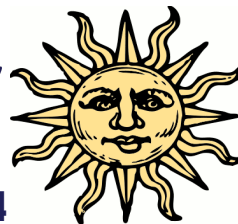


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49th Annual Juried Artists Exhibit: The Summer Show
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49th National Juried Artists Exhibition
The Summer Show
Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 6-9pm
Opening Reception & Award Presentation

EXHIBITION DATES
July 12 - August 9, 2014

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Lagniappe Concert Set For Saturday July 12
Don Vappie & The Creole Jazz Serenaders Take The Stage

The City of Covington is pleased to announce a little "something extra" (lagniappe) this summer at the Covington Trailhead. Covington's own internationally renowned musician, Don Vappie & The Creole Jazz Serenaders, will be performing Saturday, July 12th from 5 - 8 p.m.



Supplies For Summer Camp
STHS is looking for old, clean t-shirts and empty, clean tin cans that you can spare. They will use them for the summer camp. Thanks!
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Opening Night Sold Out For "Sing" At COPA
Saturday Reservations Still Available For Dinner Theater At COPA

The Center of Performing Arts (COPA) will open its summer show "SING - A Tour of Vocal Harmony" July 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Take a journey while exploring vocal harmony in popular music. Starting in the 1930's and '40's with Big Band and Swing music, see where vocal harmony began. You'll hear favorites such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", "In The Mood" and "Mr. Sandman". Transitioning into the '50's and '60's, you'll recognize some toe tapping Doo Wop beats along with the smooth sounds of soul. The evening will close out with hits from the '70's to the present. You'll be singing along as you enjoy a night of music and entertainment for all ages.

COPA announces that opening night is sold out! That means there's still a chance to reserve your spot for a fun date night with dinner and a live vocal performance. See the poster below for menu, ticket prices, and more information. Tickets will be available at the door, but seating is limited and reservations are suggested. www.centerofperformingarts.net (985) 727-4638.

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Sing Tickets On Sale Now!

Come enjoy an intimate evening of music as we tour vocal harmonies through the decades. From the swinging 30's and 40's to the hits of today, there is sure to be something for everyone!

July 11th SOLD OUT!
July 11, 12, 18 & 19

Happy Independence Day!
Do You Know What It Means?

City Accepting Members For The Covington Tree Board
Are You Interested In Serving On The Covington Tree Board?

It is the responsibility of the city tree board, among other duties, to counsel the city with regard to the preservation, pruning, planting and replanting of trees and shrubs along public rights-of-way, streets, parks and other public areas. If you are a resident of the City of Covington and wish to serve as a mayoral appointment, please send an email to Mayor Mike Cooper at your earliest convenience stating your interest and background. Send inquiries to mayorcooper@covla.com or call City Hall at 985-892-1811 for more information.

KCB Call For Volunteers: Annual Litter Survey
Helping With KCB's Community Appearance Index

Volunteers are needed to help with KCB's Community Appearance Index. The Annual Litter Survey will take place July 12, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Council Conference Room (222 E. Kirkland.) This is a windshield survey. Volunteers will divide into groups to score designated routes in each council district. Please respond if you can help score or can drive one of the routes. Please park in the Justice Center lot as the Farmer's Market will be open that morning. Thank you for helping with this important litter prevention tool.

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Quote of the Week
"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."
- George Washington

Saturday
July 5
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No Taxation Without Representation?
Property Tax Exemption Does Not Create A Fair Business Climate

While discussing the tug boats and tax revenue bonds, Representative Burns stressed to me the correlation with property tax exemption and federal money. The bonds are issued by the EDF (debtor) to the business (creditor) and the bond is paid off over an extended period of time (10 - 20 years) based on the specific industry of the bondholder. The EDF is a non profit corporation with governmental authority (the management arm of the District) over public money, including federal and state funds as well as a percentage of the hotel/motel tax.

