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What's Really Worth Reusing?

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Staff Writer

There is a moment in nearly every household when someone reaches for a paper towel, pulls a plastic sandwich bag from the box, or tears off another square of aluminum foil and thinks, "There has to be a better way."

Then, usually, they grab another paper towel.

The reusable housewares movement has been encouraging us to reconsider some of those everyday habits. Instead of tossing something after one use, why not wash it, refill it, fold it, wipe it, or otherwise convince it to earn its keep?

It sounds wonderfully simple. But once you start looking at the environmental impact, cost, convenience and sheer weirdness of some swaps, the answer becomes a little more complicated.

Take paper towels. Replacing them with washable kitchen towels, cotton rags, or reusable cleaning cloths is one of the easier swaps. The EPA recommends reusable rags, sponges, and mops as ways to reduce household waste, and its waste hierarchy puts reducing and reusing ahead of recycling.

There is, however, a tiny footnote wearing muddy boots. Reusable does not automatically mean environmentally superior.



Plastic sandwich bags are another tempting target. A reusable silicone or washable food-storage bag can replace dozens or potentially hundreds of disposable bags over its lifetime, depending on how long it lasts.

Disposable plastic bags also present a recycling headache because plastic bags and film generally do not belong in curbside household recycling bins. They often have to be taken to special collection locations.

The money question gets more interesting here. Reusable bags cost more up front, sometimes substantially more, but the disposable version requires constant repurchasing. If you use the reusable bag frequently and actually keep using it, rather than purchasing it, losing it in the back of a cabinet, and buying another one six months later, it has a much better chance of paying for itself.

And that may be the secret ingredient in this entire reusable revolution: actually reusing the reusable thing.

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Getting Lost in a Good Book

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Staff Writer

October has pumpkins, cooler evenings, changing leaves, and enough Halloween decorations to make the average front yard look like a small town was attacked by a craft store. But tucked among all that autumn commotion is another reason to celebrate the month: October is National Book Month.

According to the American Library Association, the observance, established by the National Book Foundation in 2003, celebrates reading, writing and literature.

And really, books deserve their own month.

A book is one of the few things you can pick up and immediately leave your current location without actually going anywhere. You can be sitting on the couch in Louisiana and suddenly find yourself wandering through Victorian England, solving a murder in a sleepy little village, exploring the bottom of the ocean, or standing in the middle of a battlefield.



No luggage. No airport security. No searching for your driver's license while somebody behind you sighs dramatically. Just turn a page.

Of course, books have changed quite a bit. There are hardbacks, paperbacks, audiobooks, e-books, large-print editions, illustrated books, and books that are so enormous they could double as a small coffee table.

Some people read one book at a time. Others have several going simultaneously. There is the bedroom book, the living-room book, the car book, and the "I started this six months ago but still intend to finish it" book.

Then there is the dreaded To Be Read pile. It begins innocently enough. You buy

one book.

Then somebody recommends another. You see a third one at the library. A friend tells you about a fourth. Suddenly, there is a stack of books on your nightstand staring at you with the silent disappointment of a judgmental librarian.

The wonderful thing about reading is that there isn't really a wrong way to do it. You can read mysteries, romances, biographies, history, science fiction, cookbooks, poetry, gardening books, graphic novels, or the instructions for assembling the bookshelf you bought to hold all your books.

You can reread an old favorite because sometimes a familiar story feels like visiting an old friend. Or you can pick up something completely outside your usual interests and discover that you apparently have been missing out on an entire corner of the literary universe.

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Weekend Weather



Bob Brick



Margaret Oar

Weekend Weather

Saturday 10/10

Sunday 10/11

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From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

Bob Brick

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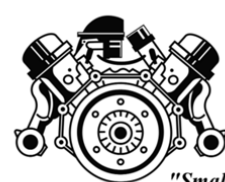
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1st Halloween Weekend (2-night minimum)
Trick or treating, contests, bingo, haunted trail +
Hidden Oaks Campground
21570 Highway 190 E, Hammond
Friday October 9, 5:00-8:00pm
Opening Receptions
MAIN: 64th Ann Judged Exhibition by Hammond Art Guild
MEZZ: Canned Art, Illustrations of Gnarly Barley Brewing
Hammond Regional Arts Center
217 E. Thomas St, Hammond
Saturday October 10, 9:00am-2:00pm
Community Health Fair FREE & open to the public
By Tangi Schools and North Oaks Health
Health screenings, nutrition tips, inflatables & kid fun
Chappapeela Sports Park
19325 Hipark Blvd, Hammond
Saturday October 10, 11:00-11:30am
FREE Women's self-defense class
Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa and DiBenedetto's Karate
All women and girls 12 & up invited
Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1
19030 Ponchatoula Parks Dr, Ponchatoula
Saturday October 10, 12:00pm
Going Pink fundraiser for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center
Chili cookoff, tug of war, and lots of fun!
Gator's Den
194 Old U.S. 51, Akers
Monday October 12, 4:00pm
Sensory Fun with Moon Dough
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Audubon Regional Library
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Tuesday October 13, 7:30pm
Celebrating the 70s \$20/\$15/\$15
Southeastern Jazz Ensemble
Columbia Theatre
220 E. Thomas St, Hammond
Friday October 16, 3:00pm
Movie Day - SPOOKY ISLAND MYSTERY
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6108 Highway 10, Greensburg
Friday October 16, 8:30-11:30pm
Gracie Marie LIVE
Wiseguys Daiquiris
14372 W University Ave, Hammond
Fri-Sun October 16-18, 10-4 Fri-Sat, 10-3 Sun
Vintage Market Days
Florida Parishes Arena
1301 NW Central Ave, Amite
Sat-Sun October 17-18, 10:00am to 6:00pm
Wooden Boat Festival \$15
Hwy 22 at the Tchefuncte River, Madisonville
Saturday October 17, 10:00am
Movie Day
Audubon Regional Library
St. Helena Branch 225-435-7135
6108 Highway 10, Greensburg
Saturday October 17, 8:00-11:00am
Veterans PLUS 1 Breakfast
Additional guests welcome for \$5 donation
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AmVets Post 68, 225-294-8968
26890 Hwy 42, Springfield
Saturday October 17, 2:00pm
3rd Annual Fall for Jesus Festival
American Asian Apostolic Church
14510 Hwy 1064, Tickfaw

HAPPENING EVERY...

Sunday @ 4:00pm
Live music
Gator's Den, 194 Old U.S. 51, Akers

Wednesday @ 7:30pm (doors open at 5:00)
Bingo - \$5,000 package
Ponchatoula Lions Club, 750 E Pine St, Ponchatoula

Saturday @ 8:00am-12:00pm
Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market
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Kentwood Principal Recognized for Leadership Excellence

From National Institute for Excellence in Teaching

For National Principals Month, the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) is recognizing Principal Sharess R. Every of Kentwood High Magnet School in Tangipahoa Parish School System.

