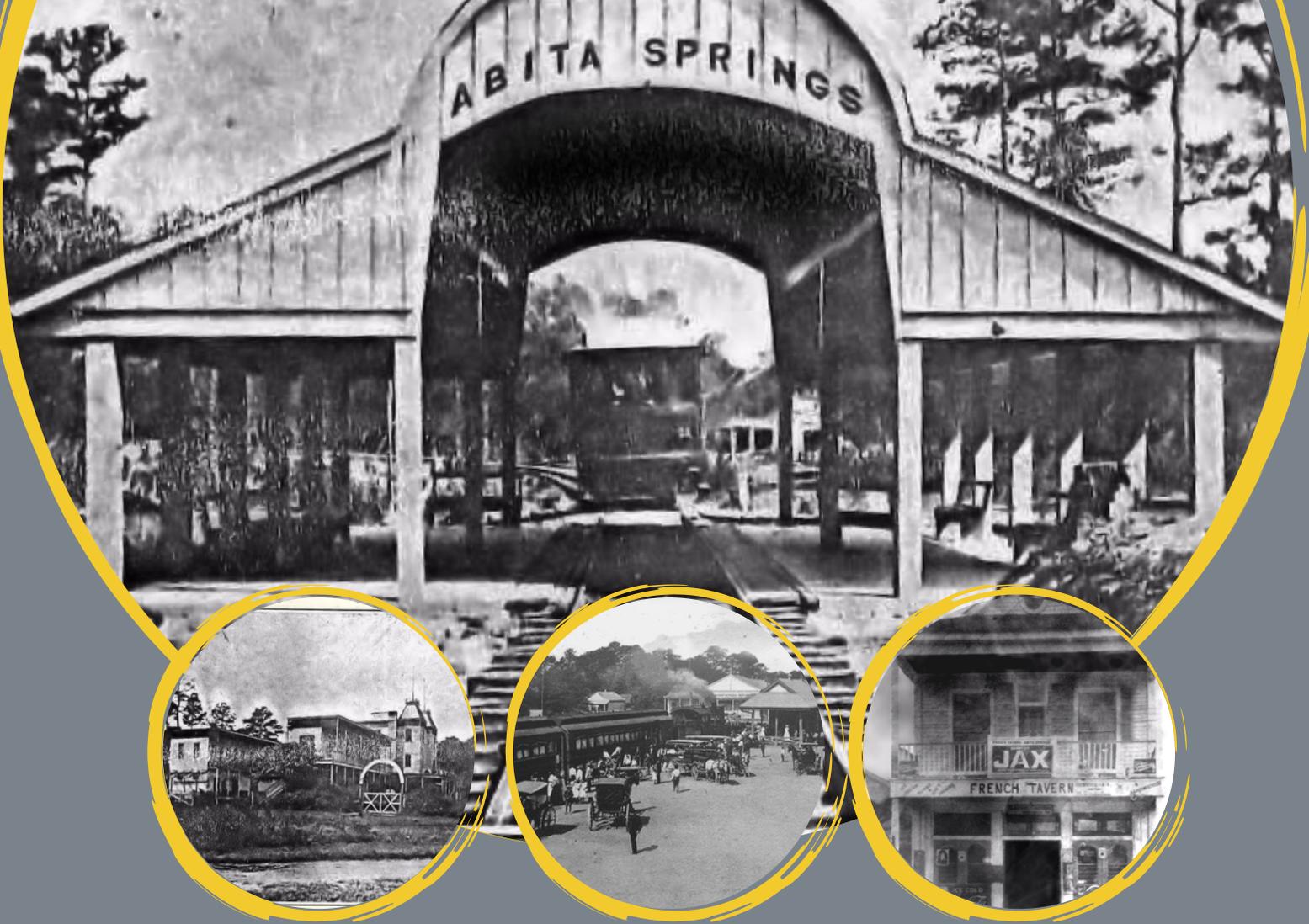
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Exploring the History of

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72082 Live Oak St.

By Brenda Lanier



In 1913, a young lady named Mathilda Emily Balser traveled from New Orleans to spend a week in Abita Springs. She met Edward Strain who worked with his dad, George, at their general merchandise store located on the corner of Laurel & Main Street. She came for a week, fell in love, married, and stayed a lifetime.

Edward, Mathilda, and Arnold were living in their new Live Oak home in 1921 when Mathilda gave birth to a daughter, Marie.

In 1928, Marie died at seven years old from tetanus after a fall on gravel on Live Oak Street. Doctors did everything they could to save her. Edward and Mathilda never had any more children. Homes are filled with both happiness and sadness.

Time passed and the house bustled with everyday life, again. There were chickens, clotheslines, an outdoor kitchen for cooking pears, and a garage with a lean-to outdoor shower for Arnold and his cousin, Bertrand, to use after swimming in the Abita River. On weekday afternoons, Tillie's neighbors would drop by for homemade layer



Edward Strain

*Grandfather of
Ruth Prats and Brenda Lanier*

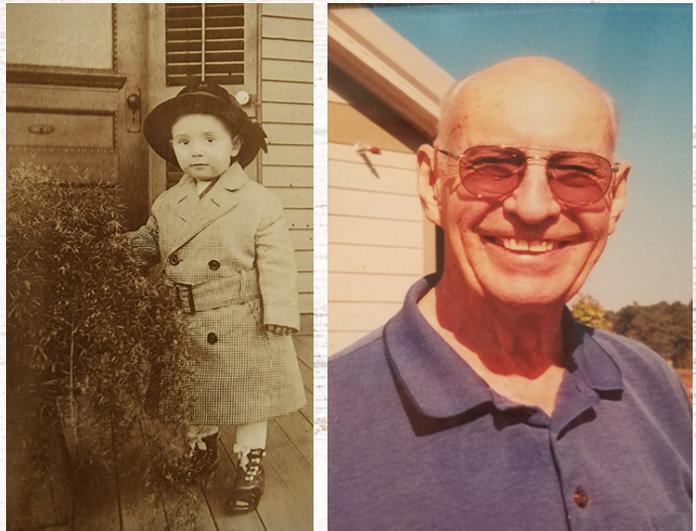
Edward purchased Lot 10, Square 7, Live Oak Street on March 22, 1915 and built a home for Mathilda. Her friends gave her the nickname, Tillie, and she was happy in Abita.



Mathilda (Tillie) Balser Strain

cake with vanilla icing and coffee. Their home was an inviting place in the middle of a wonderful Abita neighborhood where everyone helped one another. On Friday nights, the family sat on the front porch and played Bingo because they could hear the numbers being called from the open windows at the Abita Town Hall.

Best of all, Tillie loved Sunday afternoons when her aunts and uncles from New Orleans drove over to Abita. Their car arrived filled with McKenzie's éclairs and cream puffs. Paperwhite narcissus bloomed along the sidewalk, grandchildren played in the front yard, and Tillie caught up on all the New



Edward Arnold Strain as a child
in the 1920s and in the 2000s
(*Ruth Prats and Brenda Lanier's Father*)

Orleans news. Southern hospitality and laughter happened on the porch at Live Oak Street on Sundays.

After her family left on Sunday evening to return to New Orleans, Tillie sat quietly on the front porch in the glider, nearby wisteria fragrance filled the air, and she read the next chapter in her library book.

In 2019, the grandchildren, Brenda Lanier and Ruth Prats, sold Live Oak to Mr. Bill Hawayek, the perfect new owner. Over the next two years, he embarked on a labor of love to painstakingly and to completely bring his home into the 21st century while preserving all the historical elements of the past. Today, it is truly an Abita home for the next 100 years with new memories to share on the front porch.

When you pass by 72082 Live Oak Street, glance over and smile at Bill's beautifully restored home... a precious "jewel" in Abita Springs. He knows in his heart that Tillie approves.

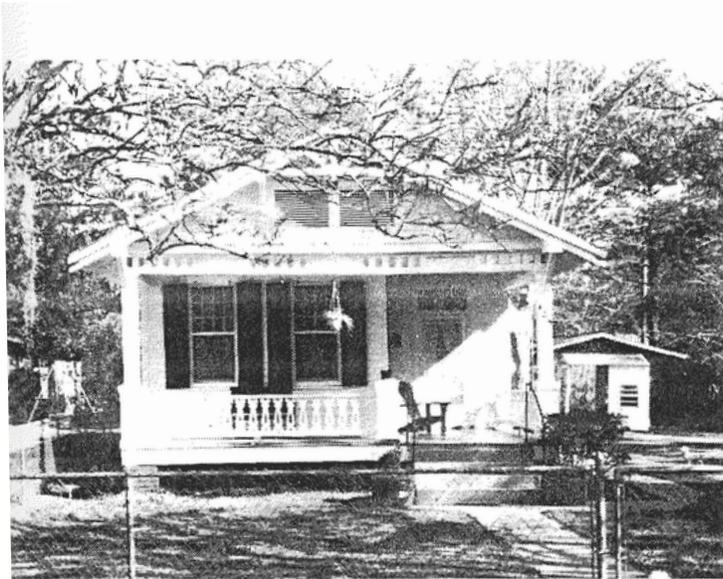
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sold Live Oak to Mr. Bill
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owner."*



Brenda Lanier, Bill Hawayek,
and Ruth Prats

Historic Home Spotlight

Housing Inventory Abita Springs Historic District



I.
 Parish St. Tammany
 Municipality Abita Springs
 U.S.G.S. Quad Covington
 Township 6 Range 12 Section _____
 Type of Property Residential
 Name (common) _____
 Name (historic) _____
 Address 405 Live Oak

Present Owner Edward Strain
 Address 405 Live Oak

Date or period of construction _____
 at least 83 years

- II.
1. Good to excellent example of loc type _____
 2. Average example XXXXX
 3. Poor example _____

III. Physical description of property and historical significance

Very decorative balusters and bands add unique detailing to this early 1900's bungalow style home. Slightly raised off of the ground, the home is at least 83 years old and is owned by the decendants of the original owners.

IV. Square 7, Lot 10 NE

Recorded by St. Tammany Parish Planning Staff
 Date March, 1980
 For Abita Springs Historic Preservation Study

V.

Sources consulted _____



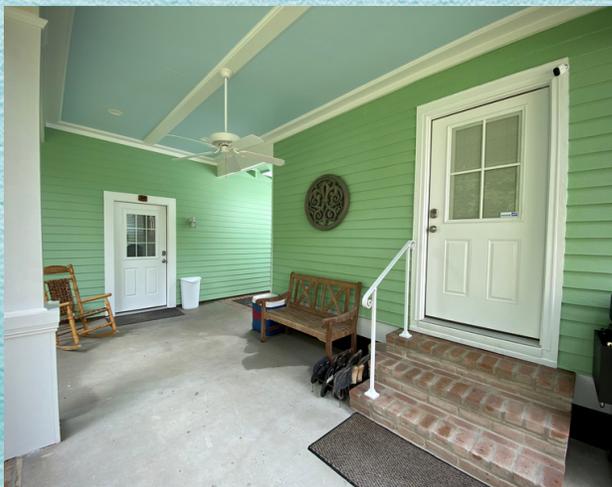
The House in 2019 when Mr. Hawayek purchased it from Mrs. Lanier and Mrs. Prats

Historic Home Spotlight

72082 Live Oak Street



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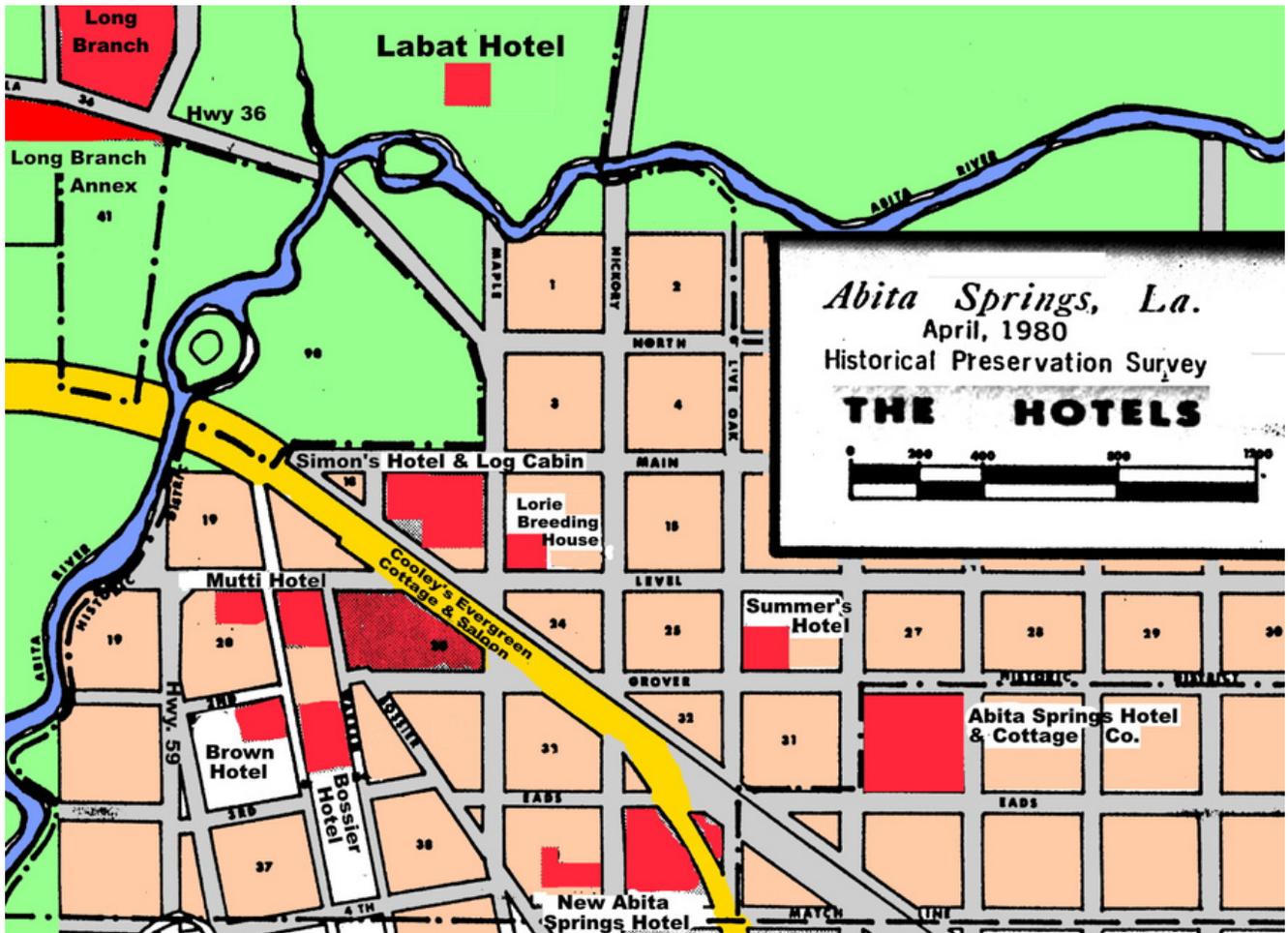
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A HISTORY OF ABITA SPRINGS HOTELS

In 1980 a historical preservation survey of Abita Springs included a map of the several hotels that were located in the town in the early 1900's. Below is the map, with slight graphic improvements.

