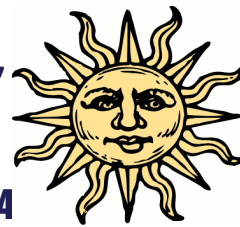


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Ribbon Cutting This Friday!



SOUTHERN HOTEL TAKES CENTER STAGE

Historic Southern Hotel Hosts Pre-Opening Festivities

Southern Hotel Celebrates Past And Future With Ribbon Cutting
In anticipation of a June 2014 Grand Opening, the historic Southern Hotel in downtown Covington will host a ribbon cutting ceremony this Friday, May 30. The hotel's owner, Lisa Condrey Ward, St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister, Covington Mayor Mike Cooper and local historian Howard Nichols are among those who will speak at the ceremony. Attendees will be treated to a sneak-preview tour of the hotel, which has undergone extensive renovations since early 2012. The fully-restored boutique hotel will include 42 guest rooms, a 2,400-sq-ft. ballroom, meeting spaces, Ox Lot 9 Restaurant, an upscale bar, and spa treatment and fitness rooms.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will commemorate the 107th anniversary of the hotel's original opening (June 1, 1907). The Southern Hotel will also host an Anniversary Preview Gala on Saturday, May 31, and an Anniversary Champagne Reception on Sunday, June 1. The ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday is free and open to the public, and tickets may be purchased in advance for the Saturday and Sunday events. To purchase tickets, call:

(985) 871-8223 www.southernhotel.com

Downtown Covington Block Party Friday Night



Vintage car enthusiasts will once again stroll along Columbia and Boston Streets perusing the vast auto collection, each exhibited by their personal owners in downtown Covington. This free public event will be held Friday from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more info visit www.covla.com

Meeting For Fracking Awareness Before Block Party

Join Covington Massage & Wellness Centre on Friday before the block party to learn more about hydraulic fracturing and what it could mean for our community. A representative of the Ian Somerhalder Foundation will share how fracking has affected her, and a short documentary will be shown. Starting at 5:30 pm.

CW Economic Development Educational Series:

How Major Economic Development Occurs In St. Tammany Parish

Covington Weekly began after pitching an idea to the Covington Business Association at the request of our friend who is no longer with us, David Barfield (rest in peace). Not long after starting the newsletter we became board members of the CBA, and began learning the ropes around the local business community, with our main focus on the downtown area. After a couple of years, we were aware of the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce, but what is beyond that? Above the Chamber of Commerce is the Northshore Business Council. The NBC is an invitation-only organization of more than 50 presidents, CEO's and market managers along the I-12 corridor, inclusive of the parishes of Tangipahoa, St. Tammany and Washington. The group promotes policies that enhance the quality of business and civic life through activities of advocacy and opposition. Larry Rase (Governor's Advisory Council on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation, Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Commission) is the current Executive Director of the NBC, replacing former Executive Director Pat Brister, our current Parish President. The Northshore Business Council directs the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation and the government affairs website, www.standupstammany.org. The NBC is your link to Louisiana Economic Development tax exemptions, tax credits and other loan programs. According to NBC, the results of formal research show that the region has been determined to be incredibly well suited for companies of the following industries: International Trade, Energy, Material Supplies, Logistics & Distribution and Aerospace & Defense Manufacturing. To find out more information about the NBC, visit www.northshorebusinesscouncil.com.

Above the NBC is the Bureau of Governmental Research. The BGR is a private, non-profit independent research organization. Founded in 1932, it informs public policy making and the effective use of public resources in the Greater New Orleans area. Two board members of the Bureau of Governmental Research active in St. Tammany include David A. Kerstein (President, Helix Oil & Gas Company, LLC) and Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., LLC Professional Project Services (also Vice Chairman of STEDF). BGR is a member of the Governmental Research Association, a network of independent organizations studying government and public policy. "Good government requires constant vigilance on the part of the governed." www.bgr.org

Next week in the CW Economic Development Educational Series, we will introduce and provide resource information about GNO, Inc. and the Committee of 100! www.covingtonweekly.com

The English Tea Room Hosts Steampunk Night

Friday May 30th Beginning At 7 pm



Coming up in June:

Sherlock Holmes Night!

Steampunk is a sub-genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery, especially in a setting inspired by industrialized Western civilization during the 19th century.

That wild and crazy group at The English Tea Room are at it again - this month with a steampunk theme dinner Friday May 30th at 7 pm! Come as you are or dressed up in your favorite Victorian Steampunk attire! Local steampunk enthusiasts will be there to share and talk about their beautiful hand-crafted outfits and accessories. Serving Victorian era foods and tea. Please make pre-paid reservations of just \$25 per person in advance, as spots are filling up quick!

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The English Tea Room Introduces New Logo & Branding

Everyone knows that you can go to our local tea room to find just about any tea under the sun, from traditional black teas to organic herbals. But did you know they also have a wonderful selection of breakfast and lunch items served all day? From scrumptious quiches to delicious salads, and don't forget the tea-infused soup of the day!

The English Tea Room is introducing a new logo and branding, adding 'eatery' onto their title to remind their customers that they're "more than tea". At The English Tea Room & Eatery, you get the whole deal!



Comment Period Reopened For LDEQ & USACE

The US Army Corp of Engineers and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality have reopened their public comment period on the permit application by Helix Oil & Gas for hydraulic fracturing near Mandeville. Both agencies are taking comments until mid-night June 16th, 2014, under pressure of the Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany's legal team. Contact person for US Army Core of Engineers: **Robert Tewis (504) 862-2041** robert.m.tewis2@usace.army.mil Contact person for LDEQ: **Elizabeth Johnson (225) 219-3225** elizabeth.johnson@la.gov For a full list of contacts for state representatives, check house.louisiana.gov

The Eat Local Challenge Supports Local Producers

Local Restaurants Participate In The 4th Annual New Orleans Event



The "eat local challenge" encourages eating foods grown, caught or raised within a 200 mile radius of your home during June.



