

The Pulse of Pine Bluff

“Heart Beat of the City”

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Pine Bluff Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Pine Bluff Police Department will be holding their 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 25th from 12:00 to 3:00 at the Civic Center.

There will be an abundance of free food, games of every kind, prizes...prizes...prizes and above all the Easter Eggs. The Easter Bunny will also be making his usual appearance at the Pine Bluff Civic Center as he finds his way through the City of Pine Bluff on that day. This

community-wide event is open to everyone. Young and old alike eagerly anticipate this time honored occasion each year.

Last year's Easter Egg Hunt was attended by approximately 735 participants, with prizes such as bicycles, toys, candy and somewhere in the neighborhood of 4,800 eggs were scattered around the Civic Center grounds.

The Pine Bluff Police Department looks for a large attendance again this year so come early and enjoy.



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Mind Bender Mansion

Mindbender Mansion will be held at the Arts & Science Center from March 26, 2016 through October 1, 2016. Doors will be open at 10:00 a.m. for visitors to experience amazing puzzles, brainteasers, and interactive challenges guaranteed to test your brain power and problem solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers. Adults and children alike will enjoy exercising their minds as they try to master each of the 11 individual brain teasers and the three group activities. For more information contact 870.536.3375. This is an event you'll not want to miss and admission is **FREE!**



Mayor Hollingsworth Reports:



It won't be long before our city is full of vibrant spring colors, filling our surroundings with mother nature's gentle rebirth. This year as Pine Bluff comes alive with the radiant shades of renewal, let's also consider the revitalization of our own great city. During the State of the City Address I had the privilege of reporting on the phenomenal progress, we as a city, have achieved together. Looking forward, however, and with the ground work nearing completion, we will be

able to focus on the improvements which will be increasingly visible to our residents and visitors alike. It's been said that we will become a city we can be proud of, but I say, our great city is a town we are proud of.

Remember, the word TEAM says so much: Together Excellent Ambition Multiplies.

Mayor Debe Hollingsworth

“Slam Dunk the Junk”

The Pine Bluff Police Department is rolling out a new initiative called “Slam Dunk the Junk” to encourage kids to put litter in its place.

This new anti-litter campaign will educate children of all ages on the damaging effects of litter and the proper way to dispose of it. Litter in and around our some of neighborhoods and schools has become a growing issue in isolated areas throughout our city. “Slam Dunk the Junk” will target our next generation of residents and business owners to arm them with the right tools to create a cleaner, healthier community. Through the

Police Department’s Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Officer Shanee Howard, anti-litter material will be distributed to children in the Pine Bluff School District and surrounding areas. It is the Pine Bluff Police Department’s desire to foster a new respect and future hope for our city’s image and overall condition. The Department is asking all parents to support this initiative by becoming more aware of their soundings at home, in their vehicle and while visiting Pine Bluff’s retail establishments. Let’s become Pine Bluff Proud and “Slam Dunk the Junk.”



The Great American Cleanup begins



Arkansans statewide are encouraged to spruce up their communities by volunteering in the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup in Arkansas.

The spring cleanup campaign, coordinated and promoted by the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission, will be held Tuesday, March 1, through Tuesday, May 31. Keep America Beautiful will work with cleanup

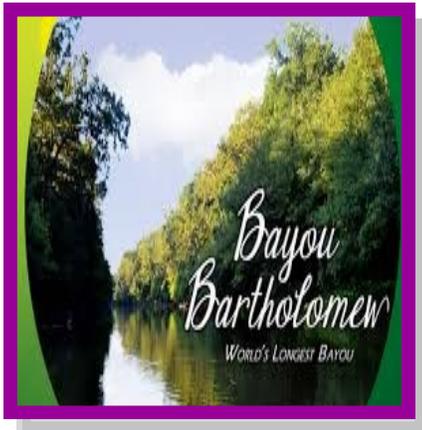
coordinators to plan and publicize local events and provide volunteers with supplies. To organize a cleanup event or volunteer, visit:

