



**Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
and a New Year
of Peace and Happiness**

**Mayor Clarence R. Fields
Councilman Joe Bishop - District 1
Councilman Kevin Dorn - District 2
Councilwoman Carol Van Mol - District 3
Councilman Tom Bouchie - District 4
Councilman Nathan Martin - District 5**



Offices will be closed
on Monday, December 26th in
observance of Christmas.

Sanitation Schedule

Garbage: Monday's Route on Tuesday
Tuesday's Route on Wednesday

Trash: Monday's Route & Tuesday's
Route on Tuesday

Pineville Youth Basketball League 2005 Registration Information For Boys and Girls Ages 4-15

**Please come to the girls gym at Pineville High School
and register your child on the following dates:**

Saturday, December 3rd, 9 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday, December 6th, 5 PM to 8 PM

Thursday, December 8th, 5 PM to 8 PM

Registration Fee: One Child - \$35.00

Two Children or more - \$30.00

Tryouts will be on Saturday December 10th, 8 AM to 3 PM

For Additional information and /or questions please contact

Leah Thornton (President) @ 715-5885

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2005 —City of Pineville—
Christmas Parade

From Louisiana College through downtown
Pineville, ending at Huey P. Long Hospital



FRIDAY NIGHT
December 9th • 7 P.M.

10th night of the
12 nights of Christmas

10 LORDS A LEAPING

OPENING DECEMBER 5TH :

Santa's House

(Outside City Hall)

5 - 8, Monday - Friday
4 - 7, Saturday
3 - 5, Sunday

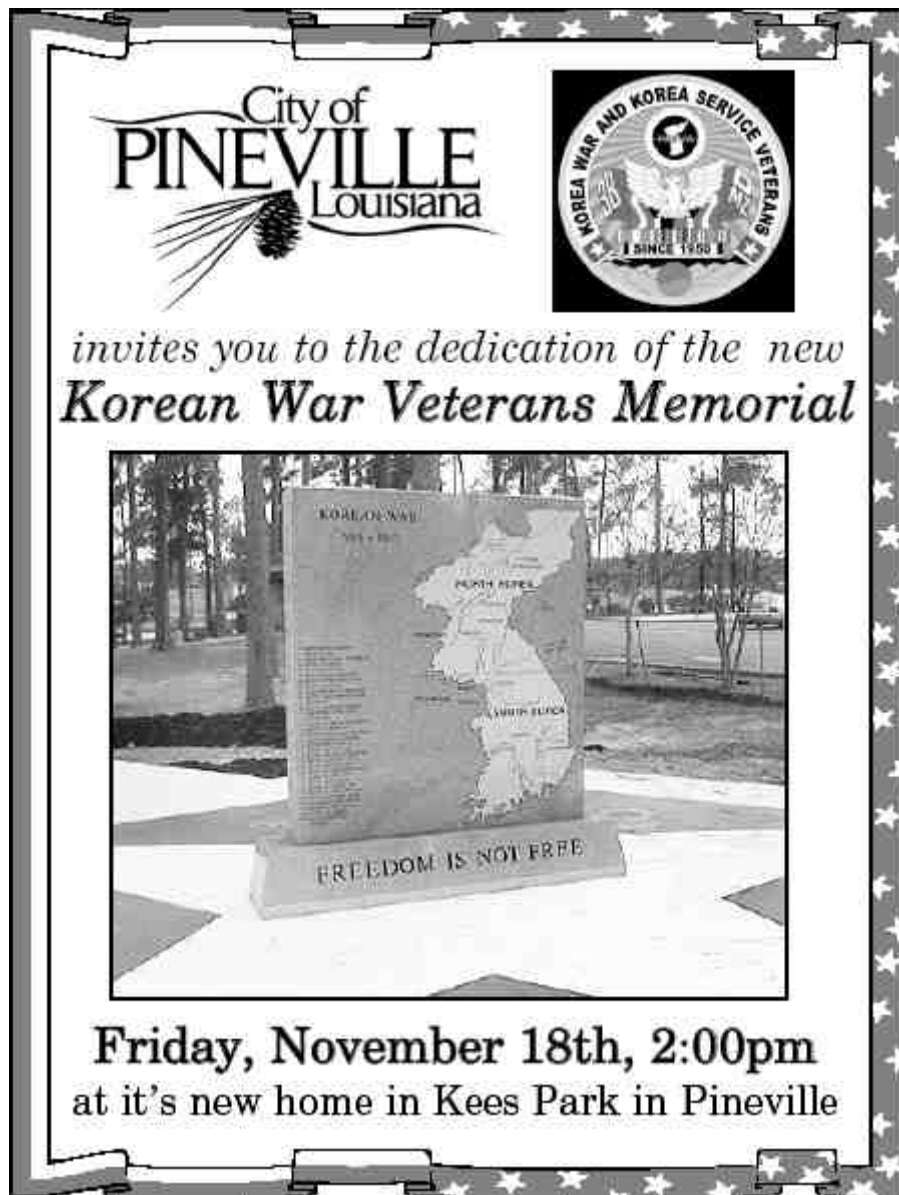
www.pineville.net

Gingerbread House

(Inside City Hall)

