



### **Oil Spill Claims, Information Available**

LOOP, Louisiana Offshore Oil Port Service, has set up a special telephone line and in-person center to process claims after the recent oil spill.



Claimants can call 1-855-566-7558 8 a.m.-7 p.m. to start a claim. Or, visit the center in Suites 229 and 329 at Courtyard by Marriott, 142 Library Drive in Houma; its hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

For important announcements, scan the QR code or [click here](#).

To report impacted wildlife, call 985-368-9866, or an oil sighting, call 800-424-8802

### **Fishing license, boat registration transactions in Bourg**

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries staff will make available new or renewed commercial fishing licenses and boat registration transactions at the Bourg field office, 468 Texas Gulf Road, April 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.)

Trip ticket staff will also be available to train new or existing seafood dealers on the process of completing trip tickets, answer questions and take trip ticket orders.



### **Learn about training grant program at Fletcher April 28**

Fletcher Technical Community College will host an informational event about the Incumbent Worker Training Program, a state grant program aimed at maximizing companies' training budgets. The session, slated 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 28, is designed for employers, HR professionals and training coordinators.

For information, contact Ethan Guidry at [ethan.guidry@fletcher.edu](mailto:ethan.guidry@fletcher.edu) or 985-448-7994. [Register here.](#)



### **Rideshare helps retain employees**




Does your company have employees without their own transportation? South Central Planning and Development Commission's

Rideshare program can help employers build reliable employee transportation solutions which help reduce employee turnover, improve on-time arrivals and ease parking demand through carpools and vanpools.

Vanpools, ideal for longer commutes, involves 5-15 riders who split fuel, maintenance and insurance costs. Carpools are ideal for any commute length and are highly flexible.

Want more information to start using these solutions? Email [rideshare@scpd.org](mailto:rideshare@scpd.org) or visit <https://scpd.org/programs/rideshare-program/>.



## **Grant can help festivals get handle on litter and waste**

Keep Louisiana Beautiful is accepting applications to support community improvement, prevent litter and promote environmental stewardship through the Greener Grounds Grant.

The reimbursement grant helps large outdoor events (like fairs and festivals) implement best practices for litter prevention, recycling and waste reduction. Nonprofit organizations, municipalities and parishes hosting outdoor events with more than \$1,000 attendees are eligible to apply; the events must be held between September 2026 and May 2027. Funds can be used for trash and recycling receptacles, litter and waste signage, educational materials, volunteer support items and litter removal supplies. Application deadline is June 21, 2026. Visit

<https://keeplouisianabeautiful.org/greenergroundsgrant/> for more information.



## **Business organizations' events**

### ***Leading HR with integrity discussion set April 9***

The Bayou Society of Human Resource Management features "Resilience in HR Leadership: Protecting Capacity While Leading with Integrity" featuring Kim Wyble, M.S., SPHR, during the group's luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at Plantation Inn, 1381 West Tunnel Blvd., Houma. Guest registration is \$30; register [here](#).

### ***CPRA Chairman Dove featured at next SCIA luncheon***

Tuesday, April 7 is the deadline to register for attending SCIA's luncheon on Tuesday, April 14 featuring Gordy Dove, CPRA Chairman. It will be 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at Courtyard Marriott, 142 Library Drive in Houma. [Register here](#).

### ***Business women to network in Thibodaux April 16***

The Women's Business Alliance of the Bayou Region will gather for a networking mixer, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Fremin's Restaurant, 402 West Third Street in Thibodaux. There is no charge to attend; but [register here](#).

### ***Lt. Governor to speak at area chambers' luncheon April 28***

The Chambers of Commerce from Houma-Terrebonne, Lafourche and Thibodaux will welcome Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser Tuesday, April 28. The event, at Courtyard by Marriott in Houma, will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and costs \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Register with your local chamber of commerce to attend.

### **Online training to start or grow your business**

SCORE and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center offer free or low-cost online training for startup and existing businesses on various topics, including:

- "Bookkeeping Essentials Every Small Business Owner Needs" will be online noon Thursday, April 2. [Register here.](#)
- "Event Marketing Playbook - Turn Event Traffic into Sales" will be online noon Tuesday, April 7. [Register here.](#)
- "Starting and Financing Your Business" will be online 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8. [Register here.](#)
- "How to Actually Grow Your Business - Build a 12-Month Growth Plan" will be presented online at noon Tuesday, April 14. Cost is \$15; [register here.](#)
- "Getting Your Business Loan Ready: What Lenders Want to See" will be online 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21. [Register here.](#)
- "Prepare for Event Success: Plan for Peak Demand, Operations and Execution" will be noon online Tuesday, April 28. [Register here.](#)
- "Government and Disaster Contracting" will be online 9-11 a.m. Wednesday April 29. [Register here.](#)

Find more training opportunities from [LSBDC](#) and with [SCORE](#).

