

In and about Washington

Here are items from the February edition of the *In and about Washington* newsletter



Ground broken for Ethel Park

Ground was broken on January 24, for Ethel Park on North Washington Street, across from Town Hall.

The park, to be built on land donated to the town by Joe and Gabriel Kavanaugh, is named in honor of Ethel Landreneau, who has been active in community affairs for decades.

Haile Coreil, chair of the park committee, said donations to complete and maintain the park can be made through <https://ioby.org/project/ethel-park>.



Special election March 20 for parish president

Jessie Bullard, the interim parish president, will face Dwain Buller in a March 20 special election to replace Bill Fontenot, who resigned because of ill health. Bellard is a Democrat, Buller is a Republican.

The election is for the remaining three years of Fontenot's term. He began his third term in office in January 2020, but was forced to take a leave of absence in February because of health issues. He announced his resignation in August and the Parish Council voted 7-6 to make Bellard acting president. Van Reed, director of emergency operations, was also considered by the council.

This is Buller's first run for public office. Reed is not a candidate.



The last day to register in person to vote in this election is February 17. Early voting will be from March 6 through March 13. March 16 is the deadline to request a mail ballot.



Good neighbors

A crew from Krotz Springs helped pick up storm debris in Washington during January as St. Landry Solid Waste has been slow to pick up debris because of crew shortages. Crews from Eunice gave the town a helping hand in December.

COVID keeps town quiet

Local organizations continue to curtail most activities as Louisiana continues under a modified Phase 2 order, keeping COVID mitigation measures in place at least until February 10. A statewide mask mandate is also in place.

'Health Buggy' schedule

The "health buggy" is scheduled to visit Washington on the third Friday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception parking lot. It provides free health screening for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol.

Where to sign up for COVID shots

COVID-19 shots are not yet available in Washington and likely will not be for some time. Supplies in St. Landry Parish are very limited.

As of January 29, a list maintained by the St. Landry Emergency Operations Center showed five locations in Opelousas where citizens 70 years old or older can get on a waiting list to receive shots. You must call to make an appointment. The locations are:

- ◆ Ken's Thrifty Way, 517 East Prudhomme, 942-7551.
- ◆ Lagniappe Pharmacy (Medicine Shoppe), 1717 South Union, 948-7703.
- ◆ Super 1 Pharmacy, 2418 South Union, 942-3674.
- ◆ The Family Clinic, 3921 I-40 South Service Road, 942-5706.
- ◆ Thrifty Way at the Cottage, 1406 West Landry, 942-2653.

St. Landry officials are working with the Louisiana Department of Health to expand the number of locations in the parish. The list can be found on the emergency operations Facebook page at SLPEmergencyOps.

Mayor sworn to new term

His mother and wife watched as Mayor Dwight Landreneau was sworn in by Judge Alonzo Harris to fill the remaining two years of the term of Mayor James Olivier, who resigned because of health issues.

Landreneau was appointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards to fill the vacancy until a special election November 3, which he won with nearly 70% of the vote.





Medical donation

The staff from Med Express presented Mayor Dwight Landreneau with a fully equipped trauma kit for use in medical emergencies.

Council meeting routine

only two routine matters were on the Town Council agenda for January. The council authorized the mayor to apply for two \$35,000 grants from the state. One would be used for building improvements, the other for sewer and water work.

Meetings on 3rd Mondays

Regular meetings of the Town Council are at 6 p.m. on each third Monday at Town Hall. Meeting agendas are posted on the Town Hall door and website.

In and About
Washington

is underwritten by

Member
FDIC