Source: Map 5, Page 22, of the Abita Springs, LA Historical Preservation Survey, June 1980
Prepared by the St. Tammany Parish Planning Commission



The Simon's Hotel opened on August 14, 1887, "offering visitors a French kitchen with Parisian style cooking. By late 1888 hotels included the Bossier House, Labat's Hotel, the Long Branch and Simon's.

The report states that "in January 1891, the fine cottage of Gustave Martin and the unfinished two story hotel building of Matthew Brown were entirely consumed by fire." Later in the year, fire destroyed the newly built Bossier Hotel.

By 1892, local newspapers were noting that Abita Springs had hotels named Moran's Hotel, Martin's Hotel, Summer's Hotel, Bossier's Hotel, Labat's Hotel, Long Branch and Simon's, in addition to the "rumor" of the Great Northern Hotel.

"In 1895, there is mention of the Gem Hotel owned by Rose Martin and A.A. Cooley's Evergreen Cottage," the preservation survey stated. "In April of 1898 the Abita Springs Hotel was opened with Widow O. Aubert being the proprietress."

The Abita Springs Hotel burned in 1900 and was rebuilt with steam heat to accommodate year-round visitors.

In 1903 the Mutti Hotel was named in the local newspapers, along with Duqusne Cottage, Ozone Cottage Company, Strain's Cottage, and Spring View Cottage.



This is an old spring at Labat's Hotel in Abita Springs, taken in about 1901. The water was supposed to be healthful and it was a haven for holiday and week-end visitors.

ABITA HOTEL MAN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Alexander Mutti, who owns several hotels in Abita Springs, is preparing for a good season for next year. He is building four cottages at the Abita Springs Hotel and is building three others nearby. Two cottages he is building near the Catholic church will be modernly equipped family residences with all the conveniences that are attractive to the city man who spends the season at Abita. The hotel improvements will make accommodations for quite an increased number of guests.

News Item January 1, 1921



THE MAIN BUILDING.

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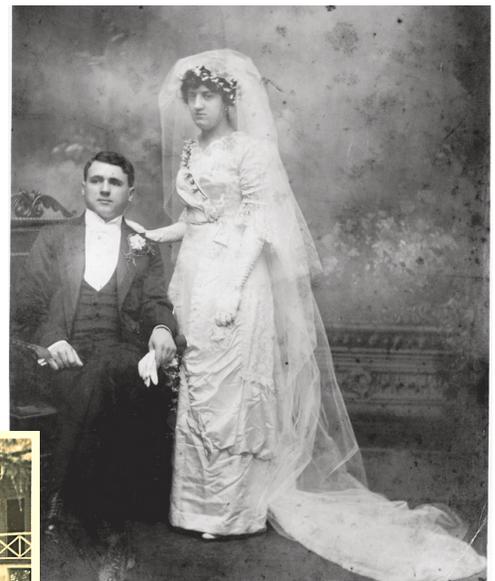
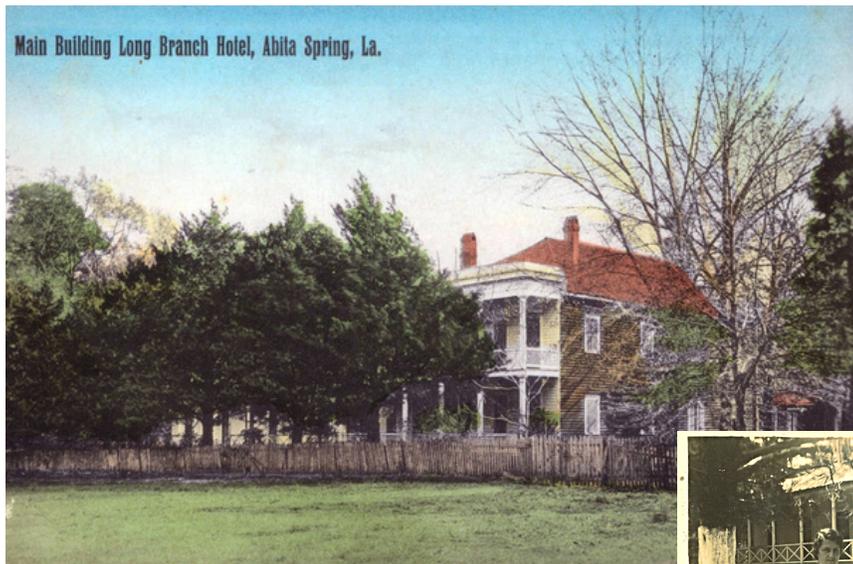
"Many fine hotels and cottages were established in Abita Springs due to its development as a major resort center," the preservation survey explained. "The larger hotels such as the Bossier House, Labat's, Mutti, Simon's, Long Branch, Abita Springs Hotel and Cottage Company, New Abita Springs Hotel and the Ozone Belt Hotel and Cottages consisted of a main building with several 'bachelor' and 'family' cottages. "



"These hotels were very well patronized at a time when Abita Springs was at its height of popularity. Accommodations for some two thousand guests were available in Abita at its zenith.

"In addition to the hotels, several houses and cottages were established to accommodate summer visitors. Lorio, Barclay, Morin, Martin's, and Strain Cottages to name a few all offered room and board to weekend and summer visitors. "

The survey went on to describe the extensive gardens that surrounded some of the Abita hotels, gardens of which much of the landscaping and plantings still existed in 1980, when the survey was written.



Arnaud & Odette Loustalot
 Wedding in 1912



Odette Loustalot at the
 Long Branch Hotel
 1930's

Owners of
 Long Branch Hotel
 1922-1944



This building is De Bat's Hotel in Abita Springs, taken around the turn of the century when the town was quite a week-end and vacation resort. Mr. and Mrs. Charles De Bat are standing in the center of the photo. Seated third from the left is their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Salzer, who presently lives on Rangeline road. Next to her is another daughter, the late Mrs. Walter J. Parker, mother of Mrs. Lester Bordelon of Stafford road. Others in the picture were hotel guests, most of them New Orleanians who came to take advantage of Abita's much-publicized healthful ozone atmosphere and invigorating water. The sign reads "Board, \$ Per Day", and "Excursion Dinners 60 Cts."

The Caption Reads: This building is DeBat's Hotel in Abita Springs, taken around the turn of the century when the town was quite a week-end and vacation resort. Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeBat are standing in the center of the photo. Seated third from left is their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Salzer, who presently lives on Rangeline Road. Next to her is another daughter, the late Mrs. Walter J. Parker, mother of Mrs. Lester Bordelon of Stafford Road. Others in the picture were hotel guests, most of them New Orleanians who came to take advantage of Abita's much-publicized healthful ozone atmosphere and invigorating water. The sign reads: "Board, \$ Per Day" and "Excursion Dinners 60 Cents"



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Abita Springs Community Groups

Keep Abita Beautiful



The Mission of Keep Abita Beautiful is to organize litter cleanups; promote recycling; plan & coordinate beautification projects; and to educate adults and children about these activities. When possible, Keep Abita Beautiful works with the Town of Abita Springs, St. Tammany Parish, and other civic organizations. Board Meetings, held at the Abita Trailhead Museum are at 6:00, on the second Thursday of each month except June. The public is invited to attend.

Abita Springs Women's Society

The purpose of the Abita Springs Women's Society (ASWS) is to work for the business and civic progress of our town and to cooperate with civic and community organizations in furthering the development of the Town of Abita Springs and its residents. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the Month. We gather at 6:30pm and our meeting starts at 7:00pm. We meet at the Women's Center, 71667 Leveson Street, Abita Springs. Email for more info. asws70420@gmail.com

Garden Club

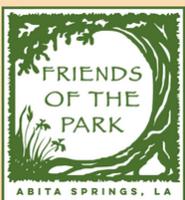


The Mission of the Abita Springs Garden Club is to provide gardening education, resources, and inspiration; promote the cultivation of native trees and wildflowers provide habitat for birds and butterflies; participate in community beautification and foster an appreciation of gardening in the community. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month; September-June at 1:30 pm at the Abita Springs Town Hall. Email for more info. abitasprings.gardenclub@gmail.com

Abita Men's Club

The Abita Springs Men's Club now meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00. Since COVID and the Town Hall renovation process it has been meeting at members' homes, but the October meeting will be at Town Hall. All interested men are invited to join for evenings of conversation. The club participates in local civic events when possible. We will be continuing our tradition of giving away slices of watermelon to kids during the town's 4th of July celebration. Join our Facebook group to keep informed of upcoming meetings.

Friends of the Park



The Abita Springs Friends of the Park non-profit meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00. It meets either at the Park outside the Trailhead Museum or at Town Hall. Everyone interested in improving the Parks and greenspace of our town is welcome. FOP organizes the annual Earth Day fest in April, and participates in other town civic events. FOP is currently best known for giving away trees and shrubs to the public. The next such giveaway is planned for November 12 in conjunction with the glass recycling effort.



We're Back!

ABITA SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Abita Springs Senior Club is back! We are now meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Abita Springs Town Hall. Meetings will begin at 11 am and run for approximately two hours. Annual dues will resume in January 2023 and are \$5.00 per person. At monthly meetings, fried chicken will be purchased, and all sides & desserts are potluck. If you choose not to bring a side, there will be a \$5.00 charge per person to assist with the purchasing of the fried chicken. We are still accepting new members!

**For more information please contact Ms. Darleen Johnson
at 985-246-6555 or via email darleen70420@gmail.com.**



We meet on the Third
Wednesday of the month

- **October 19**
- **November 16**
- **December 21**



Abita Springs Trailhead Museum



HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Fridays & Saturdays 10am - 4pm
& Sundays 11am - 3pm during the Farmers Market. Admission is free.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cajun Dance September 10
Cajun Dance October 15
Push Mow Parade February 11, 2023
Whole Town Garage Sale March 25, 2023
En Plein Air April 28-30, 2023

Exhibiting and celebrating the history and culture of Abita Springs



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 trailheadmuseum@gmail.com



The Abita Springs Trailhead Museum has played an essential role in supporting our community since 2008. Visitors from around the world are offered the opportunity to explore our history and culture through permanent displays about our Choctaw heritage, our healing waters, and the tourism boom of the early 20th century. Abita Springs is known as a nurturing place for artists and craftspeople. The museum continuously creates opportunities for self-expression through exhibitions and events. Poets, musicians, and culture bearers also regularly present their work during special events. Our ongoing support of the annual Busker Festival and En Plein Air art exhibitions contribute greatly to the peace and well-being of the community.

The museum is always looking for docents willing to volunteer their time during open hours. Once familiar with the routine, volunteering can be a great opportunity to interact with our visitors from around the area and the world.

Board meetings are held at the museum at 5pm on the last Tuesday of each month except in June and July. The public is encouraged to attend. If you would like to be considered to serve on the board, please let us know. We are dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history and culture of Abita Springs. The museum is owned and operated by the Town of Abita Springs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - George Long

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Board members: Stewart Eastman, Calissa Folse, Michelle Milner, Jimmy Nelson, Felicia Walker

Emeritus board members: Ron Blicht, Bryan Gowland, Geralyn Lips





KAB BOARD MEETINGS

At the Trailhead, 6:00 PM, Public Welcome

- Thurs. Oct. 13, 6 pm
- Thurs., Nov. 10, 6 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 8, 6 pm

FALL 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Oct. 11 & 12 Keep Louisiana Beautiful State Convention, Baton Rouge

WED., OCT. 19, 9-11, WIPE OUT WEDNESDAY

Magnolia Montessori School Kids & Volunteers cleanup (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

SAT., OCT. 22, 9-11AM NURSERY SUBDIVISION CARNATION ST. PARK & ENTRANCES ONLY

Supplies/Registration: Carnation Street Park (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

MON., OCT. 31 TRUNK OR TREAT

Look for our table at Town Hall and be sure to check out our Recycling and Trash corn hole game! KAB will be collecting recycling & picking up litter.



