

Community Development and Services



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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Today, we are highlighting SOME of the many services offered in the Community Development and Services Department's Newsletter. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

DBE/SBOP

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise / Small Business Opportunity Program is continuing to seek out socially and economically disadvantaged businesses to certify themselves to become eligible as subcontractors in the area. The DBE/SBOP program also offers information regarding training and increasing the capacity to build your business. If you would like more information please contact Earl Edwards at earl.edwards@cityoflc.us or (337) 491-1392.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Department has submitted the 2018 Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$661,553 in Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$356,716 in HOME Funds, which gives a total of \$1,018,269. These funds have been allocated for public services, infrastructure, home reconstruction, and community housing development organizations (CHDOs).

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program began on Monday, June 4, 2018 and ended on Friday, July 27, 2018. The Summer Food Service Program had another successful year.

IMPACT LAKE CHARLES AMERICORPS

Impact Lake Charles AmeriCorps hosted two (2) summer camps. The summer camps were held at Bellard and College Oaks Recreation Centers from Monday, June 4, 2018 through Friday, July 27, 2018. Twenty-seven (27) AmeriCorps members educated one hundred thirty (130) campers in health and safety, physical and character education, and participated in fun and educational field trips. The fall term of service began on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Members will educate the following six (6) elementary schools in health and safety: Dolby, Nelson, Barbe, Johnson, Fairview, and Cooley.

Impact Lake Charles AmeriCorps service projects:

- **Saturday, September 8, 2018**-Calclasiou Parish Sheriff's Office Kids' Fishing Derby, 5400 E. Broad Street 7 am-10 am
- **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**-Linked Workshop (Fire Safety) Church of the King, 2145 Oak Park Boulevard, Lake Charles. The *Linked Workshop* is a monthly workshop whose purpose is to connect foster families, families in need of services, and adoptive families to community resources and information. All *Linked Workshops* will be approved by DCFS for foster parents' continuing education hour. To maximize participation, a meal and childcare will be provided.
- **Saturday, September 29, 2018**-Car Seat Check (location and time to be announced)

TEAM GREEN

On Monday, July 9, 2018, Team Green toured the new Waste Water Plant. In August, Team Green reconvened monthly meetings after summer break. Beach Sweep will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018. On Thursday, September 27, 2018, Junior Team Green will reconvene monthly meetings.

The Litter Awareness and Prevention Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The purpose of this luncheon is to acknowledge local groups and sponsors for their participation for the past year with events for Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green.

The Fall Adopt-A-Spot cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018. If you or your organization/club is interested in participating, please contact Rebecca Thibodeaux at (337) 491-1481 or rebecca.thibodeaux@cityoflc.us.

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