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Early Voting Oct. 30-Nov. 6



Early voting takes place from October 30th through November 6th; and the Primary Election is on November 13, 2020. Data News Weekly, in its role as “The People’s Paper” encourage all to get out and vote.

Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

Voting and Election Information

In New Orleans there is football, basketball, festival and of course, Election season. While all elections are important, the direction of a changing of the City of New Orleans lies in the balance. So, in our role as The People’s Paper, Data News Weekly, continues to encourage all to get out and vote in early voting that takes place on October 30th through November 6th, and during the primary, that takes place on November 13, 2021.

This election cycle is chockfull of candidates competing to represent the citizens in several local, and statewide races. Among the many races voters will be selecting candidates for the Office of Mayor, City Council, State Representative, and Sheriff. In addition, there are races for City Council District Seats A, B, C, D, E, and at-large Division seats 1 and 2, Assessor, Clerk of Criminal District Court and four Constitutional Amendments.

In these times where some are trying to prevent citizens from voting, to eliminate this from occurring bring a photo identification, or signature on a voter affidavit. Also, masks are required in all polling locations along with COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

Have a Hand in Shaping the Future of New Orleans

In these critical times during COVID-19 and the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, it is important that citizens get out to vote. Additionally, there are other issues that many are concerned about including crime, the economy, affordable housing, education, quality of life and a host of others that affect the lives of the residents of New Orleans.

By voting, the citizens of New Orleans can have a hand in making a difference in the direction and priorities of those who are chosen to represent the people of the city. Making sure that whoever our elected representatives are, that all residents, and zip codes matter.

In the upcoming weeks, Data News Weekly, will dedicate several issues to the upcoming elections and give you news that you can use that will provide education, information, and inspiration with the goal of empowering our citizens when going to the polls.

Moreover, we believe in these are crucial times; civic engagement is important as ever. The future of our city is at stake, and we need all hands-on deck, and everyone’s voices need to be heard. Voting is a way to be part of this process, so please begin to study the issues, attend candidate forums if you can, and speak to your neighbors either in person, by phone or

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It is important that citizens vote this election season. Casting a ballot is one way that residents of the city can have a hand in shaping the future direction of New Orleans. Let your voices be heard at the polls.

on social media about getting out to vote this election season.

Lastly, we at Data News Weekly, are committed to continuing our 55-year commitment in our role as "The People's Paper" to be your voice, and we encourage all to get out and vote. Help shape the vision and direction of the great City of

New Orleans.

The following is important information for the Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, Open Primary/Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary/State Representative, District 102 Special Primary Election:

- The deadline to register to vote in person or by mail is Oct. 13.

- The deadline to register to vote through the GeauxVote Online Registration System is Oct. 23.

- Early voting is Oct. 30 through Nov. 6 (excluding Sunday, Oct. 31) from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

- The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Nov. 9 by 4:30 p.m. You can request an absentee ballot on-

line through our Voter Portal or in writing through your Registrar of Voters Office (other than military and overseas voters).

- The deadline for a registrar of voters to receive a voted absentee ballot is Nov. 12 by 4:30 p.m. (other than military and overseas voters).

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Algiers Courthouse

225 Morgan Street, Room 105
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Machine Warehouse Site

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New Orleans, LA 70126

Lake Vista Community Center

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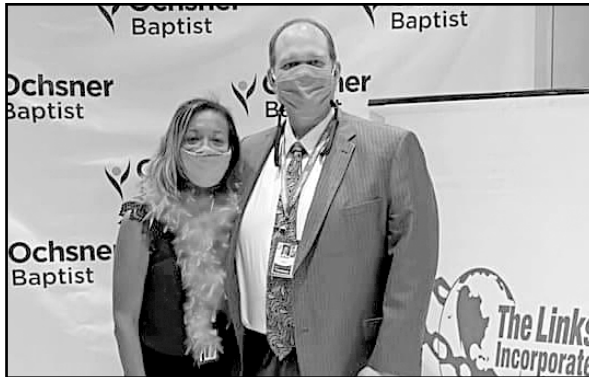
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Pontchartrain Links Teams Up with Ochsner to Provide Free Screenings for Breast Cancer Month

Madison Brydie
Data News Weekly
Contributor

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and on Saturday, October 16, 2021, the Pontchartrain Chapter of the Links, Incorporated partnered with Ochsner Baptist to host "Links in Pinks." The event provided free mammogram screenings with same-day results for local women, particularly women 30 years of age with a family history of breast cancer in their mother or sister, or women 40 years of age or older.



