



CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE **WELCOME GUIDE** **WHERE LIFE IS SWEETER**

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We have also partnered with Lafayette Consolidated Government to be a part of Connect Lafayette in order to communicate important or emergency

alerts for the City of Youngsville and Lafayette Parish. Alerts include both emergency and non-emergency announcements specific to areas where residents live, such as sandbag information, road closures, construction, public works projects, special events and more. Lafayette Parish residents can sign up for phone, text, TTY and email notification alerts online at lafayettecityparish.bbcportal.com.

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 @CityofYoungsvilleLouisiana
 @CityYoungsville
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Youngsville Websites

City of Youngsville
www.Youngsville.us
Youngsville Sports Complex
www.YoungsvilleSportsComplex.com
Youngsville Police Dept.
www.YoungsvillePolice.com
Youngsville Chamber
www.YoungsvilleChamber.com
Youngsville Fire Dept.
www.YoungsvilleFire.com
Youngsville Parks and Recreation
www.YoungsvilleParksandRecreation.com

Nextdoor.com

<https://nextdoor.com/city/youngsville--la/>
Youngsville neighbors share recommendations and advice, classifieds, important alerts, and much more on Nextdoor. Trusted local recommendations of local businesses in Youngsville.

Hashtags

#WhereLifeisSweeter
#YoungsvilleLA
#GrowingTogether



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Ken Ritter

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Congratulations on your recent move to Youngsville!
Whether you’ve just moved here from out of town or are simply moving to a new home within the city, we’re excited and honored that you’ve chosen Youngsville to be your home.

Youngsville is often associated with being one of the fastest growing cities in the state of Louisiana. However, our focus is to build and sustain a quality community focused on what matters to our residents. We remain steadfast in our commitment to expand and improve our quality of life. For example, our Parks and Recreation Department is currently undergoing an expansion which will enhance the livelihood of all residents. In addition, we are laser focused on improving our roads and other infrastructure to ensure that growth doesn’t out pace our infrastructure. My mantra for Youngsville is that we are, “Growing Together.”

We invite you to learn about our city’s history through the Youngsville Historical Preservation Society and get involved in one of our civic organizations to contribute to our city’s future. I also encourage you to consider enrolling in Leadership Youngsville, a 9-month program focused on educating our residents on what makes our city such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

It is with great honor and pride that I serve as your mayor. Please let me, our city council, and your city staff know of the issues that are important to you. Through these efforts to communicate we will all benefit, and Youngsville will remain, **“Where Life is Sweeter!”**

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CITY ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORY

<https://www.youngsville.us/city-services/city-officials/>

The City of Youngsville is governed by the Mayor and five at-large City Council members. Below you will find a listing of these city officials, along with members of city departments. All Council members and the Mayor can be contacted directly at Youngsville City Hall (337) 856-4181.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Practical, yet progressive leadership, paired with citizens who understand the challenges of meeting the needs of the fastest growing city in the state – that sums up how government works in Youngsville.

The Mayor and City Council enact and pass local ordinances, which are city laws, enforced by the police department and code enforcement. They adopt an annual budget for city operations. They hold their meetings the **second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Youngsville City Hall** which are always open to the public.

Who's My Councilmember?

The Youngsville City Council is made up of five at-large, or city-wide, council members who represent the city in Divisions A through E. As a citizen in the City of Youngsville, you get to elect all five council members and have them represent you for any initiative or issue you may have.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youngsville Events

There is always something fun happening in the City of Youngsville! Throughout the year, our city has plenty of events for you to enjoy no matter the time of year. Young couples looking forward to a future together, singles who are looking for fun, families looking for entertainment, and retirees will all find our city full of opportunities to get away from it all, without having to go too far!

Sugar Jam

A free outdoor family-friendly music series held in the town center of Sugar Mill Pond featuring live music once per month during the spring and fall from 6-9 pm.



Mardi Gras Mambo

A Division 1 NCAA Women's Softball tournament held at the Youngsville Sports Complex on Mardi Gras weekend, the Mardi Gras Mambo features 10 competing teams from around the nation. The annual tournament is hosted by Southeastern Louisiana University and gives the visiting teams an opportunity to participate in festivities during the Youngsville Mardi Gras parade. Single day and tournament passes are both available for purchase at www.youngsvillesportscomplex.com beginning in January.



Shop the Sweet Life!

Small business Saturday is a national event created by American Express to bring awareness to the importance of supporting local business. Shop the Sweet Life is put on by the Youngsville Chamber of Commerce and is held annually the Saturday after Thanksgiving in conjunction with Small Business Saturday. Local businesses offer shoppers sweet deals, while reminding shoppers to support Youngsville's local merchants and to eat local as well.



Independence Day Celebration

This family friendly fireworks celebration is usually held every year on July 3rd from 5pm-9:15pm. Besides the fireworks display, enjoy face painting, live music, and so much more!

Guns 'N Hoses

The Youngsville Chamber of Commerce presents Guns 'N Hoses! Typically held in the spring, the Youngsville Police Department takes on the Youngsville Fire Department in a friendly beach volleyball competition. A portion of the proceeds benefit our first responders. Fun for the whole family! Kids can wear their policeman or fireman costume. Adults support your team and wear red for our fire department or blue for our police department.



National Night Out

Get to know your local police department, fire department, and first responders. Typically held in the beginning of October, this night out includes food, fun and activities for the kids.



