



BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 14th, 2020



BBBS NEWS & UPDATES



Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is excited to announce a new partnership with Lids! The company known for sports gear will spread awareness and raise funds for the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Visit your [neighborhood store](#) with a Custom Lids, select your favorite style of hat—you can even pick one that has your favorite sports team on it, and they'll add the Big Brothers Big Sisters logo, too! And \$7 of every purchase will help defend the potential of youth across the country.

Over the next several months, Lids will carry new designs featuring the Big Brothers Big Sisters 'electric green', so be sure to check back often to add a new hat to your collection. Encourage friends to do the same and take a picture and share on social!

Be sure to include hashtag [#BiggerTogether](#) in your posts.





ACTIVITY IDEAS

Pumpkin Patch!

October 15-31

saintbarnabas.us

Benefitting Youth Ministries

GET SOME FRESH AIR!

Enjoy the Pumpkin Patch at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Lafayette. Admission is free! Pumpkins range in price from \$1-\$50, depending on size. Concessions and vendor prices vary. Remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

PERSONAL TIME CAPSULE

Kids & Teens are encouraged to make a personal time capsule using recycled household containers to capture the COVID-19 historical event. Extra containers are available for pick up at the South Regional Library, if needed while supplies last.

[View instructions here](#)

GO TO A VIRTUAL SHOW!

The world's largest Cajun & Creole festival has transformed into an energetic, fun-filled virtual experience showcasing three days of music, workshops, art and culture in South Louisiana. This year, Acadiana's finest musicians are in your pocket and on your screen via FESTv. Hear every note from the hi-def audio & video on Facebook Live, YouTube or on the Festivals website. October 16th - October 18th

<https://www.festivalsacadiens.com/>



SEND US YOUR STORIES

Send us your stories! We love hearing how Bigs, Littles & Families are staying connected virtually. Stories & pictures can be emailed to Christie at

choward@acadianabigs.com



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Gov. Edwards is working to get DSNAP approved for Hurricane Delta. Pre-register now to get a head start on your phone application and

interview if DSNAP is approved for your parish. **Text LADSNAP to 898-211** for more info or visit www.dcfsl.a.gov/dsnap. If you pre-registered or applied for DSNAP during Hurricane Laura (or since March), you do not need to pre-register again.

**Aetna Better Health of Louisiana
Presents...**

"It Takes A Village"
**3RD ANNUAL
SPOOKTACULAR EVENT**

**COMMUNITY VENDORS
FLU SHOTS
VILLAGE HOUSE CONTEST
TREATS
FOOD/DRINKS
FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SOCIAL DISTANCING STRICTLY ENFORCED
FACE MASK REQUIRED TO ENTER**

**Friday, October 23, 2020
5:00pm- 8:00pm
LARC Acadian Village
200 Greenleaf Dr. Lafayette, La. 70506**

  



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Lafayette
DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

POST-HURRICANE DELTA STRUCTURAL REPAIRS

Building Permit Required

In Lafayette Parish, home and business owners whose

property was damaged by Hurricane Delta are required to apply for a building permit when repairing, adding to, or altering a structure. Repair work done by nonprofit volunteer groups also requires a building permit. Before hiring a contractor, residents should verify the company's credentials by contacting the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors at (225) 765-2301 or (800) 256-1392, or visit <http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov/contractor-search/>

NO Cost Drive Thru Flu Vaccine

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COVID- 19 Testing

Thursday, October 15th, 2020

Lafayette Parish Health Unit

220 W. Willow St. Lafayette

7:00am to 5:00pm

For FLU VACCINE:

- Bring your private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare card
- 6 months of age and older can receive the vaccine

For COVID TESTING:

- Pre-register at www.DoINeedaCOVID19Test.com (onsite registration is available. You must provide a phone number and email address)
- Anyone 5 years of age and older can be tested
- It is a self-administered nasal swab test
- Results will be available online within 3-5 days



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO PROVIDE RELIEF AFTER HURRICANE DELTA

OCTOBER 16TH, 23RD, 30TH



DRIVE THRU FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

215 E PINHOOK RD | FRIDAYS | 8AM-4PM

**VOLUNTEER
TODAY!**

Volunteers are needed for supply collection & distribution.
Register at www.UnitedWayofAcadiana.org/volunteer

SUPPLIES

Toilet Paper
Cleaning Supplies
Paper Plates/Bowls
Paper Towels
Disposable PPE
Hand Sanitizer/Masks
Tarps
Floor Scrapers
Prybars
Commercial Trash Bags
Utility Knives

For more information on
how to get involved in
disaster response, please
visit:

no-hunger.org

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Canned Tuna
Dried or Canned Beans
Peanut Butter
Nuts
Trail Mix
Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Fruit Cups
Diced Tomatoes
Tomato Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Dried Fruit
Low Sugar/High Fiber Cereal
Oatmeal
Pasta
Rice
Grits
Granola Bars

PERSONAL

Toiletries (soap, deodorant,
toothpaste, shampoo)
School Supplies
Unused Socks
Unused Underwear
Feminine Products
Diapers (size 2-6)

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

Unlabeled Cans
Rusty Cans
Glass Containers
Alcohol
Homemade Food
Opened or Used Items
Perishable Food
Clothing
Medicine





FAMILY RESOURCES

We know many parents are feeling the stress of supporting & providing for their children over the weeks & months to come. It can be difficult to find a balance during this stay-at-home order. We will try our best to provide any resources we come across!

- If your workplace has temporarily closed or you have been told to take unpaid time off, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits through the [Louisiana Workforce Commission](#).
- A crisis text line has been activated to provide FREE, confidential support for people 24/7. If you need to talk to someone, you can get connected by texting REACHOUT to 741741 to reach a trained crisis counselor who will help de-escalate, identify coping strategies and use active listening techniques to support you.
- The Current has put together a user-friendly [dashboard of information & resources](#) for families in the Acadiana Area.
- Find the latest Lafayette Parish [COVID-19 UPDATES](#) in English, French & Espanol.



Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or requests!



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