Principal Every has focused on two persistent challenges: sustaining student academic growth and retaining effective teachers. Her approach has been to build a school culture grounded in trust, high expectations and intentional support.

Working with her leadership team, Every has strengthened the connection between professional learning and the needs of teachers and students. NIET-supported leadership structures help teacher leaders guide instructional improvement, while feedback from educators and students informs the team's decisions. This shared approach is helping teachers feel supported and building greater trust across the school community.

"What I love most about being a principal is the opportunity to lead with love and witness the magic that happens when high expec-



(Courtesy photo)

Principal Sharess R. Every

tations meet unwavering support," Every said. "There is nothing more rewarding than empowering teachers to reach their full potential, watching students discover their confidence and building a strong, united school community where everyone feels valued and capable of achieving greatness."

Every's leadership demonstrates how investing in educators creates stronger conditions for teachers and students to succeed.

Principal Every was also named a 2027 Louisiana Principal of the Year semifinalist by the Louisiana Department of Education.



The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has arrested a Hammond teenager for bringing a gun and drugs to school.

The 16-year-old male has been arrested on one count each of Carrying of a Firearm by a Student on School Property, Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile, Possession of a Firearm While in Possession of Schedule II Narcotics, and Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Drug Free Zone.

On Tuesday, October 6, TPSO School Resource Officers (SROs) at Hammond High School were made aware of suspicious circumstances involving a student's vehicle in the parking lot. That student was removed from class to confirm it was his vehicle. Following a search of the vehicle, a gun and pills were located inside. The student was then placed under arrest.

As a reminder, you can share information about crimes, suspicious, or even concerning activities, in our schools through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You can provide this information anonymously.

The TPSO remains appreciative of the collaboration with the Tangipahoa Parish Public School System and all of our community partners to ensure our schools are secure and safe learning environments for all students.

Candidates for two major upcoming races participated in a forum hosted by Northshore Media and the Tangipahoa Chamber at Southeastern University on Wednesday evening. Hammond mayoral candidates Lacy Landrum, Kip Andrews, Tracy Washington Wells, and Carlee White Gonzales each responded to eight questions presented by moderator Johnny Chauvin of Tangi 96.5FM. Following the mayoral candidates, 21st Judicial District Attorney candidates Brad Cascio and Sherman Mack replied to a set of questions from Chauvin.

In addition to these two races, candidates for several other races, including Tangipahoa Parish School Board, 21st Judicial District E, U.S. Congressional Districts, Public Service Commissioner, and Hammond City Council races presented 60-second introductions at the beginning of the event.

The full video of the forum is available now on the Tangi Times Facebook page.

Ponchatoula Police Chief Bry Layrisson announces the arrest of a PPD officer that occurred in Florida over the weekend.

Around 11:00pm on Saturday, October 3, 2026, Ponchatoula PD received notification from Miami Police Department that Sgt. Jomel Pack was in custody following a domestic disturbance call. Pack has been subsequently charged with Battery/ Domestic/ By Strangulation.

Jomel Pack was immediately placed on administrative leave, and an internal investigation is being conducted. No other information is available at this time.

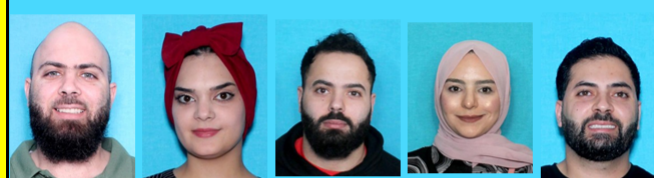
US 190 from N Carter St to SW Railroad Ave will be closed from Sunday, November 8, 2026, to Thursday, November 12, 2026, for lane striping.

Motorists traveling east on US 190 may take US 51 north to LA 3234 then southeast on LA 3234 to re-intersect with US 190.

Motorists traveling west on US 190 may take LA 3234 north west to US 51 then south on US 51 to re-intersect with US 190.

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The Tangi Times POS (person of suspicion) OF THE WEEK



POS Terrorist-Supporting Fraudsters

Photos from STPSO

Five St. Tammany Parish residents were arrested for defrauding the Louisiana Medicaid Program. Two of the suspects also face federal charges for providing more than \$100,000 to a terrorist financing network that funneled more than \$1.7 million to help fund Hamas. Between 2021 and 2025, the suspects and their families underreported their income to receive Medicaid benefits, defrauding the program of more than \$224,000 in combined losses.

They were booked at the St. Tammany Parish Jail. **35-year-old Abdel Adhami and wife, 29-year-old Iman H. D. Srour:**

- 5 Counts of Government Benefits Fraud (Felony)
- 1 Count of Theft >\$25,000 (Felony)

33-year-old Omar Adhami and wife, 28-year-old Amani Abu Zenah:

- 3 Counts of Government Benefits Fraud (Felony)
- 1 Count of Theft >\$25,000 (Felony)

32-year-old Mohammad I. Adhami, brother of Omar and Abdel Adhami:

- 3 Counts of Government Benefits Fraud (Felony)
- 1 Count of Theft >\$25,000 (Felony)

These arrests were the result of a joint investigation involving the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Hammond Police Department, Mandeville Police Department, and Louisiana State Police.

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The Saints March

By DWIGHT WILLIAMS JR.

Week 4: Domecoming Falcons 45 - Saints 27

Last week, the Raiders turned me into a piñata at the Black Hole Casino. While I was recovering on my office couch, I got a knock on my door. Detective Falcone's ugly mug walked right in with his signature dumb grin.

Falcone walks around this precinct like he isn't the 2nd most down-on-his-luck detective here. He wanted to talk over dinner about helping me out with my missing-trophy problem.

Maybe it was the concussion I got, but I could swear that Falcone said he want-

ed to help me. Something about that wasn't right.

We went to the diner, and while I was trying to figure out Falcone's angle, he cut right to the chase by putting a gun to my stomach under the table. Falcone said he wanted the trophy for himself and would turn me into his puppet to get it. It seemed to me like Falcone and I were in a good old-fashioned standoff.

With all the pressure in the world on the team's shoulders against their most hated rivals on the 20th anniversary of one of the most important days in

New Orleans history, the New Orleans Saints wet the bed in front of the entire nation.

Alongside Saints football legends and city royalty, every problem that's been plaguing the team up to this point decided to make a guest appearance.

A slow start from the offense? Check!

The team shooting themselves in the foot with penalties? Check!

Defense that couldn't stop a beach ball? CHECK!

I can somewhat understand a shaky start in the first few minutes because of the gravity of the occasion everyone's excitement, but that's the extent of my leeway! The injury excuse has no weight; EVERY TEAM has injuries!

The Saints have not played an opponent this season that I thought they couldn't keep up with and beat, but they make everybody look like a legitimate threat.