Eat Sweet Restaurant Weeks

An annual event in Youngsville, Louisiana, designed to celebrate and support local dining establishments. During this period, participants can obtain a "passport" to embark on a culinary journey across Youngsville's diverse restaurants. By dining in or ordering takeout from participating venues, guests earn stamps in their passports and can partake in the "sweet deals" being offered by the restaurants. Passports can be turned in at the conclusion of the event to be entered into prize drawings.



And much more

Go to <https://www.youngsville.us/events/> to see what is coming up next.

PUBLIC WORKS

What does PUBLIC WORKS really do?

DRAINAGE/DIRT WORK



From digging drainage canals roadside, to digging retention ponds in the field, our team of experienced equipment operators and jetting crew are committed to making sure storm water moves the correct way! Remember, all drainage leads to canals and bayous, and the only thing that should enter drainage is storm water.

ROAD REPAIR



Feel free to let us know of any pothole, sinkhole, or any other roadway defect you may find in your travels about the city & we will make sure to repair the defect in a timely and efficient manner. Report potholes by calling 337-857-6342.

PERMITTING



To some degree, taking care of our city is everyone's job. Problems observed and reported by citizens such as downed road signs, potholes, malfunctioning streetlights, etc. help us maintain the quality of life we're so proud of in Youngsville. Our contact form is able to accept pictures, so if you see it – snap a picture. If you see a problem anywhere in our city, please report it at <https://www.youngsville.us/contacts/report-a-problem/>.

WATER/WASTEWATER



Our certified water/wastewater operators work hard every day to ensure that the water coming to your tap is safe, potable, and palatable! We also work to ensure that our sewer system is free of blockages and is all flowing to the correct stations.

DEBRIS PICKUP



The first full week of every month is debris pickup week (twice a month during spring). Our debris pickup crew works all week to retrieve yard waste and large debris from the community. We also facilitate a branch/bagged leave drop off station at 310 Railroad St!

REPORT A PROBLEM



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GRASS CUTTING



Our team of landscapers go above and beyond to keep Youngsville beautiful and give it that charm that really sets us apart! Our team uses state of the art equipment to keep the public areas of grass well-manicured.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



This department ensures that city ordinances are being followed by property owners, developers, and business owners. They supervise a variety of issues from tall grass to nuisance properties and from construction without permits to illegal signs.

AND MORE!



From prepping for our Mardi Gras parade, holiday decorations, sign maintenance, utility locations, geo-locating assets, trimming overhanging branches, jetting culverts, we dedicate ourselves each day to ensure life continues running smoothly in our community!

PUBLIC WORKS

Branch & Household Debris Pick-Up

- Branches must be placed curb side the Sunday before pickup.
- Branches cannot be longer than 4 feet in length.
- All branches and household debris must be stacked separately, if not stacked separately it will not be picked up.
- Leaves and loose debris must be BAGGED!
- No hazardous waste material, tires, paint, clothes, recycle items, creosote items and house garbage.
- The City will make only one pass in a neighborhood during the week of pick-up.
- If residents miss the pickup, they may bring their branches and bagged vegetative debris only to the drop off location at 310 Railroad St from 7:00-12:00 and 1:00- 3:00 Monday- Friday.

LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE						
Youngsville, Louisiana						
MAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30						
Ordinance No. 237						
DAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
ADDRESS	even		odd	even	odd	even
watering permitted between the hours of midnight & 2pm						

Trash Pick-Up

Trash pick-up days vary by location. Contact city hall if you have questions regarding your scheduled pick-up day. To avoid missing a pick-up, place items at your front curb the night before as these guys show up pretty early. Waste Management of Acadiana furnishes the garbage containers and provides collection services.

Recycling

Every time you choose to recycle, you're giving that item a second life to serve a new purpose and save natural resources. Now more than ever, it's important that only the right items, free from contamination, make their way into your recycling bin. If you wish to participate in our Recycle Program, please call City Hall to have a recycling cart delivered at no additional cost to you.

Three basic rules of recycling. Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.

1. Recycle plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.
3. No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

Not accepted in your bin.

Try to reduce and reuse these items instead of putting them in the trash. No bagged recyclables. No plastic bags. No plastic wrap & film. No flexible packaging. No cups with wax or plastic coatings. No polystyrene foam & plastic. No tangled items (i.e. hoses). No diapers. No household items. No medical waste. No glass.



PUBLIC WORKS

DRAINAGE 101

Do you know...

The difference between detention and retention ponds? All development is required to provide “detention” of additional rainfall runoff. Basically, the additional runoff from the hard surface or “impervious” areas are calculated for multiple rain events and the 25-year, 24-hour storm event additional runoff must be “detained” in an approved manner such as detention or retention ponds, underground detention systems or nature-based systems. If the pond maintains a constant water level, it is a wet “retention” pond as it retains a consistent amount of water, and the detention volume is “stacked” on top of the normal water level. If the pond is dry and only holds water during a rain event, it is a detention pond.