NOVEMBER

Fri. Nov. 4, 9 am, FALL FEST PREPARATION

Trailhead Park. Set up recycling stations and trash containers. (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS: FRI., NOV. 4 EVENING AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning and afternoon shifts, sign up is online (www.abitafallfest.com/volunteer) . KAB volunteers can denote trash and recycling OR work another job

SAT., NOV. 5, 7AM-1PM KOOP DR., HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

(www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org/events)

SAT., NOV. 12, 9-11 GLASS RECYCLING & FRIENDS OF THE PARK TREE GIVE AWAY

Town Hall Annex, Live Oak Street



DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 9, 5-9 pm, Holiday Market, Trailhead Park, Fundraising

Sat., Dec. 17, 6-9 pm, Wacky Wreath Auction Fundraiser

TBD: Highway 435 Town Employee Cleanup



FREE GLASS RECYCLING EVENT



Sponsored by Keep Abita Beautiful

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
9AM-11AM

IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL ANNEX
72077 LIVE OAK STREET
ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420

{ENTER FROM LEVEL STREET AND DEPART ON MAIN STREET}

Acceptable glass to drop off:

food jars, wine, beer, and soda bottles.



- All glass must be clean of food particles.

- Labels do not need to be taken off.



- Please limit the amount you drop off to approximately the volume of one 18-gallon bin or banker's box, per household.

Approximately 80 trees will be provided to the first attendees who bring glass recyclables - courtesy of Friends of the Park.

In partnership with:



Please Join us for a

Wacky Wreath

AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Abita Springs Town Hall

Saturday, December 17th from 6-9PM

WACKY WREATH PARTY? WHAT IS IT?

The late Abita jewelry artist, Ann O'Brien, started the Wacky Wreath Party over 20 years ago to help charities raise money. Local charities such as Keep Abita Beautiful, Friends of the Park, and The Women's Center have all benefited, as well as larger charities such as The Wildlife Fund, St. Junes Hospital, and others.

Anyone (individual or group) can make a wreath or several wreaths. These are not your garden variety Michael's wreaths. Let your imagination go wild and use collected and found objects. The wreaths are live-auctioned off at the party! The maker of the wreath can designate a charity or local civic organization that receives the money raised by their wreath OR if no charity is designated, the purchaser determines the charity of choice.

Local restaurants, Abita Beer, and contributions from volunteers ensure that the food and libations put people in the mood to bid on the funny and sometimes irreverent wreaths!

Last year, 13 charities/civic organizations received donations from the sale of the wreaths. There is no charge to attend or to submit a wreath. We hope you'll start looking around for ideas for your own Wacky Wreaths and mark your calendar to attend!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Lionel Carbajal and his aunt, Henri Carbajal Moore, are two of our wonderful Keep Abita Beautiful volunteers. Lionel and Henri pulled a shopping cart out of a drainage ditch in the above photo. There is no job too dirty for Lionel to jump in and help. On a recent bike ride in Covington, Lionel and Henri found another shopping cart in a ditch. They contacted us and KAB Board Member Bret Bohnet is now turning it into a wheeled cart for our recycling stations and heavy black metal signs.

Thank you, Lionel and Henri, for being great volunteers and making our litter cleanups fun!

Like Keep Abita Beautiful on FaceBook to keep up with our activities.
www.facebook.com/KeepAbitaBeautiful For more info, contact Sandra at sandraslifer@gmail.com or text (985)-285-3552.

WE  OUR VOLUNTEERS

TIME TO GIVE A BUTT INTERIM REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2022



KAB received 20 cigarette butt receptacles from Keep America Beautiful & Keep Louisiana Beautiful donated another 50+ receptacles.

If your business would like a cigarette butt receptacle installed & maintained, please contact us!
(sandraslifer@gmail.com)



RECEPTACLE INSTALLATION START DATE: **JANUARY 10, 2022**

TOTAL # OF RECEPTACLES INSTALLED TO DATE: **47**

TOTAL # OF SITES: **24**

OF BUTTS PICKED UP WHERE RECEPTACLES WERE INSTALLED: **3,519**

OF BUTTS COLLECTED FROM RECEPTACLES: **6,780**

OF BUTTS PICKED UP AT LOCATIONS 4-6 MONTHS AFTER RECEPTACLES INSTALLED: **1,210**

TOTAL # OF BUTTS SENT TO TERRA CYCLE TO BE RECYCLED IN SEPTEMBER: **12,021**

REDUCTION IN # OF BUTTS ON THE GROUND AT LOCATIONS: $3,519 - 1,210 = 2,309$

Many thanks to Christine Bohnet with Kissyfish Designs for designing our Time to Give a Butt campaign.

NOTE: Total includes 512 butts that were collected during routine litter cleanups that were put in the recycling containers. This number doesn't reflect the number of cigarettes our volunteers and businesses may have picked up and disposed of either during litter cleanups or part of their normal cleaning routine. We can't recycle wet cigarette butts and must dispose of them in the trash.



GARDEN CLUB

Monthly Meetings

1:30 PM at Town Hall, 22161 Level Street, Abita Springs

- Thursday, October 13
- Thursday, November 10
- Thursday, December 8 - HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
(*\$20 – RSVP required*), Vera's Seafood, 1 PM)



Dues are only \$10 per year. For more information, contact Sandra Slifer at sandraslifer@gmail.com or Jenny Carleton at jennow612@yahoo.com



AUGUST Garden of the month



Congratulations
Suzi Nobles
1036 Linda Lou
Lane

NATIVE PLANT HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022



The Garden Club will be featuring two native plants in each magazine.

We are thrilled to be partnering with Craig at Full Moon Garden Nursery on our Plant More Natives Initiative. Full Moon, on Hwy. 59 in Abita Springs, is offering a **15% discount on all purchases of our featured plants** October through December!



AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY OR FRENCH MULBERRY

(*Callicarpa americana*)

Location in town: Tammany Trace

Average Size: 6'-8' x 6'

Beautyberries are native deciduous shrubs that grow well in full sun or part shade in slightly acidic soils. Shrubs have 3" to 6" yellow green leaves, small light pink flowers that bloom in summer & transform into clusters of purple berries that provide food for wildlife from Aug. - Nov.



BALD CYPRESS

(*Taxodium distichum*) Louisiana State Tree

Average Size: 50' x 25'

Bald Cypress are deciduous trees that provide stabilization near water edges and resist strong winds. Trees have delicate fern like leaves that change from green to brown in autumn. Bald Cypress can produce knees when growing in wet soils.



FEATURED GARDEN PRODUCTS:

RAIN CHAINS & BARRELS

Use an historic half-round gutter, copper rain chain, and a rain barrel to direct water away from your house or outbuilding. Rain barrels have been used to collect rain for more than 2,000 years. Use this water to water your plants.

How much water can you collect? If your house is 1,000 square feet and 1" of rain falls, you can collect up to 600 gallons of rainwater! Many people connect multiple rain barrels to capture more of the water.

ASWS

ABITA SPRINGS

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 12, Gather at 6:30; Meeting starts at 7 PM; Women's Center

Wednesday, November 9, Meeting place TBD

Wednesday, December 14, Meeting place TBD

Look for us at Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31 and our ASWS Volunteers are working Fall Fest 2022. In addition, we will have a table at the Holiday Night Market on Friday, December 9 where we'll be selling baked goods, tea towels, and ornaments!



For more information, follow us on Facebook:



The Abita Springs Women's Society sells tea towels and ornaments that artist Jax Frey designed exclusively for us. They make great gifts or buy them for yourself. They are available directly from the Women's Society for \$12 each. Contact Sandra Slifer at sandraslifer@gmail.com or text (985)-285-3552. They are also available for purchase at slightly higher prices at Attic to Awesome.



Abita Springs Women's Society Scholarship

The Abita Springs Women's Society awarded seven scholarships to young women in Abita Springs on August 10. We wish them all a successful year at their university or college. Five of the scholarship winners, family, and friends attended the Scholarship Reception.



ABITA SPRINGS WOMEN'S SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2022

Pictured Left to Right: Shelby Serpas, Madison Zeringue, Sydney Senseney, Donatella Henry, Katlyn Hockman
Not Pictured: Breana Hockman and Madison Martin

ASWS
ABITA SPRINGS
WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Abita Springs Women's Society Scholarship Reception



Shelby Serpas, President Barb Borries, and Katlyn Hockman



Madison Zeringue & Sydney Senseny



Christine Zeringue (Mother of Madison), Angie Jarmin, and Kellie Senseney (Mother of Sydney)



Marian Roper, ASWS Treasurer, Rene Henry (father of Donatella Henry), and Courtney Blicht, ASWS Member



Donatella Henry, Marian Roper, ASWS Treasurer, and Adrienne Petrosini, Grandmother of Donatella

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

TUES, OCT 4	AARP Meeting	11:00am-1:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, OCT 4	Public Committee Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, OCT 6	Beekeepers of Tangi-Tamington	7:00pm-8:30pm	Town Hall
SAT, OCT 8	Northshore Cajun Dance	6:00pm-10:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, OCT 11	Historic Commission Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
WED, OCT 12	Abita Women's Society Mtg	6:00pm-7:30pm	Women's Center
THURS, OCT 13	Abita Springs Garden Club Mtg	1:00pm-3:30pm	Town Hall
THURS, OCT 13	Keep Abita Beautiful Mtg	5:30pm-7:00pm	Museum Porch
SAT, OCT 15	Abita Springs Opry	7:00pm-9:00 pm	Town Hall
TUES, OCT 18	Town Council Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, OCT 20	Abita Springs Songwriter's Circle	7:00pm-10:00pm	Town Hall
SAT, OCT 22	2nd Annual Truck & Tractor Showcase	12:00pm-3:00pm	Field @ Town Hall
SUN, OCT 23	Health Fair @ Farmers Market	11:00am-3:00pm	Trailhead Park
TUES, OCT 25	Mayor's Court	2:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, OCT 27	Planning and Zoning Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall

Abita Springs presents

TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOWCASE

Saturday, October 22nd from 12pm-3pm
Field Across from Town Hall
22161 Level Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420



Join us for an afternoon of fun, hands-on learning, and equipment demonstrations with our Abita Springs Fire District #8 Team, Town of Abita Public Works & many more!



Abita Springs presents
**Trunk or Treat
Block Party**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL
6PM-8PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AT
[FACEBOOK.COM/TOWNOFABITASPRINGS](https://www.facebook.com/TOWNOFABITASPRINGS)**

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

TUES, NOV 1	AARP Meeting	11:00am-1:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, NOV 1	Public Committee Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, NOV 3	Beekeepers of Tangi-Tamington	7:00pm-8:30pm	Town Hall
FRI, NOV 4	Abita Fall Fest - After Dark	5:00pm-10:00pm	Trailhead Park
SAT, NOV 5	Abita Fall Fest	10:30am-7:30pm	Trailhead Park
TUES, NOV 8	Historic Commission Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
WED, NOV 9	Abita Women's Society Mtg	6:00pm-7:30pm	Women's Center
THURS, NOV 10	Abita Springs Garden Club Mtg	1:00pm-3:30pm	Town Hall
THURS, NOV 10	Keep Abita Beautiful Mtg	5:30pm-7:00pm	Museum Porch
SAT, NOV 12	KAB & Lemon Tree Glass Recycling	9:00am-11:00am	Town Hall
SAT, NOV 12	Northshore Cajun Dance	6:00pm-10:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, NOV 15	Town Council Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, NOV 17	Abita Springs Songwriter's Circle	7:00pm-10:00 pm	Town Hall
SAT, NOV 19	Abita Springs Opry	7:00pm-9:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, NOV 24	Planning and Zoning Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, NOV 29	Mayor's Court	2:00pm	Town Hall

DECEMBER

THURS, DEC	Beekeepers of Tangi-Tamington	7:00pm-8:30pm	Town Hall
TUES, DEC 6	Public Committee Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, DEC 8	Abita Springs Garden Club Mtg	1:00pm-3:30pm	Town Hall
THURS, DEC 8	Keep Abita Beautiful Mtg	5:30pm-7:00pm	Museum Porch
FRI, DEC 9	Fete de Noel Market & Tree Lighting	6:00pm-9:00pm	Trailhead Park
SAT, DEC 10	Northshore Cajun Dance	6:00pm-10:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, DEC 13	Historic Commission Mtg	6:00pm	Women's Center
WED, DEC 14	Abita Women's Society Mtg	6:00pm-7:30pm	Town Hall
THURS, DEC 15	Abita Springs Songwriter's Circle	7:00pm-10:00 pm	Town Hall
SAT, DEC 17	Wacky Wreath Contest & Fundraiser	6:00pm-9:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, DEC 20	Town Council Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall
TUES, DEC 27	Mayor's Court	2:00pm	Town Hall
THURS, DEC 29	Planning and Zoning Mtg	6:00pm	Town Hall

FETE DE NOEL
night market
&
CHRISTMAS TREE
LIGHTING

SANTA
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD &
ART VENDORS
HOLIDAY DRINKS



9TH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2022
@TOWNOFABITASPRINGS

6-9PM

FREE ADMISSION

22049

MAIN ST.,
ABITA SPRINGS, LA



ABITA SPRINGS ART & FARMERS MARKET

ABITA SPRINGS TRAILHEAD PARK - RAIN OR SHINE!

