

# NEWSLETTER

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## What's Inside This Issue

*City updates and highlights from April through June 2026.*

- Key decisions, updates, and milestones from the first quarter
- Progress on infrastructure, utilities, and public safety
- Department updates and community initiatives
- Community growth, local progress, and upcoming events



From City Hall

### City Leadership Change Underway

Municipal elections were held this quarter to select the next Mayor and City Council members who will serve the City of Abbeville. The election process concluded with a runoff election on June 27, followed by a swearing-in ceremony on June 30.

As one administration concludes and another begins, the City recognizes Mayor Roslyn White and the outgoing City Council for their service and dedication to the community during their term in office. Their leadership helped guide numerous projects, initiatives, and investments that continue to benefit residents throughout Abbeville.

Today, on July 1, a new administration officially begins its term of service. The City remains committed to providing quality services and ensuring a smooth transition as new leadership takes office.

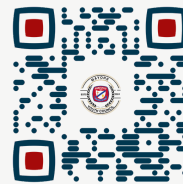
The City of Abbeville extends its appreciation to all who participated in the election process and looks forward to continuing to serve the community in the years ahead.



### Mayor's Youth Council Year Concludes

The Abbeville Mayor's Youth Council recently concluded its second year of service. Throughout the year, students participated in community service projects, leadership development, and learned about local government.

### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Applications for the 2026-2027 Mayor's Youth Council are now being accepted. Students from across Vermilion Parish are encouraged to apply.

### AMYC SPOTLIGHT

This summer, two members joined the City of Abbeville as interns, gaining hands-on experience in local government. Trinity Gaspard, a recent Vermilion Catholic graduate who will attend McNeese State University this fall, and Nicholas Cope, a rising senior at Vermilion Catholic, were selected for the program. Both students are founding members and have participated in the Mayor's Youth Council for the past two years.



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## Infrastructure, Projects, and Investments

The City of Abbeville continues advancing projects and investments that strengthen utilities, enhance safety, and support long-term growth throughout our community.

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### STREET LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE

Contract Awarded to Preferred Electric, Inc.

#### **Project Update: Ramsie Baumgardner Street Lighting Upgrade Advances**

In May, the Abbeville City Council awarded the construction contract to Preferred Electric, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder, advancing the project into its next phase. The City also approved the purchase of new LED streetlights through Graybar utilizing an existing State contract to streamline procurement and maximize cost efficiency.

*Status: Ongoing*

### ABBEVILLE WATER SYSTEM

Earns A Rating Fourth Consecutive Year

#### **Abbeville Water System Earns Fourth Consecutive A Rating**

The City of Abbeville's public water system received an A Rating from the Louisiana Department of Health for the fourth consecutive year. The rating reflects continued excellence in water system operations, regulatory compliance, and the delivery of safe, reliable drinking water to residents.

*Status: Announced May 2026*

### ROAD IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Old Kaplan and Washington Moving Forward

#### **Project Update: Roadway Evaluation Completed Ahead of Improvements**

The City continues advancing planned roadway improvements on Old Kaplan Highway and Washington Street. As part of the project, specialized cameras were used to inspect underground drainage and utility infrastructure beneath the roadways prior to resurfacing. Identifying and addressing potential issues before construction begins helps maximize the life of the improvements, reduce future repairs, and ensure the City receives the greatest value from its investment.

*Status: Ongoing*

### AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

\$15,000 Grant Award Winner

#### **AARP Grant Supports Safety Improvements**

The City of Abbeville was selected as a recipient of a \$15,000 AARP Community Challenge Grant. Funding will be used to install illuminated crosswalk signage in the downtown area, helping improve pedestrian visibility and safety. The project supports ongoing efforts to create a more walkable and accessible community while enhancing connections between residents, visitors, and local businesses.

*Status: Announced June 2026*

# Public Safety & City Services

The Abbeville Police and Fire Departments continue working daily to protect residents, respond to emergencies, and support the safety across our community.

## Abbeville Fire Department

Throughout the second quarter, the Abbeville Fire Department remained active through emergency response, training, community outreach, and recruitment efforts. Firefighters continued training for a wide range of emergency situations while remaining active in community outreach and public safety initiatives.



