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Message from the Parish President. .

Keeping Jefferson Clean for All of Us

Over the past few years, Jefferson Parish has been pro-active in erasing blight and emphasizing a clean environment for our citizens to enjoy. As elected officials and citizens, we must do our part to keep our parish clean in all facets as a source of civic pride.

We are sending out this notice to heighten awareness about the use of leaf blowers and proper clean-up and disposal of debris associated with lawn maintenance and landscaping. Proper disposal of this debris will help keep our drains clean and will increase the flow of rain water into our drainage system and keep pollutants out of our lakes, bayous, and other waterways.

It is against the law as stated in Section 16-9 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances for any person to dispose of any type of debris on any public street by the use of a leaf blower, rake, broom, or any other means, unless the debris is immediately removed from the street for proper removal and disposal.



Aaron Broussard, Parish President

Beginning in April, inspectors from the Department of Environmental Affairs will enforce the ordinance by combing neighborhoods. You can assist us in enforcement by reporting any violation you may witness to the Department of Environmental Affairs at 736-6440 anonymously.

Please join us in keeping debris out of our storm drains. Your effort will set an example for others and enhanced drainage capability in your neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Aaron Broussard
Parish President

**Brooms to Basins Day in Jefferson Parish
Saturday, May 17, 2008
Parish-wide effort to aid in flood prevention
by clearing debris from neighborhood storm drains.
To participate, contact the Public Information
Office at 736-6410.**

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Editor's

Notes

Jefferson Parish Employees' Wellness Series: The Issue Is Cancer

During March and April our Benefits Division has coordinated and hosted a wellness series on cancer prevention, detection, and treatment. The sessions have taken place on both banks of the river in order to reach as many of our employees as possible.

Thanks to Our Professional Presenters:

I would like to personally thank the area health professionals who volunteered to speak at these sessions for the benefit of our employees.

Sherry Allen, an Oncology Nurse at East Jefferson, gave a wonderful presentation on colorectal cancer, including segments on risk factors, screening, symptoms, and prevention, as well as an in-depth explanation of the colonoscopy procedure and various preps for it.

Dr. Emery Minnard, Surgical Oncologist at West Jefferson, presented an overview of cancer with specific emphasis on breast cancer.

Gastroenterologist Dr. Charles Schibler spoke on colon cancer. He was joined by Sheryl Babin, RN, Clinical Manager of the Endoscopy Center at WJ. Nurse Babin spoke on diagnostic testing from the patient's perspective. This topic was espe-



Feleciano Mendoza, Jr.
Editor

cially pertinent since March was colorectal cancer month.

At the April 1 session, Dr. William Borron, a Pulmonologist, spoke on lung cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment; and Respiratory Therapist Jules Poirer discussed smoking cessation. Nurse Sherry Allen returned for the April 4 session on lung cancer.

The final session of the series will take place on April 22 in the East Bank Council Chambers from 9:00 till 10:30 a.m.. The topic will be breast cancer. I hope that many of you will be on hand to learn about this topic that is vitally important to so many people.

Again, thanks to all of these fine professionals who took the time to speak to our employees. And thanks also to HR's Benefits manager **Aubrey Devillier** and Benefits Specialist **Cathy Leaumont** for coordinating the series.

If you have any suggestions for future wellness programs, please let us in Human Resources know. We are always looking for opportunities to achieve a healthier workforce.

Environmental

By
Barbara Arcement

Congratulations to Environmental's **Billy "LSU" Sanders**. Billy was chosen as a 2007 recipient of the Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Career Service Award, sponsored by the Louisiana Civil Service League. Way to go, Billy!

This year Environmental Affairs once again took part in the annual "Party for the Planet" at Earth Fest on March 15 and 16 at the Audubon Zoo. Earth Fest is a fun way for people to learn about saving the environment. Exhibitors representing groups from non-profit and governmental sectors, as well as businesses involved with environmental issues, helped Zoo visitors answer questions for prizes on the *Earth Quest* game. Environmental Affairs employees answered questions from children of all ages about recycling, Non-point Source Pollution, and storm-water issues. Everyone involved had a good time.