Ochsner Baptist Radiology Site Lead/Medical Director, Dr. Erica Broussard Bart, a member of the Pontchartrain (LA) chapter of the Links, Inc. with Josh LaFleur, Medical Director of Imaging for Ochsner Baptist Radiology, hosted residents for free screening mammograms on Saturday, Oct. 16th.



From left to right: Dr. Janet Barnes, Dr. Lynn Bernal-Green, Dr. Christy Valentine-Theard and Dr. Erica Broussard Bart. All are members of the Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated at the October Breast Cancer Awareness Month event.

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Residents attend a free screening for Breast Cancer Awareness month hosted by the Pontchartrain (LA) chapter of the Links, Inc. on Saturday, October 16 at Ochsner Health Center's Baptist Campus on Clara Street.

"The chapter wants to do its part in getting information so women in underserved communities get the testing they need," said Dr. Shaniece Bickham, the President of the Pontchartrain Chapter of Links, Incorporated.

The event, held at Ochsner's McFarland Medical Plaza, was organized by the Pontchartrain Chapter for Links, Incorporated, which is part of the larger volunteer organization consisting of 15,000 women of color across the United States in various chapters. The "Links in Pinks" Campaign to encourage screenings was first launched in October 2020, by regional chapters of the organization in the South.

This year they were able to partner with Ochsner Medical Center to not only include the free mammograms, but COVID-19 Vaccinations, continental breakfast/box lunches, educational speakers from an Ochsner representative, and a Links, Incorporated member, and information on Ochsner's Smoking Initiative Campaign.

"It's just very important that we engage in testing early on and early detection from what I read increases your chances of recovery," Bickham said.

In the U.S., Black women have the highest mortality rate from breast cancer, at around 31 percent, the highest of any other racial group, according to data from Breast Cancer Prevention Partners.

"We were able to sign up 25 women, 3 of which had abnormalities that needed to be checked out," said Dr. Erica Broussard Bart, the Ochsner Baptist Radiology Site Lead and Medical Director. "Seeds have been planted ... and you can start to see them grow and how many more women we will be able to reach," said Bart, who is also a member of the Pontchartrain Chapter for the Links, Inc.

Access to care plays a major role in Black women's survival of breast cancer, as data has shown that Black women are more likely to develop the disease before reaching fifty. This is why the event aimed to encourage early screening. Due to lower access to quality care and lack of early detection, the Pontchartrain Chapter hoped to help bridge the mortality gap and provide resources that can increase early diagnosis that could potentially save lives.

"The difficulty becomes making sure that they all can afford it [through] Medicaid eligibility, and things like expansion of Medicaid," Bart said. "I see what we're doing with 'Links and Pinks' as one of the ways to reach out and pluck these women out of their normal lives that don't even think of it as an option of getting care," Bart added.

Urban League of Louisiana, Foundation for Louisiana Launch Statewide Black Business Works Fund

National Urban League, AT&T and Mastercard Announce in Support of Black-owned Businesses Impacted by Hurricane Ida

Urban League of Louisiana News Release

This week, the Urban League of Louisiana, in partnership with the Foundation for Louisiana, announced the launch of the Black Business Works Fund, an initiative to assist Black-Owned businesses impacted by Hurricane Ida.

Urban League of Louisiana President & CEO Judy Reese Morse was joined by Marc H. Morial, President & CEO, National Urban League; Flozell Daniels, President & CEO, Foundation for Louisiana; and Vera Warren-Williams, Founder & Owner, Community Book Center, to announce the Fund's launch and encourage struggling businesses to apply. During the event, the National Urban League, with support from Mastercard and its Chief Administra-

tive Officer, Tim Murphy, and AT&T, made a major gift of \$200,000 to the fund. The National Urban League joins the Chicago Community Trust (\$250K gift), Shell (\$30K gift) and the Schultz Family Foundation (\$20K gift) as supporters of the sustainability of Black-Owned businesses in Louisiana.

"Hurricane Ida was devastating for Black entrepreneurs and business owners, who already were facing historic challenges brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic and the systemic and institutional barriers that pre-dated the crisis," said Marc H. Morial, President and CEO, National Urban League. "I'm proud of the important work Judy Reese Morse and the Urban League of Louisiana are doing to support our brothers and sisters who are struggling, and of our longtime partners



Judy Reese Morse, President of the Urban League of Louisiana

AT&T and Mastercard who are working to break down these barriers and build a more inclusive, resilient economy that works for everyone."

