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Director's Viewpoint

A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION AND THE ROAD AHEAD

BY JOHN GALLAGHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Congratulations to Mayor Lawrence Henagan of DeQuincy on his election as President of the Louisiana Municipal Association for 2017-2018 during our 80th Annual Convention in Shreveport. He is joined by newly-elected First Vice President, Mayor Harry Lewis of Rayville, and Second Vice President, Mayor Jimmy Williams of Sibley. I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Immediate Past President, Mayor Barney Arceneaux of Gonzales, for his support and leadership this past year, and I look forward to his continued involvement in the LMA.

I appreciate all of you who attended our annual convention - it was a great turnout of municipal officials from all over the state. We were especially honored by the participation of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Secretary of State Tom Schedler, and National League of Cities President Matt Zone, Councilman from Cleveland, OH. Many thanks to your LMA staff; the LMA Executive Board; our host, Mayor Ollie Tyler of Shreveport; our co-host, Mayor Lo Walker of Bossier City; and their respective staff members for the tremendous work that made this such a successful event.

Special recognition and gratitude goes out to our many sponsors and exhibitors who continue to support the LMA and provide our membership with vital tools for success. We are thankful for the workshop speakers and panelists who generously took time out of their schedules to provide educational opportunities to attendees. Planning is already underway for the 2018 LMA Convention, which will be held in Lake Charles from July 31 to August 2. Please mark your calendars and make note that the convention will be on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next year.

I want to take time to remember those affected by August flood of 2016 in South Louisiana and those affected by the March 2016 floods in North Louisiana. I am very proud of the municipal officials in those affected areas who have worked nearly nonstop to bring about recovery in their communities. Their dedication and hard work are to be commended and through their leadership, Louisiana's municipalities are coming back stronger than ever. I am honored to have been appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards as the LMA representative on the RESTORE Louisiana flood recovery task force. I proudly serve alongside Mayor Ollie Tyler of Shreveport,

Mayor Dave Norris of West Monroe, Mayor/President Joel Robideaux of Lafayette, and former Denham Springs Mayor Jimmy Durbin, as we work with state and federal officials to do everything possible to make recovery efforts successful.

On a related note, one of the biggest issues that Congress will consider in the next few months is the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The deadline for reauthorization is September 30. We recently heard from Senator Bill Cassidy when he presented a webinar to LMA members on his flood insurance legislation. We are working with the National League of Cities and the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance to provide input on this issue. Please watch for important legislative updates as reauthorization efforts develop in the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Lastly, the new format of the Louisiana Municipal Review made its debut in the July issue. I value the many positive comments from LMA members and other municipal leagues across the country. I greatly appreciate the LMA staff whose ideas and input enabled this sensational format transition.

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President's Message

LOOKING FORWARD

BY MAYOR LAWRENCE HENAGAN, CITY OF DEQUINCY, LA

It is a tremendous honor to be elected by my peers to serve as President of the LMA. Sometimes we come in to a new role with big plans and grand ideas, only to

realize that the most important plan of all is to expect the unexpected. In the last year, most of our state has had to navigate through what felt like hell and high water, but because of each one of you, we are bouncing back, stronger and more resilient.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and I am anxious to get to know more of you. It has been a pleasure to serve with Barney Arceneaux who is a man of integrity, and has the best interests of this organization at heart.

I pledge to support the great LMA staff and make sure that we are focused and doing the things that make the LMA a trusted resource to our members and partners.

Those who have come before me have left me with some big shoes to fill. In the last couple of years, Carroll Breaux ushered in the Clerks' Training program. Barney ushered in a new Executive Director, John Gallagher. As your president this year, I hope to grow our organization in number, but more than that in member participation.

Eighteen years ago, as a new councilman, my cousin Claudia encouraged me to get involved in the LMA. My response was, "well, I don't know any of these people." This might be the excuse some of you have been using, or you might not realize the benefits of becoming active. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that on a personal level, you will make some great friends and you will gain a network of peers who will support you, answer your questions, or just be a sounding board when you need it. Your involvement, in turn, benefits the organization. Our membership spans age and generations and as experienced, more seasoned members move on, the LMA needs the younger members to pick up the baton and run. We need you to keep us moving forward and getting better.

I am humbled to step into this role and I want to be your partner as we continue to strengthen LMA just as those before us have done for the last 91 years. Thank you for your support and confidence in me as your new president and may God bless each and every one of you.

Governor's Column

A TIME OF ACHIEVEMENT AND AWARENESS

BY JOHN BEL EDWARDS, GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA



Celebrating 91 years of working on behalf of thousands of Louisianans who call our towns, villages and cities "home" is a remarkable achievement. I applaud the Louisiana Municipal Association for your continuous accomplishments and efforts to ensure a better quality of life for our constituents. North Louisiana was a fitting site for this year's annual conference, The Blue Ribbon Revelry on the Red River. Congratulations to Shreveport Mayor Ollie Tyler and leaders from the surrounding areas for doing an outstanding job of hosting the event.

There are many honorable leaders among the LMA, so it was no surprise that three of them were selected to receive the 2016 LMA President's Award at this year's conference. Toye Taylor, Randy Roach and Pete Heine are long time public servants who have spent decades working on behalf

of the people of Louisiana. Toye Taylor, who has more than 30 years in public service, is a former councilman and mayor-president of Bogalusa and Washington Parishes.

I'm proud to say that he is continuing his outstanding service as my deputy chief of staff for intergovernmental affairs. Randy Roach was a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives before serving as mayor of Lake Charles for 17 years. During his time as mayor, he was also a member of the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy which met for nearly a year finding solutions to help stabilize the state budget. Pete Heine has more than 30 years as a public servant. Not only is he a past president of the LMA, but he is the former mayor

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Legal Briefs

OUR FAIR SHARE

BY KAREN DAY WHITE, EXECUTIVE COUNSEL

From the smallest village to the largest city, municipal officials are tasked with doing the most good with limited taxpayer funds – such is the burden on all levels of government. The budgeting process is an arduous one, where, by necessity, there are winners and losers. Anyone who kept pace with the 2017 legislative sessions can testify to how tedious and problematic it can be to craft a budget in times of dire fiscal straits. During this process, it is critical that the legislative body who passes the ultimate budget receive input from those affected so that they may set priorities.

President Trump’s administration just recently released a proposed budget for the 2018 fiscal year. The plan includes over \$54 billion in funding cuts for programs upon which municipalities rely, and threatens to shift even more costs to local taxpayers. The proposed budget would cut \$3 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, a program that has resulted in large scale community improvement and economic development. Also at stake is \$500 million in TIGER transportation grant programs, and \$11 million in Brownfields programs, both of which are valuable tools for infrastructure improvement.

Workforce development and education initiatives are also at risk, including \$1.2 billion in 21st Century Community Learning Centers, \$1.3 billion for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and \$231 million for museums and libraries. In addition to sizeable cuts to energy efficiency and renewable energy platforms, the budget proposes a 25% reduction in FEMA assistance to municipalities.

