

## Woodland Conservancy's Hike-a-Thon Kicks Off with a Picnic in the Park

Woodlands Conservancy's 2022 Hike-A-Thon is presented by Couvillion Marine Services and sponsored by Power System Specialists and WWNO. The Hike-a-Thon is an annual effort to raise funds and awareness for local land conservation. "I think we are all getting a little tired of our daily rains and sweating heat and looking forward to cooler October weather," said Woodlands Conservancy Executive Director Katie Brasted. "What could be better than taking a break in nature that gives back to the community?" Woodlands Conservancy's 2022 Hike-a-

Thon challenges participants to hike a marathon, 26.2 miles during the month of October. The Kick-off for the event, "Picnic in the Park" is being held on Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features a guided hike at 9:30 a.m. to the WWII Ammunition Magazines followed by picnic fair in the "Meadow" at Woodlands Preserve.

"We continue to partner with Woodlands Conservancy on the Hike-a-Thon because the Couvillion Group relishes opportunities to be outdoors in a setting that represents one of the most pristine natural areas in our

region, said a spokesperson for the Couvillion Group. "The team at Couvillion Group relishes any opportunity to be outdoors and any opportunity for friendly competition. The Hike-a-Thon is an opportunity to constructively unwind between jobs throughout the Gulf."

Participants of the Hike-A-Thon record their own mileage while walking, running or hiking alone or with their like-minded friends to complete the challenge. Miles can be accumulated at Woodlands Preserve or anywhere of the participant's choice.

Registration for the 2022

Hike-a-Thon is open until October 15. To register and learn more details about awards and how you can join others in raising funds, visit: <https://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/LA/Belle-Chasse/Woodlands-Conservancy/HikeaThon>

The first 20 individuals to register for the event receive a chance to win a set of Mignon Faget Palmetto glassware. The winner of the first drawing was Grace Shipp. Funds raised from the event will contribute to forest restoration and enhancements for wildlife at Woodlands Preserve.

# Save the date!

If there's an event or meeting you would like to include in this column, please call 504.392.1619 or email [copy@plaqueminesgazette.com](mailto:copy@plaqueminesgazette.com). Entries are limited to 100 words and some restrictions do apply.

### Now through October 15

#### Register for the 2022 Hike-A-Thon

Woodlands Conservancy's 2022 Hike-A-Thon is an effort to raise funds and awareness for local land conservation. This is your chance to get outside in nature alone or with your like-minded friends to give back to your community by walking, hiking, and/or running a marathon, 26.2 miles at your own pace. You can hike the Bottomland Trail (5.43 mi.) at Woodlands Trail less than five times and complete your challenge or choose a variety of places you like to visit. You can do a mile at a time or all at one time - set your own pace. Hikers, walkers, and runners will have from October 1, through October 31 to complete the challenge. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2u52437s>. Registration fee: \$35. By registering for this event, you'll fund land protection and restoration, receive an Individual Woodlands Conservancy Annual Membership, and a "Hike-a-Thon - May the Forest Be With You" hat if you complete the Marathon. The top five highest milers will receive the above plus a choice of a Save-Our-Sponge t-shirt or a Parks-For-All Hydroflask. Also, the top highest miler will receive the above plus a set of four Mignon Faget Palmetto glassware. The Woodlands Conservancy, located at 449 E Edward Hebert Blvd., in Belle Chasse, is a nonprofit land trust organized in 2001 to preserve and restore ecologically significant lands in Louisiana.

### September 29 - October 2

#### OLPH Fair

"The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fair is returning from September 29 through October 2. It's going to be a "rocking" time! There will be food, carnival rides, live music, games and a 50/50 raffle. Entry into the fair is free. Entertainment line-up:

- Friday, Sept. 30: Aaron Foret - 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1: Breland Brothers - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Boothhill - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dat Band - 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 2: "The Strays" - 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Bag of Donuts - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### September 30

#### Hocus Pocus 2 at Bad Wolf

"The movie we've all been waiting for is finally here! Join us on Friday, September 30 starting at 7 p.m. for a very special movie premiere in our upstairs room. Enjoy themed cocktail and mocktail specials, unique movie snacks, or "dinner and a movie." Tickets: \$3 per person (and will be applied to any food or beverage purchases made the evening of the screening). Visit [checkoutsquare.com/buy/6W7WVRKAVN-FVNGNVPZ2ZDN4V](https://checkoutsquare.com/buy/6W7WVRKAVN-FVNGNVPZ2ZDN4V). If the ticket price is a barrier for you to attend, please reach out to [alicia@thatbadwolf.com](mailto:alicia@thatbadwolf.com) and arrangements will be made. Space is limited so reserve your seat now. Please be respectful of everyone who will be in attendance. Basic movie theater etiquette will be expected of all attendees. Children are welcome as long as they can sit still and watch the full movie without needing a distraction. Bad Wolf is located at 1454 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse. For more information, call 504.613.4887.

### October 1

#### BHS Coffee Meet

All alumni of Buras High School Classes of 1928 to 2005 are invited to the annual Buras High School Coffee Meet on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. at the Lakeside Mall Food Court in Metairie. Come pass a good time and meet old friends and classmates.

### October 3

#### "The Bridge from High School to Postsecondary Services" Webinar

Join Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans for a webinar entitled, "The Bridge from High School to Postsecondary Services." In this webinar, we will learn about how to plan for adulthood for a child with an IEP or 504 Plan in school. We will also talk about post-high school activities like working, going to college, and independent living and how to use your IEP or 504 Plan to make the transition to adulthood smoother. This training opportunity will be presented via zoom on Monday, October 3 at 12 p.m. and is free and open to anyone - parents, self-advocates, or professionals working with students with disabilities or special healthcare needs. For more information or to register, call Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans at 504.888.9111 or visit [www.FHFoGNO.org](http://www.FHFoGNO.org) and click on the calendar under

the "training" tab. The registration link is found on the calendar for October 3.

