

Valencia's Weekly Developments

In Community Development

Week of: June 30



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Fellow mayoral intern Cheredith Rhone and I tour intake with Gail Mitchell.



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The front entrance of the Career Solutions Center on 2800 Dowdell Street.

The "One Stop" for Employment Services

In this week's update, I get to take you all through the Career Solutions Center. The center is a combined program between Louisiana Workforce and the City, where it falls under the Workforce Division of Community Development.

Though the Career Solutions Center is housed in what was previously the unemployment office, its main goal is to

refocus itself as a re-employment center to the public.

In the words of Bridgette Clark, local area coordinator for the Workforce Bureau, the purpose of the Career Solutions Center is to not simply find jobs for people, but to "prepare them for a job that's marketable." The center offers job training as well as services to veterans and people with dis-

abilities. Louisiana Workforce has online job services, including job postings and unemployment claims, that most people are directed to.

The Career Solutions Center is organized into multiple areas, which includes intake, career services and recruitment. Intake is the first stop the general public makes if they are looking for services at the center. This is where people are either shown to computers for online LAWorks services, or referred to other services, such as the veterans employment programs.

Career services primarily focuses on job readiness; this includes developing a weekly list of new

job postings, helping develop resumes, and interview training. This is an essential part of re-employment, as these services provide the network building skills needed to prepare those in need for the workforce.

Recruitment services works closely with employers to create and maintain job postings on LAWorks (www.laworks.net), while also working with companies to do in-house job recruitment events.

Career Solutions is typically the first stop for people seeking employment — or as jobs developer Eugene Trammel says, the "first line of defense."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7-11 World Changers

City of Shreveport with Southern Baptist Conference and Lifeway

Youth from all over the country are housed at Camp Bethany to work on a weeklong mission event. Groups will go to different houses across the city, making renovations with the help of construction professionals.

www.lifeway.com/worldchangers

July 8 Money Matters Seminar

Minority Supplier Institute

Panelists will speak on business financing and understanding financial statements. The Grow Shreveport Fund will be on the panel. The event will be held at the Shreveport Memorial Library (Downtown) from 4-6 pm.

RSVP with Katherine Stringer at kstringer@strategicaction-council.org or (318) 532-6414.

July 11 Advanced Accounting Professional Training

Southern University with the City of Shreveport, Minority Supplier Institute and the Shreveport Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce

This training course will be for accounting professionals seeking to provide services to the public.

For more information, contact Mr. Darrin Dixon at (318) 670-9700.

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In other financial news, the Shreveport Inner City Economic Development Initiative held a loan review committee meeting, where a loan application was considered to expand a local daycare center.

In addition, Red River Bank, a partner of Bank On Shreveport, assisted a young buyer in buying her first home through the Homebuyer Equity Leverage Partnership.