 **EVERY SUNDAY**
11AM-3PM
LIVE MUSIC 12-3PM 

30+ LOCAL FARMERS & ARTISANS WEEKLY

For more info visit www.facebook.com/abitasprings.farmersmarket
or call us at 985-892-0711 ext. 3960



OUR VENDORS



*Vendors are subject to change slightly from week to week.
Check out our Facebook & Instagram pages for weekly vendor updates.*

All Natural Elderberry Creations

Amazonia, LLC
Angry Gator Leather
Awaken Your Grace
BBQ Shrimp Guy
Be Colorful or Dye Tying
Boudin by Jamison
Brazilian Bites
Buttery Spell
Craig's Puzzles & Toys
Cryer's Family Produce
Crystal Moon Design US
Debo Handmade
Francois New Orleans
Folklore Farms
Foxboro Farms
Gallo D'oro Farm
Happy Flour Bakery
Heidelberg Farms
Irv's Concessions
Kelley Dorpers
La Cucina di Yanna
Luckyatz Vinyl
MB Braud Cattle Co
Meg's Modern Macrame
Mia's Makings
Mirza's Marvels
Misty Findley Fiber Arts
Mrs. Suzie's Peppa Jellies & Jams
Myers Family Mushrooms

NOLA Blends

Northshore Microgreens
Osborne Soaps & Cosmetics
P&G Creations
Paradise Candles
Repicci's Italian Ice of Tangipahoa
Poppy's Freeze Dried Foods
Rogue Gastronomy
Say Goat Cheese
Second Chance Nursery & Gift Shop
Serenity Lane
Sharp Right Specialties Knife Sharpening
Silver Fox Woodworking
Simply In Joy
Small Change Finery
Smokin' Buddha BBQ
Southern Beignet
Sue's Bijoux
Sugar Me Sweet
Talcatcha Farms
Taste of Italy
Ted the Bone Carver
Thai Kitchen
The Bee Commander
The Petal Peddler
The Pie Safe
The Rustic Press
Trampled Rose Rescue
VC Jewelry

Interested in joining the lineup?
For more information, please visit us at
www.townofabitasprings.com/becomeavendor

SPOTLIGHT ON GALLO D'ORO FARM



History of Our Farm

Gallo D'Oro Farm was founded in 2005 by Dan and Shantell Rinderle. The farm name comes from Shantell's side of the family. Shantell is pure Italian with both parents being descendants of migrants from Italy. Her maiden name is Gallodoro which directly translates to 'Golden Rooster' or Gallo D'Oro meaning rooster of gold. Her great grandparents owned Gallodoro's Grocery in New Orleans back when bread was 15 cents a loaf. You could also pick out a live chicken and Giuseppe Gallodoro would fully dress it out for you for the high price of 35 cents.

Shantell grew up raising birds in Violet, Louisiana with her father. Dan grew up gardening and fishing with his father in River Ridge, Louisiana. It wasn't a stretch to combine those two activities with chickens and a large crop area once they were married in 2004. It all started with one chicken, "Gallina", translating to 'hen' in Italian, and a small 16x20 garden. You'll find Gallina featured in their logo. Since that time, they've added goats, sheep, and mini donkeys to their five-acre farm.

Dan likes to say "Nothing can replace what is passed down from generation to generation. No book can help you grow crops or raise livestock like first hand experience from your parents."



Shantell's grandparents at their storefront.



Dan's parents tilling their garden.

Our Farm Today



Much of the produce grown on the farm has been passed down as heirlooms from Dan's father, dating back some 50 years. Every year seeds are cultivated from their pesticide and herbicide free crops to re-plant the following year.

For a long time, they gave away veggies to friends and neighbors in abundance and eventually got into pressure canning. Christmas presents would consist of dilly beans or pickled okra many years. When they couldn't give it all away, they decided to try their hand at the Abita Springs Art and Farmer's Market, at first just for fun with the market being literally five minutes from the farm. Eventually, they found that it would help pay for farm expenses so now it is part of their everyday routine.

"We strive to be innovators as well as sparing no expense when it comes to the quality and freshness of our products" Dan said.

They feature farm fresh eggs, fresh produce in season, canned freshly grown vegetables, pepper jellies, as well as a line of pickle shots, freshly grown and pickled snack packs, infused olive and avocado oils and a line of salad dressings that is up to 28 flavors including dairy free options of Caesar, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Creamy Italian, & French.



FUN FACT:
Their pickled items made it onto the big screen on the shelf in the little store in the movie, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, filmed locally here in Louisiana!



Abita Springs Art & Farmers Market



Both Dan and Shantell have backgrounds in sales. Shantell worked at her real job in banking before retiring in 2020. Dan has a degree in marketing and has been in lubricant sales at his real job for 25 years with Certified Laboratories.

"It doesn't matter what you are selling, you ultimately are selling yourself." You can see the marketing efforts in the packaging of their products. People ultimately buy from people they like. And then a nice clean, presentable, and delicious product goes a long way.

They use their produce from their farm in all of their products as much as possible. Their products are seasonal and therefore do run out from time to time. Rest assured, everything you purchase from Gallo D'Oro Farm is farm to table to the fullest extent!

You can catch Gallo D'Oro Farm at the Abita Springs Art & Farmer's Market every Sunday just to the west side of the stage right next to the food trucks & gravel circle. They are very approachable and are always willing to share a story or a pointer or two for growing a local crop. So make sure and stop by to chat!

In addition to the farm and product line, Shantell created a way to show off her culinary creativity through her latest venture, Gallo D'Oro's Taste of Italy. You can catch her cooking up some of their greatest hits off of the farm in the form of Italian dishes at the Abita Springs Art & Farmer's Market, too!

The Family Tradition Continues!

The tradition continues through their daughter Jennifer's newest venture, La Cucina Di Yanna. You can catch Jennifer every Sunday right next to Gallo D'Oro Farm and Taste of Italy at the Abita Springs Art & Farmer's Market. She sells her signature stuffed breads including spinach & artichoke dipped in garlic butter sauce. To wash it down, she has several flavors of what else? Italian Sodas!

La Cucia Di Yanna, you might ask? It literally means Yanna's Kitchen. Yanna? Her daughters are Brianna and Lilyanna who Dan affectionately calls 'Big Yanna' and 'Lil Yanna'. The name just kind of fell into place. Both girls are on their way to great things too! You can catch some of their baked goods in Jennifer's booth on Sundays (when the homework is light).





2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Updated 4/26/22

'22 AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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CALENDAR LEGEND

- Smart Start Day: A-H
- Smart Start Day: I-Q
- Smart Start Day: R-Z
- Last Day of School
- Schools Closed (Holiday)
- 1/2 Day for Students

TESTING DATES

- November 29 - December 16
- March 7 - March 17
- April 25 - May 18
- April 18 - May 18
- April 26 - May 2
- LEAP 2025 Testing Window (Grades 9-12)
- ACT Testing Window (Grade 11)
- LEAP 2025 Testing Window (Grades 4-8)
- LEAP 2025 Testing Window (Grades 9-12)
- LEAP 2025 Testing Window (Grade 3)

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 1-4	Teachers' Professional Development	Dec. 19-30	Winter/Christmas Break*
Aug. 5	Teachers' Day	Jan. 2	School Re-Opens
Aug. 8	Smart Start Day: 1/3 Students Report (A-H)	Jan. 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*
Aug. 9	Smart Start Day: 1/3 Students Report (I-Q)	Feb. 20-24	Mardi Gras Holidays*
Aug. 10	Smart Start Day: 1/3 Students Report (R-Z)	March 10	End of Third Grading Period
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday*		1/2 Day Record Keeping, 1/2 Day Students
Sept. 30	Parish Fair Day*	April 7-14	Spring/Easter Break**
Oct. 7	End of First Grading Period	May 18	Last Day of School
	1/2 Day Record Keeping, 1/2 Day Students		End of Fourth Grading Period
Nov. 8	Election Day, No School		End of Second Semester
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holidays*	May 19	1/2 Day for Students, 1/2 Day Record Keeping
Dec. 16	End of Second Grading Period		Teachers' Day
	End of First Semester		
	1/2 Day Record Keeping, 1/2 Day Students		

The School Board requires an appropriate program for Veterans' Day (Nov. 11). School Administrators are asked to avoid scheduling activities on the following days when possible (observance begins at sundown the day before the date listed): Sept. 26 (Rosh Hashanah); Oct. 5 (Yom Kippur)

* In case of emergency, student make-up days will be taken from existing holidays in the above schedule.
 ** It is understood should state testing conflict with the proposed Easter/Spring Break holiday that the Easter/Spring Break holiday will be adjusted accordingly.

2023 STPPS GRADUATION SCHEDULE

GRADUATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

Pearl River High School: 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

Covington High School: 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Northshore High School: 10:00 am

Lakeshore High School: 2:00 pm

Fontainebleau High School: 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Mandeville High School: 7:00 pm



Congratulations



#STPPSImpact

“
I enjoy seeing my students every day and witnessing their educational growth through not only the school year, but also the rest of their lives.
”

JOAN HARRIS

TEACHER OF THE YEAR
ABITA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
2ND GRADE



IMPACT! AWARD WINNER THERESA CURTIS AT ABITA ELEMENTARY

Throughout the 2022-23 school year Individuals across our district who make a difference in the lives of students will be recognized and honored with the Impact Award.

Third grade teacher Theresa Curtis has been a staple of her community and Abita Elementary for 37 years. Congratulations!



Left to Right: Abita Elementary Principal Kay Burns, Superintendent Frank Jabbia and Impact! Award winner, 3rd grade teacher, Theresa Curtis.





LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Month	Public Committee 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM	Historic Commission 2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM	Town Council 3rd Tuesday 6:00 PM	Mayor's Court Last Tuesday 2:00 PM	P&Z Commission Last Thursday 6:00 PM
June	6/7	6/14	6/21	6/28	6/30
July	7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26	7/28
August	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/30	8/25
September	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	9/29
October	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25	10/27
November	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/29	11/17
December	12/6	12/13	12/20	12/20	12/22



UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required for all of the following projects if you live in the Historic District. The Historic Guidelines are a great resource and can be viewed online.

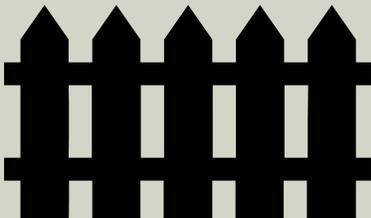


ANY ACCESSORY OR ANCILLARY BUILDING



Including but not limited to:
Sheds, Garages, Mother-in-Law Suites

INSTALLING A FENCE



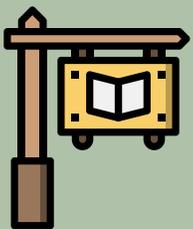
Any fence installed must be approved. See pages 44-45 of the [Historic Guidelines](#)

NEW CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION & ADDITIONS TO PRIMARY DWELLINGS



[Chapter 5, page 52 of the Historic Guidelines](#) outline new construction and [page 49](#) focuses on additions.

NEW SIGNS



[Page 74](#) of the Guidelines have information about commercial signs that are accepted in the Historic District

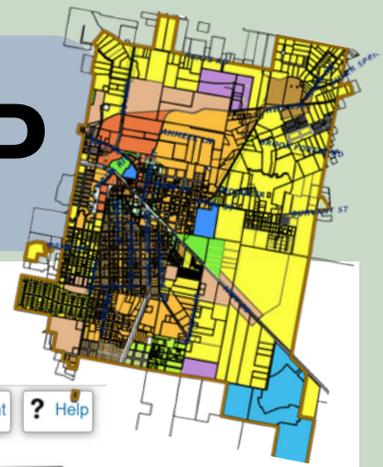
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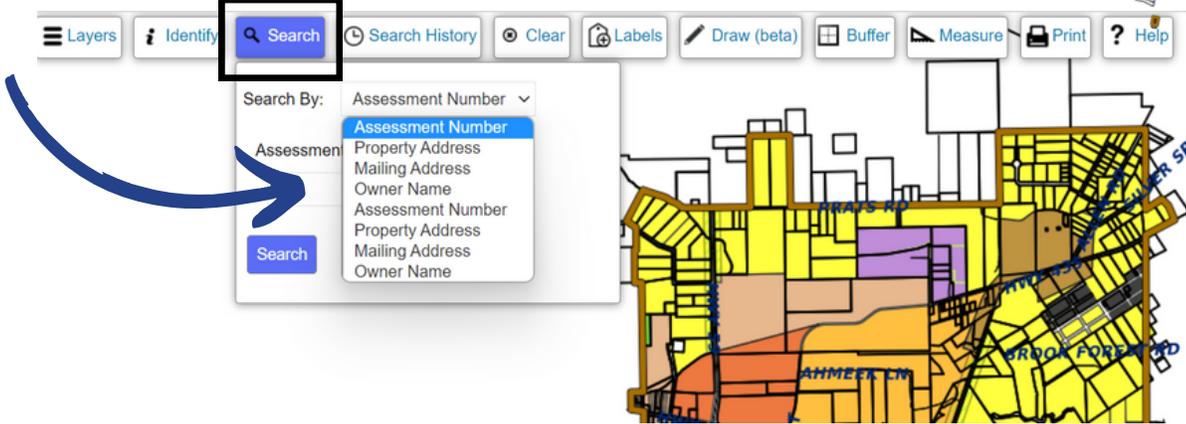
Colors, siding, windows and roofing material must be approved.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Abita Springs Town Hall, 22161 Level Street. Applications are due 7 days before the meeting. Please reach out and inquire if you are unsure if your project requires Historic Approval? For more information.