The Environmental Department, in conjunction with the Recycling Foundation, Inc., of Baton Rouge, will hold Recycling Drop-off Days for parish residents on April 26 and May 31, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. East Bank residents may drop off their recyclables in the parking lot of the Yenni Building in Elmwood. West Bank residents may drop off theirs in the parking lot of the Alario Center, located at 2000 Segnette Boulevard, Westwego. We hope to see you there. Once again we would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Recycling Drop-off Days held on February 23, and March 29, 2008.



At Earth Fest 2008, Environmental Quality Supervisor Joana Sa Chambers (wearing hat) educates the public on recycling, storm water issues, and the Christmas tree marsh restoration project

Environmental Employee Wins Dunbar Award

Jefferson Parish would like to congratulate **Billy "LSU" Sanders** in recognition of being a recipient of the 2007 Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Award. The Dunbar Award is sponsored by the Louisiana Civil Service League. Nominees are supplied from 400 agencies and chosen from more than 90,000 civil service workers. Nominees are judged by four criteria: commitment to classified service, contribution and attitude towards work and the workplace, personal initiative, and volunteer service.

The Louisiana Civil Service System in large part owes its existence to Mr. Dunbar, the attorney who wrote the civil service basic laws and founded the League.

Billy has been employed as an inspector with the Department of Environmental Affairs since 1999. He is also an active member of the community, devoting his spare time (that is when he is not at an LSU football game!) to various civic and

charitable organizations including the Knights of Columbus and Saint John Bosco Church in Marrero.

We are truly honored that one of our employees has been selected to receive this prestigious award, which recognizes not just professional dedication but community service as well. Billy received his award at the 49th annual Charles E. Dunbar Jr., Career Service Award luncheon held on Friday, February 29, at the Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans.



Billy "LSU" Sanders and wife Cindy with the 2008 Charles E. Dunbar Award

Juvenile Services

By
Arlyn Smith

Welcome:

The Department of Juvenile Services welcomes new employees: **Lisa Bolden**, **Ya'Quina Cobbs-Jones**, and **John Shephard, Jr.**, Juvenile Detention Officers at the Rivarde Detention Center; and **Malcolm Fredericks, Jr.**, and **Joseph Thomas**, Trades Helpers.

Baby News:

Probation Officer **Ebony Allen** gave birth on February 19 to a healthy baby girl – **Jayla Allen**, weighing in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., and 19" long.

Congratulations:

Juvenile Services proudly congratulates Probation Officer **Chantrell Cook**. Chantrell has completed her Master of Science Degree. We are proud of you!

Fund-Raising:

Juvenile Services staff has been very busy raising money for the "RELAY FOR LIFE," which will be held April 12. We've had bake sales and lunches; and on March 20 we were treated to a "cook out" lunch prepared by none other than "**Chef Roy Juncker**"! It was a beautiful day with good food and fellowship. DJS staff is on target to raise approximately \$1000 for this worthy cause.

Our whole department wants to thank **Nikki Johnson** and **Nelda Bonfiglio** for spearheading the Relay for Life.

Probation Officer **Tion McGhee** is gearing up for the March of Dimes.

Human Resources

By
Greg Alexander

Human Resources welcomes our latest employee, **Elkedria Richardson**. "Kedra" has been with the Parish for six months. She comes to us from Code Enforcement, where she began as a Data Entry Operator in Code's Weed Control Division. Congratulations to Kedra for her promotion to our Tyist Clerk III.

Our nurse **Peggy Branan** wants to let everyone know that at our last drive, we had 36 successful blood donations! This was a great turnout! Peggy's thanks go out to everyone for their efforts in promoting the drive! Our next drive will be Thursday, May 8.

Cathy Leaumont, HR's Benefits Specialist, coordinated health fair sessions in March. The topic for these sessions was cancer. The speakers were Dr. Emery Minnard, Surgical Oncologist at WJ; Dr. Charles Schibler, a Gastroenterologist; Sheryl Babin, of WJ's Endoscopy Center; Sherry Allen, Oncology Nurse at EJ; and Dr. Charles Schibler, of Metropoli-

tan Gastroenterology Associates. Allen and Schibler gave presentations on colorectal cancer prevention and awareness. March was colorectal cancer awareness month. On April 1 Dr. William Borron, a Pulmonologist, spoke on lung cancer, and Respiratory Therapist Jules Poirer discussed smoking cessation.