A valid concern with the bond issues is the question of existing conflicts of interest. Last week, CW received a document describing a lawyer representing the EDF and EDD through an outside firm, who also holds membership on the boards of both said organizations. Our intention is not to scapegoat individuals, but to address the problems that exist in organizations that should be driving our economic development in a way that benefits the entire business community.

The issue of property taxes was raised at the last CBA meeting following the presentation from the parish Intergovernmental Communications Director. The basic question was, why do they keep going up? That is a question that is repeated over and over, from many business owners in downtown. A fair business environment should not include property tax exemptions that are only available to those with the most assets, or to favored business contracts.

Councilman Jacob Groby recently made public a letter that was sent to the EDF with regard to the Folger's factory in Lacombe. Mr. Groby received numerous questions and letters from his constituents with regard to the plant, and he details his own concerns in the letter. The Folgers plant is also a bond issue. While I was unable to find that particular property on the St. Tammany Parish Assessor's office website, I did find that Diversified Foods, a multi million dollar business, paid \$0 in property tax for 2013. The Southern Hotel, also a bond holder, paid approximately \$1200 in property tax in 2013.

The highest grossing businesses are getting tax breaks and incentives to operate in St. Tammany with public dollars while the working class and small business owners are getting taxed more and more, and that is referred to as "economic development." Wikipedia defines economic development as the sustained, concerted actions of policy makers and communities that promote the standard of living and economic health of a specific area, separate of economic growth. By this definition, the standard of living that is promoted in this specific area is that of the top of the pyramid, while the rest are left to struggle.

A better definition of economic development would include actions that spur economic growth for the entire community, not just a small cross-section. Businesses should contribute to the tax base in relation to what they gross. If everyone paid their share, we could experience a true economic boom, and enjoy tax cuts overall. - TAG

Opening weekend tickets are \$30 and that includes a buffet dinner with your theater experience.

(Dinner, provided by Camellia Café in Abita, will include a green salad and your choice of Blackened Chicken Pasta Alfredo or Seafood Pasta Alfredo, along with a side of Shrimp Squash Casserole. Soft Drinks, Water and Coffee are included. A cash bar will be available before the show and during intermission.)

Closing weekend tickets will be for the show only and can be purchased for just \$20.

To purchase tickets visit www.centerofperformingarts.net or call 985.727.4638

Farmer's Market Recipes
Fresh recipes inspired by the Covington Farmer's Market
Eggplant & Chanterelle Saute

Ingredients:

- 6 - 9 red potatoes (Slice of Heaven Farm)
- 1 large eggplant (Father & Son Farm)
- 1/2 pound of chanterelles (Grow.Farm)
- green onions, chopped (Slice of Heaven)
- Fresh goat cheese
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- rosemary, thyme & a touch of sage
- extra virgin olive oil, or other oil of choice
- sea salt & white pepper

Directions:

Slice the potatoes in thin medallions and quarter. In a large saucepan, saute 1/2 the garlic in a tablespoon of oil. Add the herbs & spices. Let simmer for a second more, until everything softens. Add the potatoes and mix, cover and let simmer on medium heat, tossing occasionally. Cook until potatoes soften. Slice the eggplant in medallions as well, but leave round. In another large saucepan or skillet heat a tablespoon of oil on medium heat. Once the oil begins to steam, add the eggplant medallions. Add the chopped chanterelles and the rest of the minced garlic around the eggplant. Flip and mix occasionally, cook until the eggplant has browned slightly on both sides. Plate the potatoes and top with the eggplant slices. Cover with the sauteed chanterelles and garlic. Crumble with fresh goat cheese and dress with a sprig of rosemary. Enjoy!

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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

CBA Meeting Moved To Next Wednesday Due To Holiday

The July meeting of the Covington Business Association has been moved from its usual first Wednesday of the month due to the Fourth of July holiday. This month's meeting will be July 9th at the St. Tammany Art Association, 320 N. Columbia Street. Meet and greet starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6.

The mission of the Covington Business Association is to promote and support the growth of local business in Covington. All Covington Business owners are welcome to attend and join. To learn more about the CBA, check the website www.covingtonbusinessassociation.org

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