City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge

Council District 11 Newsletter

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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of District 11!

It has been a busy first quarter of 2013 for the city and your district. What you will find below is a brief list of projects and news in District 11 and around the City-Parish. Thanks go out to the local civic groups that have opened their doors to our office already this quarter. Support documentation, maps and diagrams on each of the topics below can be found on the District 11 webpage at: http://brgov.com/dept/council/mc11.asp

COSTCO

Costco is moving into the former Coca-Cola bottling facility at the corner of Airline Highway and I-12. Costco has hired traffic engineers to add to the research being done by the Baton Rouge Traffic Commission. Traffic impact studies are being done to gauge the effects on Airline Highway and the surrounding area. Layout design and specs images for this project are provided.

CATS

CATS board now has two new members for 2013 and will soon have a new CEO. Councilman Heck was installed in January and Mr. Ken Perret was installed at the end of March. Both gentlemen are focused on improving the efficiency and functionality of our city's

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Independence Park Library

The Independence Park Library is coming along beautifully. Spencer Watts, the Library Director; Mary Stein, Assistant Library Director; Josh Peak, Associate AIA at Tipton Associates, and Benjamin Bradford, Associate AIA at Cockfield Jackson provided an information filled tour of the construction. This is a wonderful facility that we can all be proud of. You will see some pictures attached. It only makes sense that the library be located so close to residential neighborhoods and the activities already happening in the Independence Park complex. We should be using the library by next Christmas. The library floor plan designs and construction images are provided.

BREC Alcohol Management Plan

The Metro Council approved BREC's request to streamline the process for getting alcohol use approved at some golf courses and rental facilities. These changes also clarified and/or made more strict the rules and regulations regarding the use of alcohol at the approved facilities. Some facilities that are overdue for upgrades will be getting a facelift to coincide with BREC's expanded services. Included are the BREC Alcohol Management Plan with facilities.

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mass transit system as well as getting our money's worth out of the recent tax.

Polling Station #133

Since the fire station that used to be at the corner of Lobdell Avenue and Independence Boulevard has moved to the corner of Jefferson Highway and Goodwood Avenue, polling station #133 will move to The BREC Independence Recreation Center. The facility is being renovated to house EMS and, therefore, cannot accommodate voting. The new polling location is virtually on the same corner. You can park in the same lot you would normally use. The walk will just be to a different building. There will be an official from the Registrar of Voters on site to assist folks in finding the new polling station. You may view a satellite image of the area which shows the new location for the new Polling Station #133.

BRGOV.com Resources

The Baton Rouge website, brgov.com provides a link on the home page that allows residents to Request City Services. Whereas the 311 phone line is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., the website is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. You can even attach photos of the issue that needs attention right to your request. Each service request is assigned a number that both you and our office can use to keep track of the progress of the service. There are a number of ongoing issues in and around the district. They included rain water drainage, zoning/code violations and infrastructure rehabilitation.

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Community Meeting Forums

Councilwoman Donna Collins-Lewis hosted the first of two community meetings focused on the city's proposed purchase of the old Woman's Hospital facility at the corner of Goodwood Boulevard and Airline Highway. Close to 70 people congregated at the BREC Headquarters to listen to and ask questions of: William Daniel, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor-President Office; Jim Frey, Special Projects Architect, Department of Public Works, and Marsha Hanlon, Finance Director, East Baton Rouge Parish.

The speakers described the plan of due diligence, how the facility is to be purchased, the remodeling necessary and the final use for this 23 acre centrally located facility. Attached you can find the most recent memo which includes the diagrams that were presented. Relocating the Baton Rouge City Police, the Sherriff's office and EMS to this location is financially responsible, it increases public safety and decreases response times. Another community meeting that will be hosted by Councilman Heck will be scheduled as new information on the inspections comes to light. A memo describing the plan as it stands can be on the District 11 web page by following this link.