Our Safety Division recently presented an Accident Investigation class to Streets Department Managers. All Streets superintendents and foremen attended the sessions.

All of HR extend our sympathies to **Ann Woods** of our Safety Division. Ann lost her husband Gerry in March. Gerry was also the brother of **Linda Allo**, of the Sewerage Department.

Safety Program Manager **Nolan Guidry** has announced that seven Parish employees from various departments will be attending the regular meetings of the ESC (Executive Safety Committee). The seven employees will serve a three-month term, after which a new team will be appointed. "The purpose of the employee team is to provide the ESC valuable input from various levels of the Parish workforce," Nolan explained.



HR's new Typist Clerk III Kedra Richardson

Animal Shelter

By
Kay Levy

Adoptions at Barkus 2008!

The beginning of 2008 started off with the Animal Shelter's participation in the Barkus Parade, which was sponsored by the Louisiana SPCA. **Lee Ann Matherne**, Shelter Director; **Norma H. Briscoe**, East Bank Shelter Manager; **Jackie Booker**, West Bank Shelter Manager; and **Tiera Jones**, Clerk III West Bank Shelter, walked in the parade showcasing animals that were available for adoption at all three shelters. It was a huge success! A lot of fun was had by all participants, and all animals were adopted!



East Bank Shelter Gets Facelift

The East Bank shelter is undergoing renovations: new paint and bright colors for the kennels, adoption areas, and office area. The new ceilings are in, and the floors are being installed. Then we can look forward to the new furniture. All employees are looking forward to the new and improved working space.

New Medical Staff

Both shelters now have full-time veterinarians to care for all shelter animals. The East Bank shelter's veterinarian is **Dr. Jessica Coates-Hudson**, and the West Bank shelter veterinarian is **Dr. Marci Miranov**.

Dr. Miranov graduated from Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She has worked in a full-service private practice in Metairie and came to us from St. Charles Humane Society. Dr. Miranov began a new set of challenges working in shelter practice. Shelter practice has opened doors for her to continue her education in cruelty of animals, organized pit-bull fighting, and forensics.

Dr. Jessica Coates-Hudson has been with the East Bank Shelter since 2007 and has been working diligently with the kennel staff to bring changes to the care of the shelter animals.

Employee Adoptions

Katherine Costanza, Assistant Director of the Environmental Department, adopted "Claudius," a Bengal cat that she fell in love with at first sight. She calls him her lovable little tiger.

Also, adopting were two new Animal Shelter employees: **Lori Ingram** adopted "Shi Shi," a beautiful Shih Tzu mix dog; and

Mary Course adopted "Buster" an active German Shepherd mix.

Metairie Girl Scout Troop presented the East Bank Animal Shelter with a donation of food and treats for the shelter animals on December 20, 2007.

In March, Humane Officer **Raul Fernandez** and Animal Control Officers **Steve Sander, Jr.**, and **Michael Sumner, Sr.**, attended a Cruelty Seminar in Arkansas. **Lee Ann Matherne**, **Norma H. Briscoe**, **Jackie Booker**, WB Kennelmaster **Norma Uluduz**, and EB Kennelmaster **Erica Palmer** attended a seminar in Lafayette, Louisiana, for "No Kill Shelters."

As the East Bank Shelter said goodbye to **Kavodas Harris** and **Keyon Kent**, who moved to the Water Department, we welcomed Clerks **Lori Ingram** and **Mary Course**. Everyone at the shelter wishes them all good luck in their new positions. We would also like to welcome **Jackie Taylor**, Typist Clerk II, to the East Bank Shelter.