These immense cuts would not only obstruct future development and operations, but would halt economic progress already underway. Federal grants programs such as CDBG and TIGER are crucial funding sources to support the \$7 trillion that municipal governments spend annually on essential services such as utilities, transportation infrastructure, public safety, and education. Since 2011, appropriations to local governments have been reduced by approximately \$2 trillion, so municipalities are already struggling to maintain services with less money. The needs of your citizens remain constant, and those currently facing the greatest economic challenges have the most to lose under the proposed federal budget.

Considering that 86% of the country’s population lives in

cities, and that 88% of total real income is generated within municipalities, local government should be considered a priority stakeholder when it comes to budgeting, not an afterthought.

So what can be done? The administration’s budget proposal is just that, and it is Congress who will finalize their budget and appropriations bills. The LMA is working with the National League of Cities to make sure that the voices of municipal leaders resonate on Capitol Hill. We encourage you to do your part by contacting your US Congressional representatives and urging them to fully fund the programs that are important to you. Full contact information is available at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov, and full details and an action plan may be accessed at www.nlc.org/FightTheCuts.

Editor’s Note: The information provided in this column is not a replacement for consultation with your own municipal attorney, and it should not be considered legal advice for any particular case or situation. You are encouraged to use the contents of this column as a platform to have meaningful discussions with your municipal counsel regarding possible litigation issues.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 3 **2012 IPC Design Installation and Inspection Principals** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 9 **LMGA Utility Best Billing Practices**, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the first-floor rooms of the LMA office building, 700 N. 10th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802
- 17 **LMA Webinar: LED Resources for Small Business in Your Community** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6363703205786178051>

Hometown Happenings

Delcambre Shrimp Festival, Delcambre, LA
August 16-20

www.shrimpfestival.net

Gueydan Duck Festival, Gueydan, LA
August 24-27

www.duckfestival.org



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of the city of Baker and is currently serving on the Baker City Council. The knowledge, leadership skills, compassion and concern of all these leaders have exhibited has clearly resonated with communities across Louisiana and this award is well deserved.

This month marks the one year anniversary of the August 2016 historic flood. Thirteen lives were lost and tens of thousands of homes, businesses, farms and communities were destroyed. The recovery process from that storm as well as the damaging March flood of 2016 continues for many of our citizens, yet our resiliency remains stronger than ever. The Restore Homeowner Assistance Program, the Restore Louisiana Small Business Program and the Restore Rental Program are available to help homeowners, small businesses and landlords and rental housing developers in this process.

Please encourage all homeowners whose property was damaged by either the March or August flood to participate in the homeowner assistance program as soon as possible by filling out a brief survey in order to determine eligibility. The survey can be accessed online at restore.la.gov or homeowners can call 1-866-735-2001 to speak with someone. The program is helping many either begin construction on their homes or receive reimbursement checks for work that has already been completed. The exciting news is that the program will become available to homeowners who had flood insurance and meet the eligibility requirements. All flood-impacted homeowners should fill out the survey, whether you have completed rebuilding or are just getting started. The status of your recovery is valuable in helping me and our congressional delegation make a stronger case to Congress for additional disaster recovery dollars. The more assistance we receive the more homeowners we can help. Please don't delay and fill out the survey. Encourage your residents, family, friends and neighbors to do the same.

As we reflect on what we have been through and the progress that has been made, we must learn and improve. The devastating floods of 2016 have certainly highlighted the need for us to take more proactive measures to ensure the safety of our people. Now is the time for municipalities and parishes to begin studying the watersheds in their areas and look for ways to work together regionally to combat any future flooding in order to protect our homes, schools, businesses, communities and state.

Disaster preparation and recovery procedures and strategies are vital, as you discussed during the conference. Hurricane season is here and it is essential that every municipality has a plan in place for helping our communities when disaster strikes. Preparedness efforts made by municipalities and parishes are paramount and are the cornerstone to a successful response.

Aside from using your local resources, you can also request assistance from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) through your Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Parish directors maintain constant contact with GOHSEP and provide and receive guidance throughout all events. As you know, the directors are highly trained in the Incident Command System (ICS) and are very familiar with using the WebEOC, which is used to coordinate your parish's requests. GOHSEP stands ready to support all parishes and municipalities through any hazardous event.

Congratulations again on achieving 91 years of service. I wish you many more and am honored to continue working with you in creating a brighter future for all Louisianans.



Attorney General's Opinions

BY JEFF LANDRY, ATTORNEY GENERAL

Elected Chief

Opinion: 16-0060 The Mayor of Plain Dealing may not enact policies which interfere with the inherent power and authority of the elected Marshal. The Plain Dealing Marshal is not required

to obtain permission from the Mayor of Plain Dealing or the Bossier Parish Sheriff prior to sending an officer of the Plain Dealing Police Department to an out-of-parish training academy. Officers of the Plain Dealing Police Department are police officers for purposes of the Municipal Police Employee Retirement System. Opinion Released: 6/21/2017

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Taxation

Opinion: 16-0206 The ad valorem tax exemption for disabled veterans under La. Const. Art. VII, § 21(K) is a distinct ad valorem tax exemption separate from the homestead exemption established by La. Const. Art. VII, § 20 and offers a benefit in addition to a homestead exemption. The exemptions under La. Const. Art. VII, § 21(K) and La. Const. Art. VII, § 20(A) (3) may be cumulated under certain circumstances, but a tax assessor must conduct a fact-specific inquiry when both exemptions are claimed. Opinion Released: 6/22/2017

Dual Officeholding

Opinion: 16-0210 The provisions of the Dual Officeholding and Dual Employment Law do not prohibit a member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas from holding employment in the office of a U.S.

Congressman. Opinion Released: 6/20/2017

Opinion: 17-0090 The provisions of the Dual Officeholding and Dual Employment Law do not prohibit the Constable of the Justice of the Peace Court for Ward 3 from serving as a part time Reserve/Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff of Richland Parish. Opinion Released: 6/22/2017

Prohibited Donations

Opinion: 17-0022 The City of Denham Springs may waive or otherwise reduce excessive sewer usage fees caused by leaks that were a result of the 2016 flood in order to preserve property and aid in the recovery from the natural disaster caused by the flood. Denham Springs may waive or reduce sewer usage fees attributed to residents refilling their swimming pools due to damage caused by the 2016 flood. Opinion Released: 6/20/2017