Keep Arkansas Beautiful.com, or
email: info@KeepArkansasBeautiful.com

Or Call 888-742-8701



Beautiful Bayou Bartholomew



Arkansas Cooperative Extension Water Quality program is partnering with Jefferson County, City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Pine Bluff/ Jefferson County Clean and Beautiful, and others to clean up on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Merrell Access of Bayou Bartholomew

next door to the Wal-Mart in Pine Bluff. Lunch will provided to all volunteers. Free t-shirts will be available as supplies dictate. Pine Bluff is better together! With community involvement our City and County will display the beauty we all enjoy during the upcoming spring season. Thank you for caring and becoming Pine Bluff Proud!

It's Here! A Night at CASABLANCA

Eat, drink, dance and be giving! CASA Women's Shelter is holding their CASABLANCA Benefit on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 7:00pm. The event will be located at the Pine Bluff Country Club and ticket are \$100 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Purple Purse, 1514 State St. in Pine Bluff or call 870-489-1463.

The event will feature Casino-Style Entertainment, Cocktails,

Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Dancing, and a Live Auction which will include a trip to Las Vegas!

This is a must see event and all proceeds will go to benefit the Pine Bluff CASA Women's Shelter.

The evening promises to capture all the elements of night life, excitement and chance, so mark your calendars, come, have a great time and give, give, give!



America Saves Week



America Saves is a campaign designed to encourage people to save and invest. The focus is to learn about tools and resources that will make the most of your financial capital. The America Saves Campaign began in January and ran through America Saves Week, February 22-27, 2016.

These are tips to be utilized all year long. Emergencies - Personal finance experts recommend having an emergency savings fund with enough money to cover all of

your living expenses for two to six months.

Retirement - Maximize contributions to your employer provided retirement fund up to the full amount that your employer will match. Don't have a 401K contribute to a tax deferred Individual Retirement Account.

Hopes and Dreams - set goals and create a savings plans to meet your dreams. Write your plan down so it will more likely come true.

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- ◆ **Checked street lights throughout the city**
- ◆ **Hauled debris from demolished houses**
- ◆ **Installing pipes for property owners**
- ◆ **Dug out road soft spots and repaired**
- ◆ **Filled excavations with hot mix**
- ◆ **Patching pot holes**
- ◆ **Cleaning ditches**
- ◆ **Cut shoulders**
- ◆ **Picked up limbs**

Spring Clean Up Fire Safety



Controlled Burning Rules

With the permission of the fire chief or his representative, burning in the open may be permitted without the utilization of approved containers under the following conditions: Attendant must be with fires at all times.

DO NOT burn when wind is high. Fire must be out before sunset. Stumps may be allowed to burn out after sunset but shall have an attendant and means to control the fire.

Burning must occur at exact location and in the amounts indicated by the approving officer.

Only site waste material shall be permitted to burn. Site Waste Material shall mean grass, clippings, leaves, shrubbery trimmings, tree trimmings collected for that site. No garbage, rubber, plastics, metals, petroleum products, tires, shingles, treated or processed lumber, or other hazardous materials shall be permitted.

Have connected water hose or other means to control fire available at all times.

Open burning shall have a minimum 50 feet clearance from any structure, property lines, public ways and utilities. Note size of piles may require greater minimum clearance distance.

Sec 10-87. Transfer

Burning permits shall not be transferable either from one location to another or from one person to another.

Sec 10-88. Expiration of Permit

Burning Permit shall expire on the date specified on the face of the permit and may not be extended, except for: Controlled Burn – Presence of bad weather conditions or a burn ban as determine by the fire department. (Once burning permit expires a new application must be submitted and applicable fee be paid.)

Sec 10-89. Display of Permit

Permit shall be on site of permit address and made available to any and all persons who may request to see permit.

Sec 10-90. Forfeiture of Permission to Burn

The applicant may forfeit permission to burn for failure to comply with any conditions of the burn permit rules, as determined by the Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services.