What do Kellen Moore and the team do during practice? He always talks about the team being unprepared, but nothing seems to change. Can we

please get the offensive mind that won the Eagles a Super Bowl instead of this mess?

Tyler Shough and Chris Olave had another great showing. Even Alvin Kamara made it into the end-zone twice!

That sentence is the only positive note, though. The fact that it was the Domecoming game makes it worse because everybody showed up to support the city and the team, and the only ones who weren't there were the team!

I love this team, and I want to support them through thick and thin, but it's like getting your teeth pulled! I, along with every Saints fan, just want to see our love and support returned.

Falcone and I stared each other down with no signs of watering eyes. All that was missing was a tumbleweed passing by.

But that gun poking in my stomach started making me queasy, and I folded to Falcone's demand. If that wasn't bad enough, he made me pick up the check, too.

Hammond Regional Arts Center Welcomes Public for Two Opening Receptions on October 9

From HRAC

The Hammond Regional Arts Center (HRAC) invites the public to the opening reception of two new art exhibitions on Friday, October 9 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. In the HRAC Main Gallery, the "64th Annual Hammond Art Guild Open, Judged Exhibition" is opening. Meanwhile, upstairs in the HRAC Mezzanine Gallery, guests can experience "Canned Art: Illustrations of Gnarly Barley Brewing" by KC Coppock. The Hammond Regional Arts Center is located at 217 East Thomas Street in downtown Hammond, and exhibitions are always free and open to the public.

The Hammond Art Guild's annual judged exhibition is a celebration of creativity across a wide variety of mediums. Featuring works in oils, acrylics, photography, ceramics, mixed media, and more, this annual exhibition offers a diverse showcase of artistry that reflects the richness and creativity of our community. This year's exhibition is judged by Judy Starrett. Winner's ribbons will be displayed throughout the duration of the exhibition and prizes will be awarded during the reception.

"The Hammond Art Guild's annual exhibition is always an incredibly vast showcase of the talent of our local artist community," says Melissa Griffin, HRAC's executive director. "And we're excited to see it return."

For more than a decade, KC Coppock's artwork has helped define the visual identity of Gnarly Barley Brewing. What began in 2014 as a creative collaboration, grew into a body of work spanning hundreds of il-

lustrations, characters, and can designs.

Inspired by her love of painting, animation, and color, Coppock approaches each beer as an opportunity to create its own visual world. From the iconic Jucifer character to the ever-evolving artwork across Gnarly Barley's lineup, her designs have become an integral part of the brewery's story.

"Canned Art" is an especially exciting exhibition for the Hammond Regional Arts Center as we approach our 17th Annual Brews Arts Festival—an annual event where we toast the creativity that goes into producing craft beer," says Griffin. "We're glad to get the opportunity to spotlight a local artist who is making a significant visual arts impact in that business sector at the same time. KC Coppock's artwork is helping create a connection between the brand and consumers, proof of the important role a human artist plays in branding, in contrast to AI-generated artwork."

The "Canned Art" exhibition in the HRAC Mezzanine Gallery brings together artwork from throughout Gnarly Barley's history, offering a look at the creative evolution of both the artist and the brand.

Both exhibitions will remain on view through November 5, with gallery hours Wednesday through Friday from noon to 6:00 PM. Brews Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, October 24th at the Downtown Hammond Pavilion. For more information, visit hammond-arts.org or call the Hammond Regional Arts Center at (985) 542-7113.

Attendance Matters for Tangipahoa Parish Schools

From TPSS

September is National Attendance Awareness Month, and Tangipahoa's public schools are setting the tone now that attendance is the key to victory every day from now until the end of May.

"They say half of winning is just showing up, but our students have proven time and time again that showing up produces big gains in academic success," Tangipahoa Parish School Superintendent Melissa Stillely said.

Attendance has been a big focus for the parish's public schools in recent years. Post-COVID, the district has made a major push to make school attendance the norm.

"During COVID, when school closures were happening quite frequently, attendance rates dropped dramatically in our district like so many others across the country," Stillely said. "Last year, we really put a focus on attendance and truancy, and that campaign pushed our district's attendance rate up three to four percentage points over previous years."

"We know that consistent attendance is fundamentally linked to student success. When students are in the classroom, they have the best opportunity to learn and thrive," Stillely said.

Individuals schools—and even classes inside of individual schools—have created a healthy competition with regard to attendance rates.

"It's about buy-in, and prioritizing the classroom over anything else during that school day window of scheduling," Stillely said, adding that while most districts talk about days in the classroom, Tangipahoa is focused on "instructional minutes," and ensuring that every child soaks up as much time in the classroom as is possible.

"We are committed to sustaining this momentum and ensuring all students have access to the high-quality education they deserve," Stillely said.

The campaign to encourage students to "be present each and every day" has gained traction not only among students.

A recent social media post congratulated Kentwood High Magnet School for having 100 percent of their teachers present on a given school day.

"Thank you to our amazing faculty for showing and making a difference," the social media post shared.

And school attendance is a key component to helping students both in and out of the classroom.

"Our Ponchatoula High School Softball team had the highest grade point average of any softball team in the state, and they had the 26th highest GPA in the country," Stillely said, emphasizing, "That kind of academic success starts with just being on campus, being in class, and making school work a priority."

Stillely acknowledges that while attendance is the goal, the district has processes in place to help students who miss the occasional day due to illness.

"Parents may provide up to five parent-written excuses per semester," Stillely said, adding that a child who is ill for multiple consecutive days is only counted absent for one excuse period. Students who miss three or more consecutive days must obtain an excuse from a doctor to return to campus.

For more information on the Tangipahoa Parish School System's attendance policies, go to <https://www.tangischools.org/district/attendance>.

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SLU Travels to UTRGV

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

They say that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. That being said, the same can be said about math and science—take Pablo's word for it, I was in college for five and a half years... I'm no dummy.

After a well-deserved week off, Southeastern Lion football puts its three-game winning streak on the line on the road at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley tomorrow night. Coach Frank Scelfo's 3-2 club (1-1 in the Southland Conference) makes the 700-mile trip to square off with a second-year Vaquero squad (2-3 overall, 1-2 in the SLC) looking to avenge the first loss in school history.

A season ago, UTRGV entered Strawberry Stadium winners of all four games they had played, only to leave on the short end of a 45-31 score.

So far, the Lions have scored a total of 163 points through five games (an average of 32.6 an outing) while surrendering 154 (30.8). SLU has put up 80 points in league play while giving up 55 (an average of 40-27.5).

Despite a losing record, UTRGV (oh, how that just rolls off the tongue) has

outscored opponents 132-106 on the year, an average of 26.4 to 21.2 per contest. In Southland play, their scoring dips to an average of 24 to 21.3 a game.

Each of Rio's three losses has come on the road. In fact, the Vaqueros (which means "cowboys" in English) have never been beaten at Robert & Janet Vackar Stadium in nine outings.

