

Speaking of Sunset



A Newsletter from Your Town

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs

The St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency will be accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for MARCH 2021 @ the SUNSET HEALTH UNIT ON FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2021 FROM

9 am – 11 am

We will only accept the **FIRST 25 APPLICANTS** per location (1 application per household). We will hand out numbers 1 through 25 once we arrive so please do not start a list because it will not be utilized. Please note that we are traveling to assist many different areas of the entire Parish of St. Landry so we must limit the number of applicants per location. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Items needed to process EACH application are as follows:

- 1. Current/ Unexpired Driver's License, State Issued ID, OR Sheriff Department ID. Address on your utility bill must match your address on your ID. If the address does not match, you must provide a water bill, cable bill, etc. as proof of residence.**
- 2. Original Social Security Cards for ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.**
- 3. Proof of Income for ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (Social Security, SSI Benefit, Retirement Payments or Pension, ETC). IMPORTANT: Income must be for the year 2021, ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS! Food Stamps and child support **DO NOT** count as income**
- 4. If you are currently working, we need the last 4 CONSECUTIVE check stubs from your employer, no exceptions. If you are not working, you will be required to sign a ZERO INCOME STATEMENT FORM and check off the appropriate reason(s) that you are not currently working.**
- 5. Most recent light AND/ or gas bill for January or February 2021.**

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SERVICE; NO EXCEPTIONS or THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

After signing the release form, all applications will be taken back to the Community Action office for processing. Please allow 7-10 business days from the date that the application is processed to determine if you will receive assistance.



Town News

Expansion of COVID-19 vaccine eligibility criteria in Louisiana to include school and daycare teachers and support staff, adults aged 55-64 with high-risk medical conditions, and pregnant persons.

Brinkhause Pharmacy along with other area Eckard Drugs Affiliated Pharmacies are sponsoring COVID 19 Vaccines at the Town of Sunset Community Center. Please contact Scott Knots and his staff at the Brinkhause for required information to get the vaccines:

Limited amounts of COVID vaccines are available for the following groups:

- Persons 65 and older
- Dialysis providers and patients
- Ambulatory and outpatient providers and patients
- Behavioral health providers and staff
- Urgent care clinic providers and staff
- Community care providers and staff
- Dental Providers and staff
- Non-emergency medical transportation providers and staff
- Professional home care providers (including hospice workers) and home care recipients (including older and younger people with disabilities over the age of 16 who receive community or home-based care, as well as clients of home health agencies)
- American Sign Language (ASL) and foreign language interpreters and Support (SSPs)
- Health related support personnel (lab staff, Mortuary staff who have contact with corpses, pharmacy staff)
- School of allied health students, residents and staff
- Law enforcement and other first responders
- Louisiana Unified Command Group
- State and local essential COVID emergency response personnel
- Some elections staff ahead of March and April elections
- Teachers and any other support staff working on site in K-12 or daycare
- All pregnant persons
- Individuals ages 55-64 with at least one of the conditions listed by the CDC as placing them at an “increased risk of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19”. Persons with the following qualifying underlying medical conditions are advised to Complete the Louisiana COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation form, before their appointment, to receive the vaccine:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic Kidney disease
 - COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Down Syndrome
 - Heart conditions including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30kg/m² or higher but less than 40kg/m²)
 - Severe obesity (BMI greater than 40kg/m²)
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Smoking
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Armand J. Brinkhasue Community Library

Library News

Services Offered During Pandemic

- Curbside service
- Online Story Time
- Grab & Go Activity Bags for children, adult coloring sheets
- Virtual Performances
- eBooks, online databases
- Circulating Wi-Fi Hotspots
- Creative bug (provides library of craft ideas for patron access)
- Tutoring (K-12) Every Saturday 10:30 am- 3:30 pm

Paws to Read: During the month of March, we are encouraging children to read an interesting book on animals or read a favorite book to their pet!

Youth Art Month: Children are invited to post their work in a virtual art show hosted by the library's Facebook page. More information will be posted on the page in March

Have an event or news you want featured?

If you have community news or events you want to include in the community spotlight, email us by the 15th of the month at speakingofsunset@gmail.com



Photos of days past.

ACADÉMIE FRANCO-LOUISIANAISE *de Sunset*



Académie Franco-Louisianaise de Sunset is a new public French immersion charter school that is opening in St. Landry Parish in August 2021. This school of choice, which is authorized by St. Landry Parish School Board, is open for any student of any learning ability who lives in St. Landry Parish and who will be in kindergarten or 1st grade. Tuition is free, and transportation will be provided.

A student in French immersion learns all their subjects (like science or social studies) in French, except for their English Language Arts class, which is taught in English. It is not necessary for a student or a student's parents to speak French in order to apply. Data shows that students in immersion programs typically perform higher than their peers who study in non-immersion settings.

All faculty at the school speak both French and English, and the school will employ not only French speaking Americans, but many foreign teachers who will come from countries such as France, Canada, and a variety of countries in Africa.

For more information, please visit the school's website or its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AcademieSunset>. You can also send an email with questions to info@academiesunset.org or call the school director, Lindsay Smythe Doucet, at 337-359-2268.

Sunset Volunteer Fire Department

If you think you have what it takes, then the Sunset Volunteer Fire Department would like you to come by and talk to us. No experience is necessary, and all training needed will be provided. For more



information, call Assistant Chief McClelland @ 337-654-0595

Sunset Police Department

Do you want to use your talent to benefit your community? Then volunteering with the police department might be the position for you. Call 337-662-5555 for more information and the application process.



We Need Your Help!

The Town is working on a youth recreation program for the summer. The sponsors of the program have scheduled a meeting on **Wednesday March 9, 2021 at 6PM in the Sunset Community center.**

The intent is to establish a Youth Summer Program. We will be working with neighboring community program to establish a local Sunset Youth Program next year. Those interested in working on the Recreation Board, coaching, being a team sponsor, or have youth counseling skills are encouraged to get involved. There will also be a discussion on the restoration of the Sunset Middle baseball field(s), for possible use in the summer program.

For the safety of all in attendance, **COVID-19 GUIDELINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. MASK SOCIAL, DISTANCING AND HAND SANATATION WILL ALSO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Share your talents as a Town of Sunset Volunteer.

The Town of Sunset currently has several volunteer positions, where your talent and dedication would be valued! Young or aged, the town needs volunteers that care and want to make a difference. If you want

more information on positions available, please call 337-662-5296



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GUESS WHAT

The Town of Sunset now offers Online Utility Bill Payments Save Time... Pay Online!!

Our online utility billing application gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time- with no waiting!

- ✓ Effective October 1, 2020
- ✓ Access your updated account information instantly
- ✓ View real time balances, payment amounts and bill due dates.
- ✓ Optimized for mobile devices

To get started log onto the following URL:

<https://www.thepaymentgroup.com>

You will need your Account Number to make Online Payments.

PLEASE NOTE

- There is a processing fee of 3.5% with \$0.95 min for all payments made on this site.
- If your payment is rejected for any reason, your processing fee will not be refunded.
- Any over-payments made will be applied as a credit to your



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