"Department leadership met with LaDOTD engineers to discuss communication, coordination, and emergency response related to bridge operations. These ongoing discussions help ensure agencies work together effectively to support public safety throughout the community.



Firefighters completed hazardous materials response training during the quarter as part of the department's continued commitment to emergency preparedness. The training focused on a simulated chlorine leak at the City water plant and included classroom instruction and hands-on exercises led by Louisiana State Police Hazardous Materials Troopers.

### Department Continues to Grow

The Abbeville Fire Department welcomed six new recruits during the second quarter and expanded its part-time firefighter program. These additions help strengthen emergency response capabilities while ensuring the department remains prepared to meet the needs of a growing community.

# NOW HIRING

Part-Time Firefighters

## Abbeville Police Department

Throughout the quarter, the Abbeville Police Department continued serving residents through patrol operations, investigations, training, and community engagement. Officers remained committed to maintaining public safety while building trust throughout the community.



Range Qualifications

Officers completed annual firearms qualifications during the quarter, ensuring they remain proficient with department-issued equipment and prepared to respond when called upon. Regular qualifications are an important part of officer training and help maintain readiness while reinforcing safe firearm handling practices.

The Abbeville Police Department proudly recognizes Detective Randall Nugier for being honored at the Rotary Club of Abbeville's Public Servant Awards Luncheon.



Detective Nugier has served with the department since 2019 and was recognized for his dedication, professionalism, and continued commitment to serving the citizens of Abbeville. His recognition reflects the high standards of service demonstrated by the men and women of the Abbeville Police Department.

## Second Quarter Activity

<p><b>April</b> Calls for Service: <b>558</b> Arrests: <b>44</b></p>	<p><b>May</b> Calls for Service: <b>542</b> Arrests: <b>39</b></p>
<p><b>June</b> Calls for Service: <b>448</b> Arrests: <b>28</b> (Through noon June 26th)</p>	

# Community Highlights

Over the past three months, Abbeville has stayed busy with events that celebrate our culture, creativity, and community spirit. Each event represents just a glimpse of the many ways our community continues to connect and celebrate together.



**Sound on the Square**  
Live music returned to Magdalen Square for a finale to the spring concert series.



**Richard Barn Reopens**  
Richard Sale Barn is officially back open, now a place for live music and fun events.



**Community Cleanup Day**  
Abbeville community comes together to help cleanup our beautiful city.



**National Library Week**  
Mayor White highlights the importance of reading by declaring National Library Week.



**Love the Boot Week**  
Abbeville's Mayor's Youth Council and community members help cleanup our city.



**Volleyball Jamboree**  
The Volleyball Jamboree at AA Comeaux Park was a day of bringing people together for a great cause.



**Spring Carnival**  
Junior Auxillary puts on a fun carnival offering an afternoon of activities for families.



**BashSquadaThon**  
The first ever BashSquadaThon brought a great mix of competition, community, and fun to Lafitte Park.



**National Day of Prayer**  
The Abbeville community came together in a powerful day of prayer and unity.



**Abbeville Highschool Day**  
Abbeville High Day is honored for the school's 124 years of excellence in education.



**Crusin' Cajun Country**  
Crusin' Cajun Country came to town to show off their cool cars and raise some funds!



**Daylily Festival**  
The Daylily Festival gives Abbeville a day to enjoy beautiful flowers and local charm.



**Vermilion Parish War Memorial**  
Our war Veterans were honored in a ceremony right in the heart of our community.



**Hometown Hero Banners**  
Rotary Club honors those in Abbeville who gave their lives for our country by hanging banners around the city.



**Community Health Event**  
Residents and families gathered and were offered free health, safety, and educational resources from local organizations



**Save the Ville**  
2nd Annual Save the Ville Homecoming Community Day at McKinley Scott Park.

## Dates to Remember: July– September 2026

- July 1 – Erath Fourth of July Fair
- July 1 – Sippin with the Sheriff
- July 3 – City Hall Closed for Independence Day
- July 7 – City Council Meeting
- July 8 – City Tax Sale
- July 9 – Jr Citizen's Academy
- July 11 – St. Teresa Bingo
- July 11 – VSPO Hunter's Education Class
- July 18 – Abbeville Farmer's Market
- July 21 – City Council Meeting
- July 22 – Hot Dogs for Seniors
- July 25 – St. Teresa Bingo
- August 4 – City Council Meeting
- August 6 – Taste of Vermilion
- August 8 – St. Teresa Bingo
- August 11 – VC First Day of School
- August 13 – VPSB First Day of School
- August 15 – Farmer's Market
- August 18 – City Council Meeting
- August 22 – St. Teresa Bingo
- September 1 – City Council Meeting
- September 7– City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- September 12 – St. Teresa Bingo
- September 7 – City Council Meeting
- September 19– Uniquely U Event
- September 19 – Farmer's Market
- September 26 – St. Teresa Bingo

