

Youngsville Chamber Luncheon - 02/12/19

- Prayer & Pledge
- Phil Gallet – asked all Veterans to stand and be recognized
- Leadership Youngsville accepting applications until March 15th
- Round Table Introductions
- Focal Point Eyecare and Hub City Fitness are new businesses in Youngsville. Ribbon cuttings will be forthcoming.
- Mayor Ken Ritter
 - Benjamin Moore will open before the end of the month
 - Sales taxes are up 15%
 - Sand volleyball bids are coming in and will be awarded in early spring
 - Just closed registration for tee ball, softball and baseball-- 1,500 kids signed up in Youngsville to play.
 - Economic Development Committee has been meeting frequently
 - We will have an online business directory and interactive business map showing businesses in our city. We will send out an email to take a minute to fill out the business form online for this purpose.
 - Youngsville Historical Society – go and like their page. They will be collecting historical memorabilia before it's lost.
 - Hotel feasibility study available from Mayor Ritter. He is working with one person on bringing a hotel to Youngsville. If you have land or know someone who does, let Mayor Ritter know.
 - 50 permits so far for the Mardi Gras parade on March 2nd.
 - Beautification Committee-Cleanup Day on March 9th. Get with Ken Stansbury if you are interested.
 - Alarms.org – Youngsville is the third safest city in Louisiana using crime statistics.
- Jeremy Hidalgo, LPSS
 - Loosening regulations on rezoning is an agenda item on the upcoming School Board Meeting
 - Southside High is not overcrowded as media reports. There's enough classroom space for 1,400, but accommodates up to 2,000 students space wise.
 - You currently need three documents to register for school. Jeremy is asking that a fourth document be added to the list.
 - Things are going really well at all schools in Youngsville.
- Police Chief Rickey Boudreaux
 - Coffee with the Mayor and Chief – 8:00-10:00 am at McDonalds
 - Armed robbery at the Dollar General in Youngsville. No cameras were facing the parking lot. It's a dark area, poorly lit. Hoping to solve and put at least 2 people in jail for this crime.
 - Solve rate in Youngsville is at 87%, while the national average is at 45%
 - Roads will close at 10 am for the Mardi Gras Parade, no exceptions. Avoid gridlock and come early!

- Michael Williams – Economic Development Chair
 - LEDA will be sending out an email survey to gather data to better understand the business environment of our city.
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- J.P. Stoshak
 - Scholarship deadline is Feb 28th. Any employees of a company belonging to the Chamber are eligible. It's a \$2,000 scholarship.
- Heidi Melancon-Director of the UL Small Business Development Center- Guest Speaker
 - They offer assistance and help to those starting a new business or expanding a business.
 - They educate you on all programs available to you on the federal, state and local level.
 - They help businesses with cash flow and business plans
 - They educate on Minority programs
 - They work on an appointment basis
- Robert Unterburger
 - Please renew your membership if you haven't
 - Bring potential members to the luncheon and encourage them to join
 - Thanks to First Assembly for letting us hold the meeting at their venue
 - Thanks to Acadiana Bottling, Corner Seafood & Wings and Kellers Bakery for providing lunch today

Adjourned at 1:10 pm for Networking