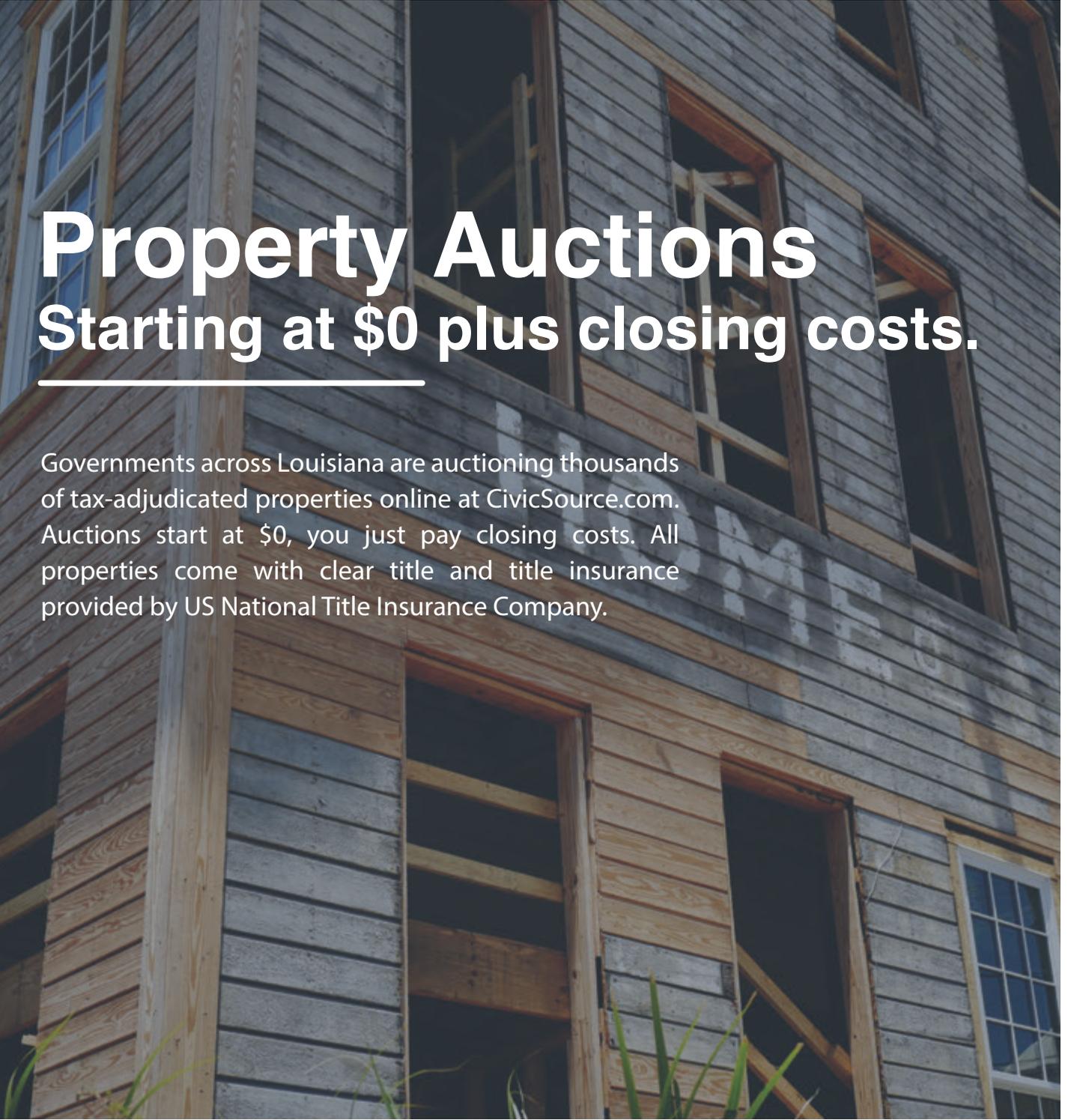
Elections

Opinion: 17-0069 The form Voter Registration Application is compliant with Louisiana law and is approved for printing and distribution. Opinion Released: 6/20/2017

Procurement

Opinion: 16-0082 The Port of South Louisiana is not subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code. The Port is subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law; however, a contract for routine and preventative maintenance dredging of the Port's finger pier and docks is not a contract for a "public work". Accordingly, such a contract as described is not required to be publicly bid before the letting of the contract, provided it has a term of not less than two years. Opinion Released: 6/27/2017





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READY TO SERVE

In last month's Review, we introduced Cliff, Paul and Mary, principals at the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau, the LMA subsidiary and benefits arm known as LaMATS.



This month we'd like you to meet the corps of professional consultants who dedicate their time and expertise to supporting the LMA membership through various LaMATS programs.

Playing a major role in our statewide e-procurement service, LaMATS Bidboard, are the purchasing gurus of BidBoard Consulting, a Louisiana-based firm dedicated to delivering managed e-procurement solutions and consulting to Louisiana municipalities and parishes in partnership with LaMATS. Led by procurement industry veteran **Kyle Gillman**, the BidBoard Consulting team includes **Grant Gillman**, **Rhett Briggs** and **Hope Hanaway**, all of whom are dedicated full-time to bringing savings and convenience to local government purchasing.



A master of ad valorem tax arcana, LaMATS partner **Kristyn Childers** of Millage Management, LLC, helps municipalities



gain a clearer understanding of the millage process and the importance of proper procedure. This new LaMATS partnership brings greater awareness, assistance and maximum revenues to every LMA member.

Kristyn served nine years with the Livingston Parish Assessor, working closely with Louisiana's Legislative Auditor's Office to ensure the continuation of revenue for the parish. As she mastered her field, she realized that in order to help other districts across the state, she would have to execute her plan through the private sector, and so a new business was born.

If your interest is Capital Outlay funding but you lack knowledge of the process or time to prepare an effective request, then LaMATS partner **James Purpera** can assist you.



With more than 30 years' relevant experience, including as state Budget Analyst and a Budget Manager in the Capital Outlay program, James now uses his knowledge of the political process to assist local governments in their capital requests and follow-ups.

Media consultant **Matt Mullenix** of Mission Media, LLC, rounds out the LaMATS consultant corps by providing support for marketing communications and web content. An experienced communications professional, Matt has more than 20 years' experience in electronic media and publications. Matt will soon extend his service into website development for municipalities through LaMATS's Computer Internet & Technology Assistance Program (or CITAP). And later, as part of pilot program, Matt will help LaMATS implement a new, low-cost municipal fleet tracking system.

With the guidance of these experts and a dedicated Board of Directors [link to: <https://www.lamats.net/team>], LaMATS keeps LMA's member benefits engine operating at peak performance. We urge all our members to reach out to Cliff, Paul or Mary whenever subject-matter experts or special partnerships can be of help to local governments.

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Here's Your Sign!!!

BY JERRY CRONIN, RMI GENERAL MANAGER



Claims filed under the commercial general liability coverage can result in judgements or settlements ranging from a little a \$150.00 or as much as the limits of indemnification. Generally, these type claims are moderate in cost; however, they have a higher frequency of occurrence.

Proper signage, or the lack thereof, is a critical issue when faced with losses that may be incurred under the general liability indemnification.

Following are a few examples of serious claims that have resulted from deficiencies in municipal signage.

You might think that a death or serious injury resulting in a vehicle involved in a collision with a train at a crossing within the city limits would clearly be a liability of the railroad. After all the train belongs to the railroad, the engineer and crew are employees of the railroad and the collision occurred on railroad right away.