"Our Louisiana employees have stood alongside our neighbors across the Ida-impacted areas, restoring connectivity and rebuilding communities, and we are proud to support organizations – like the Urban League – that are dedicated to the strength of our home," said Sonia Perez, President, AT&T Southeastern States. "Much like AT&T, the Urban League has a long history of providing critical support for communities, and we are honored to join them in this effort."

Hurricane Ida has exacerbated existing challenges faced by Black-

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A Fashion Renaissance Shining the Spotlight on Local Designers



Tracee Dundas
Fashion Stylist



New Orleans Fashion Week (NOFW) announces its 2021 schedule of events with Taste of Fashion Week, a 3-day fashion fête of events showcasing the talent & creative spirit of New Orleans & Southern based designers.

Each year, NOFW strives to bring attention to the South-

ern fashion community using this event as the catalyst of brand exposure, industry education and resource sharing. NOFW attendees can expect to see a diverse range of fashion from local and internationally known designers including Project Runway Season 19 Designer, Aaron Michael.

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Taste of Fashion Week Schedule of Events

Thursday, November 4:

WARDrobe - Fashion on the Rations
FOLLOWED BY: After the Runway
Affair: Pose- An 80s/90s Throwback
After- Party
Fashions by Bambi de Ville at The
NOPSIS Hotel

Friday, November 5:

Giving Back with Style
FOLLOWED BY:
After the Runway Affair: Glamours Life
Fashions by Designer Candace Cullen
| Gerald Michelle
at Ace Hotel

Saturday November 6:

Taste of Fashion Week –
DESIGNER SHOWCASE
FOLLOWED BY: After the Runway
Affair: A Sel-fē Indulgence Experience
at ARTmazing Selfie Gallery

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National Urban League Grieves the Passing of Former Secretary of State Colin Powell



Marc Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League

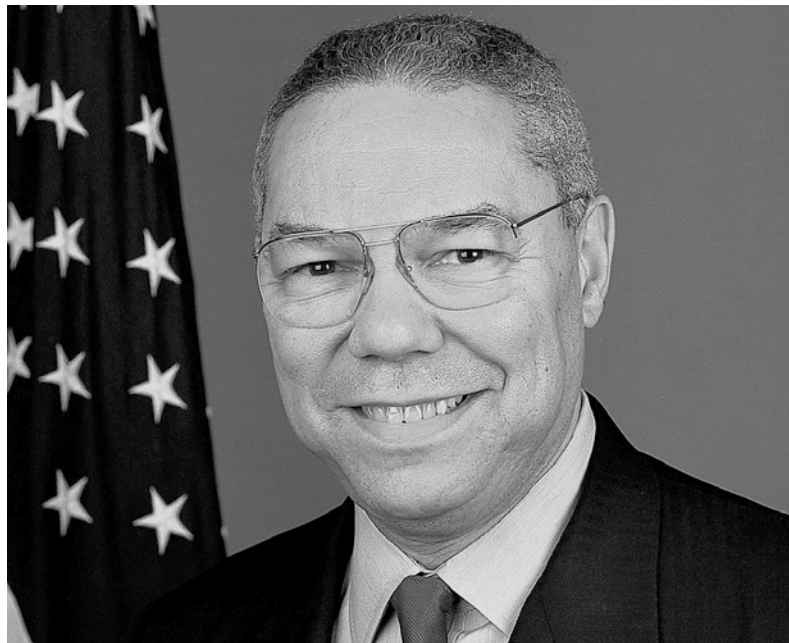
"Gen. Powell was a trailblazer, statesman, and a great friend and supporter of the National Urban League. His tireless service to the nation and its highest ideals serves as an inspiration to all Americans. His passing is a tremendous loss.

"Our heartfelt sympathy is with his wife, Alma, and their children, Linda, Annemarie and Michael."

The National Urban League honored Gen. Powell with its Humanitarian Award at the Equal Opportunity Dinner in 2009 for his exemplary global leadership during his career as a soldier, statesman and diplomat. Gen. Powell also served on the National Urban

League's Honorary Centennial Committee and was a key supporter of "I Am Empowered," an initiative to eliminate racial gaps in housing, education, employment and health-care. He was a consistent and generous contributor to the National Urban League for many years.