Animal Shelter Director Lee Ann Matherne with new medical staff: Dr. Marci Miranov, Dr. Jessica Coates-Hudson, and Vet Tech Darrel Thaxton

Sewerage

By
Bobbie Fose

Let's Reach Out to Our Soldiers

Recently I received a request from a friend asking for letters and perhaps a package to soldiers that have received no mail during their deployment. I thought this was a wonderful idea and wanted to share it with all of you. I got the name of a soldier and just sent a letter to him. I am going to send a package soon. I understand the Post Office has boxes that can be mailed for eight or nine dollars, no matter what the weight. If you would like to bring a little "home" to those off in a strange place, the e-mail address of the person with the names of these soldiers is nitabecker@juno.com.

Ms Becker can suggest things the soldiers need, such as calling cards, chips in a can, Granola bars, hard candy, Trail Mix, anti-bacterial soap, mouth wash, dental floss, toothpaste, tooth brush, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex. Ms. Becker can also send updates on soldiers that have been injured. This is just a small effort that we

could make to reach out and make it a little more bearable for them, if that is possible.

Congratulations to **Linda Allo**, who will be retiring from Jefferson Parish on April 18, 2008. Linda has worked 20 years and 7 months for the Parish. We wish you well, Linda. We also wish you lots of fulfilled days. When we are getting up on a rainy day to go to work, we will think of you snuggling down under the covers! We also wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and her family on the recent loss of her brother Jerry Woods. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Venice Cooper coordinated the United Way Fund again this year. Our Department donated \$1,507.00. This was \$400.00 more than last year. Good job and congratulations!

In the meantime, **Diane Landry** is gearing up for the March of Dimes Fundraiser. **Jane Lennie** will be our coordinator for the American Cancer Society. I know both of these ladies will do well. Good luck.

Drainage

By
Marilyn Slutsky & Maria Cervini

We are very proud to mention that **Robert Federico**, Equipment Operator IV, has been selected as our 2007 Employee of the Year. Robert has worked for the Parish for 13 years. His knowledge, skill, and involvement with the Hoey's Basin Emergency Operations Plan has helped us prepare in advance for severe weather to reduce flooding.



Drainage Employee of the Year
Robert Federico

Robert's availability as needed after work hours, nights and weekends, and rotating stand-by duty are examples of his dedication. Robert sets an outstanding example for other employees. He is an asset to the Department, and can be relied on at any time needed for duty. Robert will be honored with a special presentation during the April 9 Council meeting.

Congratulations to **Alfred Stamps**, who was promoted to Equipment Operator IV, and **Robert O'Gwin** who was promoted to Laborer-Semiskilled.

A warm welcome is extended to our new hires: **Randy Petty**, Equipment Operator III, and **Larry Smith, Jose Puente** and **Alice Lannes**, hired as Laborers-Unskilled.



The "employee team" of the Executive Safety Committee: Pierre Smith of Drainage, Kent Hoadley of Water, Kevin O'Quinn of Recreation, Ervin Bennett of Streets, and Ed Stucke of JeffCAP (story on Page 4)

Drainage Employees Enjoy Fish Fry

On Thursday, March 6, the Drainage Department held a fish fry at the Drainage Administration Bridge City location for all Drainage employees. Thanks to all who helped coordinate this event and make it so successful.



Drainage Managers serve up the grub: Brian Baudoin, WB Pump Station Operator II, Larry Palmisano, WB Drainage Superintendent III, and George Dunn, EB Pump Station Maintenance Superintendent II.



Brian Baudoin, WB Pump Station Operator II, (front left); Keith Price, WB Drainage Equipment Operator IV (rear left); Keith Carriere, WB Drainage Equipment Operator IV (rear right); Scott Percle, WB Pump Station Operator II (center right); Perry Andras, WB Pump Station Equipment Operator IV (front right).

Community Development

By
Sevilla Finley

Community Development **Director Anatola B. Thompson** and her staff celebrated National Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, along with a host of dignitaries during the groundbreaking of the new Marrero Community/Senior Center at 1855 Ames Blvd. in Marrero. C.D. employees who participated were **Faye Galland**, Parish Planner III; **Mike Strausser**, Parish Planner II; **Ken Krey**, Project Manager; **Jim Bush**, Project Coordinator; **Connie Price**, Clerk Typist III; and **Sevilla Finley**, Info Specialist.