While all of the facts stated above are accurate there may be a level of liability assigned in judgment or considered in settlement negotiations as a result of improper signage which was the responsibility of the municipality. We have experienced losses when the signs posted by the municipality has failed to indicate multiple tracks, and cases for which the municipality was found partially liable because, ever though there were clearly visible cross bucks and unobstructed visibility of

the approaches there was not a posted stop sign, or a caution sign providing notice of the presence of a crossing.

Municipalities have been judged liable for property damage and bodily injury that have resulted from intersectional collisions because there was no stop sign, the stop sign was old and discolored, it was twisted so that it could not be clearly viewed, and because it was not visible due to obstruction by overgrown vegetation.

Serious injury has occurred due to the lack of proper warning signs and/or barricades in areas where road repairs are underway and have resulted in significant monetary judgment against the municipality.

As a part of your in-house risk management all municipal employees and especially public safety personnel should be encouraged to be the watchful sentinels of the municipality, providing continuing observation of and immediate reporting of deficient signage, that may be the cause of serious bodily injury and property damage, for which the municipality will be held liable.

If you need further information concerning this subject, please contact risk management at (225) 344-5002 or (800) 247-4965.



Clerks Corner

BY CHRISTINE TRAHAN, LMCA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The 42nd Annual Louisiana Municipal Clerks Institute is right around the corner on October 22-26, 2017. All Clerks that are eligible for certifications should be aware that applications must be received by the

last Friday in August (in hand-not postmarked) and must be submitted on the updated application forms (available on website) Completed application along with all supporting documentation can be emailed to Kelly Drone: kelly@lma.org . If you have any questions regarding the application and your eligibility or points, please contact Roxanna Richard at 337-536-9415.

The Clerks Technical Assistance Program sent out a

survey for all Municipal Clerks to complete to establish a data base which will help to identify which Clerks can assist when a new Clerk is in need of help or information. Even if you cannot travel to another Municipality for the program, you may still be able to help out with knowledge you may have of a certain software system or operations information which can be conveyed over the phone or by email. Please complete the survey and return them to Sherry McCann at mccann.sherry@bellsouth.net. Looking forward to traveling to the City of Shreveport for the upcoming LMA Convention, July 27-30th. LMCA will have an Exhibit Booth and hope to see all my fellow Clerks come by the booth to visit.





Rural Development

RD SUPPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS NECESSARY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

BY LEE A. JONES, ACTING STATE DIRECTOR, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, LOUISIANA

Rural communities and residents are diverse and should have access to the same resources as those living in urban areas – especially

when it comes to adequate water infrastructure. Reliable drinking water and sanitary waste disposal systems are vital not only to public health, but also essential to the economic vitality of small rural communities.

USDA Rural Development’s (RD) Water & Environmental Programs (WEP) help to improve quality of life, support growth, and increase economic opportunities in rural towns throughout Louisiana with populations up to 10,000 or unincorporated areas.

RD supports very small, financially distressed rural communities with technical assistance and funding to improve water and waste facilities that serve local residents and businesses. The goal of these programs is not only to make funds available to economically challenged communities, in need of clean water, but also to ensure that facilities used to distribute drinking water are reliable. RD does this with the best lending terms available.

For example, West Allen Parish Water District (WAPWD) infrastructure project started in the late 70’s, and became accessible in the early 80’s with approximately 450 customers. At that time, it consisted of one water well, a water tower, and roughly 150 miles of water mains in Ward 3 of Allen Parish and Ward 9 of Jefferson Davis Parish.

In 2013, RD provided WAPWD a \$3.41 million loan and a \$2.48 million grant to make improvements to construct an elevated water storage tank, replace 40 miles of existing water mains, add 17 miles of water mains across the distribution system, and construct a modernized automated control facility with a generator. WAPWD celebrated the completion of the project on June 30, 2017.

Modern water and wastewater systems are necessary to encourage companies to locate or expand operations in a rural area. For more information on USDA programs, please visit www.rd.usda.gov/la or contact RD field staff in the Area Offices. RD Area Offices are located in Monroe (318) 343-4467, Natchitoches (318) 352-7100, Lafayette (337) 262-6601, and Amite (985) 748-8751. For further direction, call the State Office at (318) 473-

7920. RD also launched RD Apply, a system that allows customers to submit applications online for loans and grants. RD is here to help strengthen rural communities with improved and updated infrastructure.

Details: For more information about this message and USDA Rural Development programs and initiatives, contact Karen Lawson, Public Affairs Specialist, USDA RD Louisiana State Office, (318) 473-7917, karen.lawson@la.usda.gov.

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DEFERRED COMP GREAT WAY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO SUPPLEMENT RETIREMENT SAVINGS

BY RON HENSON, STATE TREASURER

American workers are living and working longer and retiring at later ages. A national survey found that 25 percent of workers in the United States expect to stay on the job after they reach age 70 because of financial pressures. Let's face it, middle-class workers remain on the job for a longer period of time due to rising health care premiums, increased living expenses, and stagnant retirement savings.

Most workers who were surveyed said they rely on the retirement plans offered at their jobs as their primary method for saving for retirement. Many, however, found it difficult to save for retirement even when an employer offered a variety of plans and savings options.

State government is one of the largest employers in Louisiana and requires civil service employees to participate in a defined benefit plan through the Louisiana State Employee Retirement System (LASERS). Local government and other public employees likewise participate in defined benefit retirement systems.

However, retirement benefits for a rank and file career public employee are modest and usually average from 50 percent up to 75 percent of your highest earning years. Without additional savings in the bank and no guaranteed cost of living adjustments, a percentage of your salary simply may not be enough.

There is a way to beef up retirement savings that is available to public employees called the Louisiana Government Deferred Compensation (Deferred Comp) Plan. It's an optional program and is strictly voluntary but can help employees supplement their retirement income by making small but consistent contributions over time. I personally participate in Deferred Comp, and it provides a variety of benefits to public employees.

Deferred Comp is a 457 plan under IRS rules, which is another way of saying it provides some terrific tax advantages. There are both state and federal tax benefits for participating in the program, and some participants may qualify for a federal income tax credit (called the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit or Saver's Credit) depending on their income and how much they contribute to the plan.

There are also a variety of investment options available in Deferred Comp. Participants can choose between a Traditional 457 plan or a Roth 457 plan, and earnings for both plans grow tax-free.

One of the program's biggest benefits, in my opinion, is it offers payroll deductions to help make saving for retirement easy and automatic. According to the AARP, payroll deductions are one of the easiest ways for workers to put money away for retirement savings on a regular basis.

A little over a quarter of state employees participate in the Deferred Comp program. I encourage more to take a look to see if the program is right for them. Even though starting early can make a huge difference in the amount of money available for retirement, there are special catch-up provisions available to older workers who are closer to retirement.

I recommend taking a good look at your projected retirement savings today to see if it will be enough or if supplemental savings will be needed. The tax and investment advantages of participating in Deferred Comp make it a perfect supplement to LASERS. For more information, visit www.louisianadcp.com.