A season ago, Rio Grande Valley had a spectacular first year, going 9-3 (the most wins for a first-year FCS program in modern history), including a perfect 7-0 in Edinburg. A Southeastern win would give the Green and Gold the honor of being the first known Division I squad to deal a foe both its first overall loss and its first home setback in separate contests.

Could this game be one for the books?

Kickoff from the FCS's southernmost point is set for 7:00pm. The potential history maker can be heard locally on the Southeastern Sports Network, a live stream will be available on ESPN+, and you can track the stats at the only place better to keep up with Southeastern other than The Tangi Times: lionsports.net.

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GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LOUISIANA

The following Resolution was offered by James C. Ricks and seconded by Lafete Tucker:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*District*”) on Saturday, April 17, 2027, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a 2.0 mills tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of five (5) years for the following purposes: one-half shall be for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*Governing Authority*”), acting as the governing authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*District*”), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the District on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2027, to authorize the renewal of a 2.0 mills ad valorem tax for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2028, and annually thereafter, to and including the tax collection for the year 2032, for the following purposes: one-half shall be for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public (the “*Tax*”); and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the “*Constitution*”) La. R.S. 38:1902 and the applicable provisions of Chapters 6 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the “*Election Code*”) and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a special election (the “*Election*”) is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District, on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2027, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there will be submitted to all registered voters residing in the District, qualified and entitled to vote at the Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “District”), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 38:1902 and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of 2.0 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District (the “Tax”) (an estimated \$104,383.27 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2028, and annually thereafter, to and including the tax collection for the year 2032, and shall the proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used solely for the following purposes: one-half shall be for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the *Tangi Times* (the “*Official Journal*”), a newspaper of general circulation within the District, and is the official journal of the District, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than fortyfive (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass of Election Returns. This Governing Authority will meet on Monday, May 31, 2027 at 4:30 p.m. at 212 E. Oak Street, Amite, Louisiana, and will then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the said Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the corporate limits of the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which the Election will be held. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve at the Election on Saturday, April 17, 2027, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners to serve at the polling places designated for this Election.

SECTION 5. Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge. As required in La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of the Election Code, as amended, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the District are entitled to vote at the Election.

SECTION 6. Authorization of the Chairwoman. The Chairwoman of the Governing Authority be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish the Election officers, in ample time for the holding of said Election, all equipment, forms and other items which may be required in order to hold said Election. The Chairwoman of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution will be forwarded promptly to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana and the Registrar of Voters in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, as notification of the call for the Election in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Estimated Collections. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(c), an estimated \$104,383.27 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

SECTION 9. Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold a special proposition election in the District, as previously specified herein, said Election to be held within the District on Saturday, April 17, 2027, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried for consent and authorization to levy and collect the Tax provided for by said proposition in the amount, for the purposes and for the number of years herein specified; and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such application.

SECTION 10. Approval of Parish Council. Pursuant to Section 1415 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, application is hereby formally authorized to be made for the approval of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, as the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 11. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Lori B. Petitto, Lafete Tucker, James C. Ricks, Lionel Sutton

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kyle Warren

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this, the 28th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Mary Lynn Thompson

/s/ Lori B. Petitto

Mary Lynn Thompson, Secretary

Lori B. Petitto, Chairwoman

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on September 28, 2026 by the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*Governing Authority*”), acting as the governing authority of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*District*”), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2027, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified in and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “District”), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, La. R.S. 38:1902 and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of 2.0 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District (the “Tax”) (an estimated \$104,383.27 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of five (5) years, commencing with the tax collection for the year 2028, and annually thereafter, to and including the tax collection for the year 2032, and shall the proceeds of said Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collection and administration) be dedicated and used solely for the following purposes: one-half shall be for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public?

The special election will be held at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2027, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2027, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

WARD/PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/011	Roseland Elementary School, 12516 Time Avenue, Roseland
00/015	Agriculture Building, 305 E. Oak Street, Amite
00/016 (PART OF)	Agriculture Building, 305 E. Oak Street, Amite
00/017	Amite City Hall, 212 E. Oak Street, Amite
00/028 (PART OF)	Independence Elementary School Gym, 221 Tiger Avenue, Independence
00/107	Roseland Elementary School, 12516 Time Avenue, Roseland
00/109 (PART OF)	Parish Library-Amite Branch, 204 NE Central Avenue, Amite
00/111A (PART OF)	Advanced College & Career Magnet Center, 300 W. 2nd Street, Independence
00/115B	Advanced College & Career Magnet Center, 300 W. 2nd Street, Independence

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be \$3,400.00.

The special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet on Monday, May 31, 2027 at 4:30 p.m. at 212 E. Oak Street, Amite, Louisiana, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at the special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 28th of September, 2026.

/s/ Lori B. Petitto

Lori B. Petitto, Chairwoman

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Secretary of Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*District*”) do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the District on September 28, 2026, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Gravity Drainage District No. 4 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana (the “*District*”) on Saturday, April 17, 2027, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a 2.0 mills tax on assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the District, for a period of five (5) years for the following purposes: one-half shall be for the purpose of maintaining and operating gravity drainage works in the District, and the other one-half shall be for the purpose of constructing gravity drainage works in the District, title to which shall be in the public; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature of said District on this, the 28th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Mary Lynn Thomps

Mary Lynn Thompson, Secretary

Cost of notice: \$130.00

TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE

Is Hereby Given That The Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet In Regular Session on TUESDAY, October 13, 2026, following the Public Hearing at 5:30PM at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985)748-3211.

PUBLIC HEARING

Special Event October 17-18, 2026, 51st Annual Old Farmer’s Day, 56136 Loranger Road, Loranger, District 2

Non-Compliant Uses and Operations Hearing - Northshore Moving Company, 42659 North Thibodeaux Rd, Ponchatoula, Assessment #4495500, Adam Fos, District 9

The meeting agenda will be posted outside the meeting location and posted online at www.tangipahoa.org

on Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Cost of notice: \$19.00

Sheriff’s Sale Notification
Twenty-First Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Helena Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Vs. 26,153 Thomas Reese Hasam a/k/a Thomas R. Hasam a/k/a Thomas Hasam, Kimberly Williams Hasam a/k/a Kimberly W. Hasam a/k/a Kimberly Hasam and The Unopened Succession of and Unknown Heirs of Brian Lee Hasam a/k/a Brian L. Hasam a/k/a Brian Hasam By virtue of a Writ of Seizure and Sale issued out of the Twenty-First Judicial Court of Louisiana, in and for the Parish of St. Helena, in the above titled and numbered suit, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction for cash to the last and highest bidder and according to law, sale to take place at the principal front door of the Court House in Greensburg, Louisiana on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 Between the hours prescribed by law, beginning at ten o’clock a.m. the following mentioned and described property in the Parish of St. Helena, State of Louisiana to-wit: WITH APPRAISEMENT Terms of Sale: A letter of Credit from Financial Institute is Required to Bid. Funds are to be in the form of CASHIER CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK according to law WITH APPRAISEMENT Greensburg, Louisiana WRIT Amount: \$70,000.00 Physical Address: 77 Glen Oaks Greensburg, LA 70441 Law Office of Herschel Adcock, Jr 225-756-0373