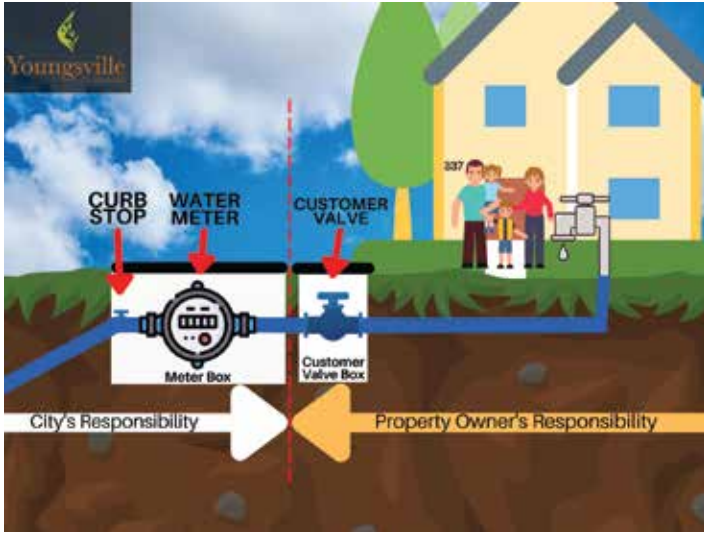


So how does the City continue to thrive while improving our drainage?

- In 2015, the City of Youngsville developed and adopted a master plan that identified over \$8M in drainage improvements that included two (2) Regional Detention Ponds, one along Bayou Parc Perdu and one along Coulee LaSalle, which are now under construction and fully funded by federal grants.
- In September of 2016, the City of Youngsville led the state in increasing drainage requirements for development that included doubling the amount of detention of runoff from developments.
- Every year the City of Youngsville reviews our development standards and increases the standards necessary to positively manage our drainage system.
- Since 2016, the City has:
 - Purchased additional equipment and added staff to provide for increased drainage maintenance
 - Implemented an annual channel maintenance program, an annual roadside ditch maintenance program, and an annual program to clean subsurface drainage systems
 - Hired a full-time code-enforcement officer to minimize sediment runoff from development construction
 - Completed 4 subdivision detention pond outfall improvement projects
 - More than 100 acres of regional detention pond projects not associated with development along Anslem Coulee, Bayou Parc Perdu and Coulee LaSalle.
 - Bailey Grove Regional Detention Ponds (42 acres)
 - The Lakes Regional Detention (17 acres)
 - Coulee LaSalle Regional Detention (17 acres)
 - Anslem Coulee Regional Detention Pond (22 acres)
 - Lily Pond (1.5 acres)
 - Veterans Memorial Pond (2 acres)
 - Dog Park Regional Detention Pond (2.5 acres)
 - La Gymnasium Regional Detention Pond (1 acre)



PUBLIC WORKS



Understanding the components and functions of your meter box isn't always common knowledge, so we've created an infographic to help you visualize what's happening beneath the surface of your property when it comes to your water utility. This guide can be especially helpful if you notice water pooling in your yard and need to determine whether to contact a City of Youngsville crew member or a licensed plumber. If you're ever unsure, don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to inspect the issue and help diagnose the source of the leak.

At your residence, you may notice a setup similar to the one shown here. On the left is your customer valve box, which contains the main shut-off valve for your home's water supply. If you experience a leak inside your house, this is the best place to shut off the water. On the right is the City of Youngsville's meter box, which houses your water meter and the city-owned curb stop. Both boxes are secured with specialized locks. City of Youngsville officials may occasionally access the meter box to perform manual readings, connect or disconnect service, carry out maintenance, or ensure the meter remains clear of dirt, grass, or debris—any of which could interfere with its ability to transmit signals to our repeaters or base stations.



Sewer cleanouts are the primary access points for maintaining the sewer line on your property and you should be aware of their location. As shown here, the cleanouts are typically positioned at the highest point along the sewer line. In addition to providing maintenance access, cleanouts can be equipped with pressure-relief devices—such as PVC "Sewer Popper" cleanouts—to help prevent sewer backups from entering your home. These devices are widely available online and at most home improvement stores.

TRANSPORTATION

Instructions for ROUNDING THE ROUNDABOUT

Look for this sign:

It's your first cue that you're approaching a roundabout



Start to slow down.

When approaching the roundabout, slow down to 10-15 mph.

Share the road.

Always look for bicyclists merging into the travel lane and pedestrians crossing. Let bicyclists merge. Let people at the crosswalk cross. It's the law!

Yield to traffic.

You may have to stop to yield to cars on your left. If the road is clear, simply enter the roundabout turning right. You don't have to stop: just enter.

Proceed slowly.

Don't pass bicyclists ahead of you within the roundabout. Continue until you get to your exit. Don't stop in the roundabout.

Follow directional signs.

Directional signs will tell you where to exit.

Exit carefully.

Using your right-turn signal, exit the roundabout. Remember to watch for pedestrians.

For Pedestrians:

Follow these 4 simple tips to walk safely through a roundabout:

- **Use the designated crosswalk.**

Never walk in the roundabout or the central island.