Two years after Hurricane Katrina damaged the Martin Luther King Community Center in the Lincolnshire Subdivision that required Parish officials to relocate it to a temporary site, the Parish is moving forward to build a replacement center. The new Center will be located next to the Parish Health Unit on land owned by the Parish.

General contractors are CS & Associates, and the Architects are N-Y Associates. Construction cost is estimated at about \$1,641,400. The Center will be funded by CDBG funds with the state's share of the capital outlay at \$300,000. When completed, the new center will provide about 6,000 square feet of space and will serve about 5,000 citizens in the Marrero area, 57% of whom are low- to moderate-income. The Center will provide housing counseling, literacy training, and a variety of other community activities. It will be operated by JeffCAP.

"The Center is an example of

how our tax dollars are being returned to our local community through CDBG,” said Anatola B. Thompson, Director of Community Development. “It seemed appropriate to celebrate the groundbreaking event during National Community Development Week, March 24-30, 2008.”

Community Development staff welcomed our newest employee, **Connie Price**, Typist Clerk III. Connie will be helping to staff the front desk in the reception area. Her last position was at the Harvey Community Center operated by JeffCAP. Connie is the proud mother of two sons, Daivon, age 25, an LSU graduate in electrical engineering, and Vashon, 27, a co-owner of a personal care company. She is married to Anthony Preston, and they live in Marrero.

Betty Overton, Typist Clerk II, has been busy cross-stitching attractive book markers that she laminates and donates to the East Bank Regional Library for literacy program participants.

Citizens' Affairs

By
Joana Lee

Promotions Announced

We congratulate **Gennie Hebert** on her move to the Water Department as Executive Assistant. Good luck, Gennie, on your new job and don't you dare forget us, because we know where you are!



Gennie Hebert and new Administrative Assistant Brandie Lange

Also in-house: **Brandie Lange** has been promoted to Administrative Assistant, and **Mary Nelson** to Secretary. Again, congratulations and good luck to you all!!



Newly promoted Secretary
Mary Nelson

Proud Mentions

Carol Champagne in Special Events proudly announces the birth of her 6 lb, 10 oz. grandson, Blake Matthew, born to her son Brian and his wife Staci on March 15. Congratulations, Grandma!!

Our Disability Affairs Specialist, **Katherine Hoover**, was asked to be the state coordinator of a Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund project administered by the Emergency Preparedness Initiative of the National Organization on Disability (NOD).

Ms. Hoover recruited 24 individuals throughout the state to attend a trainer's workshop that was held in Baton Rouge on March 18. Two of the trainers are JP EOC managers Stephen Brunelle and Timmy Gautreau, who along with Ms. Hoover are prepared to give group presentations on emergency preparedness to target audiences of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caretakers in Jefferson Parish.

“Preparedness: It's Your Turn” is the presentation title, and trainers are now available throughout the state.



Among those on hand at the ground-breaking for the new Marrero Community Center included President Broussard (4th from left), CD Director Anatola Thompson (4th from right), and JeffCAP Director Nicole Ferrier (3rd from right)

JeffCAP

By
Yvonne Dumas

The groundbreaking ceremony for JeffCAP's Marrero Community/Senior Center, 1855 Ames Blvd., was March 27. The Marrero Center will replace the Martin Luther King Center that was damaged during Hurricane Katrina. This facility will provide the current multiple services to the community as well as additional senior services. (See photo Page 8)

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) is in the process of recruiting new stations and volunteers. The program enlists retired and senior citizens aged 55 and over in a diverse range of volunteer services. We are attempting to recruit faith-based neighborhood watch programs, civic associations, and recreational groups. If you are interested, please call Chris Reine or Joan Oncale at 504-736-6165.

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program will be taking applications from now until December 31, 2008, at the following Neighborhood Service Centers:

Avondale Community Center
349-5415

Gretna Community Center
504-376-2130

Harvey Community Center
504-227-1221

Hazel Rhea Hurst Center
504-838-4277

Bridge City Community Center
504-349-5464

Dorothy B. Watson Center
504-736-6480

Marrero Center
504-349-5454

Clients must meet income guidelines. Please call the com-

munity center nearest you for an appointment. Service is on a first come basis.

