



ATCHAFALAYA CHATS

City of Patterson, Louisiana

October 2016

Patterson Hosts Historic Fall Fest

On Saturday, October 29, 2016 the City of Patterson will host its first annual Main Street Fall Festival. Fall Fest is sponsored by the Main Street Cultural / Historic Committee in celebration and remembrance of the subtle charm and cultural significance of Main Street of former days, while enjoying the modern conveniences of today. The committee is hosting the event as a fund raiser to beautify and renovate Morey Park, a landmark of Main Street in Patterson.

Patterson's first annual Fall Fest will be a full day of cultural, historic and traditional family fun events that will begin at 8:00 AM with prayer and music in Morey Park, and a live remote by "KQKI at 8:00 AM on Main Street; and end with music by "Souled Out" at 8:00 PM on Main Street. Cultural events such as violinists, vocalists and a jazz saxophonist will be scheduled throughout the day to satisfy the more sophisticated pallet, along with face painters and balloonists for the child at heart. See the Schedule of Events located on the last page of this newsletter.

Tickets are \$10.00 each for the walking tour, with children 12 and under attending for FREE. Checks can be made out to St. Mary Parish Community Foundation. The Historic Walking Tour is from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at Frank's Agency in Patterson; Wildflower Boutique in Morgan City; and, The Lamp Lighter in Franklin.

Mayor Grogan stated, "I am proud of the hard work and efforts that the Main Street Cultural /Historic Committee has put forth for this event. In my eyes, it is already a success."

PATTERSON, LA
MAIN ST.
HISTORIC walking tour

October 29 - 10am-2pm - \$10
Proceeds to benefit the restoration of Morey Park

More than 12 Historic Venues

1860 Commercial Warehouse	1900 Deluca Shoe Service
1890 Morella Home	1904 Folse Home
1890 Methodist Church	1906 1st National Bank
1895 St. Mary Building Association	1912 Citizens Bank
1897 A.H. Thompson Home	1913 Opera House
1898 Catholic Church	2008 Fisherman's Light

Patterson Lower Atchafalaya Cultural District/Main Street

2016 MAIN STREET festival
PATTERSON LOUISIANA



A Retro Scene from Patterson's Main Street. Can you guess who they are?

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Photo of packed house at Business and Entrepreneur Seminar

Entrepreneurs Sharpen Business Strategies and Expertise

Speakers Betty Washington-Parker and Thomas Brown provided a tag-team approach presentation to a standing room only audience at Patterson City Hall on September 2, 2016. Attendees gathered to glean professional business principles and strategies in starting or improving their new or existing business endeavors.

Thomas Brown of E-Claims, LLC lead participants to realistically explore their reasons for wanting to start a business, then expounded on the pros and cons of those reasons and what part they would play in achieving a successful outcome.

Betty Washington-Parker of Sharper Development Solutions, Incorporated riveted the audience with a "let's be real" motivational speaker-driven presentation that honed in on personal business-related experiences and focused on good and bad customer service and marketing techniques of satisfying and attracting targeted customers.

The four hour seminar was sponsored by the Patterson Economic Development Sustainability Committee (PEDSCO) for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating more successful and informed entrepreneurial endeavors in the City of Patterson and its surrounding areas. The seminar was free of charge to everyone in attendance. Both speakers briefly touched on the basics of writing a successful business plan. PEDSCO has plans to address the need for specific instruction in writing a successful business plan and sponsor another business based seminar in 2017.

3rd Annual Christmas Boat Parade Slated

The 3rd annual Christmas on the Atchafalaya hosted by the Patterson Economic Development Sustainability Committee (PEDSCO) is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2016. The parade features lavishly decorated motor boats that ride up and down the Lower Atchafalaya River to wow and amaze onlookers, and to be judged by a panel for cash prizes.

If you are interested in entering a motor vessel in the parade, contact Ryan Aucoin at Patterson City Hall @ 985-395-5205. This year's viewing and parade events will be at the newly renovated wharf in Morey Park. Gumbo and refreshments will be available for sale on the premises on the night of the family-oriented event.

Morey Park Gets Facelift

As a result of an organized campaign to restore Main Street to its former glory, Morey Park, located on Main Street gets a long awaited facelift sponsored by the Main Street Cultural/Historic Committee and the Partners of Morey Park. Mike Sumrall is providing the renovation to the dock.

Presently, City workers have removed all of the old and outdated equipment in preparation for hosting some of the Fall Festival activities scheduled for October 29, 2017.

This year's Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in Morey Park on November 27, 2016.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the PEDSCO sponsored seminar held on September 2. I especially want to thank Betty and Thomas for taking the time to come back home, back to Patterson, and share the wealth of information they have with our community."