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, CONTAINING 9.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 49, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, ST. HELENA PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM AN ORIGINAL ELEVEN (11) ACRES TRACT AND BEING ALL OF LOT 7 IN SAID SECTION LYING EAST OF THE GREENSBURG-PINE GROVE HIGHWAY, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY LOT 5, ON THE WEST BY GREENSBURG-PINE GROVE HIGHWAY AND TO THE SOUTH BY LESTER HORNSBY OR CURRENT OWNER, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MAP DATED AUGUST 1954 BY T. A. TYCER, SURVEYOR, AMITE, LA A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO AN ACT OF PARTITION REGISTERED IN COB 98 PAGE 208, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF ST. HELENA PARISH, LOUISIANA. BEING A PORTION OF LAND ACQUIRED BY ELZIE F. ROHNER FROM MRS. EMMA ROHNER DURNIN BY ACT OF SALE IN COB 37, PAGE 290 RECORDS OF ST. HELENA PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING THE SAME LAND ACQUIRED BY KARL A HARVIN FROM ELZIE F. ROHNER BY ACT OF SALE RECORDED IN COB 42, PAGE 156 RECORDS OF ST. HELENA PARISH, AND ACQUIRED BY ELZIE F. ROHNER FROM KARL A HARVIN IN COB 43, PAGE 401 BY GLEN ROHNER IN COB 44, PAGE 225, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF ST. HELENA PARISH, LA. LESS AND EXCEPT: 2 ACRES IN SQUARE FORM IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID ORIGINAL ELEVEN (11) ACRE TRACT.

Clay C. Chutz, Sheriff
September 15, 2026

Cost of notice: \$36.00

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District met in Regular Session on the 21st day of September, 2026 at the District Office at 46481 N. Morrison Boulevard, Hammond, La. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Commissioner Larry Byers. Present–Bruce Bordelon, Randall Pfister, Charlie Harrison, Larry Byers, John S. Wilde, Tommy Levatino, and Jeremiah Davis. Absent–Marlon Milton. Also present was Mr. Chuck Spangler- Engineer. The invocation was led by Commissioner Tommy Levatino followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Randall Pfister.

GUESTS AND COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2026- A motion was made by Mr. Levatino and seconded by Mr. Davis to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated September 8, 2026, and that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal. Roll-call vote was as follows: YEAS: 6 (Bordelon, Pfister, Harrison, Wilde, Levatino, Davis) NAYS: None ABSENT: 1 (Milton) ABSTAIN: 1 (Byers) NOT VOTING: None

PUBLIC INPUT - ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS – A. APPROVE CHECK REGISTER FOR AUGUST 2026 (O & M Account)- Motion was made by Mr. Wilde and seconded by Mr. Levatino to approve the check register for August as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: YEAS: 7 (Bordelon, Pfister, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Levatino, Davis) NAYS: None ABSENT: 1 (Milton) ABSTAIN: None NOT VOTING: None

B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF SERVER FOR UPGRADING SCADA SYSTEM- Motion was made by Mr. Levatino and seconded by Mr. Bordelon to approve the purchase of the Dell SCADA system server off of state contract at a purchase price of \$11,150.22. Roll call vote was as follows: YEAS: 7 (Bordelon, Pfister, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Levatino, Davis) NAYS: None ABSENT: 1 (Milton) ABSTAIN: None NOT VOTING: None

B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF SERVER FOR UPGRADING SCADA SYSTEM- Motion was made by Mr. Levatino and seconded by Mr. Bordelon to approve the purchase of the Dell SCADA system server off of state contract at a purchase price of \$11,150.22. Roll call vote was as follows: YEAS: 7 (Bordelon, Pfister, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Levatino, Davis) NAYS: None ABSENT: 1 (Milton) ABSTAIN: None NOT VOTING: None

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TABLED ITEMS – None

OLD BUSINESS- A. EASTERN HEIGHTS- Mr. Spangler gave brief updates on the following projects:

A1. CONTRACT A – WELL- No action taken.

A2. CONTRACT B – TANK- No action taken.

A3. WATER SECTOR PHASE 2- SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION- No action taken.

B. MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS- LA 3158-No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGES –None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – A. OPERATIONS- Mr. Schlicher presented the customer count and activity reports for August. No action taken.

B. FINANCIALS- Mrs. Jones presented the financial report for August. No action taken.

LEGAL- None

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Levatino and seconded by Mr. Wilde, Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District adjourned.

ATTEST:

S/Larry Byers, President

Tangipahoa Water District
S/Bruce Bordelon, Secretary
Tangipahoa Water District
Cost of notice: \$70.00

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REUSING

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The same principle applies to cloth napkins, reusable coffee filters, washable mop pads, refillable water bottles, reusable food containers, silicone baking mats, washable produce bags, and even old T-shirts cut into cleaning rags.

Some of these swaps can be remarkably practical because they replace an item that would otherwise be purchased repeatedly. Others are more about reducing trash than producing dramatic savings.

Then there is toilet paper.

Yes. People are actually swapping toilet paper for washable cloth wipes, sometimes affectionately called “family cloth.” It is difficult to write that sentence without imagining the faint sound of an entire newspaper readership putting down its coffee.

The environmental argument is straightforward: washable cloth eliminates the repeated manufacture and disposal of toilet paper. But unlike wiping down a kitchen counter, this particular household chore involves human waste and there-

fore introduces hygiene and laundering considerations that don't exist with ordinary cleaning cloths.

Healthline notes that reusable toilet paper requires careful handling and laundering, and that the water, energy and cleaning requirements can reduce its environmental advantage.

So is it worth the swap? For most households, toilet paper may be the place to draw the reusable line. There are plenty of less adventurous ways to reduce household waste without creating a new laundry category nobody asked for.

And that brings us to an

important point: the greenest household is not necessarily the one with the most bamboo, silicone, and tiny labeled laundry baskets. Buying a brand-new collection of “eco-friendly” products to replace perfectly usable things you already own can create its own environmental footprint.

If you already have a drawer full of plastic food containers, use them. If an old T-shirt has reached the end of its fashionable career, turn it into cleaning rags.

If you can use the same grocery bag again, do it. If you can replace paper towels with a dish towel you al-

ready own, even better.

The EPA specifically recommends considering durability, sustainability, and recyclability when buying products and notes that reducing consumption and reusing items can conserve resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save money.

There is no requirement to become the person who washes a sandwich bag while simultaneously explaining its carbon footprint to an increasingly concerned family.