8 - 5, Monday - Friday
910 Main Street • Pineville

For School Tours Call 449-5650



2005 Veteran's Day Parade

The annual Veteran's Day Parade will roll through the streets of Downtown Pineville, **Friday, November 11th, starting at 10:00am**. The parade route will begin at the intersection of Donahue Ferry Road and Military Highway (by the entrance to Louisiana College) and



continue up Main Street, concluding on Hospital Boulevard in front of Huey P. Long Hospital.

Grand Marshal this year is **Brigadier General John Basilica Jr.**, commander of the 256th Separate Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was the Commander of the 256th Brigade Combat Team during its recent successful deployment to Iraq in support of Task Force Baghdad. For thirteen years, he held various executive-level positions within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to include Deputy Undersecretary, Undersecretary, Chief of Staff and Interim Secretary. Upon return from his combat tour in support of OIF III, he accepted a full time position with the Louisiana National Guard as the Special Assistant to the Adjutant General and an immediate appointment as the Commander of Joint Task Force Pelican, charged with leading the National Guard Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief effort.



“We were looking for a way to recognize our newest Veterans,” according to Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields**. “Because of the most recent hurricanes, many members of the 256th have not had an official welcome home. We are honored to honor them by having their commander lead this year’s parade.”

The annual Veteran’s Day Parade moved to Downtown Pineville three years ago, after many years on the grounds of the VA Medical Center in Pineville. With the desire to bring this great recognition of our veterans to a bigger platform, Mayor Fields approached the coalition of Cenla Vets in 2002 about making the change in parade routes. Since then, the parade has grown every year with High School bands, ROTC units, Veteran’s organizations, and other dignitaries gathering to pay tribute to those who have answered the call to serve our country.

Halloween Safety Emphasized

This year Halloween falls on Monday, October 31, which is a school night. It is also after Daylight Saving Time ends meaning it will get dark an hour earlier than we are accustomed to. The City of Pineville is requesting that all trick-or-treating activities be limited to 5:30-8:00PM in the interest of public safety. It will be getting dark around 6:00 so please be careful. Here are some Halloween Safety Tips:

1. Because children are out at night, drivers need to be particularly careful at dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use high beams to see and be seen.

2. Trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by an adult or travel in a group. Children should be told not to eat any unwrapped candy or treats until they return home where their parents can see them.
3. Parents should incorporate reflective tape in costumes or add bright colors to increase visibility. Make-up rather than masks should be worn to ensure that children have an unobstructed view of their surroundings.
4. Trick-or-treaters may be caught up in the excitement of the day and not be as careful as they should. They should always cross at corners and look both ways before crossing. Drivers need to keep a careful eye on the road and on the sidewalk, in case anyone darts out from between parked cars.
5. Children should stay on the sidewalk or if none is available, walk facing the lane of traffic, and they should also carry a flashlight.
6. Homeowners should clear their yards of anything that can be tripped over and be sure to have a front door or walkway light on, and refrain from decorations that use an open flame that could ignite a child's costume.

The City of Pineville encourages you to be safe!

Tree Assessment Should Be Part of Hurricane Recovery

The next step for homeowners who have tree damage due to Hurricane Rita is to evaluate the health of trees still standing and potential damage trees may still cause, said **Darren Green**, president of the Louisiana Urban Forestry Council and member of the [Pineville Tree Board](#).

“Central Louisiana communities sustained moderate to major tree damage from Hurricane Rita,” said Green, also the urban forester for the [City of Alexandria](#). “The damage was fairly predictable. Trees that lost major branches or were blown over entirely were mostly overly-mature trees, were species known to have brittle wood or poor structure, or trees that had problems caused by improper pruning or root issues from compacted soils. For example, numerous Bradford Pears split down the middle due to their poor branch patterns.” After clearing away downed trees and branches, the next step in recovering from a major storm is to assess the situation and decide what needs to be done - and by whom.