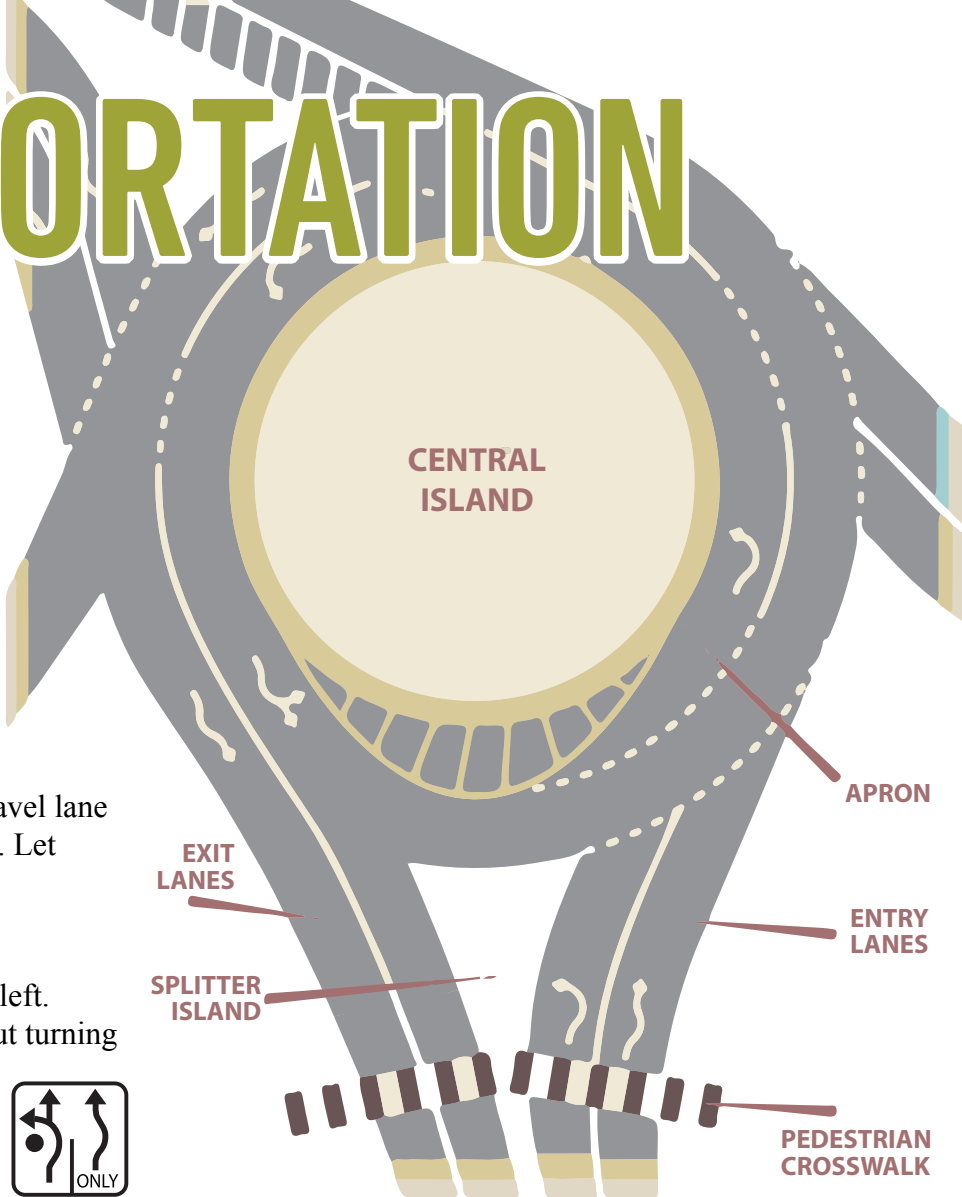
- **Cross one lane at a time to the splitter island.**

It provides refuge between lanes.

- **When crossing an entry lane, watch for oncoming traffic.** Even though you have the right-of-way when you are in the crosswalk, make sure that drivers see you and stop for you.

- **When crossing an exit lane, watch for cars leaving the roundabout.**

You have the right-of-way, but proceed carefully.



For Bicyclists:

Ride a bicycle as if you were driving a car. Be assertive so cars see you and respect your right to be on the road. Refer to the same steps on the left column with the addition of these tips. If riding on the shoulder or bike lane:

- **Merge into travel lane before the shoulder ends.**
- **Move slowly and signal.**

If you don't want to ride your bicycle in the roundabout, use the sidewalks and proceed as a pedestrian. (Refer to the instructions for pedestrians.)

Once in the roundabout:

- **Don't hug the curb**
- **Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing you.**
- **Watch for cars waiting to enter the roundabout**

TRANSPORTATION

GOLF CARTS vs. LOW SPEED VEHICLES (LSV)



Youngsville is a community friendly to golf carts and low speed vehicles (LSV). But before you hit the streets, know the laws and regulations surrounding the use of either within the city limits.

- **BOTH** require a valid driver's license, registration, and insurance. Parents will be held responsible for underage operators
- **LOW-SPEED VEHICLES** must be registered with the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles, display a registration sticker, and license plate. Permitting with the city is not required for LSVs.
- **GOLF CARTS** must be permitted with the City of Youngsville to operate on city roadways. To be street legal, a golf cart **MUST** have all required safety equipment, be registered with the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles and display a registration sticker. Simply adding lights to a golf cart does **NOT** make it street legal.
- **GOLF CARTS CANNOT** legally cross any public roads with 35mph speed limit or higher in Youngsville.
- **LOW-SPEED VEHICLES CAN** legally operate on roads up to 35mph and cross roads up to 45 mph. Crossing any roadway must be done at a crossing.

For complete details, the city ordinance can be found at Youngsville.us by accessing the Code of Ordinances under the Government tab. Go to legis.la.gov/legis/LawSearch to view the Louisiana state statutes.