Start with the easy stuff. Try cloth napkins. Keep a basket of washable cleaning rags. Use reusable lunch

containers. Replace some disposable food-storage bags. Bring a refillable water bottle. Make the things you already own work a little harder.

The goal isn't to eliminate every disposable product from your home. It is to stop treating “single use” as the default when something could reasonably be used again.

The most useful eco-friendly swap might not require a shopping trip at all. That old kitchen towel in the drawer has already been made, already been purchased, and is sitting there waiting to wipe up its next coffee spill. Give it the job.

Legal and Public Notices

SECTION 00050
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

St. Helena Parish Police Jury (herein referred to as the "Owner") hereby solicits sealed bids for the **2026 CWEF Water System Improvements** project described as follows:

STATEMENT OF WORK (Project No. 260310): Base Bid – New Water Mains, Valves, Fittings, Flush Valves, Connections, and Associated Appurtenances.

Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the **St. Helena Parish Police Jury** and delivered and received at **the office of Water Works District No. 2 of St. Helena located at 3362 Highway 1045 (Hillsdale)**, not later than **2:00 p.m.**, on **Thursday, November 5, 2026**. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, November 5, 2026**, at the **Water Works District No. 2 of St. Helena office** located at **3362 Highway 1045 (Hillsdale)**.

Completed Bid Documents, Information for Bidders, Bid Form, Contract, Plans, Specifications, Bid Bond, Payment Bond, Performance bond and other bidding documents for this project are available in electronic form and can be assessed at www.centralbidding.com.

Completed Bid Documents may also be examined at the office of the Engineer for the contract: Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, a Division of Forte and Tablada, Inc., located at 9107 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, La 70809; (225-927-9321). Hard copies may be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of \$100.00. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212.

Pursuant to the Louisiana Revised Statute, vendors/contractors now have the option to submit their bids and bid bonds, electronically. Official Electronic Bid Documents are available at Central Bidding. Central Bidding can be accessed at www.centralbidding.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 800-990-9339. To view bids, download, and receive bid notices by email, your company/agency will need to register at www.centralbidding.com prior to the deadline.

Contractors submitting bids shall be licensed under LA R.S. 37:2150-2164, **Municipal and Public Works Construction**. Other license classifications may, at the option of the Owner, be considered based upon a thorough review of the Contractor's past experience. The bidder shall show his license number on the bid and on the sealed envelope submitting the bid.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

In accordance with R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements stated in the Bidding Documents shall not be waived by any entity.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price, provided on the specified form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U. S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodation must contact the Water Works District No. 2 of St. Helena office (985-748-4657) no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

OWNER:

St. Helena Parish Police Jury

BY: /s/ QUANIKA MUSE, POLICE JURY PRESIDENT

PUBLICATION/DATES:

The Tangi Times

Friday, October 9, 2026
Friday, October 16, 2026
Friday, October 23, 2026

Cost of notice: \$55.00

The St. Helena Parish Police Jury met in regular session in the Meeting Room of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury Building at 17911 Hwy 43, Greensburg, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Invocation was led by Minister Troy Lee, followed by the Pledge.

Roll Call:
Police Jurors present: President Quanika H. Muse, Jule C. Wascom, Willie Morgan, Warren McCray, Jr., Ryan Byrd, Doug Watson
Police Jurors absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr., seconded by Mr. Ryan Byrd, and unanimously carried by all Police Jurors present to approve minutes for September 8, 2026, as prepared and emailed to Jurors

Old Business: None

New Business:

Board of Review

- A motion was made by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr., seconded by Mr. Doug Watson, and unanimously carried by all Police Jurors present to open Board of Review
- The Board was advised that no written or oral protests concerning the 2026 property assessments were received within the required seven (7) day period prior to the Board of Review hearing. Accordingly, there were no assessment protests presented for review or consideration by the Board
- A motion was made by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr., seconded by Mr. Doug Watson, and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to close the Board of Review.

A motion was made by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, seconded by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr., and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to table consideration of the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Mr. Dwayne Franklin, Jr., for an event scheduled for October 24, 2026, at 222 Trail Ride Lane, Greensburg, Louisiana, and refer the matter to the appropriate committee for further discussion

A motion was made by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, seconded by Mr. Doug Watson, and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to approve invoice from H. Davis Cole & Associates, LLC i/a/o \$14,317.38, for professional engineering services for the St. Helena Parish Emergency Generators Project HMGP DR-4611-0049 and authorize payment; payable from Disaster Projects upon receipt of funds

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr., and unanimously carried by all Police Jurors present to approve following invoices from PD Consulting, LLC, payable from RCIP Funds:

- ##037-019 i/a/o \$2,030.00; Charlie Overton Park Building Renovations
- #038-019 i/a/o \$2,205.00; SHPSO Admin electrical upgrades
- #039-019 i/a/o \$12,162.50, OMV relocation

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Willie Morgan, and unanimously carried by all Police Jurors present to approve invoice #040-023 i/a/o \$2,970.00 from PD Consulting, LLC, for the Little Natalbany Project, payable from LWI Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Doug Watson, to approve Travel Warrants #1337 i/a/o \$830.00, submitted by Mr. Leon Hampton, Justice of Peace and #1338 i/a/o \$873.86, submitted by Mr. Paul Alford, Constable, passed by the following vote thereon:

- YEAS:** Quanika H. Muse, Warren McCray, Jr., Ryan Byrd, Doug Watson
- NAYS:** Jule C. Wascom, Willie Morgan
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Roderick Matthews presented OEP report

A motion was made by Mr. Doug Watson, seconded by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to approve the E-911 Board of Commissioners' recommendation to remove Brad Graves from the St. Helena Parish Communications District Board

No action was taken on Mr. Willie Morgan's request to appoint Cassidy Brasseux and Brandon Rayborn to the St. Helena Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 Board of Commissioners, replacing Carmen Overton and Diane Washington

No action was taken on Mrs. Sheila Creighton request for the Police Jury to provide custodial and Waste Management services for their agency located at 48 Kendrick St, referred to committee

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Warren McCray, Jr to designate Mr. Larry Thompson as Supervisor/Department Head of the Building Department, with Mr. Edward Galmon and Ms. Aysia Torres reporting directly to Mr. Thompson, passed by the following vote thereon:

- YEAS:** Quanika H. Muse, Warren McCray, Jr., Ryan Byrd, Doug Watson
- NAYS:** Jule C. Wascom, Willie Morgan
- ABSENT:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Doug Watson and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to approve requisitions, as per copies presented by Purchasing Agent

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, and unanimously carried by all Police Jurors present to acknowledge receipt and review of the monthly disbursement register, including checks, ACH payments, electronic fund transfers (EFTs), and other authorized disbursements processed since the last regular meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, seconded by Mr. Doug Watson, and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to acknowledge receipt of monthly budget-to-actual comparison and financial reports received for review, as prepared by Sibley & Newell, CPA

