

**Tuesday**  
August 6, 2013

# BAKER FORWARD



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THE CITY OF BAKER'S UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

August 8, 2013: 6 PM  
Welding Certification Course  
Orientation; Baker Council  
Chambers: Info: 907-3887

August 9, 2013: 6-10 PM &  
August 10: 8 AM - 2 PM  
Hunter's Safety Education  
Jeb Stuart VFW  
Post#4224  
3215 Ben Williams  
Baker, Louisiana 70714  
For Info and registration,  
please call: 778-0300

August 10, 2013:  
10 a.m. to Noon  
Miracle Place Church  
Back to School Event

August 20, 2013: 6 PM  
Welding Cert Informational  
Session; Baker Council  
Chambers: 907-3887

August 26, 2013: 6:00 p.m.  
**Community Meeting**  
regarding CATS  
by request of  
Council Member  
Chauna Banks-Daniel  
Location: Baker  
Municipal Center  
For more information,  
please call 389-8331

September 5, 2013: 7 AM  
Baker Chamber  
Business Breakfast  
Baker Municipal Center

For Immediate Release Ginger Vann (225) 778-0300

## Baker Declared a "Ready City"

At the 76th Annual Louisiana Municipal Association convention held on August 1 - 4, 2013, Mayor Harold M. Rideau was presented a certificate on behalf of the Baker Ready City Committee for successfully completing the Louisiana Economic Development Ready Communities Program. Baker was congratulated for "their dedicated efforts to excel in economic and community development."

Committee chairs include: LaTania Anderson, Steve Stein (Whitney Bank), Gary Mitchell (Ozark Insurance), Jean Byers (Heritage Museum), Carl Stages (BREC Foundation), Julie McCullough (City of Baker Public Works Department), Doris Alexander (Baker School Board) and Darryl Rainwater (Baker Police Department).

The Louisiana Development Ready Communities (LDRC) Program encourages and supports selected Louisiana communities to become development ready, competitive and "open for business" by creating and implementing a strategic community and economic development plan.

The Louisiana Development Ready Community program was officially launched in 2011 with eight communities. In 2012-13 two communities were selected for the program--one of the two was Baker.

All municipalities that have participated in the program are all more competitive because they have a written plan describing how they are going to leverage assets and address challenges. Additionally, they can show progress from year to year because of developed measurements identified in their plans; much like mile-markers on a road-map. Each community's plan includes strategies to address education, workforce development, infrastructure, leadership, and marketing/communications.

"The real success of this project lies in the communities' implementation of the plan," said Pat Witty, LED Director of Community Outreach Services. Each community must implement six elements of their plan by the end of the first year.

A copy of the City of Baker's strategic plan can be reviewed at the Baker Mayor's office.

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### More Upcoming Events!

September 8, 2013:

Baker Buffalo Festival  
Rose Queen Pageant

September 20, 2013: 8 AM

Baker Buffalo Festival  
Golf Tournament  
Dumas Golf Course

September 21, 2013: 8 AM

Running of the Buffaloes  
5k Run/Walk and  
1 Mile Special Needs

September 21, 2013: 2 PM

Baker Buffalo Festival  
Boxing Competition  
Baker Municipal Center

September 26, 2013: 5-10 PM

Baker Buffalo Festival  
FAMILY DAY: Flat Rate  
Rides/Talent Show

**Band:** Dunn Deal Allstars

September 27, 2013: 5-10 PM

Car Show, Spelling Bee,  
**Band:** Mellow Band

September 28, 2013:

11AM to 10 PM

Parade, **Band:** PHAT HAT,  
vendors, magician,  
children's games,  
science experiments,  
laptop giveaways and  
more. **Band:** U4RIA

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## BREC Fall Program Released

BREC's Fall Program Guide was released August 6. This program lists classes, programs and special events scheduled through December. These activities are geared toward residents of all ages and as with all of BREC's offerings are reasonably priced and, in some cases, free of charge.

You can pick up a program guide at any BREC facility as well as libraries across East Baton Rouge Parish. BREC will also distribute the program guides to students who attend school in East Baton Rouge. The guide is accessible online as well at the following link:

[http://www.brec.org/assets/DayCamp/2013\\_Summer\\_Guide\\_Final.pdf](http://www.brec.org/assets/DayCamp/2013_Summer_Guide_Final.pdf).

For information call: Cheryl Michelete: 272-9200 x 543

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## Baker Council District 3 Second Annual Back to School Event

Saturday, August 10, 2013  
10 a.m. to Noon

Location: Miracle Place Church Parking Lot  
2080 Main Street, Baker, Louisiana

Come and meet Council Members Joyce Burges and Robert Young!!

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Ken Fabre', City Attorney (225) 778-0300

## An Increase in the Millage Rate Will be Considered by the Baker City Council

Baker City Council Meeting  
August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Baker Council Chamber  
3325 Groom Road, Baker, LA 70714

As advertised on June 17 and 19, 2013 in *The Advocate* newspaper in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, notice was given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish will be held at its regular meeting place in the City Council Chambers located at 3325 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next tax year from the increased millage is \$372,332.14, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$12,332.14.

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A July 23, 2013 proclamation by the Baker City Council has declared August, 2013 **National Immunization Awareness Month** in the City of Baker.

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To list upcoming events in the *Baker Forward*,  
please contact Ginger Vann at 778-0300.

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