“If street trees are the responsibility of the city, report the damage to the department of urban forestry or public works,” Green said. “For removal of severely damaged trees or repair of damaged ones, decide if you want to do the work or hire someone to do it for you. Tree work can be extremely dangerous and a tree care company should be used especially when a tree is large

and requires high climbing or the use of a chain saw, the tree is partially down, wires are involved or structures are endangered, large limbs are split or broken but still attached to the tree, or you do not have the proper tools, knowledge, or health to do tree work.”

Green says the cities of Pineville and Alexandria will remove the downed branches of privately owned trees if brought to curbside by the residents. Trees cut down by private tree care companies in both cities will not be picked up.



Continuing To Do Our Part

To help those who are still without electricity, the City of Pineville is making available FREE Ice and Water on a first come-first serve basis. Starting at 10:00am each morning, until we run out, residents will be limited to 3-bags of ice and 2-cases of water per vehicle. The distribution point is in front of the old Wal-Mart building, in the Kings Country Shopping Center, just off the Pineville Expressway.



Pineville Police and Fire and Public Works Departments are on hand to help route traffic through the distribution area and load your vehicles. Traffic cones are set-up for “drive-thru” pick-up of the Ice and Water. Please remember that the limit is 3-bags of ice and 2-cases of water per vehicle, on a first come-first serve basis. The Highway 165 area is already quite congested, so please be patient and mindful of the additional traffic flow on this main artery in Pineville.

A Star Comes Home



Actress [Faith Ford](#) came home over the weekend to visit her hometown shelter for evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A Pineville native and graduate of Pineville High School, Ford now stars in the ABC hit series “[Hope & Faith](#)”, with actress Kelly Ripa. Ford’s management team had contacted City of Pineville officials about her visiting the shelter and has sent several care

packages on Faith's behalf. Ford's parents still live in Cenla, and they are building a home together in Pineville. (Ford is pictured between **Rich Dupree**, Mayor's Chief of Staff and District 5 Councilman **Nathan Martin**, all graduates of Pineville High School in '82, '83 and '85, but they wouldn't say which was which)

Ford is best known for her role on the series "[Murphy Brown](#)" (1988), playing the character Corky Sherwood, a role that earned her 5-Emmy nominations. In high school, Faith acted in school plays, sang in the Pineville High Chorale (with Nathan Martin), on the Speech Squad (with Rich Dupree) and in her senior year, was a finalist in Teen Magazine's annual model search.



At 17, she was in New York where she worked in commercials and did some modeling. Soon Faith had recurring roles in soap operas such as "Muffy" in "[One Life to Live](#)". In 1984, Faith made the move to Hollywood. Faith found prime time work as Janine, the fumbling secretary, on "[thirtysomething](#)" (1987) as well as guest spots on other shows. In 2005 she starred alongside Vin Diesel in the family action comedy "[The Pacifier](#)". Faith said that their new home will be ready by early next year and she and husband Campion Murphy, look forward to moving back home.



Hurricane Rita Update

The City of Pineville has established a "Command Center" for all calls during and post-hurricane Rita. That number is **442-6603**. Police, Fire and Public Works issues or emergencies should be directed to **442-6603**.

- All city personnel are on 24-hour stand-by, including Police, Fire and Public Works.
- City of Pineville is still in need of pillows and blankets at the Pineville Red Cross Shelter at Kings Country Shopping Center (Old Wal-Mart).

Please keep in mind that the City of Pineville's "Emergency Preparedness" is different for Hurricane Rita versus Hurricane Katrina. While our efforts in support of Katrina evacuees continue, we are now prepared for responding and providing for all our citizens, and ask you to stay off the roads as much as possible until this storm passes.

Pineville's "Old WalMart" Shelter Featured in the [New York Times](#)

An alert reader of the New York Times brought to our attention a September 30 article by Jennifer Medina of the New York Times which highlighted the work being done in our "Old Walmart" Shelter. You can read the article in its entirety on the [New York Times website](#) (free registration is required).



Ice and Water Distribution a "GREAT SUCCESS"

To help those who were still without electricity, the City of Pineville is made available FREE Ice and Water on a first come-first serve basis Tuesday through Thursday immediately following

Hurricane Rita. The distribution point was in front of the old Wal-Mart building, in the Kings Country Shopping Center, just off the Pineville Expressway.

Pineville Police and Fire and Public Works Departments were on hand to help route traffic through the distribution area and load the vehicles. Traffic cones were set-up for "drive-thru" pick-up of the Ice and Water. During the 3-day period 4 18-wheeler loads of water and 4 18-wheeler loads of ice were distributed completely free of charge. Residents expressed their appreciation to the Pineville employees and volunteers who assisted in this mammoth effort. Once again we are "Pineville Proud" of all those who helped.



