

December NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Executive Director



My name is Mary Jane Walker, recently-appointed Executive Director of the Terrebonne Council on Aging (TCOA). My employment with TCOA totals over 21 years and in those years, I worked under two Directors: Mrs. Diana Edmonson and Mr. Michel Claudet. The experience of working closely with such dynamic leaders prepared me for the position that I now hold. As Executive Director, I shall strive to uphold the agency's 55-year history of dedicated service to the elderly residents of Terrebonne Parish.

As we welcome 2025, TCOA shall continue to be true to its mission, that is:

“To be the community focal point where older persons can receive services and participate in activities which enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in, and with, the community.”

Senior population has grown, and continues to grow; so does the need for services. TCOA is able to meet the growing needs of Terrebonne seniors because of (1) the local millage dedicated to meet the needs of the elderly and disabled residents, (2) State and Federal funding, (3) private/public grants and donations, and (4) the many partnerships and collaborations TCOA developed with other service-driven organizations.

Although everyone aged 60 and older is eligible for services, Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, requires TCOA to target and give priority “to those who are in greatest social and economic need, with particular attention to lower-income older adults, members of minority community, those living in rural areas, people with limited English proficiency, and older residents at risk of institutional care.”

I believe that the heartfelt commitment of the 11-member volunteer Board of Directors and the 7-member Advisory Council, with their collective business expertise and leadership experience, as well as the guidance provided by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, would ensure TCOA continues to head in the right direction.

We appreciate the community's unfailing support of the Council on Aging and on behalf of those we are called upon to serve, the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council, and the employees, THANK YOU, Terrebonne Parish!

Sincerely,

Mary “Jane” Walker

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Employee Spotlight
Carolyn Bourg
Nutrition Site Aide

Mrs. Carolyn has been employed at TCOA for 7 years. Before being hired, she volunteers at the center. She loves to laugh and smile. Mrs. Carolyn is a very hard worker and everyone at the Chauvin Senior Center is thankful to have her.



Client Spotlight
Ray and Darlene Rodrigue
Montegut Senior Center

Darlene and Ray Rodrigue have been regular participants at the Montegut Senior Center for 9 years. They are both always helping out at the center, when needed. Mr. Ray has repaired the washer pitch board and Mrs. Darlene handles the raffle during center birthday parties. The Rodrigues have 2 children and have recently welcomed their first grandchild, Easton.



December Birthdays

Patrick Adams
Delores Authement
Judy Bascle
Vernetta Bell
Dorothy Bergeron
Shirley Bergeron
Dale Bienvenu
Jeannette Billiot
Joseph Billiot
Susan Billiot
Antoniette Bonvillain
Willis Boquet
Donna Boquet
Michael Boquet
Gary Boudreaux
Robin Boudreaux
Jeanette Bourg
Karen Bourg
Ronald Bourg
Wanda Breaux
Mona Broussard
Irma Brown
Nolan Cenac Sr
Wayne Champagne Sr
Evelyn Chauvin
Mae Chauvin
Wilson Cheramie
Barbara Clay

Vivian Clement
Marlene Collins
Ruby Daigle
Barbara Deroche
Oris Dinger
Drussella Duplantis
Brent Flagout
Julius Fanguy
James Folse
Margaret Gaiennie
Gerald Gautreaux
Melba Gill
Barbara Hall
Lynne Hampton
Harold Harris
Larry Heason
Daniel Hebert
Floyd Hebert
Gil Hebert
Angeline Hendon
Larry Henry
Rosetta James
Jan Jeblonski
Vernita Knight
Kenneth Lacobon
Charles Lajaunie
Joyce Lake
Lynette LeBlanc

Bernadine LeBoeuf
Rita LeBoeuf
Betty Leonard
Robert Levron Jr
Anna Levron
Melinda Livas
Margie Lodrige
Bridget Manry
Elmarae Martin
Nathalie Martin
Judy Mike
Bertha Minor
Curtis Myles
Betty Naquin
Lelia Naquin
Lucille Nixon
Joseph Norman Sr
Jane Ohlmeyer
Molly Pellegrin
Charles Percle Jr
Frank Perkins
Betty Pharr
Ruth Pinell
Theresa Pontiff
Charles Porche
Anita Portier
Lina Price
Gloria Rhodes

Irvin Richaud Jr
Doris Robichaux
Joann Robinson
Joyce Rodrigue
Katherine Rogers
Vera Singleton
Worner Singleton
Renard Smith
Mary Suire
Denise Tauzy
Edith Theriot
Pauline Theriot
Bernita Thibodeaux
Margaret Thibodeaux
Lupe Valdiviez
Judith Vaughn
Mary Verret
Mark Vincent
Al Voisin
Edith Voisin
Guy Waalk
Edith Wallace
Bernadette Wallis
Marian Weisheit
Thelma Williamson

Local Events

- 7- Market at the Marina
- 8- Houma Downtown Christmas Festival 9 am
Parade 5pm
- 12- TCOA General Membership Meeting 10:30 am Main Office
TCOA Board of Directors Meeting 12:00 pm Main Office
- 13- Live After 5 (Bandit) 7pm Downtown
- 15- Hercules Christmas Dinner 11am Municipal Auditorium
- 17- Senior Center Birthday Parties
- 21- Bayou Terrebonne Boat Parade 5:30 pm
- 24- Christmas Eve TCOA Closed
- 25- Christmas TCOA Closed



Employee Birthdays

- 3 - Betty Diggs
Sherry Liner
- 4 - Raymond Ruffin
- 12- Lekeitha Rainey
- 19- Nancy Nobles
- 28- Natalie Breaux