



## **Crescent City Classic, Ukraine discussion and more metro area community news**

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Be sure to check official websites, Facebook pages or contact numbers to make sure scheduled events are still happening.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CRESCENT CITY CLASSIC:** The Caesars Sportsbook Crescent City Classic 10K will begin at 8 a.m. April 16 at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, making tracks through the CBD, French Quarter, Treme and Mid-City before ending at City Park. Participants can walk to the Michelob Ultra RaceFest for drinks, food and live music after finishing. Friends and family of runners can purchase RaceFest tickets in advance for \$20 at [www.ccc10k.com](http://www.ccc10k.com), or \$25 on race day. Registration for participants is \$60 for runners and walkers.

**UKRAINE DISCUSSION:** Tom Palmer, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute will discuss "The Ukraine Fight is for Freedom: Its Own and the World's" during a Facebook Live event from Isidore Newman School at 6:15 p.m. April 19. The sponsors also include Metairie Park Country Day School and Academy of the Sacred Heart. To connect to the online event, visit [www.facebook.com/isidorenewmanschool](http://www.facebook.com/isidorenewmanschool).

**LOUISIANA DUTCH OVEN SOCIETY:** The Wego Cookers group of the Louisiana Dutch Oven Society will gather for a morning of outdoor cooking and eating from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at Pavilion 7 of Bayou Segnette State Park, 7777 Westbank Expressway, Westwego. The entrance fee for the park is \$3; the gathering is free. For information, contact John Heiken at (504) 756-1853 or [jheiken209@gmail.com](mailto:jheiken209@gmail.com).

**GRETNA FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL:** Food trucks will be gathering from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 16 at the Gretna Farmers Market Pavillion, 310 Huey P. Long Ave., for the Gretna Food Truck Festival. For information, visit [www.Facebook.com/CityofGretna](http://www.Facebook.com/CityofGretna).

**LAFITTE GREENWAY PLANTING:** The GROW nonprofit partnership is seeking volunteers to help plant 100 cypress trees from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Lafitte Greenway in New Orleans. The 100 trees are the first of a thousand that the group intends to plant. A single bald cypress can absorb 880 gallons of water in a day. Native flowers will be planted in lowland meadows, to reduce maintenance costs and encourage pollinators. To register to volunteer, visit [www.lafittegreenway.org/events](http://www.lafittegreenway.org/events).

**GRETNA CRAWFISH COOKOFF:** The Aaron Foret Band will perform when the G.R.I.D parent volunteer association holds a crawfish cook-off from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 23 at Mel Ott Park, 2301 Belle Chasse Highway, Gretna. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. For information, call (504) 363-1597.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 3245 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23. For information, call (504) 366-0123.

**FRANCOPHONE PHOTO EXHIBITION:** The consulate general of France in Louisiana is showcasing the diversity of the French-speaking community of Louisiana in a photo exhibition on display through April 30 on the fence at the Résidence de France, 2406 Prytania St., New Orleans.

**DISNEY ON ICE:** There will be six Disney on Ice performances of "Dream Big" April 21-24 at Lakefront Arena, 6801 Franklin Ave., New Orleans. Performances will be at 7 p.m. April 21-22; at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. April 23; and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 24. Tickets are available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

**BUTTERFLY RELEASE TO EASE GRIEF:** The Greater New Orleans Chapter of Compassionate Friends will hold its annual butterfly release and picnic at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 24, in the memorial garden behind the Foundation Center at Lafreniere Park, 3000 Downs Blvd., Metairie. The event is open to bereaved relatives and friends who have experienced the death of a child. For information, contact William or Millie Hunton at (504) 265-0581 or email [tcfnola@gmail.com](mailto:tcfnola@gmail.com).

**BROMELIAD SALE:** The Southwest Bromeliad Guild show and sale will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 at the Doubletree Hotel, 2150 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Kenner. For information, call (504) 495-0371.

## **FESTIVALS**

**GRAND ISLE MIGRATORY BIRD CELEBRATION:** Kayaking, shoreline and history tours will be part of the Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration, which returns Saturday, April 23, after a two-year break because of COVID-19 and then Hurricane Ida. There will also be birding and native plant tours and a beginners' photography session. The celebration headquarters will be at Jo-Bob's Conoco Station, 3365 La. 1, Grand Isle. For event information and a schedule of tours, visit [www.townofgrandisle.com](http://www.townofgrandisle.com).

## **CONCERTS & CULTURE**

**STORYVILLE BABY DOLLS HISTORY:** Historian and cultural preservationist Dianne Honoré will discuss the Black Storyville Baby Dolls in a lecture from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Beauregard-Keyes Historic House & Garden, 1113 Chartres St., New Orleans. Tickets are \$5 at [www.bkhouse.org](http://www.bkhouse.org).

**JAZZ CONCERT SERIES:** Gina Forsyth will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at St. Anna's Episcopal Church, 1313 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, as part of the church's Down in Treme jazz concert series. Tickets are \$10 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Coming up: YAT Quartet and Anna's Place Children's Choir, May 5; YAT Quartet and Jesse Reeks, May 12; YAT Quartet and Andre Bohren, May 19; and YAT Quartet and Darryl Durham, May 26.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** Applications are being accepted through April 15 for a variety of scholarships being offered by the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi and The Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation. High school students who will graduate this spring are eligible to apply, with varying residency requirements focusing on St. Bernard Parish and the east bank of Plaquemines Parish. For applications, visit high school counselors or [www.StBernardKiwanis.org](http://www.StBernardKiwanis.org).

## **HONORS**

**ST. BERNARD PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** A staff crawfish boil was recently held to recognize Capt. Bret Bowen upon his retirement from the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office after 34 years. He joined the SWAT team in 2002, and took over as head of the equipment division in 2012. His final assignment was driving the Mobile Emergency Operations Center during the St. Bernard Irish Italian Isles Parade. Bowen's successor as head of the equipment division is Capt. Michael Ingargiola.

## **CLASSES**

**FREE EXERCISE CLASSES:** A series of free exercise classes will begin with a session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, at 2525 Apollo Ave., Harvey. The classes will meet each Monday and Wednesday. The classes are sponsored by the nonprofit Be Well-Come Together, Inc. No registration is required, just show up. For information, call (504) 368-2525 or email [bewell-cometogether@gmail.com](mailto:bewell-cometogether@gmail.com).

## **MEETINGS**

**FEDERAL EMPLOYEES:** Discussion of federal pay raises proposed for 2023 will be on the agenda when Vernon N. Landry Chapter 1398 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets for lunch at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Sicilian Room of Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant, 613 St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF JEFFERSON PARISH:** Rhonda Saylor will discuss how to become a poll watcher or poll commissioner when the Republican Women's Club of Jefferson Parish meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at Metairie Country Club, 580 Woodvine Ave., Metairie. The group will also hear from Elbert Guillory, a candidate for lieutenant

governor. The cost is \$38 through April 16, when the price will increase to \$42. To make a reservation, text Lynne Duvernay at (504) 416-6612 or email [rwc.jeffparish@gmail.com](mailto:rwc.jeffparish@gmail.com).