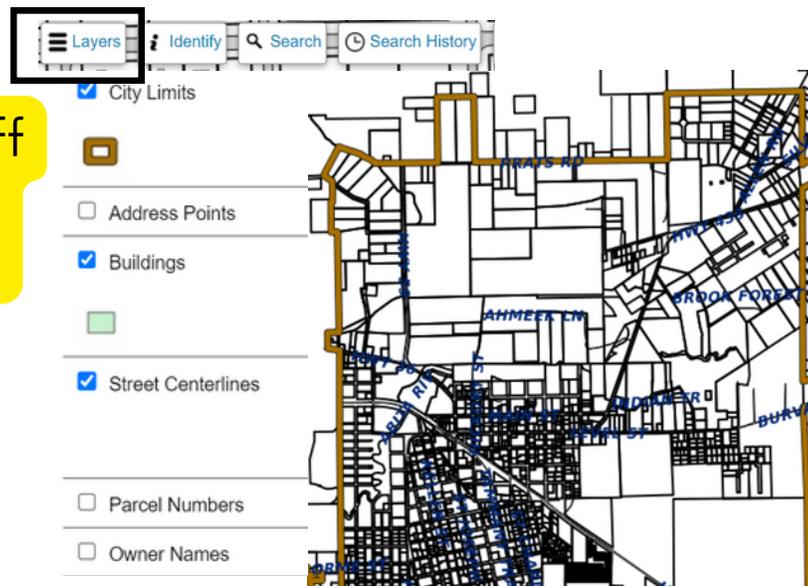
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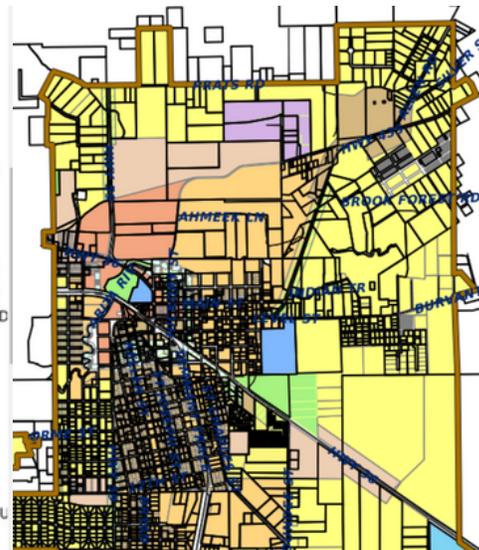
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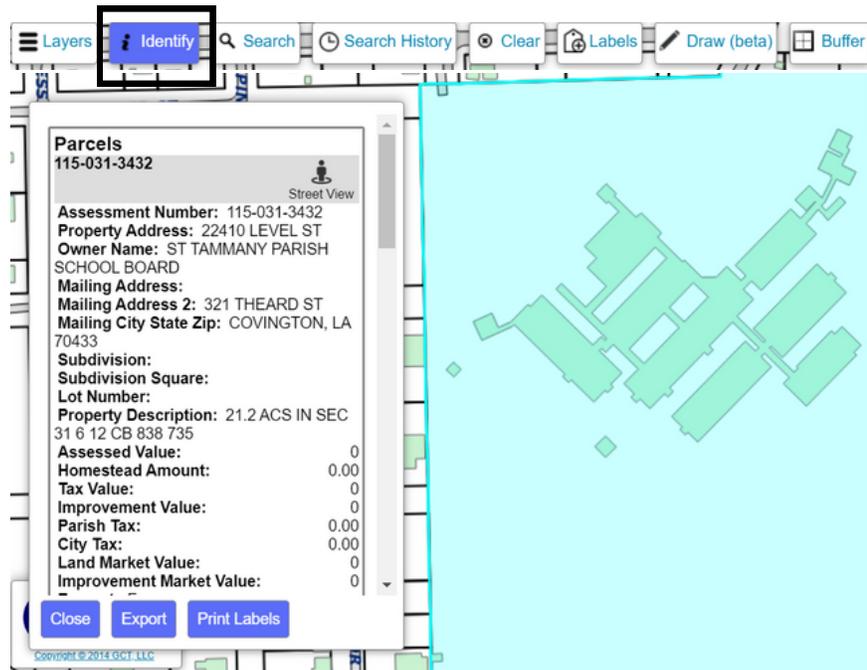


- All Zoning
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- Low Density Residential District
- Residential District
- Multi_Family Residential District
- Townhouse/Condominium District
- Mobile Home District
- Residential-Historic District
- Commercial - Historic District
- C-1 Commercial - Historic District
- C-2 Commercial - Historic District
- Residential - Commercial Overlay D
- Commercial District
- C-1 Commercial - District
- C-2 Highway Commercial District
- Light Industrial District
- Light Industrial District II
- Parks District
- Schools District
- PUD Planned Unil Development (PU
- Midtown Cultural District



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

Click on Identify and a parcel to view information



Use the measure tool to show length of a parcel or measure in acres or square footage.



BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

MAYOR

ELECTED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUPERVISE & DIRECT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENTS & EMPLOYEES

SUPERVISE APPOINTED MARSHAL

MANAGE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

SIGN ALL CONTRACTS

PREPARE & SUBMIT BUDGET

REPRESENT MUNICIPALITY

ANY POWER NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TOWN

POWER TO VETO ORDINANCES

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

BOARD OF ALDERMAN

FIVE ELECTED

MAYOR PRO TEM, ELECTED BY THE BOARD

ENACT ORDINANCES

BUDGET ORDINANCE

ZONING ORDINANCES

PASS RESOLUTIONS

REPRESENT MUNICIPALITY

OVERRIDE VETO

JUDICIAL BRANCH

MAYOR'S COURT

MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

PROSECUTOR, MAGISTRATE, CLERK OF COURT, BAILIFF

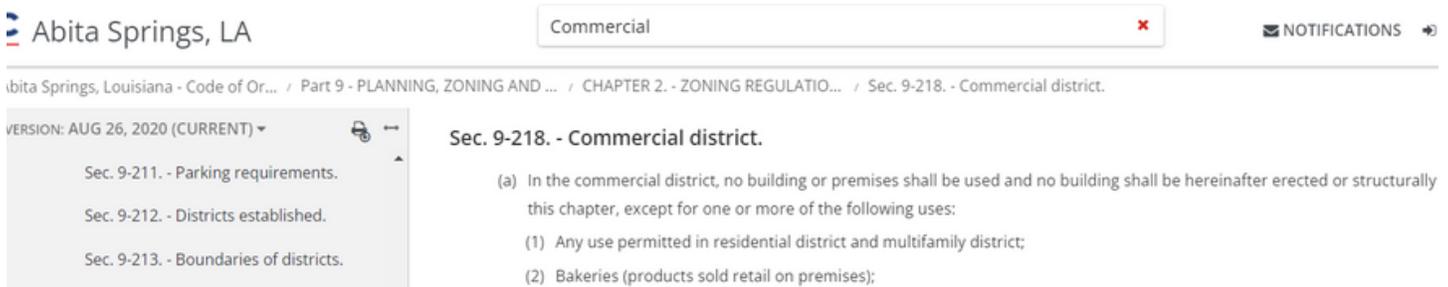
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You can read the Town of Abita Springs ordinances on Municode.



HOW TO ACCESS TOWN ORDINANCES

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Sec. 9-218.2. - C-2 highway commercial district.

(a) In the C-2 highway commercial district, no building or premises shall be used and no building shall be hereinafter erected or structurally altered, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, except for one or





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CALL IN OPTIONS

- OPTION 1 UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS
- OPTION 2 FINANCE
- OPTION 3 MAYOR'S OFFICE
- OPTION 4 PLANNING & ZONING
- OPTION 5 CLERK OF COURT
- OPTION 6 COUNCIL & CEMETERY MATTERS

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UTILITY DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Customers can now contact Coastal directly to report the following:



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A CART

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Find the link on the top right-hand corner of the Town website.



The new dropbox is on the front corner of our new office office building.

You can drop your bill off in the drop box 24 hours a day.

Employee Spotlight:

JOSEPH HICKS,
Public Works

By Mayor Dan Curtis



Thank you for joining us for our second issue of the Live Oak Journal. I'd like to introduce you to Joseph Hicks. Joe has worked in our Public Works Department and has become an integral member and contributor to the team. During his time working for the town, Joe has stood out as an example to his coworkers. Many of you have heard the expression that you hire for attitude and train for skill. When we met Joe, we knew he fit the bill. He is a reliable and trusted worker, who is willing and dedicated to doing a good job. He repeatedly receives praise for his performance from the public and we value him more than we can say. When you see Joe, along with any of our other Public Works and Maintenance employees, working to keep our community safe and operating please express your appreciation. They work hard under trying circumstances and we couldn't do it without them.

Joe is married to Cassidy, and they have a two-year-old daughter named Lilly. Joe says she's daddy's girl!!

Thanks Joe, you're an asset to this Town!



Cassidy, Lilly and Joseph Hicks



Joseph Hicks with Mayor Curtis

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

From the Public Works Maintenance Department

YOU CAN HELP: TIPS TO REDUCE FLOODING



When it rains, ditches and culverts help to keep Town neighborhoods from flooding. When leaves collect in gutters and block these drains, water can back up and cause ponding that slows or stops traffic and can even flood yards and homes. **While autumn is when leaves are most likely to collect in drains, it can happen at any time of the year.** (Although it's usually not until Winter in South Louisiana)

Our drainage crews work hard to maintain all of the Town's drainage infrastructure, including storm drains on streets. But with hundreds of drains spread all across the Town, we need your help too. You can help prevent flooding by paying attention to what's happening with the drains on your block. A few small maintenance actions on your property can also prevent stormwater from ponding.

KEEP LEAVES AND DEBRIS OUT OF DRAINS

- Avoid piling yard waste like fallen leaves and sticks in your yard, where it could wash into ditches or town drains.
- Use a rake or broom to remove leaves and debris from the tops of storm drains.
- If the drain is still clogged after you've removed the debris, report to the town. (see how below)
- If an inlet or street drain appears to be blocked by debris, try to safely clear a channel to provide a path for the runoff. If the drain cannot be cleared, or if the cause of the blockage or flooding is uncertain, fill out a work order on our website.

RESPECT THE TOWN'S DRAINAGE SYSTEM

- Don't put grass clippings, leaves or other debris into any of the drains, ditches, creeks, or culverts in the Town.
- Do not store furniture or other items like firewood, fuel tanks, containers and loose items in your yard, as floodwaters can wash these items into culverts and cause flooding and or contamination.
- Collect water in rain barrels and cisterns.
- Create rain gardens. A rain garden acts like a native forest by collecting, absorbing, and filtering stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways, patios, and other areas that don't allow water to soak in.

WORK ORDERS
SUBMITTED ONLINE
THROUGH OUR
WEBSITE ARE
AUTOMATICALLY SENT
TO THE CORRECT
DEPARTMENT.





St. Tammany Fire District 8

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



Each year, more than

400

Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than **20,000**

visit the emergency room, and more than

4,000

are hospitalized.



What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, or “CO,” is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you.



Where is CO found?

CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it.



Who is at risk from CO poisoning?

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Infants, the elderly, people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems are more likely to get sick from CO.

HOW CAN I PREVENT CO POISONING IN MY HOME?

- **Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home.** Check or replace the detector’s battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Place your detector where it will wake you up if it alarms, such as outside your bedroom. Consider buying a detector with a digital readout. This detector can tell you the highest level of CO concentration in your home in addition to alarming. Replace your CO detector every 5 years.
- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris and cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating. This can cause a build up of CO inside your home.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal gives off CO.
- Never use a portable gas camp stove indoors. This can cause CO to build up inside your home.
- Never use a generator inside your home, or garage or less than 20’ from any window, door, or vent.
- When using a generator, use a battery-powered or battery backup CO detector in your home.



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING?

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are **headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.** CO symptoms are often described as “flu-like.” If you breathe in a lot of CO it can make you pass out or kill you. **People who are sleeping or drunk can die from CO poisoning before they have symptoms.**



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I would like to thank The Town of Abita Springs and everyone who supported me through fundraising for my trip to the Iron Forge World Series 2022. Your continued love and support are appreciated!

- Jordan
(Ricky and Sarah Young)

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Olivia went to work at Town Hall with her Aunt Kristin a couple times during the summer break. Her favorite work includes greeting people as they enter the building and helping them find the correct office.

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WINTER PREPARATION

TOP 10 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME DURING A FREEZE

COVER OUTDOOR SPIGOTS

Spigots are directly exposed to freezing temperatures. They often are the first thing to freeze up on a house. Protecting them is easy and cheap. Insulated covers are usually under \$10 and can be purchased at local stores.

PROTECT YOUR WATER LINES

You can wrap exposed pipes with insulation pipe wraps or use old towels around your house and wrap with duct tape!

SEAL CRACKS AND HOLES

Check the outside of your home for small cracks or openings. Even small holes where cables enter your home can allow cold air inside. Spray foam insulation can be used to close these up quickly.

KEEP WATER FLOWING

When temperatures dip well below freezing, if any of your plumbing is near an exterior wall, you should drip your lines. You may also consider leaving your cabinet doors open so the pipes inside will be warmed by your room air.

ENSURE EASY ACCESS TO WATER SHUT OFF

If your water lines do burst you will need to shut off the home's water supply immediately. If you have anything in the way of getting to this valve, we recommend clearing this for easy and quick access. This is normally a job for a professional plumber, but can save your home and property from further damage.

CLOSE GARAGE DOORS

If your garage is attached to your home keeping the door closed will help keep cold air out and can protect plumbing fixtures in your garage.

CLEAN GUTTERS

Having full gutters can increase your chance of having ice form on your roof. This is not something that you want. We recommend setting aside time to clean your gutters out before freezing temperatures arrive.

PREPARE FOR VACATION

When you leave your home for an extended period of time during the winter consider shutting off your water at the water meter and draining your plumbing system. This will help you not to worry as much about freezing pipes or other plumbing failures.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO GET READY FOR WINTER



WINTER WEATHER TERMINOLOGY

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a winter hazard:

- **Freezing Rain** - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees, and power lines.
- **Sleet** - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life-threatening.

HAZARDS OF SPACE HEATERS

Extreme cold also significantly increases the risks of household fires due to the use of fireplaces and space heaters. Here are some tips for safely use space heaters:

Make Sure to Follow These Important Tips Before You Plug In

PLACE space heaters on a flat, level surface, away from high-traffic areas.