Pineville's "Old WalMart" Shelter Featured in New York Newscast

[NewsChannel34](#) in Binghamton, NY, recently did a [story](#) on some of the New York volunteers working in Central Louisiana. In the story they call Pineville's "Old WalMart" shelter "*one of the best-run shelters for Katrina evacuees*". We appreciate the coverage and thought you might enjoy reading how others see the work Pineville is doing. You can also [view the Video Report <click here>](#). (Report begins after the ANC commercial.)

A lot of water in those “plastic bottles”

Pineville's newest corporate citizen has really “stepped up to the plate” in providing support for the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. [Plastipak Packaging Inc.](#), through [Absopure Water Company](#), an affiliate, delivered a 53-foot trailer of Spring Water (21 pallets of 1/2 liter single serve PET bottles) to the Pineville Community over the weekend. This was in response to a request from local management of Plastipak Packaging Inc. to assist the community in caring for the thousands of evacuees that are located in the surrounding area. Senior Management immediately granted the request. Whiteline Express, another Plastipak affiliate within Plastipak Holdings Inc, covered truck freight from Michigan to Pineville. Terry Mitchell of Mitchell Trucking, donated the shuttle service to deliver the water from the Plastipak Plant to the Pineville shelter. *(Pictured inside the Mitchell Trucking's trailer are **Dave Sjoberg**, Plastipak Logistics Manager, Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** and **Todd Tackett**, Site Manager for the Pineville Plant.)*



Plastipak Packaging Inc. of Plymouth, Michigan, opened a 500,000-square foot plant near Procter & Gamble last year. Built on a 62-acre site on Pardue Road, Plastipak has created over 100-jobs new jobs their new plant. Plastipak came to Pineville to make bottles for Procter & Gamble, which opened their new liquid detergent plant this spring.

Plastipak has 14 plants, 12 in North America and two in Brazil. Most of its U.S. operations are in the Midwest, though it has two plants in Texas. Among the customers for Plastipak's plastic bottles are Pepsi, Coke, Tropicana, Kraft Foods, ExxonMobil and Johnson & Johnson.



Open House for new Pineville Sportsplex

The Rapides Parish Police Jury and the City of Pineville hosted an “Open House” for their new Pineville Ward 9 Sportsplex, on Donahue Ferry Road, in Pineville on Saturday, September 10th. Tours of the soon to be opened 165-acre Sportsplex with eight baseball/softball fields and eight soccer fields were available. In addition to free hot dogs and soft drinks, the first 200-people through the gate received a t-shirt marking the opening of the new Pineville Ward 9 Sportsplex.

Country Music Recording Artist Jason Ashley was on hand to sing the National Anthem. There were games, air jumpers and fun for everyone spread across the new Sportsplex. The Ward 9 Recreation District will have soccer fields ready for play this fall, with baseball fields ready for play next spring. The future is bright for recreation for our kids...and we hope you will come share in the excitement and see the progress unfolding on the grounds of the Pinecrest Developmental Center, off Donahue Ferry Road, in Pineville.

Hurricane Katrina Response

The City of Pineville expresses our deepest sorrow to those affected by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. We have opened a shelter for evacuees in the old Wal-Mart in the King's Country Shopping Center in conjunction with the Red Cross. A Command Center has been set up by the Pineville Police and Fire Departments to provide security and medical assistance. Citizens can contact the Command Center at 640-8489 or 640-8693 to volunteer or inquire about providing donations.

Several local churches in Pineville are also operating as shelters and we are working with them to provide medical and other services. These churches are housing evacuees: Donahue Family Church, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Kingsville Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you for opening your doors and your hearts!

There have been many rumors flying around about violence at the shelters, car-jackings, increased burglaries, etc. These are simply NOT TRUE!!! There have not been any incidents of violence at any of the Pineville shelters. These people have been displaced from their homes and

have suffered devastating losses - they are very grateful for the assistance they are receiving and the hospitality of Pineville's citizens.

We appreciate the outpouring of support from Pineville's citizens. Once again, you have made us proud. We are continuing to work to provide the level of support you are accustomed to receiving. We appreciate your patience with us as we also take on the added load of caring for the hundreds of new "residents". Help us to welcome them with open arms. Working together as a community, we will once again show why Central Louisiana is such a special place to live, work and raise a family.

UPDATED!!! Looking for New Orleans Residents

Many people are trying to find friends and relatives. One of the best places to look is [Google's Hurricane Katrina search page](#). Google indexed many of the online databases, allowing you to search most of them from one page, instead of going from database to database. We still recommend the [Red Cross' Family Links database](#) both for searches as well as for entering your own info. Another great place to register that you're safe is at [KatrinaSafe.com](#).