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Would Lower Tax Rates Hurt Municipal Bonds? Maybe Not.

BY SHAUN TOUPS, GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS

The reductions in corporate and individual income-tax rates being pushed by the President Trump's administration would appear to pose risks to the tax-exempt municipal bond market, a traditional haven for individuals seeking interest income that's exempt from federal taxes. The assumption is that lower tax rates mean less benefit to the investor and thus lower demand. However, the initial information released by officials had almost no impact on the price of state and local government securities. Is this because there is the industry doesn't believe there is a realistic chance of significant change or could the change actually have the opposite effect – particularly in high tax states?

Let's take a further look at the ways tax rate changes may impact the municipal market if ultimately enacted by Congress, according to analysts and investors, many of whom remain skeptical of its prospects.

First, a reduction to tax rates would in theory weaken demand, particularly amount the wealthiest earners as the tax breaks would be less valuable. Since Trump's election there has been talk of tax cuts and exemption

reductions. Yet, during that time municipal securities have outperformed other investments. The proposed cut in the top-rate -- from 39.6 percent to 35 percent – it seems is too small to dampen demand for tax-free bonds. According to Matt Dalton, chief executive officer of New York-based Belle Haven Investments, such a reduction would not likely send people running from the muni market. "And if I just lost my deductions, how do I minimize taxes?" Dalton asked. "The way to do it is to own tax-free municipal bonds."

Additionally, under the initial Trump proposal, Americans would no longer be allowed to deduct state and local taxes from their federally taxable income, a deduction for residents in many states including Louisiana. That may actually prove positive for municipal bonds issued by governments in those states, as residents continue to seek out tax shelters. Most indications are the proposals will call for the elimination of deductions, except for charitable and mortgage. Even with a reduction in federal tax rates this could result in an increase in the overall effective tax rate. As that occurs, the demand

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OVERVIEW

Modern day government has become a large financial enterprise, handling millions of dollars and facing service and revenue pressures. The governing authority and Administrator(s) face complex financial decisions ranging from the impact of property taxes and user fees to the financing of capital improvements. As government finance has become more complex, the need for financial advice to base decisions upon has grown. The services of an expert Financial Advisor are being used by more and more governmental units.

A Financial Advisor serves as a consultant advising the governing authority on matters relating to the following:

- Financial feasibility of projects;
- Total cost analysis of financing alternatives;
- Review of capital improvement financing programs; and
- Advice on the structuring and marketing of debt securities.

The Financial Advisor is a member of the governing authority's management team providing advice and analysis to assist in financial decision making.



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- Analyzing available alternatives in relation to cost to the governing authority and providing financial guidance and recommendations;
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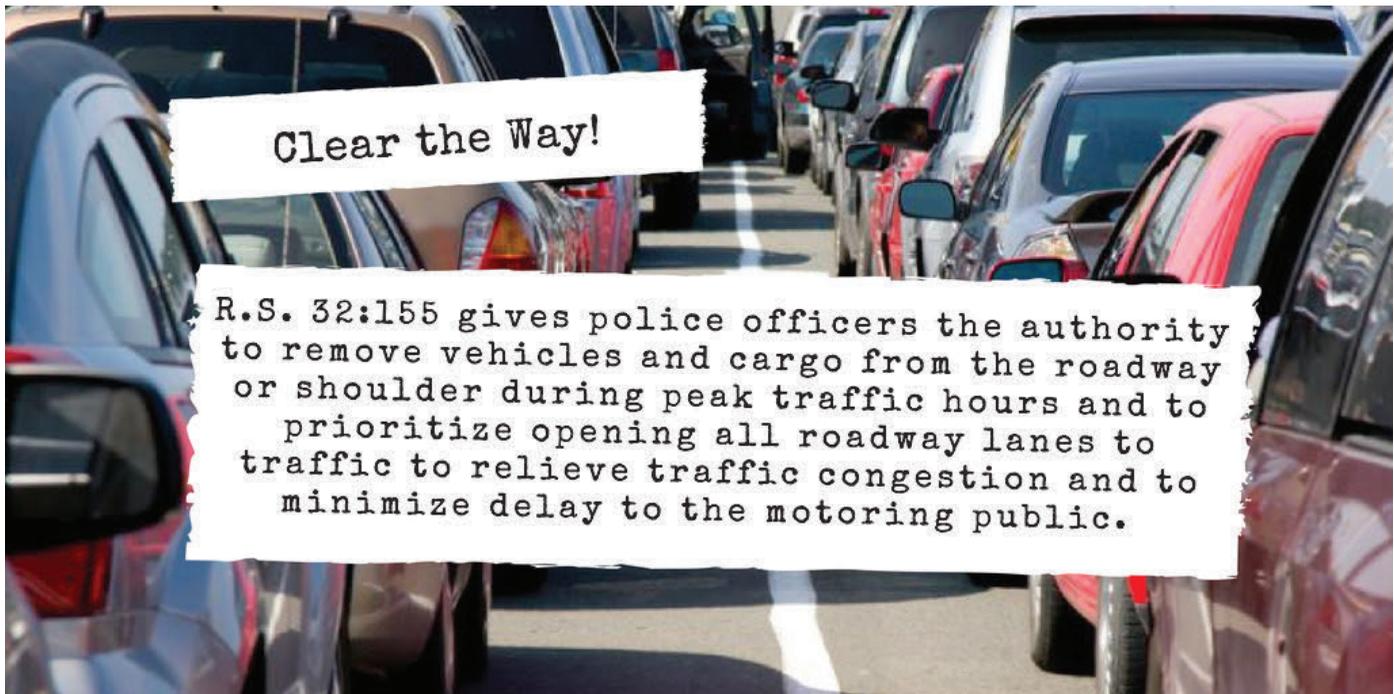


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for municipal bonds, which are still tax free under this plan, should increase. The higher demand would benefit municipal bond issuers, particularly in higher tax states.

Finally, among the President's proposals is a phasing out of the Alternative Minimum Tax. There are billions of municipal bonds outstanding that are subject to this tax, increasing the rates on such issues. Those securities have been used to finance airports, ports, non-profit hospitals and housing, etc., and the elimination of the Alternative Minimum Tax would increase the benefit of the tax-exemption. The result is lower yields, benefiting the issuers and projects.

Will the President's tax reform proposals be enacted by Congress? The crystal ball is still too cloudy on that one. However, it does seem the traditional thinking – lower tax rates means higher municipal bonds rates – may no longer be that simple. The initial reaction to the proposal by the market would indicate that the impact to municipal bonds may be minimal, and could even be positive.



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Bossier City Mayor Appoints First Female CAO

BY DEVON PATTON, ANCHOR, WWW.KTBS.COM

The saying goes 'behind every successful man there's a woman.' Could be truth, could be myth. but what if you replace that with 'behind a successful city there's a woman?' We can tell you that's the case in Bossier City where a woman rising through the ranks has left her mark.