PLUG a space heater directly into an outlet and avoid using an extension cord.

NEVER LEAVE space heaters unattended.

ONLY USE space heaters with the certification label of a nationally recognized testing lab.

DON'T USE a space heater if the plug is broken or the cord is frayed, worn or damaged.

Four Home Heating Tips to Live By

- 1** **KEEP ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN** at least three feet away from a heating source. **3ft**
- 2** **HAVE YOUR HEATING SYSTEM** inspected annually.
- 3** **KEEP VENTS CLEAR** of dust and debris.
- 4** **INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)** alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.

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A REMINDER FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT MARSHAL RICKY BONNET



HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PHONE SCAM

THERE IS NO PRIZE

The caller might say you were “selected” for an offer or that you’ve won a lottery. There is no Prize.



YOU WON'T BE ARRESTED

Scammers might pretend to be law enforcement or a federal agency. Real law enforcement and federal agencies won't call and threaten you.

YOU DON'T NEED TO DECIDE NOW

Most legitimate businesses will give you time to think their offer over and get written information. Take your time. Don't get pressured into making a decision on the spot.

THERE'S NEVER A GOOD REASON TO SEND CASH OR PAY WITH A GIFT CARD

Scammers will often ask you to pay in a way that makes it hard for you to get your money back — by wiring money, putting money on a gift card, prepaid card or cash reload card, or using a money transfer app. **Anyone who asks you to pay that way is a scammer.**

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WON'T CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR SENSITIVE INFORMATION

It's never a good idea to give out sensitive information like your Social Security number to someone who calls you.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE GETTING ALL THOSE CALLS

If you're on the National Do Not Call Registry, you shouldn't get live sales calls from companies you haven't done business with before. Those calls are illegal. If someone is already breaking the law calling you, there's a good chance it's a scam.

EXAMPLES OF COMMON PHONE SCAMS

Any scam can happen over the phone. Here are some common angles phone scammers use:

IMPOSTER SCAMS

A scammer pretends to be someone you trust — a government agency like the Social Security Administration or the IRS, a family member, a love interest, or someone claiming there's a problem with your computer. The scammer can even have a fake name or number show up on your caller ID to convince you.

DEBT RELIEF AND CREDIT REPAIR SCAMS

Scammers will offer to lower your credit card interest rates, fix your credit, or get your student loans forgiven if you pay their company a fee first.



IF YOU OWN A PHONE READ THIS.

EXAMPLES OF COMMON PHONE SCAMS

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT SCAMS

Callers might promise to help you start your own business and give you business coaching, or guarantee big profits from an investment. Don't take their word for it.

CHARITY SCAMS

Scammers like to pose as charities. Scams requesting donations for disaster relief efforts are especially common. Always check out a charity before you give..

EXTENDED CAR WARRANTIES

Scammers find out what kind of car you drive and when you bought it so they can urge you to buy overpriced — or worthless — service contracts.

"FREE" TRIALS

A caller might promise a free trial but then sign you up for products — sometimes lots of products — that you're billed for every month until you cancel.

LOAN SCAMS

Loan scams include advance fee loan scams, where scammers target people with a poor credit history and guarantee loans or credit cards for an up-front fee.

PRIZE AND LOTTERY SCAMS

In a typical prize scam, the caller will say you've won a prize, but then say you need to pay taxes, registration fees, or shipping charges to get it. But after you pay, you find out there is no prize.

TRAVEL SCAMS AND TIMESHARE SCAMS

Scammers promise free or low-cost vacations that can end up costing you a lot in hidden costs. And sometimes, after you pay, you find out there is no vacation.

SPAM TEXT MESSAGES AND PHISHING

Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information -things like your password, account number, or Social Security number. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers.

SCAMMERS OFTEN TRY TO GET YOU TO CLICK ON LINKS IN TEXT MESSAGES BY PROMISING YOU SOMETHING. SCAMMERS MIGHT:

- promise free prizes, gift cards, or coupons — **but they're not real**
- offer you a low or no interest credit card — **but there's no deal and probably no card**
- promise to help you pay off your student loans — **but they won't**
- send messages that say they have info. about your account or a transaction. - **but they don't**
- say they've noticed some suspicious activity on your account — **but they haven't**
- claim there's a problem with your payment information — **but there isn't**
- send a fake invoice and tell you to contact them if you didn't authorize a purchase-**but it's a scam**
- send you a package delivery notification — **but it's fake.**

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IT'S FREE. IT'S THE LAW.

- **CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG**
- **WAIT 2 FULL BUSINESS DAYS FOR THE SITE TO BE MARKED**
- **RESPECT THE MARKS**
- **DIG WITH CARE**

WARNING:

Civil penalties may apply for violations of the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damages Prevention Law.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE COLORS REPRESENT?

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YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Stream, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
ORANGE	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
GREEN	Sewers and Drain Lines
BLUE	Potable Water
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
WHITE	Proposed Excavation

Mark-by time is 2 full business days from the time you notify 811.

Most dig tickets are valid for 20 calendar days as long as marks are visible.

Make note of the mark-by time:

List of 811 member utilities to be notified are available upon request. After ticket request completed, you will receive a locate request number.

Make note of the locate request number:

Keep this number available as this is proof of the dig ticket.

Thank you for digging safely.



DETECTING A NATURAL GAS LEAK USING YOUR SENSES

KNOW THE SIGNS. DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR FAMILY

SMELL

NATURAL GAS DOESN'T HAVE AN ODOR, SO YOU CAN'T RELY ON YOUR SENSE OF SMELL ALONE TO DETECT IT.

The Town of Abita Springs Gas Department has taken steps to protect customers from natural gas leaks by adding an **odorant**, called **mercaptan**, that smells like **rotting eggs or an unpleasant skunk smell**.



SIGHT

Natural gas may blow dirt, make bubbles, kill vegetation or create an area of frost on the ground in warm weather when it leaks from an underground pipe.



SOUND

A natural gas leak can be a quiet hiss or a loud roar.



3 STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK

- Do not attempt to locate the leak. Leave the area immediately and do not touch anything that could cause a spark.
- Call the Town of Abita Springs (985) 892-0711 and 911 from another location at a safe distance.
- The Town of Abita Springs Gas Department will investigate the situation at no cost. Do not re-enter the area until you have been advised that it is safe.

HEALTH

Symptoms of a natural gas leak include headache, dizziness, loss of coordination, irritation, drowsiness, or unconsciousness. Extremely high concentrations of natural gas can cause suffocation from a lack of oxygen.

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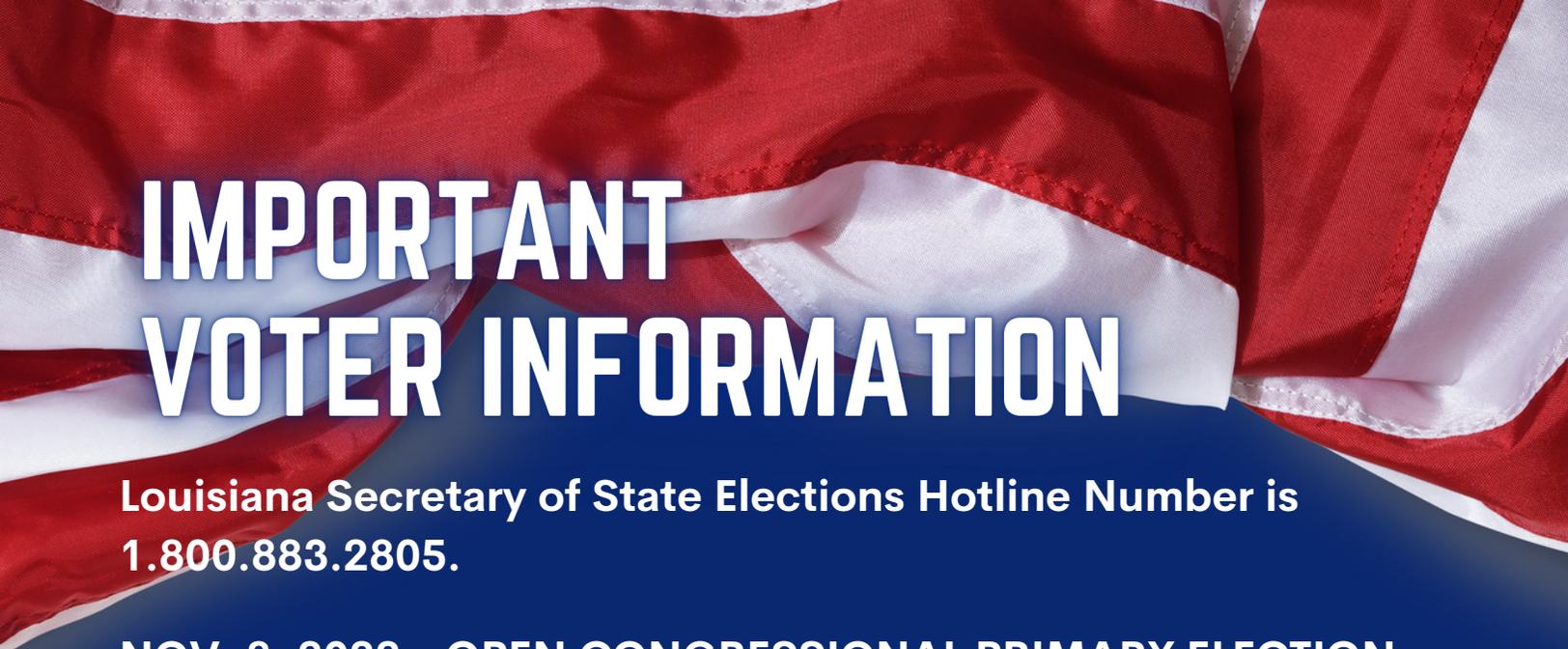
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IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

Louisiana Secretary of State Elections Hotline Number is
1.800.883.2805.

NOV. 8, 2022 - OPEN CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The following is important information for the Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022
Open Congressional Primary Election:

- The deadline to register to vote in person, by mail or at the OMV Office is Oct. 11.
- The deadline to register to vote through the GeauxVote Online Registration System is Oct. 18.
- Early voting is Oct. 25 through Nov. 1 (excluding Sunday, Oct. 30) from 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
- The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Nov. 4 by 4:30 p.m (other than military and overseas voters). You can request an absentee ballot online through our Voter Portal or in writing through your Registrar of Voters Office.
- The deadline for a registrar of voters to receive a voted absentee ballot is Nov. 7 by 4:30 p.m. (other than military and overseas voters).
- On election day, the polls are open from 6 a.m.–8 p.m.



YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATES* ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

US SENATOR 1 TO BE ELECTED

- BERYL A. BILLIOT (NOPTY)
- GARY CHAMBERS, JR. (DEM)
- DEVIN LANCE GRAHAM (REP)
- "XAN" JOHN (OTHER)
- JOHN KENNEDY (REP)
- W. THOMAS LA FONTAINE
OLSON (NOPTY)
- BRADLEY MCMORRIS (IND)
- MV "VINNY" MENDOZA (DEM)
- "LUKE" MIXON (DEM)
- SALVADOR P. RODRIGUEZ (DEM)
- AARON C. SIGLER (LBT)
- SYRITA STEIB (DEM)
- THOMAS WENN (OTHER)

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE -- 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 TO BE ELECTED

- KATIE DARLING (DEM)
- HOWARD KEARNEY (LBT)
- STEVE SCALISE (REP)

ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5 1 TO BE ELECTED

- LEE P. BARRIOS (NP)
- CHARLES BRANDON HARRELL (R)

MAYOR TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS 1 TO BE ELECTED

- DANIEL J. CURTIS (R)
- O.J. POUNCEY (D)

ALDERMAN TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS 5 TO BE ELECTED

- E.J. BOUDREAUX, JR. (R)
- LYNNE CONGEMI (R)
- REGAN KELLEY CONTOIS (I)
- STEWART "MANYLIGHTNINGS" EASTMAN (G)
- LEX LEBLANC (I)
- W.E. "PAT" PATTERSON III (R)
- STEPHEN SAUSSY (R)
- ERIC TEMPLET (R)



*Information shown above is for the majority of our viewership. Personalized ballots available at <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/> based on your address. Scan QR code to be directed to the Voter Portal.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

CA No. 1 (ACT 130, 2021 - HB 154) -- Modifies the maximum amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in equities

- YES
 NO

CA No. 2 (ACT 172, 2022 - HB 599) -- Expands property tax exemptions for homestead exemption property for veterans with disabilities

- YES
 NO

CA No. 3 (ACT 156, 2021 - HB 315) -- Allows classified civil service employees to support election of family members to public office

- YES
 NO

CA No. 4 (ACT 155, 2021 - HB 59) -- Authorizes a political subdivision to waive charges for water under certain circumstances

- YES
 NO

CA No. 5 (ACT 133, 2021 - SB 154) -- Provides relative to property tax millage rate adjustments and maximum authorized millage rates

- YES
 NO

CA No. 6 (ACT 129, 2021 - HB 143) -- Limits the increase in assessed value of certain property following reappraisal in Orleans Parish

- YES
 NO

CA No. 7 (ACT 246, 2022 - HB 298) -- Provides relative to the prohibition of involuntary servitude and administration of criminal justice

- YES
 NO

CA No. 8 (ACT 171, 2022 - HB 395) -- Removes requirement of annual certification of income for certain eligible disabled homeowners

- YES
 NO

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE:
[HTTPS://WWW.SOS.LA.GOV/ELECTIONSANDVOTING/PUBLISHEDDOCUMENTS/PROPOSEDCONSTITUTIONALAMENDMENTSNOV2022SUMMARIES.PDF](https://www.sos.la.gov/electionsandvoting/publisheddocuments/proposedconstitutionalamendmentsnov2022summaries.pdf)



LEE P. BARRIOS

*Candidate for St. Tammany Parish
School Board, District 5*



Lee Barrios is a candidate for St. Tammany School Board District 5. As an experienced mother, grandparent, educator and business woman, Lee has travelled the State of Louisiana the last twelve years informing parents, listening to educators, speaking at legislative hearings and consulting with a wide array of stakeholders to develop real solutions to the challenges facing parents and students in their journeys through K-12 education.