Local farms include Slice of Heaven Farm, Bartlett Farm, Stoney Point Farm, Grow.Farm, Justin Pitts Farm and the Screaming Oaks Mushroom Farm. Don't forget Tiger Bait Raw Foods, locally sourced for pets. **Why Shop Local?**

Our goal with Covington Weekly is to promote the local goods we have available to us in this area. We believe that a strong sustainable infrastructure is built on a community that supports itself through supporting its businesses, producers and farms. Buying your coffee at a local cafe, your gifts at a local shop or your produce from a local farm increases the demands for these items, which stimulates more local businesses and more local jobs. More of the money spent locally stays in our community, whether through taxes, payroll or continued support of other local businesses and organizations. Local businesses also increase tourism dollars to downtown areas, and on average provide better jobs with more opportunities for advancement. Local farms generally use better farming practices with more focus on environmental impacts, quality of products and consideration for the land and animals they care for. Possibly most importantly, our drive to promote our local producers come from our love for our community, and our desire to see it flourish and to share its beauty with generations to follow. For a list of wonderful local businesses to patron check our ads on the back of this paper, and visit the Covington Business Association's website, www.covingtonbusinessassociation.org.

Quote of the Week

"There is no compromise when it comes to corruption. You have to fight it."

- A. K. Antony

Wednesday

May 28

New Moon

Louisiana Cultural Connections - Celebrating Local



Join Greg Arceneaux Cabinetmakers for their event "Louisiana Cultural Connection" on Saturday May 31st from 1 - 6 pm. Featuring artist Peg Usner paintings of Louisiana scenes, Greg Arceneaux's Louisiana furniture, Louisiana musicians Don Vappie and Leah Chase. LA Serendipity Vineyards will do a wine tasting and will have bottles of wine for sale. Book signing by Louisiana Chef Susan Spicer. Cheese and wine will be served and Greg Arceneaux Cabinetmakers will have a sale on their hand crafted tables.

"I celebrate & preserve Louisiana's unique culture & heritage each day... At Greg Arceneaux Cabinetmakers, we strive to bring you the best quality of Creole & Acadian style reproduction furniture!" - Greg Arceneaux Please RSVP by calling (985) 898-8782 or visit their website: www.gregarceneaux.com.

Summer Camp For Kids Locally - Art & Theater

Summertime is almost here in Covington. There are several options for kid's summer camps focusing on the arts, such as the Center of Performing Arts' "Fundamentals of Acting & Improvisation" camp for ages 9 - 13 in June. Children can explore the role of an actor using monologues, scene study and improvisation games. This two-week intensive camp teaches character objectives, self-expression, verbal and non-verbal techniques. To learn more visit www.CenterOfPerformingArts.net or call camp director Janie McNulty at (504) 931-8297.



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STAA Summer Art Camps
STAA will also host several children's summer art camps with many different activities. Classes begin in June, call for more information and schedule. www.sttammanyartassociation.org

Studio Cicero Art Camps For Kids & Teens

Anne Cicero will host two art camps this summer - an ages 6 and up camp and ages 12 and up camp. Both will include fun creative art projects such as drawing, painting and collage. For more information, please visit www.studiocicero.com



Farmer's Market Recipes

Fresh recipes inspired by the Covington Farmer's Market

Edible Flowers Pasta Recipe

Ingredients:

- spaghetti (1/2 pound, boiled)
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp butter
- half a leek, cut into thin medallions
- one shallot, diced
- 4 cloves of garlic, diced
- 2 handfuls of edible brassica blossoms, thick stems removed
- salt and pepper
- a dash of white wine
- 1/2 cup of grated parmesan

Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a large pan and sautee the leeks and shallots for about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and edible blossoms. Toss around for a minute in the pan then add a splash of white wine and some salt and pepper. Let the wine reduce for a minute or so. Melt the butter in the pan and immediately add your cooked spaghetti noodles. Toss the sauce around the noodles to coat. Mix in the parmesan and serve hot.



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Upcoming: CHF Crawfish Boil At Covington Brewhouse



The Covington Heritage Foundation presents 'Boilin' at the Brewery', a membership appreciation crawfish boil and membership drive, sponsored by Covington Brewhouse. Enjoy beer, friends and crawfish in support of CHF! Tickets for current members are \$15 and kids ages 7-12 are \$5 (kids under 6 are free). Tickets for new members are \$25 and include a 2014 membership. To purchase tickets and learn more visit CovingtonHeritageFoundation.com or call 985-373-0623. Tickets sold at door with \$5 surcharge.

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Southern Hotel Ribbon Cutting - Friday May 30, 11 am @ the Southern Hotel In anticipation of its grand re-opening in June 2014, the historic Southern Hotel in downtown Covington will host a ribbon cutting ceremony. - **428 E. Boston St.**

Covington Farmer's Market - Saturdays, 8 am - 12 pm @ the 600 block of Columbia St.

Music by Last Chance Bluegrass Band at 9:30 am. Market vendors Chompers BBQ will serve up their specialties for the food demo. - **600 block of Columbia St.**

Covington Brewhouse Brewery Tours - Every Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm @ Covington Brewhouse Free tours of the brewhouse - covingtonbrewhouse.com for info.

Music with the Maestro - Tuesdays, 7 pm @ The Lake 94.7 Local music program featuring Robert Sturcken of Center Of Performing Arts - **94.7 FM on the radio dial**

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