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Byrd, seconded by Mr. Doug Watson and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to approve employees accruable benefits report as per copies submitted by Payroll Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Jule C. Wascom, seconded by Mr. Willie Morgan, and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors present to approve Fuelman report as per copies submitted by Purchasing Agent

FYI:

- The deadline for submitting items for October 13, 2026, meeting is 12:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2026; must be submitted in writing on agenda item request form
- 2027 Budget Request Deadline: All FY 2027 budget requests must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026
- Public meeting to discuss the proposed use of recreational funds to be held Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Helena Parish Courthouse
- LLA CLGE Workshop will be held on October 28-29, 2026

There being no further business to come before the Police Juror, the meeting was adjourned on motion duly made by Mr. Doug Watson, seconded by Mr. Jule C. Wascom and unanimously carried by the Police Jurors to meet in regular session at 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Quanika H. Muse, President
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**4:30 P.M.
Personnel Committee Meeting**

- Call to Order**
- Roll Call**
- Discussion of 2027 Meeting Schedule**
- Discussion of 2027 Holiday Schedule**
- Discussion of Employee Alternate Work Schedule**
- Adjourn**

**4:45 P.M.
Finance Committee Meeting**

- Call to Order**
- Roll Call**
- Discussion of September Expenditures**
- Adjourn**

**5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

- Call to Order**
- Please silence all cell phones**
- Roll Call**
- Prayer**
- Pledge of Allegiance (All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)**
- Visitors**
- Public Comment**
- Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting dated September 30, 2026**
- Acceptance of Finance Committee Report**
- Drainage Plans – Latitude Storage – Max Bodin, Inc. – District 2**
- Project Updates - Spangler Engineering**
- Approval of 2027 Meeting Schedule**
- Approval of 2027 Holiday Schedule**
- Approval of Employee Alternate Work Schedule**
- Administrator's Report**
- Personnel**
- Legal Matters**
- Commissioners' Privileges**
- Adjourn**

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EDNA VICTORIA "VICKY" ANDERSON

Edna Victoria "Vicky" Anderson was born on February 7, 1941 and died peacefully in her home in Whitmar Acres on October 6, 2026. She was 85 years old and a lifelong resident of Hammond, Louisiana. Her parents were Victor Gordon Anderson and Edna Blanche White Anderson.

Vicky was an unforgettable force to all who knew her. She was a graduate of Southeastern Laboratory High School and Southeastern Louisiana University where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree Plus 30 in Special education.

While in undergraduate school Vicky served as head cheerleader at Southeastern. She worked as a teacher in the Tangipahoa Parish public school system for 28 years. She loved spending time with her family at their camp in Manchac, dancing and water skiing. Legend has it that she



Edna Victoria "Vicky" Anderson

taught half the population of Hammond how to ski. Formerly married to Gordon Wright Matheny, they had one daughter, Sabra Michelle. Vicky was forever the life of the party and was a

third-generation faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Hammond. She adored her nieces and nephews and participated joyfully in their endeavors. Vicky and her daughter Sabra shared an exceptionally loving bond throughout Vicky's life.

Vicky was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Winnifred "Doots" Anderson Reno (Jack); her brother, Victor Gordon Anderson, Jr., and his wife Eloise Goudeau Anderson. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Sabra Matheny and Sabra's husband Dylan Turner, whom she loved as a son; her brother, Joseph Thomas "Tom" Anderson (Donna Gay Borden); and multiple generations of exceptional nieces and nephews.

Sabra would like to thank Vicky's loving neighbor, Monika Sommerfield; care-

giver, Kitty Carter; the staff of Richard Murphy Hospice House; her caring physician, Dr. Leonard Treanor; and the nurses and staff of Modern Hospice for their collective TLC of Vicky.

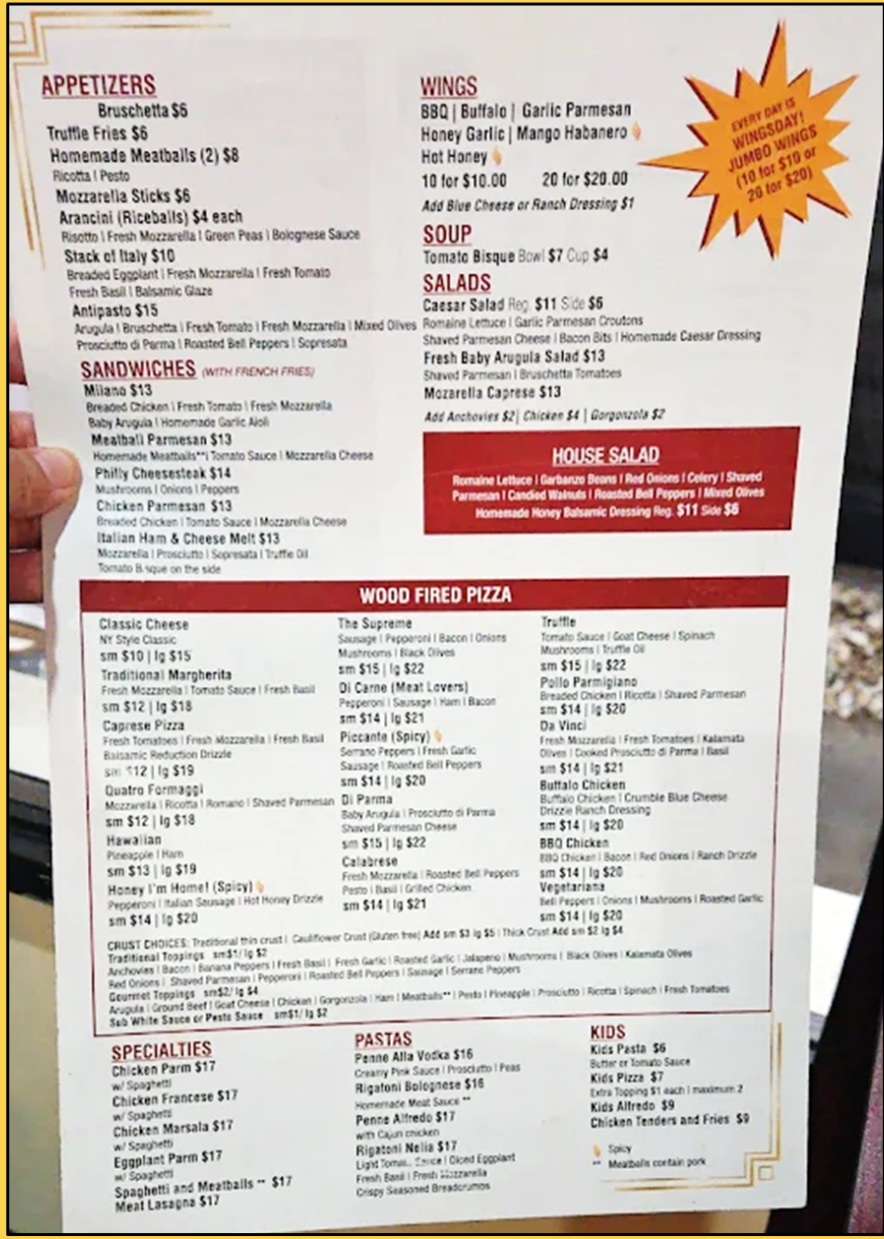
Visitation with the family will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, 411 W. Charles St, Hammond, LA 70401, on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 9:00am until 11:00am with a brief service immediately following. A Celebration of Life will be held after the service in the Anderson Hall next door.