Questions? Contact YPD: (337) 856-5931

TRANSPORTATION

Youngsville is a great place to live and that is evident by the abundance of growth we have experienced over the past 20 to 30 years. Where growth comes, so do growing pains and Youngsville is no exception. Transportation has been a topic of discussion throughout the city for a few years, and the city has made it a top priority. Traffic is a sign of a vibrant city, but it is incumbent upon the city government to find innovative ways to improve the flow of traffic. The City of Youngsville, in June of 2022, worked with Vijay K. Kunada, P.E., PTOE, PTP of Neel-Schaffer and adopted a Transportation Master Plan that outlined to accomplish 4 objectives:

- Address current and future traffic conditions
- Improve connectivity
- Preserve corridors to accommodate future growth and minimize impacts to traveling public
- Identify strategies for safe movement of traffic

Upon the adoption of this Master Plan, Mayor Ken Ritter committed to major road improvements throughout the next few years. The Mayor and Council have committed to spending more than 20 million dollars this term improving existing roadway, while also adding new roadways to better connect the city.

If you would like to see the full Transportation Master Plan, please visit the City's website at: <https://www.youngsville.us/city-services/transportation/> for more information.

See below a few proposed changes in the near future:

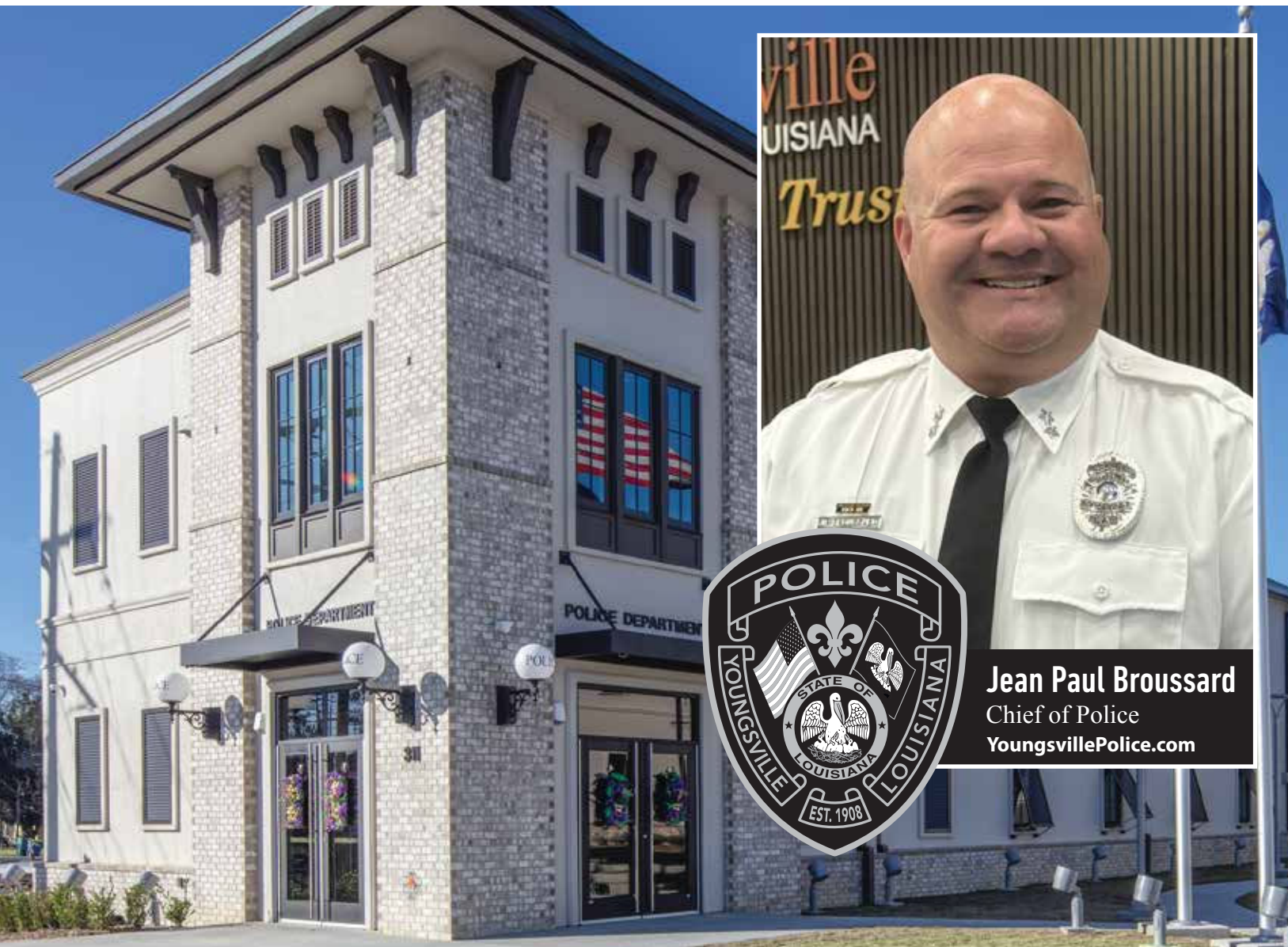
- Widening of Hwy 89 (Youngsville Hwy) from 2-lanes to 4-lanes from Iberia St. to Ambassador Caffery Pkwy.
- Fortune Rd. Roundabout at Hwy 89 (Youngsville Hwy) and extension to Fairfield Rd. in Broussard
- Widening of Hwy 92 from St. Blaise Ln to Brookdale Blvd. adding a strategic middle turning lane
- Redesigning and improving Veterans' Memorial Roundabout (Chemin Metairie @ Hwy 92) to become a 2-lane full circulating roundabout
- Widening and raising of Larriviere Rd. from Young St. to Chemin Metairie
- Adding turning lane on East Milton (Hwy 92)

All of the listed road improvements above will better facilitate and accommodate the traffic Youngsville is experiencing as a result of our growth. This is a long, expensive process and a collaboration of all stakeholders in Youngsville: our citizens, our city government, our state legislators, our state government, and our private sector contractors having patience and appreciation for the process.



PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFETY IS ALWAYS A PRIORITY



311 Lafayette St.
Youngville, LA

Youngville Police Department

The Youngville Police Department is a full-service law enforcement organization made up of a diverse team of professionals who are dedicated to long term problem solving with a community policing philosophy. Besides patrolling our city, the Youngville Police Department consists of departments that specialize in criminal investigations, traffic, school resource officers, a community liaison and a park police division. As the Youngville Police Department continues to evolve and develop programs, implement technology and take on new initiatives, know that the Youngville Police Department considers the city's residents its highest priority. If you need to pay a ticket, you can do so by coming to the Youngville Police Department located at 311 Lafayette St.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Blair Rivette

Fire Chief
YoungvilleFire.com



Youngville Fire Department

The Youngville Fire Department responds to all fires, major vehicle accidents, rescue calls, hazardous material calls and also responds to medical calls at the First Responder level. There are two fire stations within the city, which help to keep our response times low and maintain our low fire rating, which affects your insurance.

Youngville Fire Dept.

Fire Station 1: 300 Fountain View Dr.

Fire Station 2: 2301 Bonin Rd.

HISTORY

We are so very proud you chose the City of Youngsville as your home! Often on the list of Best Places to Live in Louisiana; as well as the fastest growing city in Louisiana, those of us that live here truly know that our biggest asset is our people! Throughout our rich history, our people have made it what it is today. The growing city you see today started out as a little farming settlement that now has been replaced by a mixture of farming, residential and commercial areas, and yet there is a strong desire to preserve the small-town feel.

In 1834, after receiving a substantial land grant, Charles Abraham Roy along with his wife and 10 children moved to the area. In 1839, Mr. Roy laid out a settlement and named it Royville. After the death of Mr. Roy in 1847, his oldest son Desire' donated nine arpents of land to create a Catholic Parish in Royville. The church, originally named St. Etienne, was significant for the long-term viability of the settlement; as well as an integral part of the life of the residents of Royville. The church name was later changed to St. Anne and is one of the oldest Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Lafayette. Many members of the Roy family are buried in the cemetery at St. Anne.

In 1908, the Village of Royville got a new name! At the request of the United States Postal Service, the name was changed to avoid confusion with a city in North Louisiana called Rayville. There are many stories about how the name Youngsville was chosen. The consensus is that the citizens chose the name Youngsville by combining "young village!"

In the early 1940's, the population of Youngsville had grown to approximately 650 residents. It was at this time, the United States found itself involved in World War II. The State of Louisiana along with the United States joined together to solve a great labor shortage to farmers in Louisiana. The Village of Youngsville was among many of the locations in Louisiana that were chosen to receive German prisoners to provide



OLDEST GRAVE—Father Francois Buisieres, pastor of St. Anne Parish, Youngsville, points out the oldest grave in the church cemetery, dated 1859. (Photo by P.C. Piazza)

labor assistance to the local farmers by working in the fields and helping at the local cannery and cotton gin. The prisoner of war camp was in what is now known as Foster Park.

By 1960, Youngsville's population reached close to 1,000 residents! By all accounts, the idyllic tight knit community was living its best life. It seemed that there was a grocery store on every corner, good schools, a popular event that drew people from all over Acadiana called "The Festival of Beauties" and even a saloon or two.

In the very early morning in the fall of 1969, tragedy struck Youngsville when the town's mainstay employer, the Youngsville Sugar Refinery, caught fire. The refinery was a total and devastating loss to the



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HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION SOCIETY
www.youngsvillelegacy.com

HISTORY

residents of Youngsville. Fortunately, the “can do” spirit of the community, along with great leadership, pulled themselves together.

In the early 1980’s, the population of Youngsville exceeded 1,000 residents. Governor Dave Treen declared that the Village of Youngsville was now officially a town. At that time, it was necessary to restructure the town government to accommodate the growing community. Since 1908, the village had operated with a mayor and three Alderman. The decision was made and the town voted to change the charter. The resulting change to elect a mayor and five council persons still exists today. In 2005, with the population reaching 5,000 residents, Governor Kathleen Blanco declared Youngsville a city!

In the last 16 years, the City of Youngsville has experienced incredible growth with new neighborhoods, restaurants, a world class sports complex, and three beautiful new schools. Youngsville can uniquely say that it doesn’t even have one traffic light! Instead, the city is also affectionately known as the “Roundabout Capital of Louisiana” and is home to ten major roundabouts! The City currently operates with a budget of over \$50 million dollars, and with the construction of a new Municipal Complex, an expansion to the current Sports Complex, renovations to St. Anne’s Catholic Church, and even more businesses choosing Youngsville, the future truly is bright! The 2020 census revealed that our population is 16,898 which makes us the 19th largest city in Louisiana. Youngsville is currently growing at a rate of 4.30% annually and its population has increased by

107.03% since the 2010 census, which recorded a population of 8,105.

