

MADDEN MINUTE

November 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

Now is the time of year to be thankful! I am thankful to live in the wonderful City of Mandeville where we have come to the end of our busy fall season. Many events have taken place in Mandeville since September and every weekend there was something fun to do. I am thankful for all the volunteers and city staff who work hard to make these events possible. I am thankful for our Mandeville Police Department for keeping us safe, our Mandeville Public Works Department for keeping our city so clean and efficient, and all of our amazing employees at City Hall who keep the operations of the City of Mandeville running smoothly. As we take a short break here, I hope to see you in a few weeks at the following holiday season events, which we have come to refer to as “MERRY MANDEVILLE”:

Friday, December 5 Sips of the Season (Girod Street – OMBA)

Saturday, December 6 Winter on the Water (Parade & Trailhead Festival)

Friday, December 12 Movie Night at the Trailhead

Saturday, December 13 Holiday Market at the Trailhead (9a-1p)

Saturday, December 13 Christmas Past (Girod Street – OMBA)

Friday, December 19 Menorah Lighting (Northshore Jewish Congregation – Trailhead)

I have said before many times-Mandeville sells itself. Our beloved city continues to be a desired location for businesses, both large and small, due to the safety, cleanliness, and efficiency I highlight above. Please check out the new family friendly Creative Cakes on Highway 22, Bub’s Burgers next to the Fire Station on Highway 22, and The Trace at the Trailhead (formerly Spoke and Barrell).

Mandeville also continues to draw professionals like the new Gastro Group and Endocenter on St. Ann, one of only two private-based Inflammatory Bowel Disease research centers in the State of Louisiana! We all cannot wait for the new We Rock the Spectrum! to open in the old Blockbuster Video. I will be making some additional announcements soon about other new businesses coming to Mandeville!

You will see many improvement projects going on throughout our city in the coming months. Utility relocations have begun for the Highway 22 Drainage Project. This project will enlarge pipes and increase capacity and flow for businesses and residences alike along Highway 22, both north and south. This project is a great example of our team working well with our other partner government entities. I would like to thank both State Senator Patrick McMath and State Representative Kim Carver for working with the City of Mandeville on this project and helping us secure about 75% of the total project costs through the state capital outlay system. I would also like to thank Parish President

Mike Cooper and the parish council for working with us on the remaining costs to get this project moving.

There is also a lot of work going on in the vicinity of Sunset Point. The demolition of the old Sunset Point Fishing Pier, damaged during Hurricane Ida, will begin the first week of December. Demolition of the old pier will need to take place and be completed first, and it will take a few weeks. After this is completed, construction of the new Sunset Point Fishing Pier will begin. I will provide updates on this project as it progresses. Secondly, "The Berm" project, also known as the Lakefront Wetlands Restoration Project, is close to completion! We expect it to be fully completed before Christmas. This project is an earthen berm from the west end of Lakeshore Drive to Sunset Point that will rebuild the wetlands, provide shoreline protection, and better control wave energy. This project is part of St. Tammany Parish's Coastal Master Plan and has some funding provided by the state agency "CPRA" or the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. The State of Louisiana is extremely interested in this project, and it could be a successful model for the city to secure future external funding and grants.

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank all of the many veterans who call Mandeville home. From the Veteran's Day Parade a few weeks ago to the many ceremonies held at area schools and on the lakefront, it is evident that the citizens of Mandeville support our many veterans who live here. I am thankful to live in such a patriotic place!

Respectfully,

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