The family requests that memorial donations be directed to Richard Murphy Hospice House or First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, Louisiana.

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If you love it so much that you start considering where it would look best on your bookshelf, then perhaps you've found yourself a new favorite.

October also happens to be a wonderful time to rediscover reading. The days are getting shorter, the evenings are becoming more inviting, and there is something particularly satisfying about settling into a chair with a book while the outside world is busy being October.

And if you haven't read anything lately, don't make it complicated.

You don't need to set a goal of reading 50 books before Christmas. You don't need a fancy reading journal. You don't need color-coded tabs or a dramatic literary challenge.

Start with one. Pick something you've been meaning to read. Ask a friend for a recommendation. Wander through your local library and choose a book based entirely on a cover that catches your eye. Read the first page. If it doesn't grab you, put it back and try another.

There are far too many wonderful books in the world to waste an entire evening forcing yourself through one you don't enjoy.

National Book Month is really just a good excuse to remember what books have always offered us: a chance to learn something, imagine something, laugh at something, cry over something, or simply disappear into another world for a little while.

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What’s Really on the November Ballot?

By ROYAL ALEXANDER
Tangi Times Contributor

In many of our “blue” liberal states, socialism is on the ballot. The Democratic Socialist Party of America (DSA) is on the rise in the national Democrat Party, and its candidates espouse views that are directly antithetical to our U.S. Constitution.

Our Framers recognized that our rights don’t come from government; they come from God. And the new government they were instituting was formed precisely to protect those God-given rights.

In so doing, our Framers understood the weaknesses of men and the temptations of unlimited power and made certain that this new Constitution held inherent counterweights to those temptations.

That is why, at the foundation of our Constitution, is the Separation of Powers. This critically important principle lies at the heart of James Madison’s view, in Federalist 47, in which he stated that “the accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.”

So, they set up three branches of government, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. And the Framers intended for each of the three branches to “stay in its own lane” and to insist that the other branches remain in theirs.

That is why, for example, the U.S. House of Representatives—the “People’s House” that provides for 2-year terms—controls the “purse strings” of the federal government and can influence policy by what it decides to fund or not fund.

The House also initiates impeachments, but the Senate, designed to be the more deliberative body, is elected for 6-year terms and conducts all impeachment trials as well as having the power to confirm or reject all presidential appointments.

Further, both chambers of Congress pass legislation which is sent to the president to either sign or veto. If vetoed, a 2/3 majority of both houses can override the veto, and the legislation becomes law even though it was vetoed.

The President is also the Commander in Chief in addition to being the head of the Executive Branch and its enormous federal agencies.

The U.S. Supreme Court, for its part, has the power to declare “what the law is” and determine what the Constitution means and whether the legislative actions of the president and Congress are unconstitutional or illegal. However, Congress may decide to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts, and the Senate may decide not to confirm presidential nominees to the federal courts.

My point is that all three branches of government are delicately positioned to check the actions of the other two branches. And that is why the rise of Democratic Socialist candidates concerns me.

DSA candidates would abolish most of these protections. The DSA would dissolve the U.S. Supreme Court and eliminate the U.S. Senate, creating a unicameral Legislature that would make all decisions based upon nothing but the “popular will” or so-called “widely held public opinion.”

The great danger here is whose “popular will” and whose “widely held public opinion?” This is the definition of mobocracy which then devolves into anarchy.

The DSA plan for the Supreme Court alone is enough. An impartial and independent judiciary is critical to maintaining our form of government given, one, the crucial role of the Supreme Court in seeing that our Separation of Powers is maintained; and, two, because the Court protects the rights of the minority in our constitutional republic from the tyranny of the majority.

The will and very existence of the minority are threatened if all that is considered is the “popular will” or “widely held public opinion.”

While the U.S. Supreme Court is certainly not perfect—with Dred Scott, Plessy v. Ferguson, and Roe v. Wade being three of its most egregiously wrong decisions—it nevertheless remains a firewall in protection of all of our natural rights. Again, the DSA would eliminate it.

President Reagan warned us: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

So, let us fight.



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10:00 am Fall Fest Opens
10:00 am Kids Que Judging
10:00-12:00 pm Local Talent Performances
11:30 am BCA Judges Check In
12:00 pm BCA Chicken Judging
12:00-1:30 pm Music
1:30-2:30 pm Games - Pumpkin Toss & Sack Race
1:30 pm BCA Rib Judging

2:30-4:00 pm Music
3:00 pm BCA Brisket Judging
3:00 pm Amateur Pork Rib Judging
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<u>PAT CATANIA</u> 5:00-8:30pm Roux & Brew	<u>BRENT GENTRY</u> 5:00-8:30pm Roux & Brew	<u>STONEWALL BAND</u> 5:30-9:00pm Roux & Brew	<u>BRENT GENTRY</u> 10:00am-1:00pm GiddyUp - Folsom	<u>JAZZ BRUNCH</u> 10:00am-1:30pm Roux & Brew	<u>PAT CATANIA</u> 5:00-8:30pm Roux & Brew	<u>CHRIS BROUSSARD</u> 5:00-8:30pm Roux & Brew
	<u>SYLAS FAUST</u> 6:00-9:00pm La Caretta – Ponch.	<u>GRACIE MARIE</u> 6:00-9:00pm Streetside Market	<u>BRADY HOUSTON</u> 10:00am-1:30pm Roux & Brew	<u>GHOST RIDERS BAND</u> 4:00-8:00pm Gator’s Den	<u>CALLIE ARTHUR</u> 6:00-8:00pm La Carreta – Ponch.	
	<u>TROY DANCER</u> 6:00-9:00pm El Paso - Hammond	<u>LAKE RAGAN</u> 6:00-9:00pm La Caretta – Ponch.	<u>BLUE SOUL</u> 5:30-9:00pm Roux & Brew	<u>MIA DIXON</u> 5:00-9:00pm Roux & Brew		
		<u>BRENT GENTRY</u> 6:00-9:00pm El Paso - Hammond	<u>BRENT GENTRY</u> 6:00-9:00pm Commodore’s - Amite			
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