We hope you enjoy living here; Youngsville has always been a special place. Since our humble beginnings in 1839, through good times and hard times, our city has flourished because of its commitment to supporting each other. Today, our residents enjoy many of the benefits and conveniences of larger cities while maintaining that small town feel. In addition to our very qualified elected officials, Youngsville offers the finest in police and fire protection, a hard-working public works department and a professional and caring city staff! Thank you for choosing Youngsville, “Where Life Is Sweeter!”



PARKS & RECREATION



Complimenting the Youngsville Sports Complex are three satellite parks located throughout the city. Foster Park is located on 4th Street and is Youngsville's oldest recreational area, with a rich history dating back nearly 50 years. Foster Park features 2 lit baseball/softball fields, a large multi-use green space, a children's playset, a fitness trail, 2 tennis courts, and a new concession and restroom building. Rounding out these parks are the Youngsville Bark Park, a new 4+ acre community dog park located on S. St. Blaise Lane, and Veterans Memorial Gateway Park, which is located on Hwy. 92, features a fitness trail, and is dedicated to active and retired service members. Both Veterans Park and the Bark Park were built around functional retention ponds, built to help mitigate stormwater drainage. The Youngsville Parks and Recreation department is growing and evolving as rapidly as the city and intends to provide great memories, positive experiences, and direction for our young people, helping them to become effective adults who will continue to be involved in their community. Our philosophy is to provide quality programs with emphasis on teaching sportsmanship, responsibility, discipline, and communication – qualities that encourage the healthy development of our children, strengthen families, and create a vibrant, energetic community.



YOUNGSVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX



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 **YOUNGSVILLE
SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Youngsville Sports Complex has expanded! Included in the newly opened 46-acre expansion are 2 high school and collegiate size baseball fields, an 8-court outdoor pickleball center, and the Youngsville Amphitheater, capable of hosting large scale community events and concerts. The now 117-acre Youngsville Sports Complex is the premier recreational facility in our region, hosting a variety of sports and events year-round. The Complex is an economic driver of our community, drawing over 1.2 million annual visitors with established events including the NCAA Women's Softball Mardi Gras Mambo, various PONY youth baseball and softball international World Series tournaments, NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball tournaments, and more! The Complex offers 11 multi-purpose baseball/softball fields, 6 soccer/flag football fields, 11 covered and lit batting cages, 10 tennis courts, and 9 beach volleyball courts. Other amenities include 9 pavilions, a 1-mile fitness trail, a large fishing pond, 2 children's playsets, and a 3,000 square foot children's splash park! Indoor volleyball, pickleball, and basketball courts are available inside the 25,000+ sq. ft recreation center. The recreation center is also home to community events like the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and the Southside High School Social, as well as sporting events including MMA events, boxing tournaments, various cookoffs, and more.

YOUNGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Chamber's mission is to cultivate an environment that encourages Youngsville residents and business owners to create relationships in order to develop greater support of local business and generate ideas to improve the quality of life in our community.



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- Opportunity to be Awarded Annual College Scholarship
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities
- Advertising Opportunities
- Business Luncheons
- Spotlight Member of the Week
- Business Spotlight in Chamber newsletters
- Your business listing and contact info on Chamber website
- Your business on Interactive Business Map
- Opportunities to host & sponsor Sweet Life After 5
- Opportunities to host and sponsor Business Luncheons
- Opportunities to sponsor and attend events such as Annual Chamber Banquet, Guns N Hoses, Shop the Sweet Life
- Opportunity to be a Youngsville Chamber website sponsor
- Opportunity to be part of the Certified Sweet program specific to Youngsville, LA 70592
- Opportunities to support our schools
- Be a part of Shop the Sweet Life and support all of our local businesses
- Opportunities to serve on various committees
- Opportunities to be a candidate of Leadership Youngsville as well as a sponsor
- Be a part of the fastest growing business community in the state of Louisiana and home of the Youngsville Sports Complex

GET INVOLVED



As the largest combat veterans organization around, VFW membership spans the globe. We're an elite group of combat warriors who have each other's backs long after the fight is over. Camaraderie. Empowerment. Access to a vast network of resources. Assistance securing the benefits you've earned. Numerous discounts on a number of products and services. With a VFW membership, you'll find all this and more! We understand the unique bond you share with other veterans of overseas conflicts because we, too, have been there. Since 1899, the VFW has been the nation's leading veterans service organization in the fight to better the lives of all those who've worn the uniform of the United States military. No matter which conflict called you to service, we invite you to join us. Stand strong with the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary as together, we continue to fight for all that's good FOR VETERANS.



LAFAYETTE
COUNCIL ON AGING

The Mission of the Council is to enhance the well-being of the elderly by providing and expanding an innovation range of services delivered with respect, care, and compassion, upholding the dignity and

independence of the individual. In Youngsville, the Council offers a meal site at the VFW where seniors can enjoy companionship and fellowship with others their own age. They also offer meal delivery for those that are unable to get out. The Council also encourages seniors in the area to join in its FREE chair-based, functional movement classes that are held twice a week at the Youngsville Sports Complex. For more information or to sign up for any services, call 337-262-5990.



