

## Youngsville Chamber Luncheon – January 8, 2019

- Pledge/Prayer
- Round Table Introductions
- Chamber Scholarship Opportunity - for members, employees, family members (one scholarship awarded - \$2,000)  
<https://www.youngvillechamber.org/uncategorized/apply-for-our-scholarship/>
- Swearing in of the Chamber Board
- Membership Report-we met our 2018 membership goals. Reminder to renew your membership for 2019. <https://www.youngvillechamber.org/join-the-chamber/>
- Ribbon Cutting – Chesterton’s Fine Cigars – Sat, Jan 12, 2019 – 2:00 pm, 208 Centre Sarcelle Blvd, Ste 103, Youngsville, LA 70592
- Chief Rickey Boudreaux invited everyone to Coffee with the Mayor & Chief @ McDonald’s in Youngsville from 8 am – 10 am on Wed, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Guests included: Donavan Blasingame with the Youngsville Economic & Development Committee, Attorney Courtney Tate and Terry Bourque, Youngsville Public Works Director.
- Mayor Ken Ritter reported that the first City Council Meeting of the year will be held this Thursday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. A demographer predicted a 25% increase in Youngsville’s population in the next 4 years. Permits are being issued for the Youngsville Annual Mardi Gras parade which will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. This is the second year for the new parade route. Four year old Dillon from Dreams Come True of Louisiana will be the Grand Marshall. Youngsville was named Best Place to Live in Louisiana by a USA Today Report by 24/7 Wall Street. Our new City Council consists of 3 returning and 2 new members. The baseball program is ready to go and registration starts on Monday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Practices begin on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Jude Check Presentation by Youngsville Chamber Board to Madelyn Rivera of St. Jude. Proceeds were from the Annual Chamber Tennis Tournament.
- Dustin Fortenberry with Waste Connections sponsored the luncheon and stated they handle Solid Waste in the Acadiana area as well as handling the recycling in Youngsville.
- Leadership Youngsville – Angie Eckman (Vice Chair) and Mayor Ken Ritter spoke about this new initiative created to develop more leaders and share information within our community. The mission is to identify and educate emerging leaders on the challenges and growth of Youngsville. Logo and web page are created and the application is online. There will be monthly sessions with community and city leaders on Infrastructure / Master Plan, Economic Development, Education, Sports & Quality of Life, Public Safety, Infrastructure Needs, Public Works & Current State of Projects, Future of Youngsville, Intro Youngsville, and Small Business Seminar. Applicants should meet one of the following criteria: LIVE in Youngsville, WORK in Youngsville, OWN A BUSINESS in Youngsville or be a YOUNGSSVILLE CHAMBER MEMBER. It would also be ideal if the

candidate lived in Lafayette Parish and had an interest in the city of Youngsville. 10 -1 5 applicants will be selected and there will be 6-8 monthly sessions. The cost is \$500. Applications will be accepted from Jan 8 – March 15<sup>th</sup>. Selection Committee will select candidates on March 29<sup>th</sup> and introduce them at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Banquet. <http://www.youngsvillechamber.org/about-the-chamber/leadership-youngsville/>

- Adjourned at 12:52 pm for Networking