**Never Miss an Event**

Scan the QR code to view the City's event calendar, sign up for email updates, and access important City links.



## Employee Service Anniversaries



**April - June 2026**

The City of Abbeville is proud to recognize employees celebrating service anniversaries this quarter. Their dedication and commitment help keep Abbeville running every day.

### City Hall

**Tiffany Deville** - 4 years  
May 24

**Kathy Sellers** - 2 years  
June 11

**Cristian LeJeune** - 3 years  
June 22

**Alex Boudine** - 15 years  
June 29

### City Court

**Zia Nugier** - 3 years  
May 4

### Abbeville Police

**Eric Istre** - 2 years  
April 5

**Cassandra Wilson** - 23 years  
April 7

**Scott Roberson** - 11 years  
April 7

**Stacey Miguez** - 4 years  
April 15

**Carl Calder** - 3 years  
May 19

**John Mayer** - 2 years  
May 21

**Simon Sunday** - 3 years  
May 31

**Randall Toups** - 2 years  
June 22

**Anaiz Gonzales** - 3 years  
June 23

### Public Works

**Lee Schexnaider** - 26 years  
April 1

**Marie Buteaux** - 21 years  
April 5

**Ray Jones** - 7 years  
May 21

**Larry Moore Jr.** - 20 years  
May 22

**Victor Domingue** - 1 year  
May 22

**Theresa Trahan** - 2 years  
May 23

**Bridgette Levy** - 7 years  
June 1

**Andre' Marcantel** - 2 years  
June 3

**Keith Dee** - 18 years  
June 28

### Abbeville Fire

**Doris Langlinois Jr** - 29 years  
May 24

**Jarred Ruffin** - 5 years  
May 27

**Lukas Meaux** - 4 years  
June 30

## New Hires

The City of Abbeville proudly welcomes the following employees who joined the team during the second quarter of 2026. These individuals now play an important role in serving our community across multiple departments, and we look forward to the contributions they will make throughout the City of Abbeville.

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| <b>Cameron Adams</b> - Abbeville Fire | <b>Andre Marceaux</b> - Abbeville Fire |
| <b>Daniel Dartez</b> - Abbeville Fire | <b>Britt Stair</b> - Abbeville Fire    |
| <b>Avery Foster</b> - Abbeville Fire  | <b>Aleah Willis</b> - Public Works     |
| <b>Edwin Horn</b> - Abbeville Fire    | <b>Earl Henderson</b> - Public Works   |

## A Note from the Editor

As the second quarter of 2026 ends, so does an important chapter in the history of the City of Abbeville. Over the past four years, Mayor Roslyn White and the Abbeville City Council worked with local, state, and federal partners to secure funding, advance infrastructure improvements, enhance public services, and support initiatives that continue to strengthen our community.

From major infrastructure investments and utility upgrades to community development efforts and public safety initiatives all reflect years of planning, partnership, and commitment to the future of Abbeville. Together, these efforts have helped position the City for continued growth and success.

The City extends its sincere appreciation to Mayor Roslyn White and the outgoing members of the Abbeville City Council for their service, leadership, and dedication to the residents of Abbeville. Their contributions have helped shape many of the milestones and will leave a lasting impact on our community.

As new leadership takes office, the City remains committed to serving residents and building upon the progress made in recent years.

*Cristian LeJeune*

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Communications & Media



## NEW BUSINESSES

### Second Quarter 2026

**The Petit Maison of Abbeville - Park Ave**

**Sam's Wireless - Charity St**

**Synth Auto LLC - Azalea Dr**

**Jump N Splash Inflatables - Veterans Memorial**

**Corner Eatz - S Gertrude**

**AK Designs - South Main**

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