Lee has lifetime experiences that have contributed to her ability to consider diverse viewpoints, research viable solutions and guide consensus when developing public policy. Lee was born in Baton Rouge when her dad was enrolled at LSU after his service in WWII as a B-24 Liberator navigator. As he continued his career flying the B-26 in Korea and C-130's in Vietnam, she attended public schools in numerous states and Europe as a "military brat". Between those combat events, Lee's family returned to Baton Rouge when her dad was assigned as Commandant of Cadets for LSU Air Force ROTC. While there, Lee graduated from Baton Rouge High, attended LSU and eventually moved to the Northshore where she raised three children and pursued a variety of personal and professional interests.

Leadership is a trait that Lee has put to use in both her personal and professional endeavors. Prior to teaching, she became a horse enthusiast and riding instructor serving as both President of the La-Miss Dressage & Combined Training Association and as District Commissioner of the Tammany Trotters Pony Club. Her twenty-five year professional career prior to teaching was primarily focused on her administrative skills as owner of "9 to 5" Typing Services, court reporter transcriptionist, and manuscript typist for the well-known writer, Walker Percy. Mr. Percy inspired her to return to school at the age of 42 to obtain her education degree.

Lee has the education expertise to understand and effectively carry out her role as a school board member. At the age of 42, Lee returned to college receiving her degree and teacher certification in English and Journalism Education and a master's degree four years later. Those qualified her for a four-year stint reporting for The Baton Rouge Advocate and 17 years as a teacher of gifted students in St. Tammany. During her 17-years teaching Lee achieved National Board Certification, was recognized as a 2004-05 Louisiana PTA Educator of Distinction and served as President of the St. Tammany Association for Gifted/Talented Education.

Lee's experience, expertise, leadership and firsthand understanding of the challenges of providing a quality education for every child best qualify her for a position on the St. Tammany School Board.

I WILL LEAD THE BOARD IN –

- Exercising financial oversight and transparency
- Returning local control of our curriculum
- Recruiting and supporting qualified educators
- Engaging our legislative delegation
- Making St. Tammany schools nationally competitive

BRANDON HARRELL

*Candidate for St. Tammany Parish
School Board, District 5*



I have lived within the boundaries of District 5 for over 30 years, growing up in Waldheim, and for the past 15 years living with my wife and children in Abita Springs. I attended school in Abita Springs and graduated from Fontainebleau High School and Southeastern Louisiana University with a BA in Business. I am a self-employed Manufacturer's Representative and a licensed REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker TEC in Mandeville. After several seasons of helping with my own children's sports teams at St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #11 in Abita Springs, I was asked to join their board in 2017 and currently serve as their chairman. My wife, Celeste Bunney Harrell, is a graduate of Covington High School and Southeastern Louisiana University. She is a certified teacher with a Master's Degree in Education and recently started her 20th year teaching Pre-K at Abita Springs Elementary. Our daughter is a freshman at FHS and our two boys are in 4th and 6th grades at Abita Springs Middle School. I was elected to represent District #5 on the St. Tammany Parish School Board in 2019 and was unanimously elected by my fellow board members to serve as their 2020 Vice President, 2021 President, and 2022 President.

I am committed to providing St. Tammany Parish students with the best education experience in Louisiana, working cooperatively with other board members to serve all residents, and creating the best possible environment for teachers and staff. I have striven to lessen the burden of taxes without compromising education quality and maintained open lines of communication with constituents. I believe in the conservative and responsible expenditure of taxpayer monies. I will continue to focus on school safety and advocating for specialized programs to meet the needs of developing students.

Your thoughtful consideration and vote is requested and will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your support.

DAN CURTIS

*Candidate for Mayor,
Town of Abita Springs*



My name is Dan Curtis and my family moved to Abita Springs in 1958. I grew up in Abita and have seen growth over the past 60 years. I have been married to Theresa Curtis for 39 years and we raised our sons, Jayden & Landon here. I have been an educator and served our country. I was member of the Fire District 8, Board of Commissioners and acted as its chairman. I was also privileged to serve as your Alderman on the Town of Abita Springs Board of Aldermen from 2015 to 2018 before being elected as Mayor.

I am seeking to serve a second term as Mayor. Looking back at the ambitious goals we set in 2019 I find that there is a lot left to do. I am asking you to allow me to serve another 4 years so that we can finish what we started including work on the town's wastewater treatment plant, adding a backup water well, and improving our aging roads. Equally important projects include the completion of the Comprehensive Zoning review and the development of a Master Plan to guide the future of development in Abita. Our efforts in controlling expenses will allow us to fund these projects with current funds.

I work with an amazing team. I got to see that team in action within the first few months in office. A large water leak had them out in the middle of the night in the freezing temperatures working together to make repairs. We spent that first year trying to secure the infrastructure, updating equipment, hiring additional employees, and completing cross-training that allows for more flexibility in the use of our personnel. Collaboration has been the theme of our team; working together for Abita.

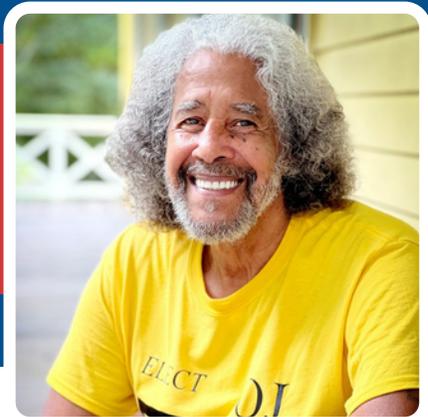
We have experienced a pandemic, a hurricane, supply chain issues, and personnel shortages all while maintaining our community spirit. The Town of Abita Springs led the parish in our response to Hurricane Ida. In the first hours after the hurricane, we had public works employees and town administration on the ground helping to clear a path for residents to leave their homes. Our timeliness in completing debris removal assured that Abita Springs received the maximum reimbursement from FEMA. Ida expenses were paid completely from the funds on hand, and we didn't have to draw from our emergency fund. We were among the first to complete our debris removal in the Parish.

Transparency has been our goal and we have come a long way! All town meetings are now broadcast on our YouTube channel and available to watch at any time. Our website provides access to all financial information and documents being considered at town meetings. Our team has used upgrades in technology to bring town government into the living rooms. We use social media and the town sign to update residents in real-time.

Abita is at a crossroads that I believe I am the most qualified to help navigate. I am asking for your vote to help me do that.

OJ PONUCEY

*Candidate for Mayor,
Town of Abita Springs*



Peace be with everyone! My name is OJ Pouncey, and I am glad to say that I am a resident of Abita Springs. Raised here since I was 6 years old, I had eight brothers and sisters growing up. I have seen changes and hope for many more through the growth of our town.

With a family that large I quickly learned the value of hard work. My father had me chopping wood at 8 years old. Later, after he passed away I went to Detroit to help my sister. Everything I have in my life I have earned. I am a self-made man who worked at the Chrysler Plant in Detroit. After the layoff at Chrysler I started my own business in painting and remodeling for twenty-five years, Pouncey's Construction.

If I am given a chance to be the mayor of Abita, I will do more than what has been done in the past. Furthermore, I will get things done better than they have been done in the past. Have you ever wondered why your tax money is not working for you? If elected mayor I would be a good steward of our town's funds. My first priorities would be the basics: making sure our ditches are cared for and drain properly, making sure our streets are paved and free from potholes and ensuring that the downtown area is safe for all citizens at all times.

Furthermore, as mayor, I plan to oversee the work that is done all over town. Too often I have seen contractors and employees in this town disrespecting the place. I see poorly done work and trash left around work sites. We need to respect our employees and contractors, but also hold them to the highest standard. After working in construction for thirty-five years I know how to do this.

As for growth, I see our town struggling with how to grow in the right ways. We need smart growth—not growth at any cost. We need to focus on the areas of town that are best for commercial buildings and encourage growth in those areas. We need to court the kinds of businesses that we think would be a good fit for our community. We cannot stop change, but we can guide it.

As your mayor I will:

- Ensure transparency and accountability
- Be visible and accessible
- Embody your values
- Treat all residents with dignity and respect

I thank you for your consideration.

Vote for me #105

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E.J. BOUDREAUX

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



I, E.J. Boudreaux, of the Louisiana Boudreaux family and the subject of numerous Boudreaux and Thibodeaux jokes, which I find funny, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, the second of five children. My family moved to the Northshore the year that the Causeway opened. I have 23 first cousins and we had fun growing up together.

During my high school years between football games and dances, I worked at the Winn Dixie in Covington along with my friends. I was living a typical teenage life. After high school, I decided to join the U.S. Marine Corps and Uncle Sam gave me lots of responsibility in the field artillery.

At the end of my four years, I returned home with my newfound responsibility and got a job driving a Pepsi truck. The truck was not enclosed, and I went around a corner too fast and lost all my bottles. Yikes! After the police officer made me sweep up all the glass, I decided to go to work for Shell Oil Company surveying locations for offshore platforms. The surveying work evolved into a Lease Operator position in the Gulf of Mexico.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. After three job moves, I settled in with The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management as a Supervisor of Technicians guaranteeing correct royalties from oil and gas leases on public and Indian lands.

I left The Department of the Interior and returned to the private sector. I became a Safety & Environmental Manager for Enron in Baytown Texas. I supervised the construction of a petrochemical plant, including gas systems, freshwater systems, and an electrical substation. While at Enron, I was a resident of the South Shore Harbour subdivision in League City, Texas. I served for a short time on their Board of Directors where I learned about PUDs & MUDs. When Enron went out of business, a friend called me and asked if I would audit quality systems in private industry.

During my career and education, I acquired the talent and skill set to evaluate business and government systems. I was offered a position with Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance and spent the next fifteen years conducting ISO-9001/ ISO-14001 quality & environmental audits in Manufacturing, Logistics, Transportation, Engineering, Oil & Gas, Petrochemical, and Environmental industries. I could be in Edmonton, Alberta on Monday and Miami on Friday.

Now retired from traveling, I spend my days remodeling homes in Abita Springs. I keep my membership in the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and I am proud to be an Elections Commissioner for St. Tammany Parish.

My next endeavor is to help Abita Springs remain vibrant for everyone and help ensure that the historical/architectural suitability of our hometown is pleasant for everyone to enjoy.

I would appreciate your VOTE on November 8, 2022, because knowledge with experience counts in Abita Springs.

Thank you, everyone!

LYNNE CONGEMI

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



Congemi Can Do It

Proactive, Energetic, and responsive attitude with a will towards listening to your needs for responsible growth in Abita Springs.

My name is Lynne Congemi and I am asking for your support. I have been a resident of Abita Springs in the Historic District since 1991. I am community-minded and attend town meetings to keep involved in Abita regularly. I have also enjoyed a 25-year career as a Realtor in Abita Springs, and the surrounding area. I respect our heritage. I believe that people reside in Abita for a better way of life; a place that is unique with its natural waters, civic communication, and strong community pride and involvement. I want to dedicate my service to the citizens of Abita Springs to keep this a reality.

Prior to the current administration, I served several years on the Historic Commission and thoughtfully used the guidelines, acting with respect to the homeowners along the way, and successfully moving residents through this process. I have also worked with the United States Army Corp of Engineers on various permit applications, and have been involved with multiple flood insurance programs throughout my Real Estate career.

A main concern for me is water drainage in and around Abita Springs. I myself have had an issue with water intrusion that in conjunction with the Town Engineer helped to resolve. As a result of my career and civic service, I have developed a keen awareness of how things work in town administration, the application of current ordinances, and how to work with contractors/developers and homeowners to address our drainage systems' needs to move water away from the homes toward our rivers and other outlets. I plan to work with the Town Engineers and the Administration to address residential and commercial growth challenges in this regard.

We all saw recently how working together in unison as a community helped thwart an unwanted commercial development. I worked with many of you to take proactive steps to bring our concerns forward. This is just an example of how I will work hard with town administrators to help meet the needs of the citizens, make the town Master Plan become a reality, and to get our town's ordinance updated to preserve our way of life.

I am asking for your vote for Alderman, in the November 8th election. "Congemi Can Do It", let's continue to talk and be kinder and gentler so our community growth is honored.

Thank you for considering me as an Alderman!

Please vote, Lynne Congemi, Alderman

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REGAN CONTOIS

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



My name is Regan Contois and, I am running for Alderman of the Town of Abita Springs. I am an urban planner, landscape architect, mother, community volunteer and current Alderman for our town.

I'd like to offer a few reasons why you may consider selecting me to serve as Town Alderman for a second term. What I bring to the table is a sense of civic responsibility, dependability, planning experience, and a positive attitude. We are at a crucial period in the history of our town during which we face significant choices that will affect our future. I firmly believe that a community-inclusive master plan can help us meet those challenges with a proactive stance. Working together to create a unified vision and associated laws for our town can protect and strengthen the sense of place that makes Abita such an attractive place to live.

I have 25 years of planning experience working as a consultant to create regional municipal recreation plans. Additionally, I have experience in private and commercial planning with businesses ranging in scale from a self-run design office to employment in interdisciplinary firms with 50-500 employees. For the past 13 years, my position as a commercial planner and landscape architect with St. Tammany Parish Government has given me a chance to participate in the review and rewriting of the Parish land use plan and ordinances. I have firsthand knowledge of how ordinances influence the development taking place in St. Tammany. As our citizens have often stated, Abita does not fit the 'anywhere USA mold' and should strive to maintain its unique visual and cultural character. Our laws must reflect that desire.