The century link center, all of the casinos in Bossier City, the Louisiana Boardwalk, and the current revitalization of downtown Bossier City. Few may realize there has been a woman behind the scenes with all of those projects making sure they got started and then finished. That woman: Pam Glorioso. She's recently been given the new title of Bossier City Chief Administrative Officer, making her the second in command.

"I was elated...there is no other words for it," said Glorioso.

The Louisiana State University of Shreveport alum started working for the city nearly 3 decades ago, hired by then mayor George Dement.

She quickly began moving up in positions from a booking agent at the civic center to a full time position of director of community development. There, she began laying the foundation for her next position as she took on several city projects -- one of which had her using grant money to improve water lines and rehab low income and elderly people's homes.

She was also instrumental in a 1994 project in which the city matched donations to create a fully handicapped accessible park called the "Field of Dreams."

"It's been one of the most well used little parks in the area. It's kind of a hidden gem," said Glorioso.

Then came her first big project...The multi-million dollar Centurylink center. The conversation to build it started around 1998 and it was ready for rock and roll in 2000. Now, that center is a magnet for big name performers -- such as sir Paul McCartney -- and other events drawing thousands of people to the city.

"My roll in that was the project coordinator to work with the architects, work with the contractor to make sure that we had seamless efforts. We wanted to make sure that we could meet that deadline"

Zoom forward to 2005 when Disney came calling for a place to shoot the movie The Guardian, starring Ashton Kutcher and Kevin Costner.

That's about the time Glorioso put on the hat of Bossier - Shreveport film coordinator, working with her Shreveport counter part Arlena Acree in Shreveport to bring in more than 180 film, television and commercial projects to the area.

Mayor walker says when Glorioso submitted her resume for the Chief Administrative Officer position it was an easy decision for him to make.

"She has demonstrated over the years not only her intellect and her enthusiasm but she has also demonstrated a sincere love for Bossier City," said Mayor Lo Walker.

While some may view the mayor's move to put the city's first woman in such a high administrative position as a progressive move for diversity, the mayor says it was really about who could do the best job.

Even though Glorioso is now the new CAO, she will still fulfill the responsibilities of her prior position as the city project and film coordinator.



In Pursuit of Perfect Purchasing

LaMATS BidBoard is proud to have Ruston procurement head Michelle Colvin on its advisory panel and to highlight her role in the city's grand new plans for improvement.

The infrastructure investment initiative known as **Moving Ruston Forward** will dedicate more than \$100 million over ten years to needed city maintenance and improvement projects.

This effort fits within a larger planning process aimed at “re-imagining” Ruston’s transportation, economy, downtown district, parks and zoning in ways Mayor Ronny Walker writes will “build on the wonderful attributes of our community to the benefit of our children and future generations.”

Executing ambitious plans such as Ruston’s requires top notch support from city leaders, staff, contractors and citizens alike. As a central pillar of this support stands Michelle Colvin, Ruston’s all-in-one Director of Procurement and Contract Administrator.

A twenty-four year veteran of the procurement field, Colvin oversees all aspects of city purchasing, to include bidding, contract administration and the management of Ruston’s central warehouse, a meticulously maintained facility holding more than \$500,000 in city property. “For me, it never stops,” says Colvin of the complex and demanding job she clearly loves. “I wouldn’t know what to do with myself if it did!”

Ordinarily, says Colvin, Ruston purchases about \$15 million in materials and supplies annually. This keeps her plenty busy. But to meet the needs of a comprehensive city planning effort such as “Ruston Re-Imagined,” any day’s work can double or triple in scope. A new sports complex or system of bike trails, for example, can add volume to regularly-purchased materials while requiring numerous novel and unique items be bid out.

Teaching others in her field how to manage their workloads at a high level of excellence is something Colvin enjoys and considers a boon to her own professional development. “My door is always open,” she says. “I’ll help any way I can.”

What should city purchasers always keep in mind? “Communication is key,” says Colvin. When a comprehensive city plan is underway, procurement officials should stay in frequent contact with engineers,

architects and city personnel—especially the Mayor’s Office. “Make sure all parties aware of applicable laws, requirements and project timelines,” she said, “And always have someone on hand to answer questions.”

As an advisor to the LaMATS BidBoard, Colvin adds that use of the online service can be a huge help to cities that wish to participate in collaborative buying (aka, piggybacking) or to take advantage of the numerous statewide discounts now available through BidBoard Shopping.

For more information about the BidBoard Procurement Network and for best-practices in municipal purchasing, see: www.lamatsbidboard.com



City of Ruston's Central Warehouse, a well-organized collection of more than \$500,000 in city materials and supplies under the management of Michelle Colvin, city Director of Procurement and Contract Administrator and a LaMATS BidBoard Advisory Panel member.



Cover Story:

LMA ELECTS 2017-18 LEADERSHIP

BY ANITA M. TILLMAN, LMA COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT

Local elected officials and municipal employees, representing over 300 municipalities from every corner of the state, descended on the city of Shreveport from July 27 - 29 for the 80th Annual Louisiana Municipal Association Convention.

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, Secretary of State Tom Schedler, LED Secretary Don Pierson and National League of Cities President, Matt Zone were among those headlining the state's largest gathering of municipalities. The opening session on Thursday included an address from Joe Bishop, President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and Secretary Scheduler gave the keynote address. Friday morning's prayer breakfast was moving and inspirational and Friday afternoon, Lt. Governor Nungesser presented the first annual Lieutenant Governor's Beautification Awards to twenty communities and Secretary Pierson announced the five LED Development Ready Community Awards recipients.

Saturday's main events included installation of new officers and multiple salutes to the achievements of Louisiana's cities, towns, villages and public servants with recognition and awards presentations. The President's

Award was presented to three individuals for their contributions to municipal government.

Lawrence Henagan, mayor of DeQuincy and former LMA first vice president, was installed as president of the association on Saturday, July 29 at the Shreveport Convention Center. Mayor Henagan succeeds Barney Arceneaux, mayor of Gonzales, as the LMA's highest ranking officer. Also installed Saturday night were Harry Lewis, mayor of Rayville, as LMA first vice president; and Jimmy Williams, mayor of Sibley, as second vice president.

A range of topics were presented at the convention workshops. Public and private sector experts presented 17 educational sessions on tourism, audit compliance, public records and open meetings, census preparation, disaster recovery, media relations, mayor and chief of police relations, and much more.

The convention closed with the unveiling of Lake Charles as the 2018 host city and the coveted Community Achievement Awards where 11 municipalities won LMA's highest honor in three categories, and the City of Rayne took the coveted "Best of Show" award.



LMA President Lawrence Henagan receives the gavel from Immediate Past President Barney Arceneaux.