### October 4

#### Plaquemines Historical Association Meeting

A Plaquemines Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at the American Legion Hall at 104 Hunt Street, Belle Chasse, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free, and the public is always invited.

### October 4

#### National Night Out Against Crime

This year's National Night Out Against Crime will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 4. More information will be released when made available.

### October 8, November 12, and December 10

#### Youth Pokemon League Meeting

The Bad Wolf's Youth Pokemon League is open to all Pokemon Masters ages 6 through 16 and at all levels of experience. Attendees are asked to bring their card decks. They will teach newbies how to play, and loan out decks to those who don't have their own. Meet new friends and play Pokemon together. The League will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on October 8, November 12, and December 10. The Bad Wolf is located at 1454 Woodland Hwy., Belle Chasse.

### October 11

#### Community Autism and Developmental Disabilities Awareness & Safety Training

The Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office (PPSO), in partnership with the Interaction Advisory Group, will host a free Community Autism and Developmental Disabilities Awareness & Safety Training event on Tuesday, October 11, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Exceleation Church located at 7737 Highway 23, Belle Chasse. According to the Autism Society, "more than 3.5 million Americans are living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder." Did you know in 2021, the CDC reported that approximately one in 44 children in the US is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Caregivers who attend this event will receive valuable Autism and Developmental Disabilities awareness and safety training and more importantly what they can do to assist the PPSO and other first responders. To register, please contact Captain Eric Becnel at 504.934-6904 or [ebecnel@ppso.net](mailto:ebecnel@ppso.net).

### October 12

#### Belle Chasse United Methodist Church Spaghetti Fundraiser

Belle Chasse United Methodist Church will be having a Spaghetti Fundraiser on October 12 to raise money to purchase Turkey Baskets for Thanksgiving for needy people in our community. The meal will consist of Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert, and a drink or water. The price is \$12 a plate. It will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church located at 8375 Hwy 23, across from Belle Chasse High School. Orders of 10 or more can be delivered. To place an order, call the church at 504.394.1976 or Don Hazel at 504.952.0047.

### October 12

#### PABI to Host Candidates Forum

The Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry (PABI) will sponsor a Candidates Forum for those vying for the office of Plaquemines Parish President and all council districts on Wednesday, October 12, at 6 p.m., at the Belle Chasse High School Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all PABI members and the general public. For more information, please call PABI at 504.393.2999.

### November 1

#### Plaquemines Historical Association Meeting

Civil War historian Mark Hildebaugh will speak on the civil war battle of Gettysburg at the Plaquemines Historical Association meeting on Tuesday, November 1, at the American Legion Hall at 104 Hunt Street, Belle Chasse, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is free, and the public is always invited.

### November 3

#### Croatian American Society's Ladies Luncheon

The Croatian American Society's Ladies Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 3, at the English Turn Country Club. Tickets will go on sale at the end of August. Questions? Contact Tricia Lincoln at 504.455.8577 or Barbara Oustalet at 504.628.1231.

## USACE Seeks Public Comment on Neptune Pass Flow Control Structure

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The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is looking for public comments on a proposed "flow control" feature within Neptune Pass, a newly enlarged pass on the east bank of the Mississippi River across from Buras in Plaquemines Parish. The comment period officially began on September 16 and will last for 30 days until October 16.

Neptune Pass is a naturally created major channel that leads from the Mississippi River to Quarantine Bay. It has developed into a pass that is 90 feet deep and 850 feet wide at certain points. Environmental advocates state (as they usually do when discussing diversions from the Mississippi River into the marsh) that the pass is necessary for the development of marsh in that area. As such, it should not be interfered with.

USACE is proposing to build a structure in Neptune Pass that allows for a 100-foot wide, 10-foot deep opening. The corps believes this is necessary because if this pass is allowed to flow freely, it will continue to slow down the river and cause sediment to continue to build up in the shipping channel.

Considering the fact that the mouth of the Mississippi River was recently dredged to a depth of 50 feet and that two separate ports are pursuing the development of an international container terminal that would service increasingly larger cargo vessels, there may be value in ensuring the river remains at a proper depth.

Residents who have an opinion on this issue can mail their comments to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Planning and Environment Division South, New Orleans Environmental Branch, CEMVNDPC-C, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. Also, comments can be emailed to [tyler.stevens@usace.army.mil](mailto:tyler.stevens@usace.army.mil).

## Oral History Libraries to be Discussed at October 4 Historical Association Meeting

Jen Cramer, the Director of the LSU Libraries T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History in Baton Rouge, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, October 4, Plaquemines Historical Association meeting at the Belle Chasse American Legion Hall, 104 Hunt Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Cramer has held this position since 2004 and oversees a collection of over 6,000 interviews with topics on Louisiana politics, culture, military, coastal and environmental changes, civil rights, and women's history. At the meeting she will discuss the LSU Libraries' T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History, including a basic overview of the oral history field, some of the interview collections housed at the Center pertaining to Plaquemines and New Orleans area history, and the importance of partnerships to preserve the important (and sometimes disappearing) history and culture in Louisiana. She will also discuss how someone might do an oral history, resources available, and how to submit it to one of the oral history libraries in the state. For more information, please see: <https://lib.lsu.edu/oralhistory>

If you are considering interviewing an older relative about family history or someone you know with an interesting or unique experience this program will provide valuable resources to do this. Also if you want to hear or read about unique experiences by the people that lived through them, oral histories libraries are a valuable reference tool.

The meeting is free and the general public is encouraged to attend.

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