

# In and about Washington<sup>a</sup>

September 2022  
FREE—TAKE ONE

## New restoration leads Main Street revival

The restoration of one of Washington's historic buildings provides a centerpiece as Main Street businesses from bayou to bayou are putting on a fresh look.

Architect Steven Ortego has purchased the building at the corner of Main and Carriere, which most recently housed Plantation Antiques. He plans to turn it into the Klaus House Boutique Hotel, with nine bedrooms on the second floor and commercial space on the first. The building was built as a general merchandise store about 1870 by Jacob Plonsky and was later operated by Max Klaus.



Also on Main Street,

◆ Brent and Marcy Leger are remodeling the former Doucet Motors at the corner of Main and Dejean for use as a specialty meat market.

◆ Renovations have been ongoing to the 1830s building at Main and Moundville used recently as the Old Courtableau Café. It is now available for lease. Owner David Allemond received the St. Landry preservationist of the year award for the initial reconstruction.

◆ Ben and Pat Fontenot are cleaning up and rebuilding Olde Wood Accents after a major fire last December.

◆ Negotiations are underway to clean up the Mobil station near Bayou Courtableau that has been in significant decline.

◆ Norma and Andy Mahmaud are planning to enlarge the Main Street Grocery.

◆ Nanny Belle's Antiques and Washington Thrift-T-Way sport fresh paint jobs.

◆ Washington Fast Food has rebranded from Citgo to Phillips 66 gasoline. The adjacent carwash has been repainted by its new owner, Wes Walker, who with his wife Ashley are also the new owners of Ardoin's Grocery.

◆ Attractive seating and planters brighten the fronts of Lou's Bakery and Shear Perfection.

◆ New flags to line the street have been donated by the Steamboat City Association, and the Washington Community Festival has funded several new benches, including one at the Washington Museum, which is open again from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,



A specialty meat market is coming to the former Doucet property.

### Of Note

**THE FALL** Antique Fair and Yard Sale will be October 7, 8, and 9 at the Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall. The old high school buildings have been extensively renovated in recent months. Regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**WASHINGTON BAPTIST** offers children and youth programs Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. A meal is provided.

**THE HEALTH BUGGY** provides free screening for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol on the Immaculate Conception parking lot from 8 to 11 a.m. each third Friday



Take pride in your town.  
Stash your trash.

### THE WEATHER

#### August 1-27

High: 96, Aug. 15, 17  
Average High: 92.5  
Low: 70, Aug. 10  
Average Low: 72.8  
August Rainfall: 9.25  
Avg. August Rain: 4.24  
Rain for 2022: 30.08  
Avg. Yearly: 36.15

## Thursday will be trash day beginning October 1

Garbage collection here will go to once a week on October 1, when Bayou State Waste becomes the new provider for St. Landry Parish. Residential waste will be picked up each Thursday in Washington, Kyle Lavergne of Bayou State said.

A new 96-gallon bin will be provided to each household. The old bins will also be allowed, if they are not picked up by Waste Management, Lavergne said.

Bins must be in place by 4 a.m. on the pickup day. They must be at least 3 feet away from vehicles or other obstructions, with the wheels and handle toward your house. You are also allowed up to two bags of garbage to be placed outside the cart on pickup day.

Bulky waste too large to fit in the garbage bin will be picked up separately by Morgan and Morgan Land Prep. Lavergne said Bayou State will alert them when items are seen at the curb during the regular collection, and they should be picked up within several days.

Routine yard waste will be picked up on the same day as bulk pickup. It must be bundled or bagged. Bundles should be less than six feet in length and two feet in diameter and weigh less than 75 pounds.

Construction material, remodeling debris, remnants of land clearing or demolitions, hazardous waste (including paint and motor oil), tires, propane tanks, concrete, batteries, and car parts, will not be picked up.

St. Landry residents can bring waste to the landfill at Beggs. You must provide proof that you live in St. Landry Parish with either a driver's license or utility bill.

The landfill cannot accept hazardous waste or industrial by-products. All other general household, construction, or business waste is accepted. You must unload the waste yourself.

The town will continue to pick up debris as a service when workers and equipment are available.

**Bayou State Waste**  
(337) 290-1452  
www.bayoustate.net

**St. Landry Solid Waste**  
(337) 826-5211  
www.slpsolidwaste.org



### Supplies donated

Town council member Tanya Doucet, shown with Brenda Lavergne, principal, led an effort that gathered 10 boxes of supplies for Washington Elementary students. She thanked Washington Baptist, Immaculate Conception, and Holy Trinity churches, Mayor Dwight Landreneau, Katie Fontenot, Donna Dardeau, Randy Worthy, Mary Ann Lavergne, Eric Fontenot, and Marella Rue for their help.



**Donated police car**

Police dispatcher Shondra Fontenot looks on as councilman Keith Ardoin, representing Krotz Springs Mayor Carroll Snyder, hands Mayor Dwight Landreneau the keys to a police car donated to the Washington department. Landreneau said the town “greatly appreciates the generosity of the town of Krotz Springs for helping us out as we continue to recover from our financial crisis”

**Council OKs \$145,000 in grants**

The Town Council approved agreements allowing Mayor Dwight Landreneau to accept \$145,000 in grants to be used mainly for utilities improvements. They include, the following:

- ◆ \$50,000 for public works projects and vehicles;
- ◆ \$50,000 for drainage improvements;
- ◆ \$40,000 for sewer, water, gas, and drainage improvements; and general economic development.
- ◆ \$45,000 to buy and maintain utilities equipment.



Mayor Dwight Landreneau discussed Washington’s needs with Gov. John Bel Edwards at a recent Louisiana Municipal Association meeting.

**Town Hall made voting place again**

Town Hall is a voting place again and will be used for the November election.

Cards sent last month notified voters of the change. The action reverses a decision made last year to move Washington’s voting place to Washington Elementary as part of a plan to consolidate precincts.

Contact the Registrar of Voters if you have not received a new voting card.

**From Town Hall**

**ANNEXATION** of some 140 acres near the I-49 intersection has been approved. The action had been pending for several months, awaiting completion of legal work. It is the largest annexation in recent history.

**WASHINGTON** was given a certificate of appreciation for participation in the Acadiana Workforce Solutions summer youth program. This program provides work training for parish young people.

**THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS**, boat landing and access road, and adjacent RV/camping sites off Veterans Memorial Boulevard are now closed to the general public from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

**CREDIT CARDS CAN** now be used to pay all town bills after an upgrade in software and Web links at Town Hall.

**REGULAR MEETINGS** of the Town Council are at 6 p.m. on each third Monday at Town Hall. This month’s meeting will be on September 19. The agenda is posted on the town website several days beforehand.

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### Ethel Park officially opened

Ethel Landreneau and Joe Kavanaugh cut the ribbon August 6 to officially open Ethel Park, developed on land donated by Kavanaugh across from town hall.

The park was created entirely with grant money, donations, and volunteer labor.

A reception the night before began the celebration of the opening and raised funds for continued development and maintenance.

Hallie Coreil led a committee of citizens who oversaw the work.



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