

MADDEN MINUTE

January 14, 2026

Dear Friends,

It's Carnival Time in Mandeville! Since 1986, the ladies of the Krewe of Eve have poured their heart and soul into one of the most fun and lively Mardi Gras parades on the Northshore. This year, Eve is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and will hit the streets of Mandeville on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 7pm. Mandeville will close out Carnival Season with the Krewe du Pooch Dog Parade and Costume Contest on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 12pm. This year's theme is "Krewe du Pooch Goes to HOWLywood!"

Once Carnival Season ends, our Spring Concerts begin. Please join us on Friday Evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for the MANDEVILLE LIVE! Free Concerts Series at the Mandeville Trailhead.

Live Music By:

- March 20th - Kermit Ruffins
- March 27th - Peyton Falgout Band
- April 10th - Don Vappie & Creole Jazz Serenaders
- April 17th - Christian Serpas & Ghost Town
- April 24th - Ryan Foret
- May 1st - Soul Revival

Mandeville is doing amazing on the Economic Development front! I posted a HUGE announcement just before the Christmas Holidays on my Facebook Page.

Trader Joe's is coming to Mandeville!!!

This is exciting news and I will keep you posted on the progress. The parking lot where Trader Joe's is going (into the old Home Goods) has already begun being refurbished. Secondly, I am so excited that the old Blockbuster Video is now "We Rock The Spectrum", a gym and play area for children with special needs. This new facility is open to all children and I attended the grand opening with Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser. We both agreed that an opportunity like this located in Mandeville is great for the entire North Shore, and it sets an example for the rest of the State of Louisiana. Businesses want to locate in Mandeville because of our low crime, great schools, and unparalleled quality of life. This contributes to Mandeville's sound financial position as sales tax revenues have continued to grow.

We have several capital improvement projects currently in progress. I also shared recently that after a few years of countless meetings between our Emergency Management Team and FEMA, the City of Mandeville is currently accepting bids to reconstruct a NEW Sunset Point Fishing Pier over Lake Pontchartrain and repair the two existing handicap piers!

The Lakefront Wetlands Restoration Project (“The Berm Project”) has recently been completed. The City of Mandeville graciously accepted a grant for \$1 million from the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), a state agency.

The Lakefront Gazebo project has begun. This project will also reconfigure the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Jackson Avenue with crosswalks, sidewalk improvements, signage improvements, and landscaping. Please note that this intersection may be totally closed or down to one lane at some points over the next few weeks. We expect this to wrap up in early March.

Finally, the Highway 22 Drainage project has begun with utility relocations. All work that requires lane closures will be done at night. This project will provide immense drainage improvements for residents and businesses alike. I am excited that this many improvement projects are currently ongoing, and we want to express our appreciation for your patience during our progress.

The City of Mandeville has contracted with Desire Line to overhaul the CLURO (Comprehensive Land Use Regulation Ordinance). We will be kicking off public hearings in February. Look out for opportunities to sign up for notifications and involvement opportunities. This is the second part of the recently completed City Comprehensive Master Plan (Mande Thrives 2045) and resident participation is much needed and encouraged.

Residents that ordered trees from the Re-Leaf Mandeville program should be on the lookout for an email. The trees have been delivered and will be planted over the course of the next few months. Moreover, the annual Seedling Giveaway hosted by Mandeville’s Parks and Parkways will take place on Saturday, January 24 during the weekly Mandeville Trailhead Market. Please stop by and get your free seedlings!

I hope to see you at one of the many upcoming events in Mandeville over the next few weeks. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me personally on my cell 985-630-8578 or email cmadden@cityofmandeville.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Clay Madden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "L." and last name "Madden" clearly visible.

Mayor Clay Madden

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