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1st Vice President: Harry Lewis, Mayor, Rayville



2nd Vice President: Jimmy Williams, Mayor, Sibley



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District G VP: Greg Jones, Mayor, Crowley



District H VP: Michael Chauffe, Mayor, Gross Tete



District I VP: Donald Villere, Mayor, Mandeville



District J VP: Rodney Grogran, Mayor, Patterson



Opening Session

The delegates came together in the Opening General Session and formally opened the convention



Presentation of Colors by Shreveport and Bossier City Police Department



Deputy Mike McConnell Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office



Mayors Ollie Tyler and Lo Walker welcome the delegation to Shreveport and Bossier City



Joe Bishop, President, Police Jury Association of Louisiana



Tom Schedler Louisiana Secretary of State

Prayer Breakfast

The City of Pineville organized a dynamic prayer breakfast. Pastor Denny Duron of Shreveport Community Church delivered a powerful message encouraging, inspiring, and challenging delegates to reclaim personal dreams and the dreams for their cities, towns, and villages and doggedly pursue them.



Shreveport Community Church Worship Team



Mayor Clarence Fields, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, Councilman Nathan Martin, City of Pineville Chief of Staff Rich Dupree, Pastor Denny Duron, Pastor DeAnza Duron



Pastor Denny Duron, Shreveport Community Church



Audience members enjoying worship



Mayor Clarence and Mrs. Rosa Fields and Pastors Denny and DeAnza Duron



Lieutenant Governor's Beautification Award

This year LMA presented the second annual Lt. Governor's Beautification Awards. This program has been put in place to encourage cleanliness and beautification in our communities throughout the year. In order to qualify, municipalities must meet the criteria of both Keep Louisiana Beautiful and the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Cleanest Cities Contest.



Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser

Keep Louisiana Beautiful is Louisiana's premier organization in the fight against litter. Over the past 10 years, KLB has awarded over \$2.7 million in community grants to KLB affiliates, municipalities, and other non-profit organizations.

The Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Cleanest Cities Contest was started in 1958 as a means to promote a cleaner Louisiana. Louisiana is the only state to have such

a program. To enter the contest, a city must be sponsored by a Federated Garden Club. The deadline for entries into the contest was February 1, 2017. A city must show evidence of the work that it has done to promote litter abatement. The following municipalities have participated in both the Cleanest City Program and Keep LA Beautiful for a full year and have completed the criteria for both programs.

Congratulations to the following municipalities for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Beautification Awards!

- City of Abbeville
- Town of Abita Springs
- City of Baton Rouge
- Village of Fenton
- Town of Grand Isle
- City of Gretna
- Town of Homer
- Town of Jean Lafitte
- Jefferson Parish
- Lafayette Consolidated Government
- Town of Lecompte
- Village of Loreauville
- City of Monroe
- Town of Pearl River
- City of Pineville
- City of Rayne
- City of Ruston
- City of Tallulah
- Town of White Castle
- City of Winnfield



Winners



City of Abbeville



Town of Abita Springs



Village of Fenton



City of Gretna



Town of Homer



Town of Jean Lafitte



Lafayette Consolidated Government



Town of LeCompte



Village of Loreauville



City of Monroe



Town of Pearl River



City of Pineville



City of Ruston



City of Tallulah



Town of White Castle



City of Winnfield

*Also pictured in each photo is Jean Gilstrap, State Cleanest City Chair of The Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Cleanest Cities Contest and Donna Curtis of Keep Louisiana Beautiful.



LED Development Ready Community Awards Winners

The Louisiana Development Ready Communities (LDRC) Program encourages and supports selected Louisiana communities to become development ready, competitive and “open for business” by creating and implementing a strategic community and economic development plan. In 2009 and 2010, Louisiana Economic Development (LED) selected 19 Communities to participate in the LDRC Pilot Program. The Louisiana Development Ready Community program was officially launched in 2011 with 8 communities, to date 37 communities have completed the program. These municipalities are all more competitive because they have a written plan describing how they are going to leverage assets and address challenges. Additionally, they can show progress from year to year because of developed measurements identified in their plans; much like mile-markers on a roadmap.

Each community’s plan includes strategies to address education, workforce development, infrastructure, leadership, and marketing/communications. The communities are in the process of implementing their tactics. Each community must implement six elements of their plan by the end of the first year.

Louisiana’s newest LDRC Communities are: Bastrop, Delhi, Lake Providence, Rayville and Tallulah. Congratulations!



Skip Smart, LED Director of Community Competitiveness (podium) and LED Secretary Don Pierson presented the LED Development Ready Awards



City of Bastrop



Town of Delhi



City of Lake Providence



Town of Rayville



City of Tallulah



Service Awards

Each year, LMA pays tribute to elected municipal officials who have given their communities many years of public service. This year, 24 distinguished individuals have fulfilled the public duty of serving their citizens in every way. We recognize elected officials who have served for four, six, eight, ten and twelve terms in office. The dedication of our recipients has earned our respect and admiration. These recipients have given Louisiana's municipalities a collective total of 560 years of commitment to public service!

Four-Star Silver Service Award:

The Silver-Star Service Award represents four terms in office, or 16 years of elected service. This year, we honor the following recipients, who are:

- Doyle Chanler, Alderman, Sibley
- James Clifton, Alderman, Oil City
- Timothy L. "Timmy" Martinez, Councilman, City of Plaquemine
- Jean Pelloat, Mayor, Madisonville
- Joseph C. Russo, III, Councilman, Patterson
- David H. Toups, Mayor, Addis
- Jimmy Williams, Mayor, Sibley

Six-Star Diamond Service Award:

The Six-Star Diamond Service Award represents six terms in office, or 24 years of elected service. This year, we honor the following recipients, who are:

- Howard Alexander, Alderman, Breaux Bridge
- Michael A. Corley, Alderman, Sarepta
- John Dawsey Jr., Mayor, Angie
- Julius Roxie Fornea, Alderman, Angie
- Jonathon Foster, Council Member at Large, Amite City
- Curtis Francisco, Council Member at Large, Cottonport

- Glen Green, Councilman, Westwego
- Donald Jackson, Alderman, Oil City
- Patrick M. LaSalle, Chief of Police, Patterson
- Lawrence L. Mendoza, Jr., Councilman, Patterson
- Laverne Foster, Councilman, Anacoco
- James T. Sims, Mayor, Oil City
- Albert J Venable, Sr., Chief of Police, Churchpoint
- Honorable Luke Welch, Alderman, Cottonport

Eight-Star Diamond Service Award:

The Eight-Star Diamond Service Award represents eight terms in office, or 32 years of elected service. This year, we honor the following recipients:

- Michael Chauffe, Mayor, Grosse Tete
- Charles Finlayson, Councilman, Tallulah
- Russell Parish, Councilman, Addis

Twelve-Star Diamond Service Award:

The Twelve-Star Diamond Service Award represents twelve terms in office, or 48 years of elected service. This year, we honor the following recipient, who is:

- William H. D'Aquila, Mayor, St. Francisville

We are also proud to honor LMA staff members for their years of dedicated service. This year, we presented awards to:

- Cami Barlow, Executive Assistant/Office Administrator, for 25 years of service
- Penny Ambeau-Scott, Membership Services Coordinator, for 20 years of service
- Jennifer Bourgeois, Senior Accountant, for 10 years of service
- Kelly Drone, Membership Services Coordinator, for 5 years of service



As he walked across the room to receive his service pin, St. Francisville Mayor Billy D'Aquila received a standing ovation from the delegation in recognition of his 48 years in public service.