"Gen. Powell will be remembered as a man of principle, courage and strength, who never wavered in his determination to hold America to the highest standards," Morial said. "He is a role model whose life story will inspire generations of public servants who put the interests of the nation first regardless of party affiliation."



Former Secretary of State Colin Powell

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Oowned businesses. These challenges, including lack of access to capital and operating businesses concentrated in the industries immediately impacted by disasters and health crises, disproportionately affect business owners of color and can be crippling or the cause of a business' demise. The Black Business Works Fund was established to provide critical dollars that can serve as a lifeline for businesses struggling to survive.

"We are deeply grateful to the National Urban League for its major gift to the Black Business Works Fund," said Judy Reese Morse, President and CEO of the Urban League of Louisiana. "This major gift will support small businesses at a time when they need resources to stand, back up and be stronger on the other side of the storm. As a member of the National Urban League's 92-member affiliate network, we understand well the disparities that exist for Black-Owned businesses. We are proud to be a part of the effort fighting for racial and economic equity and justice for all," she said.

"Black led businesses are a vital part of Louisiana's unique social and cultural landscape," said Flozell Daniels, President & CEO, Foun-

dation for Louisiana. "Through the Black Business Works Fund, Foundation for Louisiana commits to keeping the social and cultural fabric of Southeast Louisiana alive. We hope to keep Black business owners rooted in their communities, and to keep the families of their employees in their homes."

Black-Owned businesses located in federally declared disaster areas can apply for \$2,500 micro-grants. Federally declared disaster areas include Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemine, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John The Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana. Businesses can apply online at urbanleaguela.org/fund and foundationforlouisiana.org.

The Black Business Works Fund is now accepting applications and will make grant awards on a rolling basis, as funds are available. To show support for the sustainability of Black-Owned businesses, donate to the Black Business Works Fund at urbanleaguela.org/fund or foundationforlouisiana.org.



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Future Growth for the City Lies with Local Entrepreneurs

Nia Brown
Data News Weekly
Contributor

A new New Orleans will require investment. Those were the insights of artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs as they brainstormed ways to jumpstart an equitable recovery for New Orleans, at the 2021 Guardian Summit, held virtually on Oct. 12th, and hosted by New Orleans-based Camelback Ventures.

This year's summit featured Artist Brandan "BMike" Odums, and special guest Olympian Allyson Felix, an entrepreneur and activist who launched her own athletic line. Camelback's mission is to increase access to opportunities for entrepreneurs of color and women by investing in their ventures and learnership while advocating for fairness in their funding, said Kelli Saulny,



New Orleans equity start-up firm Camelback Ventures hosted the summit. Kelly Saulny, the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Camelback Ventures moderated a discussion on the future of recovery with author and poet Clint Smith.

the Director of Strategic Partnerships, who moderated a discussion titled "The Makings of A Futuristic Recovery" at the summit.

"The goal of this panel and the summit is to drive meaningful discussions to use our creativity and

insights to create a more balanced and equitable future with the ability to think and innovate more freely," Saulny said. She noted the many New Orleans natives who have seen the impact that recovery has had on reshaping communities, narratives,

and the City of New Orleans.

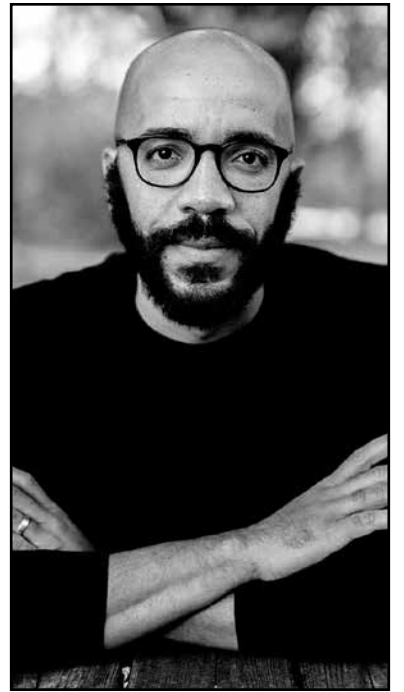
Among those natives is author and poet, Clint Smith, now a staff writer at The Atlantic, whose latest book "How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America," is a #1 New York Times Bestseller that made the longlist in nonfiction for the 2021 National Book Award. His poetry collection "Counting Descent," won the 2017 Literary Award for Best Poetry Book by the American Library Association.

