



PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS CONFERENCE for Presentation of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Cleanest City Contest 1st Place in Population Category C to Lecompte, LA – Wednesday, 25, 2022 - LHS Museum - Lecompte

Since 1958, the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. has yearly conducted the Cleanest City Contest for the purpose of cleaning and beautifying the cities in Louisiana by raising the awareness of our litter problem. There are 8 Districts each with 10 population categories. State winners for 2022 in the following populations categories were: Marion (Category B – 500 – 999); Lecompte (Category C – 1,000 – 1,499); Jean Lafitte (Category D – 1,500 to 2,499); Homer (Category E – 2,500 to 4,499); Scott (Category F – 4,500 to 9,499); West Monroe (Category G – 9,500 to 14,999); Gretna (Category H – 15,000 to 44,999); Monroe (Category I – 45,000 to 99,999) and Lafayette (Category J – over 100,000)

District and State Judging occurred in April and May. District VIII Cleanest City Chairman is D.D. Lamartinere of Fifth Ward. The Louisiana Garden Club State Cleanest City Chairman is Jean Gilstrap of Farmerville. In both District and State competitions, three volunteer judges rated each municipality in ten litter categories: approaches; public and/or municipal buildings; parks, recreation areas and cemeteries; business establishments; residential areas; streets, sidewalks, posts, and neutral grounds; vacant lots; community involvement; Book of Evidence; and overall impression of cleanliness. Each Category has a designated number of points.

For 2022, Lecompte has achieved 1st place in Category C. of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Cleanest City Contest.

A Press Conference and Community Celebration on Wednesday May 25, 2022 was held in the Convention Room of the LHS (Lecompte High School) Museum. For Cleanest City 2022, Lecompte Garden Club served as Sponsor. The program began with:

Welcome – Joyce Hoyt Lyford, Chairman of Lecompte Cleanest City and
Lecompte Garden Club and Louisiana Love The Boot Workday

Invocation – Robert Baxter – Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church and Former Mayor of Lecompte

Pledge of Allegiance – Chief Master Sargent Marie Ashmore, USAF Retired

Mayor Craig Phillips introduced the Sanitation Department Supervisor Gary Johnson, Assistant Supervisor Kevin Kirk and Demetrius Deloach: Assistant Police Chief Joseph Thompson and Town Clerk Jessica Celestine.

Joyce Lyford recognized community volunteers for the 2022. Lecompte Cleanest City Certificates were given to the following:

From Rapides High School for Youth Involvement and 2022 State of LA Love The Boot Workday:

JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) represented by Luke Peart

JAG Specialist Alicia Monroe

Future Farmers of America and Faculty Advisor Joshua Keiffer accepted by Luke Peart

Youth Volunteer Corps and Faculty Advisor Jeff Kenimer accepted by Angela Felix

Fellowship of Christian Students and Advisor Vernon Daniel Blood accepted by Angela Felix

From Rapides High School for Recycle and Reuse Art Contest

Art Department and Teacher Kathryn Gorsha

Community Volunteers: Ron Schneider, Connie and Frank Rachal, Connie and Phil Thomas,

Michele Ogea, Theresa Bailey,

Lecompte Senior Center Coordinator Faye Kindel

LHS Volunteers: Ronnie Roberts, Connie Thomas, and Robert Jones (Deceased)

Lecompte Garden Club Volunteers: Dorothy Carnal, Sara Marshall, Gladys Ford,
and Workday Site Chairmen

Lecompte Garden Club President 2021-23 Debbie Branigan Presented Joyce Lyford the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inter-Club Relations Lifetime Achievement Award and introduced Louisiana Garden Club Federation officials: 2021-23 President Roxana Champagne from Lafayette and Cleanest City State Chairman Jean Gilstrap from Farmerville. Jean and Roxana presented the Category C - 1st Place Plaque to Mayor Phillips.

Lecompte Garden Club Smith's Landing Chairman Dorothy Carnal, thanked members of the Lecompte Garden Club for their work. She also presented gifts to Lecompte Garden Club Special Volunteer Sara Marshall, President Roxana Champagne, and State Cleanest City Chairman Jean Gilstrap for their hard work to make the 2022 Louisiana Cleanest City Program a success.

Mayor Phillips and Joyce Lyford closed the meeting with the challenge to City Employees, residents, and volunteers to keep up the good work of maintaining a clean Town of Lecompte.

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Joyce Hoyt Lyford presents Lecompte Cleanest City Certificate to LHS Chairman and Volunteer Supreme Ronnie Roberts



Roxana Champagne, Louisiana Garden Club President; Lecompte Mayor Craig Phillips; and State Cleanest City Chairman Jean Gilstrap



Plaques Presented to Town Of Lecompte for 2022 LA Garden Club Federation Cleanest City Category C: District VIII (left) and State (right)