Baker Mayor Darnell Waites congratulates Mayor D'Aquila.



Service Award Recipients



David H. Toups
Mayor, Addis
16 Years of Service



Jimmy Williams
Mayor, Sibley
16 years of service



Curtis Francisco
Council Member-at-
Large, Cottonport
24 years of service



LaVerne Miers
Councilwoman, Anacoco
24 years of service



Charles Finlayson
Councilman,
Tallulah
32 years of service



James T. Sims
Mayor, Oil City
24 years of service



Albert J. Venable, Sr.
Chief of Police,
Churchpoint
24 years of service



Michael Chauffe
Mayor, Grosse Tete
32 years of service



Russell Parish
Councilman, Addis
32 years of service



William H. "Billy" D'Aquila
Mayor, St. Francisville
48 years of service



Kelly Drone
LMA Member Services
Coordinator
5 years of service



Jennifer Bourgeois
LMA Senior
Accountant
10 years of service



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Membership Services Coordinator
20 years of service



LMA Executive Assistant/Office
Administrator Cami Barlow has
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LMA Welcomed NLC President Zone



NLC President Matt Zone delivered the keynote address during the Delegate's Luncheon.

Photo: Zone is flanked by LMA Executive Director John Gallagher and LMA Immediate Past President Barney Arceneaux

President's Awards

Each year, the President of the LMA recognizes those special individuals who have made special "above and beyond" contributions to our organization.

In recognition of meritorious service to municipal government in Louisiana, the following received the President's Awards:

M.E. "Toye" Taylor, Jr.

- Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
- Former Washington Parish President
- Former Mayor/Councilman, City of Bogalusa

Norman E. "Pete" Heine

- Councilman/Former Mayor, City of Baker
- LMA Past President

Randall E. "Randy" Roach

- Former Mayor, City of Lake Charles
- Former Louisiana State Representative



Toye Taylor



Pete Heine



Randy Roach



Councilman Pete Heine gave stirring and emotional remarks as he accepted the President's Award. Heine has served the public for over 60 years and is a beloved role model and hero to many. Anchored by his faith and love for his family, Heine spoke of his resolve to continue to serve, and looks forward to turning 89 years old in December.

What he lacks in stature, he more than makes up for in service because Pete Heine is a giant amongst his peers. The LMA is grateful for his dedication to public service and looks forward to his presence at convention for many more years to come



Community Achievement Awards Winners

The Community Achievement Awards recognizes the achievements of elected municipal officials and their staff's accomplishments over the past year in three main categories – Community Development, Economic Development, and Basic Services.

Numerous entries were considered by a panel of judges from the following agencies – Louisiana Economic Development, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, Capital Region Planning Commission, the Louisiana Main Street, and the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshall. The following municipalities were awarded:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Population 3,000 and under:

Winner:

- Town of Maringouin – Maringouin WaterSplash Park

Honorable Mention:

- Village of Loreauville – Al Broussard Commemorative Park Floating Kayak and Canoe Launch
- Town of Abita Springs – Beautification & Convenience Project

Population 3,001 to 10,000:

Winner:

- City of Covington – Bouge Falaya Park Master Plan

Honorable Mention:

- City of Patterson – Jon M. Felterman Sr. Memorial Wharf
- City of St. Gabriel – Community Splash Pads

Population 10,001 to 25,000:

Winner:

- City of Ruston – Moving Ruston Forward

Honorable Mention:

- City of Pineville – Making a BIG Splash for the Kids in Pineville!

Population 25,001 and over:

Winner:

- City of Monroe – Fight the Blight

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Population 3,000 and under:

Winner:

- Town of Jean Lafitte – Jean Lafitte Art Gallery

Population 3,001 to 10,000:

Winner:

- City of St. Martinville – Main Street Enhancement for a Better Future

Honorable Mention:

- City of Scott – “Expanding to New Destinations” Water, Sewer, Roadway & Drainage Infrastructure
- Town of Vinton – Commercial Park Entrance Road

Population 10,001 to 25,000:

Winner:

- City of Gonzales – Downtown Revitalization

Population 25,001 and over:

Winner:

- City of Shreveport – Geaux Fish!

BASIC SERVICES

Population 3,000 and under:

Winner:

- Town of Clinton – Street Improvements

Honorable Mentions:

- Town of Brusly – Venzule Pump Station and Force Main Modifications
- Village of Fenton – Sewer Plant

Population 3,001 to 10,000:

Winner:

- City of Franklin – 21st Century Water Meters

Honorable Mention:

- Town of Gramercy – Upgrade of Water Treatment Plant
- City of Addis – Effluent Pump Station and Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Population 10,001 to 25,000:

Winner:

- City of Gretna – Capital Project Expansion Program

BEST OF SHOW

The LMA Community Achievement Best of Show Award went to the City of Rayne for its Phase II Drainage Improvements (Culvert Angioplasty).

Please view the remarkable video demonstrating this innovative procedure on the home page of our website, www.lma.org.



Community Development

Economic Development

Basic Services

Population 3,000 and under



Town of Maringouin



Town of Jean Lafitte



Town of Clinton

Population 3,001 to 10,000



City of Covington



City of St. Martinville



City of Franklin

Population 10,001 to 25,000



City of Ruston



City of Gonzales



City of Gretna

Population 25,001 and over



City of Monroe



City of Shreveport



City of Rayne
BEST OF SHOW



Host City Reception



Annual Banquet



Invocation was offered by Reverend Gill Arthur, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of DeQuincy.



Max Montgomery, a 7-year old fan of U.S. Presidents and the Oval Office, led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mayor Clarence & Mrs. Rosa Fields of Pineville sang the National Anthem.



LMA Immediate Past President Barney Arceneaux bids his final farewell.



Incoming President Lawrence Henagan presents parting gifts to outgoing President Arceneaux.



Henagan takes the podium for the first time as the 2017-18 LMA President.

Meetings & Workshops



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The Louisiana Municipal Association expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Cities of Shreveport and Bossier City, the Shreveport Convention Center, and the Hilton Shreveport for their generous contributions and assistance in making the convention possible.

From the host city reception to the participation and watchful presence of Shreveport and Bossier City's finest, we appreciate the time and effort put forth to make the LMA's 80th Annual Convention a success.

Special thanks and appreciation to the volunteers from the Shreveport and Bossier community and to the volunteer coordinators Darrin Dixon, Southern University at Shreveport; John Storey, United States Air Force, Retired; and Teresa Micheels, Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Tourist Bureau.



(L to R): Mayor Lorenz "Lo" Walker of Bossier City, Mayor Ollie Tyler of Shreveport, Secretary of State Tom Schedler, and LMA Immediate Past President Barney Arceneaux.



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