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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7, 2007: The "24th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

As always my team will visit as many block parties as possible to say hello and to let you know that as your State Representative, I promised to be the voice for District 2 to make sure that you are constantly and properly represented in Baton Rouge as well as help build the economy within our district. I have kept my promise and will continue to build our district in a way that will offer permanent growth opportunities for the community and you. My door is open for your questions, concerns and ideas. Let me hear from you. Feel free to contact me via telephone, fax, mail, email, or through my website. Have a safe National Night Out.

According to the July 16, 2007 on-line issue of the Shreveport Times, Applications for Caddo Parish residents who live outside the city limits of Shreveport to close their streets for National Night Out block parties are available from the Caddo Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Steve Prator said.

The applications can be picked up at any of the sheriff's substations. They must be completed and returned to the Sheriff's Office no later than July 25, Prator said. If approved, a copy of the application will serve as the permit to block portions of the street.

Residents are encouraged to take a public stand against crime by participating in neighborhood gatherings and crime prevention events.

Contact the sheriff's Community Programs Unit at (318) 681-0875 for more information about National Night Out or to have the Sheriff's Office visit your party.

Any other inquires can be forwarded to the following contact information:

National Association of Town Watch

1 Wynnewood Road, Suite 102
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Wynnewood, PA 19096

Phone: 800-NITE-OUT / 610-649-7055
F a x : 610-649-5456
E-mail: info@natw.org

<http://www.nationalnightout.org>

Burrell In The Legislature

In the 2007 Regular Session, Rep. Burrell introduced HB 321 which would have essentially provided \$300 million for 1-49 funding for fiscal year 2008. HB 566 (now ACT 324) changes the name of the McNeill Street Pumping Station Museum to the Shreveport Water Works Museum. HB 940 would have increased the Tax Credit for Rehabilitated Structures in a National Register Historic District or listed or eligible for listing on the National Register and would have increased the total amount of credits eligible to be granted in one calendar year. HCR 154 requests the United States Department of Agriculture to study

ways to address the decline in numbers of black farmers in Louisiana and throughout the Southeast region, and HCR 155 directs the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to study ways to address the decline in numbers of minority and small farmers in Louisiana.

State Representative Roy Burrell is the recipient of the Louisiana House Rural Caucus Achievement Award. The award is given to members who have demonstrated leadership abilities in promoting community goals and in representing the rural constituency of Louisiana.

Rural Caucus Chairman Jim Fannin said the award was presented to Burrell for his role in focusing attention on improving Louisiana's highways and assisting minority and small farmers.

"Representative Burrell is a committed legislator who is concerned with the problems which face Louisiana generally and the rural areas of our state particularly. The 1-49 project is critical to our state and support the infrastructure needs of District 2 and throughout the state."

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"Whether fighting to protect the rights of small and minority rural farmers or promoting Interstate 49 construction in my inner city district, God commands us to provide for the least of our brethren," Burrell said.

Burrell, a state representative since 2003, represents House District 2, which encompasses Bossier and Caddo Parishes. He serves on Administration of Criminal Justice Committee, Judiciary Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, House Select Committee on Technology, and House Special

Committee on Cellular Technologies.

The Louisiana House Rural Caucus is a volunteer organization of 68 House members. The caucus was established in 1980 and works to promote and improve the conditions and objectives of rural Louisiana.

Rep. Roy Burrell (right) receives the Louisiana House Rural Caucus Achievement Award from Rural Caucus Chairman Jim Fannin. [News release and photo courtesy of the Rural Caucus.]



Register to Vote

How do I register to vote? (R.S. 18:103)

Where to Register

You may apply for voter registration by completing a Louisiana Voter Registration Application form at any [Registrar of Voters office](#) or by mailing a voter registration application. In addition, if you are seeking services at designated mandated sites, voter registration may be offered to you. Below is a list of mandated sites.

- Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicle offices
- Louisiana Department of Social Services offices and WIC offices, Food Stamp offices, and Medicaid offices
- Offices serving persons with disabilities, such as the Deaf Action Centers and Independent Living offices
- Armed Forces Recruitment offices

Form

To register by mail, download the [Louisiana Voter Registration Application](#)

[form](#) and then return a completed form to your local [Registrar of Voters office](#). Please note that the list of Registrar Offices is is now a part of the form. You may also get the mailing address from [this list of Registrar of Voters offices](#). Louisiana statutes require you to be registered 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that particular election.

Faxed Voter Registration forms are not accepted. The Voter Registration form should be addressed and mailed or hand-delivered to the appropriate Registrar of Voters in the parish in which you are registering. DO NOT mail or otherwise send Voter Registration forms to the Secretary of State Elections Division office - deadlines requiring receipt in the registrar's office may be missed.

To qualify to register you must: (R.S. 18:101)

1. be a United States citizen
2. be at least 17 years old to register but must be 18 years old to vote
3. not be under an order of imprison-

ment for conviction of a felony

4. not be under a judgment of full interdiction or limited interdiction where your right to vote has been suspended
5. reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote

How much does it cost to register?

