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Cetane bringing diesel facility to St. Gabriel

Cetane Renewable Energy Partners, a leading renewable diesel technology company, has announced that it is developing a state of the art 12 million gallon per year renewable diesel facility in St. Gabriel at the old Ciba-Geigy site.

The facility will convert organic oils and greases into high grade renewable diesel and other products using patented conversion technology. Renewable diesel differs from other traditional biodiesel. The patented process creates a product that has attributes that are compatible with petroleum based diesel products including superior cold flow and cetane properties, thus allowing year round use in northern climates, also. Unlike other biofuels, renewable diesel will have no blending limitations as it gains access to the domestic diesel distribution system.

Hank Grace, Executive Director of the Iberville Chamber of Commerce, says

Iberville Parish and the City of St. Gabriel have been working with Cetane Renewable Energy Partners for several weeks in an effort to bring this new and emerging company, along with their technology to St. Gabriel.

Grace says the site selected in St. Gabriel is a perfect fit for the company. "This is another win for Iberville Parish and the people of St. Gabriel," he noted. "Good paying jobs and a great company with a dedicated management team sold us on this project. Cetane is a company committed to hiring locally and buying locally."

WB Services, of Kansas, is the project developer and will be the EPC contractor. According to WB Services, construction of the facility will begin in the third quarter of this year, and full operations in the first quarter of 2012. The project is expected to employ 60-80 workers during construction and create 20-25 full time jobs once fully operational.



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Business Expo Thursday, September 8



Reserve your booth NOW for the newly-updated Business Expo, set September 8 at the Carl Grant Civic Center.

The Expo will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. and will include a Chamber social from 5 until 7 p.m.

This is a joint networking event with the West Baton Rouge Chamber, which gives you the opportunity to meet and talk with some 60 to 70 business and government executives and decision-makers in a relaxed, enjoyable setting.

In addition, the Expo participants have the benefits of showcasing your business' products/services while networking with potential customers, and marketing

new products, services and technology.

Don't miss it. Call 687-3560 to get your booth registration form now.

Carl Grant Civic Center in Plaquemine

Executive Director's Desk



Dear members,

St. Gabriel is the fastest growing community in Iberville Parish, and the new Cetane plant there is just one sign of its growth. We are very pleased with the relationship we are building with the new St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. and his administration.

We worked together to get Cetane to locate in Iberville, including traveling to Kansas to talk with Cetane's owners about locating here. Mayor Johnson appreciated our assistance on this and we will continue to work together to promote economic development in the growing St. Gabriel area.

The Chamber is also instituting the Leadership Iberville program, which we believe is important in developing our future leaders and giving them a broad understanding of important issues. See more on this on page 3. This is an outstanding program, and I encourage businesses, both large and small, to participate. We have limited scholarship funds to assist participants who cannot afford the fee, but want the benefits of this great program. For more information, call the Chamber office at 687-3560.

Finally, as school begins, our Education Committee will be once again partnering with the Iberville School System and St. John to promote and improve education in the parish. We have seen good things happening in our schools, and we are optimistic that this school year will bring even more progress.

Thanks,
Hank Grace

80 YEARS OF SERVICE NOTED...



The Iberville Chamber presented a plaque to Iberville Bank and Trust Co. in celebration of its 80th anniversary. The plaque recognizes the bank's accomplishment, along with its dedication and service to Iberville Parish and years of partnership with the Chamber. Hank Grace, Chamber Director, is shown presenting the plaque to Pat Wilbert of Iberville Bank.

East Iberville membership meeting

Newly-elected St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson, Jr. will speak on activities in east Iberville during the Chamber's August 30 meeting at Gabriel's House of Events in St. Gabriel.

Please take this opportunity to learn about the exciting activities of the fastest-growing part of Iberville Parish. The luncheon begins at noon, with networking beginning at 11:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by East Iberville-INC.

Register online at www.ibervillechamber.com, or by calling the Chamber office at 687-3560.

Are you a leader?

The Iberville Chamber is taking action to develop Iberville's future leaders with its Leadership Iberville program. **Deadline to apply for the 2011-2012 class of this educational and networking program is August 19.**

The goals of Leadership Iberville are to:

- Seek out, train and promote high achievers for positions of voluntary responsibility in the community;
- Provide these developing leaders with practical information concerning community problems and issues;
- Establish a communication network among the emerging and existing leaders of the community;
- Challenge these leaders to increase their involvement in community affairs.

The once a month class begins September 14, and ends May 9. The classes range from a half day to full day. Topics for the classes include: team work/communications, ethics, critical thinking and deci-

sion making, parish and state government, economic development, education, and health care/social concerns and the environment.

This is a selective class. To be considered for inclusion in this class you must:

- Be a senior policy maker or show a strong possibility of achieving senior policy-shaping positions in your employment or volunteer organization;
- Have demonstrated a commitment to the community through volunteer work;
- If employed, have the endorsement of your employer;
- Make a commitment to attend every session. Participants who miss more than two sessions are dropped from the program. Attendance at the two retreats is mandatory.

Limited scholarships are available. For an application or more information, call the Chamber at 687-3560.

Island packed for chamber event...

The Island Country Club was packed with more than 80 Iberville and West Baton Rouge Chamber members and guests for the Chamber-To-Chamber event on June 22. Here are scenes from the popular networking social.



D'ALBOR'S Home Furnishings

For 84 years now, D'Albor's Home Furnishings has been providing the latest trends and brands in home furnishings, appliances and electronics. Its product selection includes both

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residential and commercial furnishings that will suit every-one's needs.

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It has built a tradition of customer service and guaranteed satisfaction, which still drives its success today. D'Albor's was established in 1927 by the D'Albor family, and is currently managed by the third and fourth generations. Its product line includes furnishings for every room of your home from a variety of designer lines, appliances, and even custom orders. The helpful and experienced sales staff is available to answer all your questions and assist with your purchases. For a pleasant shopping experience in a relaxed atmosphere, D'Albor's is your furniture store.

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Swamp Shop

Looking for great Louisiana products right here in Iberville? The Swamp Shop, recently opened by Jean Crites, embraces the authenticity of Louisiana people, food, music and culture.

It's wide variety of Louisiana items features the talent of local artists, handmade cypress and driftwood gifts,

Cajun inspired gift baskets, and more.

More than just a store, The Swamp Shop is a great experience for residents and tourists alike, with art murals depicting the Cajun lifestyle and abundant wildlife within the Basin, hands-on activities such as quilting, wood carving, painting, soap making, and other crafts demonstrations by Louisiana artisans. It truly is a Louisiana experience.

Swamp Shop is located at the Grosse Tete exit of 10, across from the Iberville Parish Tourist Center. It is open Monday-Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, and Sunday 12:30 – 4:30 PM. Call 648-3232 for info.



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