When I moved to Abita in 2005, I wanted to get involved in the community so I volunteered to help design and build the community playground in our town park. As a founding member and the past president of Abita Springs Friends of the Park, I am proud of the many accomplishments our non-profit organization has achieved. In the past four years as Alderman, I have endeavored to work together as a team with the Town staff, the citizens, and various town boards to jointly bring about much-needed legislation such as low-density zoning designation, stormwater ordinance, and several moratoriums which have afforded us time to address outdated ordinances. As Alderman, I feel that I have made serious headway in moving our masterplan process to the forefront. It is finally underway, and I would dearly love to serve our town to complete the process.

If elected some items I would like to focus on include:

- Community Inclusive Masterplan
- Enhanced Downtown Parking and Streetscape
- Strengthening Community Partnerships (Parish and State)
- Economic Outreach & Town Business Coalition
- Fostering an Environment of Cooperation and creativity between Citizens and the leadership of our Town.

I believe my planning experience and proven commitment to our community show that I am worthy of your consideration.

If you have any issues to discuss, you can email me at: rcontois@abitaspringsla.gov
I would appreciate your vote for Regan Contois.

STEWART "MANYLIGHTNINGS" EASTMAN

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



Aldermen should be proactive, and I want to set the best example of what an Alderman can be. I want a stronger platform to fight for my ideas and proposals and to ensure that any other items that come before the Aldermen are thoroughly discussed, researched, and debated before action is taken.

Now retired, my professional accomplishments involved getting large computer systems to run right, run better, and to provide new services for the sailors in our Navy.

My personal accomplishments that are relevant to this campaign include marching in 23 consecutive Krewe du Vieux parades as well as nine Push Mow parades which show that I will support and encourage our wonderful Push Mow Parade. Winning 17 medals here in the Senior Olympics in bicycling and my leading the annual Bike Festival ride around town show that I will remain dedicated to supporting bicycling as a vital part of Abita's culture and attractiveness. My state championship and other awards in Beard and Moustache competitions and my continued appearance in local and national newspapers shows that I will support Abita's uniqueness and that of its citizens in expressing themselves in a positive and entertaining fashion.

My political accomplishments include successfully lobbying for an Abita "Twenty is Plenty" speed limit, convincing two civic groups to sponsor a Bicycle Fixit Station by the Trailhead, and alerting the citizens of the town of plans to build a large chain store.

My platform priorities include Abita having even fewer chain stores and more original, local businesses. They should flourish alongside a healthy stock of attractive, native trees. Let us continue all our festivals and cultural events, and perhaps even add new ones.

Reducing runoff into our storm drainage. Every new development should not merely guide runoff into the ditches but avoid increasing runoff at all. This requires preventing impervious driveways, parking lots, and slabs.

Reducing plastic waste and litter. Volunteers picking it up is not enough! We need to enforce anti-litter ordinances and prevent businesses from selling or using known litter-creating items.

Achieving 100% sustainable energy as soon as practical. We should start with solar panels on all municipal buildings, and remove the rule against solar panels of the Historic Commission.

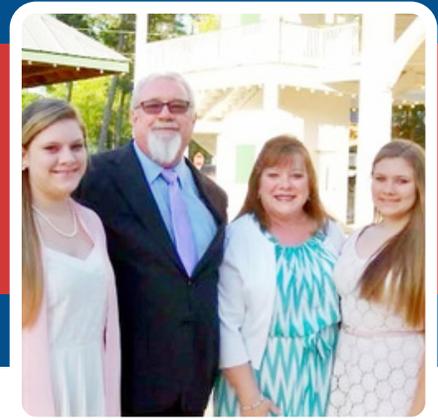
Protecting our trees. We need to stay a Tree City and go beyond that to protect native species, remove invasive species, and make it easier for citizens to trim their tree cover without excessive paperwork or expense.

The commercial zone classifications and rules should be revised to prevent intrusion by chain, formula-type businesses like Dollar stores. Similarly, the subdivision ordinances should be studied and improved to prevent large subdivisions and to ensure the developer fully pays all the costs, both short term, and long term.

The Historic District rules should be rewritten to stop harassing current residents over minor repairs and to actually prevent new, modern business buildings. Abita should be proactive in improving and upgrading its cultural district by encouraging those businesses which have not been contributing to take part.

LEX A. LEBLANC

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



Hello, please let me introduce myself.

I'm a twenty-five (25) year resident of Abita Springs. I grew up in Covington, joined the Navy, and served as an Electricians Mate on Nuclear Submarines. I received an Honorable Discharge, graduated from LSU with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and married Anita Giglio of Cottonport, LA. Anita is presently a secretary at Lakeshore High School and was previously at Abita Elementary. We raised two beautiful daughters in Abita Springs. While working and raising our girls, I attended UNO and earned a Master's Degree in Engineering Management.

I recently retired from the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration's National Data Buoy Center (NOAA/NDBC). It's a job I loved, and it taught me the importance of proper planning, staying on schedule, and staying within budgets. I started as the Operations Officer and retired as the Technology Development Lead.

I love the quality of life we enjoy in Abita Springs. Our festivals, the Abita Opry, Push Mow Parade, Whole Town Garage Sale, great schools, and funky atmosphere make Abita Springs an attractive place to live or visit. Our small town life is very alluring, and people will continue to move into Abita. If you choose to elect me as Alderman, I will listen to your opinions, consider options, and research solutions to help lead Abita as our town faces future expansion. Every vote I make as your Alderman will allow healthy growth while preserving what makes Abita Springs a great place to live and raise children.

Thank you,
Lex LeBlanc

WALTER E. "PAT" PATTERSON, III

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



Graduated LSU-Shreveport with a BA in European History.

I have been married to Martha Iles Patterson for 41 years. We have two grown children, John C. Patterson and Margaret P. Meyer. John is married to Danni and they have one daughter, Autumn. They currently reside in Birmingham, AL. Margaret and her husband, Jarred and their three children: Walter, Shelby, and Orin, live in Mandeville. I have the pleasure of having 4 grandchildren under 4 years old! I must say it keeps Martha and me young at heart.

We have lived in Abita Springs for seventeen years. During that time, I have had the honor to serve as your Alderman and Infrastructure Chairman for twelve of those years.

If re-elected:

- I will continue to work on upgrading our aging infrastructure, including our Sewerage Treatment Collection and Plant facility, water system, and drainage. Our Sewerage Treatment plant is dated and is in need of either major upgrades or replacement.
- I will continue to work to upgrade our roads and bridges, many of our streets are in desperate need of repair. I am working with our administration to apply for Federal and State grants to address these issues. We have a Road Committee that has volunteered to work with me to identify our roads based on immediate and long-term needs. With public input slated for open meetings.
- I will continue perusing both Federal and State grants to enhance and upgrade all aspects of our Town.
- Finalize a **COMPREHENSIVE ZONING OUTLINE** to include our state highway corridors and the undeveloped land on the outskirts of our Town for future growth.

STEPHEN SAUSSY

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



The Candidate with the experience to put Abita and its citizens first: The only candidate with local government Administrative/Director level experience, Law Enforcement Experience, Paramedic Experience, and Managerial Experience, to serve the citizens of Abita Springs.

Stephen has been extremely blessed to be a part of a community that has contributed to the betterment of lives around the world, medical sales representative. Stephen's career was built by developing trust, respect, and by putting the customer's patient first. Stephen has spent the last four years fighting to put the citizens of Abita Springs first.

Community Involvement: Over the last fourteen years, Stephen has contributed thousands of hours protecting our community as a law enforcement officer. Today, Stephen "volunteers" his time as a Marshal for the town of Abita Springs. Contributes and partakes in a variety of fundraisers.

During his first term as Alderman, Town Abita Springs, Stephen pursued an Administrative position with a Parish entity, why? To expand his knowledge of local government. During his time with the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, (fifty-seven-month tenure), twenty-six were spent participating at the Administrative/Director level. During that time, Stephen gained a wealth of knowledge in understanding the meaningfulness and the waste government. Recently, Stephen was appointed to his second term as a Board Member of St. Tammany Parish Fire Department, Fire District #8, Abita Springs. Stephen's vastness of government knowledge and the importance of putting the citizens first is unparalleled.

Career Experience: Stephen's career began in 1992 as a local sales representative in the medical industry. His career advanced to him becoming a National Sales Director. His management experience taught him the values of building trust and establishing relationships. Stephen knows the importance of working together, listening, and that together we can achieve more than "one can" imagine.

Stephen's desire is to continue to work in promoting transparency, creating a master plan one step at a time, working for each citizen, and communicating with all in resolving matters. Most importantly, Stephen pledges to continue being honest, ethical, and supportive of new ideas, that better our TOWN.

Thank you and I appreciate your support.

All the Best,

Stephen Saussy
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ERIC TEMPLET

*Candidate for Alderman,
Town of Abita Springs*



Hello, I'm Eric Templet (pronounced Tom-play). I am seeking to represent the citizens of Abita Springs as an Alderman on the Town Council. While I am originally from Baton Rouge, my family has called Abita Springs home for 16 years and counting. My wife, Patricia, and I are raising a son and a daughter here and we love Abita! I also believe in serving my community. I don't want to be someone who complains, I want to be someone who helps to make improvements.

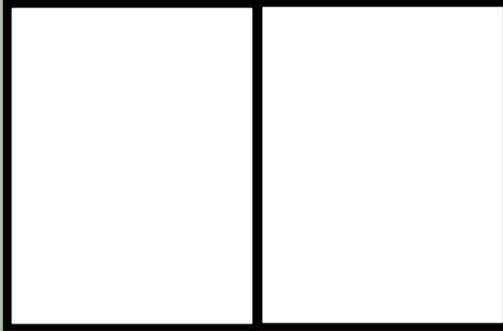
I attended Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, earning a bachelor's degree in Health Promotion and Exercise Science in 2000, followed by a master's degree in Kinesiology in 2001. In 2013, I earned my Doctor of Business Administration degree from California Intercontinental University. And I am currently working on a Master's of Healthcare Administration degree at Louisiana State University. Currently, I work in the Healthcare Administration field. I have also taught part-time at Southeastern Louisiana University for 22 years and counting. I also proudly served in the Navy Reserve from 2003 to 2007 as a Military Intelligence Specialist.

For the past three years, I have served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for Abita Springs and currently serve as the chairman. During this service, I have witnessed a welcomed increase in citizen involvement in town government, which I would like to see continue to increase. Every vote I make on the P&Z committee is based on what I believe the citizens of Abita Springs expect in order to keep their community safe and consistent while respecting the property rights of our citizens.

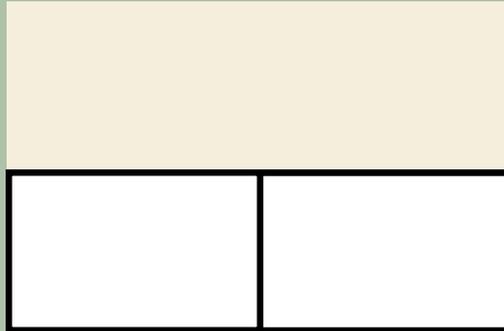
The following is my candidacy platform:

1. To enact legislation allowing Abita Springs to grow in a way that preserves the town's unique character and aesthetics.
2. To work with the administration, other aldermen, and citizens to create fundamental guidelines for property development that will minimize the effects on sanitation, flooding, traffic, and litter.
3. To keep residents informed with accurate information about issues affecting them through social media platforms and personal communications.
4. To help residents understand the procedures and ordinances of the town government. I want to use my experience in teaching to create a training program for different boards in Abita and for citizens to educate citizens and officials about the rights, responsibilities, and duties of each board, procedures, and processes of town government. I will lead the creation of Citizens Academy, as implemented in other municipalities, in Abita to this end.
5. To advocate for the interests of the town at the state and parish levels by soliciting meetings with parish and state officials to discuss issues that Abita Springs families are facing.

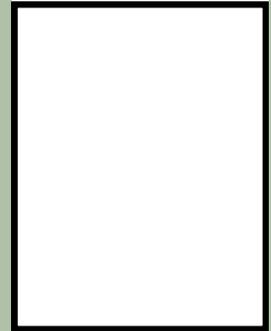
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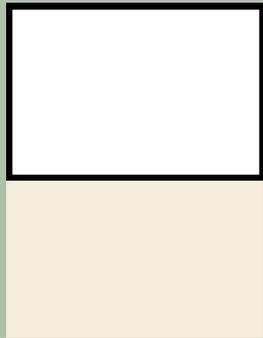
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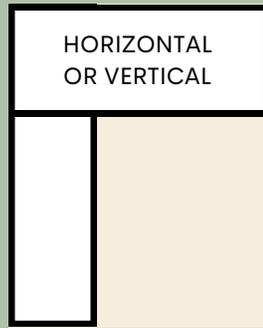
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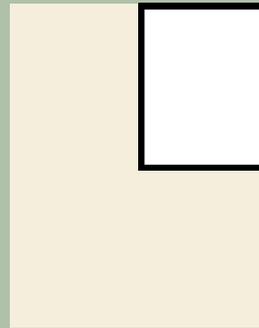
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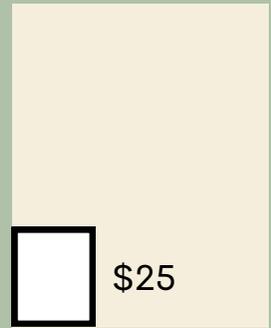
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