Nothing. Registering to vote is a privilege afforded to you as a United States citizen by the Constitution of the United States.

Do I have to be a resident of the state to register? (R.S. 18:101(B))

Yes. For voter registration purposes, you must qualify to register by living in the parish with a street or rural route address. Post Office Box addresses and Mail Center Boxes do not qualify. We must know where you live so you are assigned to the proper precinct for election day.

When must I register to vote before an election? (R.S. 18:135)

Register to Vote continued . . .

Louisiana statutes require you to be registered 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that particular election.

What do I need to bring with me to register to vote? (R.S. 18:105)

In registering in person at a parish [Registrar of Voters](#) office, you are required to prove age, residency, and identity. You may submit your current Louisiana driver's license, birth certificate or other documentation which reasonably and sufficiently establishes your identity, age and residency.

If registering at a mandated site, no further proof of identification is required other than whatever proof is required for received services that you have applied for. Louisiana mails a verification mailing card to verify the address you have provided when registering by mail.

Can I choose which address to use for registering? (R.S. 18:101(B))

No. You must register to vote using your Homestead Exemption address. However, if you do not claim Homestead Exemption and reside at more than one place in the state with an intention to reside there indefinitely, you may register only at one of the places at which you reside.

Why is the residence address so important?

Because your elected representatives are determined by your residence address. In order for you to vote on the correct ballot for an election, your registration must have your residence address.

What do I do if my residence address, mailing address, or name has changed after I have registered to vote? (R.S. 18:110 & 111)

You must notify the [Registrar of Voters](#) office in your parish of any changes to your registration. If you have moved out-

side your parish, you are no longer eligible to remain registered in that parish.

Do I have to register prior to each election?

No. Once you are registered in your parish, you will remain registered unless you move from this parish or lose your civil rights.

If I move from another parish in Louisiana, do I have to register again? (R.S. 18:108)

Yes. Voter registration is not transferable. You must register every time you move to a new parish in Louisiana.

How do I become a Louisiana resident? (R.S. 18:101(B))

While this question sounds complicated, it is really very simple. If you live in Louisiana and intend for this to be your legal residence, you are a Louisiana resident.

My children are going off to college. Where should they be registered to vote? (R.S. 18:101(C))

Students may use their home residence address within the state or their school address for voter registration purposes. Out of state students are allowed to use their school address in Louisiana if they want to be a voter in this state.

What are the recognized political parties in the State of Louisiana? (R. S. 18:441, 18:551(D), and 1461(A)(6))

The Green, Libertarian, and Reform parties have fulfilled all the requirements in R.S. 18:441 and are now [recognized political parties](#). This means that Louisiana now has five (5) recognized political parties: Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Reform and Repub-

lican. (Updated 8-9-05)

How can I change my party affiliation? (R.S. 18:107(B))

Your party affiliation can be changed by simply sending your Registrar of Voters a written note requesting your party change (including signature), or by completing another application. Please note: if you are changing your party right before an election, it must be done 30 days prior to an election. Party changes received after book closing for an election cannot be in effect until the next election.

Where do I go to vote? (R.S. 18:109)

Always check your voter identification card. Your card will list your polling place. Please pay special attention to make sure you go to the correct polling place. If you are unsure, please call your parish [Registrar of Voters office](#) or use our [online poll locator](#).

How do I get another ID card?

You should contact your parish [Registrar of Voters office](#) to request a new one.

What do I need to bring with me when I go to the polls to vote? (R.S. 18:562(A))

Louisiana law requires a picture identification card to vote at the polling place. This can include a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana Special ID card, or other generally recognized picture identification card. If you do not have a picture ID card, you may sign an affidavit which will be attached to the precinct register, and you will be required to provide further identification as requested by the Commissioner at the polling place.



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HANDICAPPED INFORMATION

[Handicapped Access Information](#) This information is provided as a guide for the election officials who are directly involved in the Special Program for Physically Handicapped Voters, for the individuals who wish to participate in the program, and for any other individual who may have an interest in the law. The special program was established by Acts 1983, No. 500, to enable certain physically handicapped voters the opportunity to participate in the electoral process. It will enable these voters to vote absentee by mail or in person at nursing homes if they meet the requirements set forth in Chapter 7A of the Louisiana Election Code.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT INFORMATION (NVRA)

[The National Voter Registration Act Information \(NVRA\)](#) was passed by Congress in 1993. The Commissioner of Elections was designated the chief election official to be responsible for the coordination of the state's duties under the NVRA, working closely with the Louisiana Legislature to comply with the federal mandate and to have Act 10 of the Third Extraordinary Session of 1994 adopted, maintaining a single voter registration system for Louisiana elections. The main intent of Act 10 was to encourage voter registration by providing new and innovative ways to register to vote. The Act mandated three new intake programs: mail, motor voter, and agency-based registration. These programs not only bring new voters into the election process, but they also bring new people to the task of registration administration.

This information was pulled directly from the Louisiana Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/elections/elect-regist.htm#reginfo>.