

NEWSLETTER

MAY 21st, 2021



BBBS NEWS & UPDATES

We are excited to bring back some fun events & fundraisers this summer!

MAY 22nd, 2021: Match Activity on Us! This activity is for Community-Based & Sports Buddies Matches. Bigs can get more information & register [HERE!](#)

JUNE 10th & 17th, 2021: Truth Facts & Lies. This class will be held for Female littles ages 14-18 years old. It will be a two course workshop 8am-3pm. Only 12 spots available. Parents can get more information & register their child [HERE!](#)

JUNE 19th, 2021: Youth Yoga & Wellness Workshop, Join us for an afternoon of yoga, affirmations, wellness, creativity & more. Community-Based Matches & Sports Buddies Matches may attend together OR a parent may register their child to attend solo (must be registered in the BBBS program). Bigs & parents can get more information & register [HERE!](#)

JUNE 29th, 2021: Truth Facts & Lies. This class will be held for Female littles ages 11-13 years old from 8am-3pm. Only 12 spots available. Parents can get more information & register their child [HERE!](#)

THE GOLDEN GIRLS HOLIDAY MYSTERY

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE
BENEFITING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ACADIANA



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

THURSDAY, JULY 8TH & FRIDAY, JULY 9TH, 2021

ACADIANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS



TACKY SWEATERS ENCOURAGED
www.acadianabigs.com/murdermystery



NATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: RACE, RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES



Healing and Humility: A Critical Conversation for Asian American Pacific Islander Awareness Month

Over the past year, there's been an increase in violence and discriminatory practices against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. How can we stop the dangerous rise in hatred and provide support to those impacted by this trauma, especially our young people?

Join us for a courageous conversation as experts share the importance of convening safe spaces for members of the AAPI community. Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion strategist and advocate, Sonia Aranza, President & CEO of Aranza Cross Cultural Strategies, and thought leader and mental health advocate, Christine Cariño, Founder of Conscious Thrive, LLC, will lead the discussion. Local agency leaders, Elaine Cha, Storyteller/Journalist, from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and Dennis Brown, President & CEO of BBBS of Hawaii will also join the panel.

Attendees will learn strategies and approaches to form coalitions of shared values to work on dismantling systems of oppression.

Friday, May 21
2 PM EST



Join BBBSA on Facebook Live!

www.facebook.com/BigBrothersBigSisters/

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ACTIVITY IDEAS



LOCAL PALOOZA

Saturday, May 22 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm in Parc International and Parc Sans Souci, Downtown Lafayette. A Free celebration of local arts & culture.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL PALOOZA HERE!](#)



DOWNTOWN ALIVE!

Downtown Alive! with Eric Adcock & Michael Juan Nunez on May 21st! Inspired by NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts, each DTA! virtual show will highlight Downtown venues and homegrown, world-renowned artists while providing an intimate opportunity to celebrate live, local music.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



CAJUN MARKET

Cajun Market, Presented by the Lafayette Women's Chamber of Commerce on June 5th from 2pm - 8pm.

[VIEW THE EVENT PAGE HERE](#)



STORYTIME SAFARI WITH ZOOSIANA

Join the Lafayette Public Library for a special story time presented by the zookeepers at Zoosiana in Broussard! Each Thursday at 10am will feature a tale about our four-legged or feathered friends told in front of their enclosure at the zoo on FaceBook Live.

[LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY FACEBOOK](#)



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LOUISIANA DISASTER PRELIMINARY SELF-REPORT

VISIT [DAMAGE.LA.GOV](https://damage.la.gov) TO REPORT

Louisianans who have received damage to homes or businesses from the ongoing severe weather can self-report damages to damage.la.gov. This can help authorities

understand where and how locations were impacted as officials continue to assess damages.

Growth through Community Involvement

SLCC's Learn While You Lunch Webinar Series



SLCC is hosting this online event to showcase some of the local organizations that have opportunities for volunteering, donating non-monetary items, or helping get the word out about events.

Representatives from United Way, Parish Proud, Focus Clubhouse, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, SLCC Foundation, Beacon Connections, and Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana will each speak about their mission and how you or your business can support the community. Register for free [HERE!](#)



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



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