

In and about Washington

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Scenes of the Season



Christmas fête helps town usher in the holidays

Good weather and good fun combined to help Washington usher in the holiday season, and perhaps begin a tradition.

“Christmas in Washington, Celebrating 300 Years” included a tree lighting, music, Santa Claus, and food booths. It was centered on the former Doucet Motors lot on Main Street, which was made available at no cost by Greg and Renee Doucet.

The celebration’s success has generated discussion of making it an annual event.

Brenda King was chairperson and a score of volunteers helped decorate and stage the festivities. Funding was administered through the Washington Tricentennial Commission.



Washington Elementary Christmas

Santa helped to distribute gift packages to Washington Elementary students December 17. Each student received a jacket as part of the Christmas in Washington celebration, paid for by donations to the Washington Tricentennial Commission. Students also received gifts from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Waxia.

Speed measure approved

The Town Council has approved an ordinance to contract with Blue Line Solutions to provide laser technology enforcement of speed limits on the Grand Prairie Highway (DeJean Street) and on Main Street. The system will be used only in clearly designated areas, town and company officials say.



Groundbreaking set

Groundbreaking is planned for 2 p.m. on January 24 for a small park on North Washington across from Town Hall. Members of a citizens' committee headed by Hallie Coreil are finishing the plans for the park to be built on land donated to the town by Joe Kavanaugh. Once plans are in place, volunteers will be needed to maintain it, and





A helping hand

St. Landry Solid Waste has been slow to pick up storm debris because of crew shortages, but the mayors of Eunice and Krotz Springs volunteered to send crews here when they can be spared.

Coreil new town attorney

Jeffrey Coreil will Replace Chad Pitre as Washington's legal counsel. Pitre stepped down after his election as district attorney. Coreil lives just outside of Washington. He received his LSU law degree in 2009. He currently chairs Washington's historic cemetery foundation.

Police report to be part of council meetings

The Town Council approved a motion making a report on police department activities a part of each regular meeting. The report is to include citations issued, fines collected, and "other things the Council should know about."

Resolution forwards gas line grant

Council members also approved a routine resolution giving the mayor authority to administer a \$135,000 grant to repair a natural gas line that crosses Bayou Courtableau.

Grant Applications Under Study

The council is expected to consider applications for two state grants at the February meeting. They are worth up to \$35,000 each. One is for utility improvements, the other for general work.

Washington student on chancellor's list

Rebecca Thomas of Washington has been named to the Chancellor's List at LSU-Eunice for the fall semester. To be eligible a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Speaker set at Washington Baptist

Jacob Crawford will speak at Washington Baptist Church. at 10:30 a.m. January 24. He is starting a church in New Orleans with released inmates from Angola who changed their lives.

Council Meetings

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 beforehand.



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