Smith reflected on what it was like to grow up in the City of New Orleans before and after Katrina. He has seen what "recovery" looks like for different people after Katrina and the impact it has had on the Black community, who were unable to return to life as they knew it to be in the city. He spoke on those who have benefited from the disaster and how it has changed the city itself.

"Part of what we think of when we think of recovery, is like, who is being afforded the opportunity to come back and how is that going to subsequently animate both the culture, the sort of social demographics and the landscape of what that place looks like and we see it happen in all sorts of neighborhoods around New Orleans that look very different from when they did 15 years ago," Smith said.

The recovery of the city has been frustrated by continued natural disasters and now the Pandemic, the panelists said. Even if the crisis is different, recovery still would not look fairly the same for everyone.

The cycle has been going on for a very long time, Smith explained. The narrative that history has taught Americans is that there will also be two sides of recovery due to racial disparities. As long as



New York Times #1 best selling author, New Orleans native Clint Smith spoke at the 2021 Guardian Summit held virtually on Oct. 12th.

there are racial disparities within the crisis there will always be racial disparity in the recovery, he added. Investment plays a major role in helping all people equally recover, the panelists said.

"If you really want to recover, the recovery is in the people," Saulny said, "not just the infrastructure."

"If we continue to position certain people or marginalize certain people, we'll keep repeating history no matter what the disruption is, no matter what the crisis is the same people will continue to be impacted," Saulny added.

Local entrepreneurs are close to communities to understand their problems and to help find solutions, the panelists said. The role of Black entrepreneurs can help in a futuristic recovery, by joining forces to collaborate with communities to create new innovations in those spaces.

"When we think of entrepreneurial interventions, when we think about what it means to go into these communities, I think part of what we have to do is not suggesting to individuals or to communities that somehow they are responsible for the conditions that they find themselves in," Smith said.

"Instead, we are here to be partners in an attempt to create the sort of community that they want to live in, be a part of and stakeholders, rather than having these decisions proposed on them without their input or from afar," Smith said.

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NNPA Meets with Presidential Advisor Cedric Richmond

Lisa Fitch
Our Weekly News

President Joe Biden's Senior Advisor, Cedric Richmond, who serves as the director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, attended a live streamed briefing for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) on Wednesday to address a number of issues of concern in the Black community.

"It's been a long fight," Richmond said of the struggle for racial equality. "We're not where we want to be, but we are making progress."

The director noted that he was in the capitol on New Orleans native Cedric Richmond, senior advisor to President-Elect Joe Biden.

how close the country came to experiencing a coup in this country. He noted that the President is vocally advocating, and his administration is pushing the restoration of voting rights. An act to address the issue is now sitting in the Senate.

"We understand the importance of voting," Richmond said, explaining that the first order of business is to craft an act which all 50 Democrats can agree on. With 50 votes the Vice President would be the tie breaker. "There are some challenges there."

Richmond explained that the administration is fighting on this issue using a three-pronged approach – in the justice department, filing suits in the courts; pushing the act in the halls of congress; and organizing and educating voters on the street corners.

The advisor said that voter suppression happens in several ways—creating barriers to voting like requiring identifications and also persuading people that voting doesn't matter. Voters become discouraged

"The best and most immediate thing we can do is restore the voting rights act," he said.

Richmond also addressed the administration's promise to increase education funding — from pre-kindergarten to HBCUs — noting that the country's public schools have turned into a system of haves and have nots.

"This is something that flies under the radar far too often," he said. "We want to make sure three-



New Orleans native Cedric Richmond, senior advisor to President-Elect Joe Biden.

and four-year old's go to school for free... It's Time to invest in our children and put our money where our mouth is."

Richmond also addressed the issues of home ownership, generational wealth and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which, among other things, directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to create uniform accreditation standards for law enforcement agencies and requires law enforcement officers to complete training on racial profiling, implicit bias, and the duty to intervene when another officer uses excessive force.

The House passed the measure in May, but it sits in the Senate now, where it still needs votes.

"That process went on and on," Richmond said. "Senate Republicans wouldn't even go as far as President (Donald) Trump's executive order. They were backtracking."

"Where congress won't act, we will," he said, noting that the DOJ has banned choke holds. "We will do as much as we possibly can according to the constitution. The one thing this president is not afraid of doing is action with executive orders"

Richmond said the administration is not letting congress off the hook and will continue to push for legislation equity.

"We are intentional about investing in the African-American community," he concluded. "Making sure African-Americans get to chart their own future."

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