Fields Elected to State-Wide Office

Pineville Mayor **Clarence Fields** was selected by his peers to be the 2nd Vice-President of the Louisiana Municipal Association this past weekend in Shreveport. The election was part of the 68th Annual LMA Convention, the state's largest gathering of municipal officials, representing over 300 villages, towns and cities in Louisiana. Mayor Fields has served on the LMA's Executive Board for the last three years, and now positions himself in two years to be the first Mayor from Pineville to serve as LMA President.

The City of Pineville was also recognized as a winner of a 2004 Community Achievement Award for its efforts in "Community Development" with the gateway enhancements that have been taking place on the Pineville Expressway and Downtown Pineville (pictured receiving the award are Councilman **Nathan Martin**, Public Works Director **Charlie Moore**, Councilwoman **Carol VanMol**, Mayor **Clarence Fields**, LMA President **James Petitjean**—Mayor of Rayne, Councilman **Joe Bishop**, Councilman **Kevin Dorn**, Councilman **Tom Bouchie** and Chief of Staff **Rich Dupree**).



The 68th annual convention, which was August 11th – 13th, occurred during the Association's 79th year of service to Louisiana's villages, towns and cities. Founded in 1926, the LMA provides a wide-ranging field of basic and specialized services to assist elected and appointed

town and city officials in their public service. LMA's 68th annual convention drew more than 1,300 delegates, spouses, exhibitors, guests, and dignitaries. Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, U.S. Representatives James McCrery and Rodney Alexander, Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu, Secretary of State Al Ater, Attorney General Charles Foti, and Economic Development Secretary Michael Olivier were among those headlining this year's speakers.

Super 1 Foods adds "Store #2"



There were many concerned shoppers when Winn Dixie announced it was closing its Pineville location as apart of over 300-closings company-wide. However, the big box at 3123 Highway 28 East, in the Pinebrook Square Shopping Center, never had a chance to be vacant as Super 1 Foods has converted the property to give them two Pineville stores. Super 1 Foods is apart of the Tyler, Texas-based Brookshire Grocery Company, and quickly brought in transition crews to remodel and re-merchandise the store to reflect Super 1 Foods' brands and atmosphere.

Customers are also seeing many familiar faces as well, as a majority of the store's 55-60 employees, who formerly worked for Winn-Dixie, were retained by Super 1 Foods. In addition to the two Pineville stores and one in Alexandria, Brookshire Grocery Co. operates another 152 supermarkets in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Bank One is now Chase

Bank One customers can now "Say Hello to Chase" as Bank One signs are being changed at 176-Louisiana branches and other offices statewide to Chase, the retail and commercial banking brand of JPMorgan Chase & Co. More than 3,000 signs in Louisiana will change to Chase as part of the rebranding effort. The change is occurring as a result of last year's merger of the parent companies, Bank One and JPMorgan Chase.



Don Barnes, manager of retail banking for Chase in central and north Louisiana, said: “We’re proud of our legacy that includes Bank One and First Commerce and Premier Bank, and we’re even more proud of our move to a brand steeped in tradition in our country’s banking history. Through expanded products and services, our combined company will make banking even more



convenient and efficient for our Louisiana customers.”

Pineville Mayor Clarence Fields (far left) and Chief of Staff Rich Dupree (far right) helped local officials welcome the Chase name to the Highway 28 East branch. Customers should continue using their Bank One checks and ATM and debit cards. Customers will receive Chase checks when they re-order, and new Chase debit

and ATM cards will automatically be sent later this summer.



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The Rapides Parish Police Jury and the City of Pineville will host an “Open House” for their new Pineville Ward 9 Sportsplex, on Donahue Ferry Road, in Pineville. This special tour and hot dog bash of Pineville’s new recreation complex will be Saturday, September 10th, from 10am till Noon. Come and tour the soon to be opened 165-acre Sportsplex with eight

baseball/softball fields and eight soccer fields. In addition to free hot dogs and soft drinks, the first 200-people through the gate will receive a t-shirt marking the opening of the new Pineville Ward 9 Sportsplex. Country Music Recording Artist Jason Ashley will also be on hand to sing the National Anthem and do karaoke with the kids. There will be games, air jumpers and fun for everyone spread across the new Sportsplex. The Ward 9 Recreation District will have soccer fields ready for play this fall, with baseball fields ready for play next spring. The future is bright for recreation for our kids...and we hope you will come share in the excitement and see the progress unfolding on the grounds of the Pinecrest Developmental Center, off Donahue Ferry Road, in Pineville.