**Ginger Griffin, owner
Pilant Court Reporting**

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

PGC Annual Veteran's Day/Blue Star Memorial Marker - Friday, Nov 4 @ 9:00 AM

Community Center Sr. Feeding-Thursday, Nov 10, 2016 - 10:30-1:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park— Sunday, Nov 27, 2016 @ 5:45 PM

Christmas Decoration Contest—Friday, Dec 09, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

3rd Annual Christmas Boat Parade— Saturday, Dec 10, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

2nd Annual 4-legged Friends Event - Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 @ 12 PM

City Christmas Parade—Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

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Old Main Street Patterson, Louisiana

New PJHS Construction Update

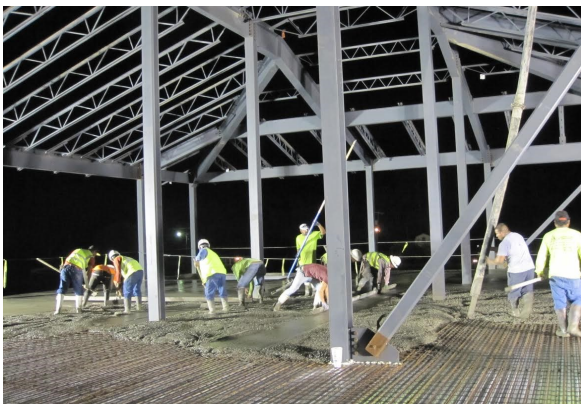
Jim Firmin, project architect, reported the following updates for the last two weeks of September 2016:

During the past two weeks, better weather has enabled contractors to get in a few full work days allowing progress on the project to improve. Heavy structural steel is at approximately 95% complete, lightweight and truss steel is at approximately 80% complete, with cold form framing installation at approximately 45%. Exterior stud walls continue to be erected in various areas along with headers and footers. The second floor slab of Classroom Area "B" was poured on 9/21 without incident and concrete floor for the second floor is now at 98%. Conduit and wires for electrical overhead lights is well in progress with 85% on first floor and 50% on 2nd floor. Copper pipe for interior water supply is being run and is at 15% complete. Twenty-five percent (25%) of second floor roofing panels are up. As this percent increases additional relief from the weather will be obtained.

Work in progress included finishing the first and second floor exterior stud walls now at 90%. Piping and conduit were being run through the penetration cans through the concrete 2nd floor of Wing A. Piping and conduit were being run throughout the project. Door frames have arrived on site. Some wire has now been run in conduit on the first floor.

Personnel from Firmin Architects has visited the project site several times each week during the past two weeks. Project contractor of record is Thompson Construction Company.

The school's anticipated date of completion is July of 2017.



Pouring and spreading concrete slab on 2nd floor

PATTERSON'S MAIN STREET

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR & FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Tickets are \$10.00 each with children 12 and under FREE. Checks can be made out to St. Mary Parish Community Foundation. The hours of the tour are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Morey Park Restoration. (Tickets are available at Frank's Agency in Patterson, Wildflower Boutique in Morgan City and The Lamp Lighter in Franklin).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 HISTORIC WALKING TOUR ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

VENUE	TIME	ARTIST	
FIRST NAT'L BANK	10:30-11:00	GINA DORAN— VIOLINIST	½ HOUR
OPERA HOUSE	11:00-12:00	CAPRINA "BRIL" SIMMONS AND SARAH REES ULL SCHOOL OF MUSIC VOCALIST, OPERA & CLASSICAL MUSIC	1 HOUR
WAREHOUSE	12:00-12:30	ELIZABETH BERGERON-VOCALIST	½ HOUR
FIRST NAT'L BANK	12:30-1:00	GINA DORAN-VOCALIST	½ HOUR
FIRST NAT'L BANK	1:00-1:30	ELIZABETH BERGERON-VOCALIST	½ HOUR
OPERA HOUSE	1:30- 2:30	CAPRINA "BRIL" SIMMONS AND SARAH REES ULL SCHOOL OF MUSIC VOCALIST, OPERA & CLASSICAL MUSIC	1 HOUR
MORELLA HOME	10:00-2:00	JEREMY BENIOT (JB SAAX)-JAZZ MUSICIAN	CONTINUOUS
METHODIST CHURCH	10:00-2:00	OLD HYMNS (PRE-RECORDED)	CONTINUOUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH	10:00-2:00	TERRI DIMATTEO-VOCALIST	CONTINUOUS
OPERA HOUSE	10:00-2:00	BAYOU BABES "JUNK IN THE TRUNK" EXHIBIT/SALE	CONTINUOUS
OPERA HOUSE	10:00-2:00	EXHIBIT-HISTORIC POSTERS/PHOTOS	CONTINUOUS
OPERA HOUSE	10:00-2:00	GOURMET TREATS BY CHEF MADDIE	CONTINUOUS
WM FOLSE HOME	10:00-2:00	EXHIBIT-VINTAGE WOMEN'S CLOTHING	CONTINUOUS
MAIN STREET	11:00-2:00	BOB BLANCO-BALLOON ARTIST	3 HOURS
MAIN STREET	10:00-4:00	LOWER ATCHAFALAYA CULTURAL DISTRICT "SILENT AUCTION"	CONTINUOUS
MAIN STREET	10:00-10:30	"DANCING THRU TIME" STREET PERFORMANCE-MAMIE PERRY	½ HOUR
MAIN STREET	11:00-2:00	JAMIE DELAHOUSSEY-FACE PAINTER	3 HOURS

FALL FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

VENUE	TIME	EVENT	
MOREY PARK	8:00-10:00	PRAYER & MUSIC	2 HOURS
MAIN STREET	8:00-10:00	KQKI "LIVE" REMOTE	2 HOURS
MAIN STREET	10:00-2:00	ANTIQUE CAR SHOW	4 HOURS
MAIN STREET	2:30-1:30	MAMIE WINTERS	1 HOUR
MOREY PARK	2:00-4:00	MUSIC BY "GONE PECAN"	2 HOURS
MAIN STREET	3:00-5:00	KBZE "LIVE" REMOTE	2 HOURS
MAIN STREET	4:00-8:00	MUSIC BY "SOULED OUT"	4 HOURS