Head Start

Councilman Byron Lee and JeffCAP are pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the new Lapalco Head Start Center on March 26. The location is 2100 Lincolnshire Boulevard, right off Lapalco in Marrero. The architects are Sizeler Thompson Brown and the First Millennium Construction. The project is expected to be completed in one year. Once opened, the site will be operated by JeffCAP as a Head Start Center serving about 120 children from the ages of three to five.

Upcoming Events:

Head Start Graduation – May 16, 10:00 a.m. at the Alario Center
Parent Volunteer Cruise - May 9 at 11: a.m. aboard the Steamboat Natchez



Dignitaries on hand for the Groundbreaking of the Lapalco Head Start Center included Councilmen John Young and Byron Lee (center), JeffCAP Director and Assistant Director Nicole Ferrier and Ed Stucke (to Lee's left), Head Start Administrator Elaine Oconner (4th from right), and Assistant Administrator Rhonda Taylor (second from right)

Parkways

By
Chantelle Prestenbach

Even though earlier than usual, Mardi Gras has come and gone along with the St. Patrick's Day Parades and the Irish/Italian Parades. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in the preparations and with the clean-up efforts for this year's Parade Season.

Another event that Parkways has proudly helped prepare for was Louisiana's premier golf tournament, the Zurich Classic at our very own TPC in Avondale; it took place March 24 - 30, 2008. For more info visit www.zurichgolfclassic.com

We'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Kevin Price** for achieving the "Employee of the Year" for 2007. Congratulations on a job well done.

Last but certainly not least, we'd like to welcome aboard our two newest members to the Parkways family: Mr. **Don Cole**, our new horticulturist, and Ms. **Lea Talley**, our new Data Entry Clerk.

Health Issues

By
Peggy Branan, RN



Consider Alternative Medical Clinics

Late into the evening, what started out earlier that day as an annoying complaint has now become unbearable pain. Adding insult to injury, your doctor's office is closed and it will be several hours before it reopens. That aggravating cough is now on day four and you're starting to run a fever and have colored sputum. Of course when you call your doctor's office, they cannot give you an appointment till five days from now. While walking down a flight of stairs, you severely twist your ankle and cannot walk on it. What do all of these scenarios have in common?

In past years, the individuals would have sought treatment at an emergency room. Now, the mere thought of having to go to the emergency room is an unbearable thought, especially in the post-Katrina times we find ourselves. The wait in an area emergency room can be anywhere from 2-3 times what it was prior to the hurricane. But, there is reason for hope!

Our area residents have an option to choose from if they do not have a doctor or do not wish treatment in an emergency room. We have several medical clinics in our area that are designed to treat and/or stabilize an individual much like what would take place in their doctor's office. The benefit of these clinics is that no appointment is necessary, they may be open after-hours, they are economically cheaper than an ER visit, and they don't require waiting for hours to see a doctor.

So, the next time you think a trip to the emergency room is needed, think about the alternative medical clinics. Check with your medical insurance carrier to see what clinics are approved.

General Services

By
Judy Johnson

General Services welcomes the following new employees: **Raymond Craig, Jerry Durrant, Malcolm Fredricks, Wilbert Luke, and Darnell Ellis.**

Congratulations to **Sarah Ancar** on her promotion to Print Shop Supervisor. Sarah has been with the Parish for 26 years. She began working in the Print Shop in 1982, when it was located in the Donelon Building on Causeway.



New Print Shop Supervisor Sarah Ancar

Retirements

Olen J. Mire
Streets
30 years

John Walton
Fire
28 years

Larry Austin
General Services
23 years

John Kleyle
Water
21 years

Susan Bretz
Parish Attorney
13 years

Louis Taylor
Animal Shelter
13 years

Roland Thomassie
Code Enforcement
11 years

Oliver Antoine, Sr.
Drainage
8 years

Animal Shelter Adopts Dogs at Barkus



Animal Shelter Director Lee Ann Matherne (left) with Managers Norma Briscoe and Tiera Jones at the 2008 Barkus Parade.

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