In October 1950, a group of 19 local citizens formed the Lions Club of Youngsville, driven by a desire to improve their community. We are proud to be celebrating our 75 year of civic service in 2025, with our motto being "We Serve". The club is part of Lions Club International, a global network with over 49,000 clubs and 1.4 million members focused on community service. The Youngsville Lions Club specifically supports two causes: the Louisiana Lions Camp, a summer camp free to children with special needs, pulmonary issues and diabetes, and the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation, helping those in need to receive eye exams and eye glasses. Recently, we donated funds for an "Inclusive Playset" at the Youngsville Sports Complex, providing a playground where children of all abilities can play together, fostering inclusivity and fun for all. If you would like to join us in serving your new community, you can contact us on Facebook @YoungsvilleLionsClub or email us at youngsvil lions@yahoo.com.

GET INVOLVED

Rotary
Club of Youngsville



Have you ever wanted to make a real difference in your community while building strong personal and professional relationships? That's exactly what the Rotary Club of Youngsville is all about. We're a local chapter of a global organization committed to service above self. As a member, you'll connect with like-minded leaders, grow your network, and take part in meaningful service projects that impact lives right here in Youngsville and around the world. It's more than volunteering—it's being part of a legacy of positive change. If you're ready to lead with purpose and serve with heart, we'd love to have you join us. For information on how to join visit RotaryClubofYoungsville.org or email them at rotaryclubofyoungsville@gmail.com.



Krewe des Amis (KDA) was founded in 1981 and incorporated in 1982 as a private, non-profit, public-spirited organization. Its primary goal is to preserve the tradition and spirit of Mardi Gras, with a secondary mission of fostering goodwill and unity within the community through social and civic endeavors. The Krewe's motto, "In Unity for a Better Community," reflects this focus on community engagement rather than formal Mardi Gras traditions. Over the years, KDA has sponsored various community programs, including youth sports, the Youngsville Festival of Beauties, and local charitable events. The Krewe also organized the Mardi Gras Parade in Youngsville until 2004 and continues to host events like our quarterly social events, Annual Crawfish Boil, Masquerade Ball, and Scavenger Hunt. KDA aims to provide both enjoyable social events for members and meaningful contributions to the community. Email krewedesamis1981@gmail.com for information on joining this fun and casual Krewe.



Join Krewe La Vie Doux and immerse yourself in the heart of one of the most vibrant celebrations of the year! Established in 2019 as a non-profit organization, Krewe La Vie Doux is dedicated to supporting the City of Youngsville and its surrounding cities. Our mission is to be a charitable organization that actively participates in annual Mardi Gras festivities. Beyond the festivities, Krewe La Vie Doux is committed to supporting its local community and economy through various initiatives. We provide small business support and engage in community outreach to foster a sense of belonging and growth. As a member of Krewe La Vie Doux, you'll have the opportunity to participate in exciting events, make lifelong friends, and create unforgettable memories. We take pride in working together to raise money for local charities, making a positive impact in our community. Embrace the joy of tradition while adding your unique flair to the festivities. Don't miss out on this incredible experience! Join Krewe La Vie Doux today and be a part of the magic. Visit KreweLaVieDoux.com for more information and to fill out the online membership application.

LEADERSHIP YOUNGSVILLE



The Leadership Youngsville Program is a concept that was originally part of Vision 2020 created by the Youngsville Chamber in 2013, as well as a result of the City of Youngsville and the Youngsville Chamber joining forces in 2019 with a mission to **identify and educate emerging community leaders** on challenges and growth in the city of Youngsville.

Ideal applicants selected should possess ONE of the following:

- **LIVE in Youngsville**
- **WORK in Youngsville**
- **OWN A BUSINESS in Youngsville**
- **Be a Youngsville Chamber Member**

Cultivating and Growing Leadership

The City of Youngsville is comprised of an engaging and active community, both in business and with its residents. The City and Chamber want to create an environment where community leadership can flourish.

During the sessions, candidates will have the opportunity to meet with local and regional leaders to examine issues of critical importance to the City of Youngsville.

Site visits, roundtables, group discussions, and hands-on applications allow for active engagement.

The Leadership Youngsville program offers participants access to an extraordinary network of area leaders and a unique opportunity to strengthen leadership skills within a growing community.

Applicants should live within Lafayette Parish and have an interest in learning about Youngsville. The class consists of 8 sessions from April – December. Currently, program tuition is \$750 for participants. Session times run approximately from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. and may start earlier or run later. Some sessions may include a full day and others may include half day sessions. Locations vary based on the session topic but will be primarily in Youngsville. Lunch will be included for full day sessions. Tours of some facilities will be included. Out of town travel for the day may also be included.



www.LeadershipYoungsville.com

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City of Youngsville

City Hall	337-856-4181
Public Works	337-857-6342
Sports Complex	337-857-6804
Police Department	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	337-856-5931
Fire Department	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	337-856-6906
Justice of the Peace, Margaret Hebert	337-501-4440
Constable, Chad Comeaux	337-380-0823

Lafayette Parish

Clerk of Court	337-291-6400
Tax Assessor	337-291-7080
Lafayette Consolidated Government ..	337-291-8200
District Attorney	337-232-5170
Sheriff's Office	337-232-9211
Registrar of Voters	337-291-7140
Coroner	337-291-7100
Lafayette Parish School System	337-521-7000

Utilities

Electricity

SLEMCO	337-896-5384
Entergy	337-837-8894
LUS	337-291-8280

Trash and Recycling

Waste Management	1-866-909-4458
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Gas

CenterPoint	1-800-477-0177
ATMOS	1-888-286-6700

Internet

LUS Fiber	337-291-8280
AT&T	1-800-288-2020
Cox	1-866-744-0179

