

weekly LIFT

Week of Dec. 5-11, 2016

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE for TEXARKANA

Good news and good ideas for everyone! Brought to you by Leadership Texarkana

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The WeeklyLIFT isn't your average events calendar. It's a carefully crafted list of the people, places and events that make Texarkana a great place to be. We'll deliver it right to your inbox every Monday! **Sign up for the WeeklyLIFT e-newsletter at leadershiptexarkana.com today**—then forward it to your friends and neighbors to spread the good news.... because the more we all know, the more we all care!

Texarkana USA:

A thriving center for business, education and culture that attracts—and serves—us all.

Citizens committed to Working Smart for Excellence, Educational and Cultural Riches, Community Pride, Economic, Social and Personal Well-Being

Speaking of Second to None... DID YOU KNOW...?

...Texarkana has a State certified law enforcement training facility?

The Texarkana, TX Police Department is one of only 183 certified Training Providers in Texas and the only one in northeast Texas.



The Department recently underwent a year-long evaluation process to meet the Texas Commission On Law Enforcement's strict requirements of becoming a certified State Training Provider. Following a series of on-site inspections and audits, the Department received the coveted certification in November. Training classes offered here will be available to all area law enforcement agencies, which is expected to help meet regional training needs at a reduced cost to cities and counties.

The City of Texarkana Texas acquired the abandoned National Guard Armory at 1420 South Park Road for one dollar in 2009. The facility has been upgraded and has become the police department's hub for in-service training, special operations personnel, and a host site for basic police officer academies.

THEY'RE IN!

...and looking good!



THANKS to all involved at Christus Imaging Center for adding to our community's attractability.

Making Texarkana TWICE as Beautiful! CLEAN NEAT GREEN PRETTY

Email **YOUR** suggestions for places in the greater Texarkana USA area that deserve KUDOS for modeling the way and whose commitment to beauty are sources of community pride.



Thanks to Robbins Toyota and BancorpSouth for signing on to become the first two of only 4 exclusive WeeklyLIFT partnerships available!

STEPPING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Lila Walker, Ph.D.

Leadership Consultant
Director of LT's SAGE
Senior Community Leadership
Program
LT Class of 1998

"...Each of us must take responsibility to make our community excellent. We cannot stand back and expect others to solve our problems or create a better place to live. It is up to us to create a caring, inclusive community. ...I have continued to invest time in Leadership Texarkana because I believe it is the best place to develop the future leaders of this region. ...People here are giving and generous with their time and money and accepting of those who move into their community. Texarkana is doing a much better job of dealing with the state line and the problems inherent in a twin city than many realize."

Currently a (declared) temporary resident of Shreveport-Bossier, Dr. Lila Walker is a former Professor of Adult Education with Texas A&M University-Texarkana. She continues to lend her services to Leadership Texarkana, as well as to teach leadership, research, and adult learning courses as an adjunct for A&M Texarkana and provides training to area nonprofit and educational organizations.

A T-TOWN TOP TEN+ Things to do in Texarkana December 5-11

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Here comes Santa Claus! **32nd Annual Texarkana Christmas Parade.** Join the crowds Downtown Mon, Dec. 5 at 7PM for "Letters to Santa"-themed fun for all ages.



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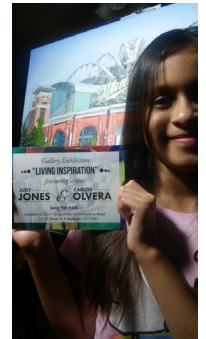
Before the Parade Passes By.... Come downtown before the Texarkana Christmas Parade Dec 5. to shop for Christmas from 5 PM-7PM at the at the **2016 Christmas Market** at the Texarkana Farmer's Market.

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Lights, CAROLS, Refreshment. The public is invited to share in the holiday festivities at the annual **Christmas Lighting Ceremony of CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital Main Entrance.** Tues, Dec 6 at 6PM.

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GET "LIVING INSPIRATION" from Texarkana artists **Judy Jones** and **Carlos Olvera** who will be presenting an art exhibition of recent work at Silvermoon on Broad. Dec 8 at 6:30 PM - 9 PM. (right)



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BRING YOUR BEST FRIEND. **3rd Annual Santa Sprint & Reindeer Run (5k and dog show)** includes a 5k for you and your family as well as a reindeer run for your dog. After the races, there will also be goodies available for purchase, pictures with Santa and free crafts and activities. Sat, Dec 10, Downtown, benefiting the Texarkana Museums System.

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KCS Holiday Express Train. Don't miss this six-car train that brings Santa Claus and his elves to communities throughout the US. Free and open to the public. No tickets required. Sat, Dec 10, 4PM-10PM. Park at Tiger Stadium for shuttle to the train. No on site parking.



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GO LIVE. Enjoy some of the **abundant live music** available every weekend in Texarkana USA. This weekend at Twisted Fork, hear **Heather Lynn** on Fri, Dec 9; or enjoy local favorite **Trey Johnson** Sat, Dec 10.

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FOR THIS SEASON OF JOY AND MUSIC. TSO's ever-popular holiday concert for the whole family is **Christmas at the Perot!** Featuring the beautiful sounds of the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra, with the Texarkana Regional Chorale, along with the Texarkana Youth Symphony Orchestra, other area choristers and the Texas high Highsteppers. AND the culminating fun of the Celebrity Conductors' Contest. Not to be missed. Sun, Dec 11. 870-773-3401.

AND be sure to Google local churches to get a full listing of the multitude of Christmas cantatas and musical programs that can be enjoyed by all ages during this season of JOY and MUSIC!

This Week's Totally T-Town Fave Foods

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Kevin Davenport
IT Manager, Texarkana Water Utilities

recommends...

Catfish Friday at Hopkins Icehouse Downtown

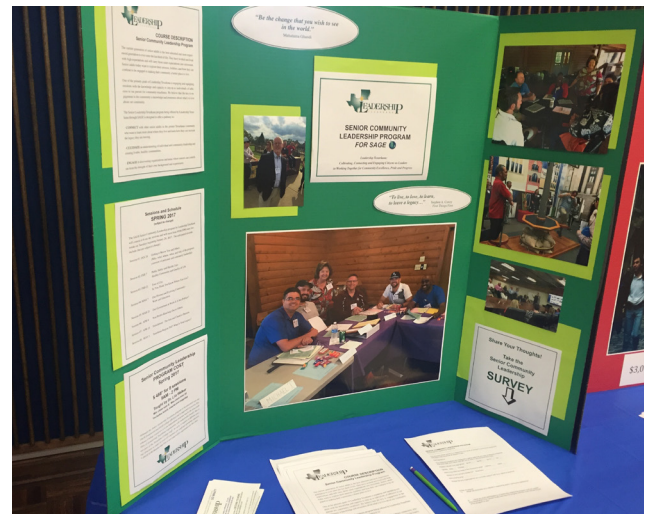


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Dan Shiner
Chief of Police, City of Texarkana, Texas

Dan's favorite meal is...

Crawfish Grits from Pop's Place



REMINDER: COMING IN JANUARY Sage Senior Community Leadership Program

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Seasoned learning.

For Seniors in our community - retired or not - who are interested in gaining new insight into our community and the opportunities to engage in meaningful ways. Seven Tuesday sessions (every two weeks) beginning January 24th.

Under the direction of Dr. Lila Walker, TAMU-T adjunct professor of Leadership, Leadership Texarkana Class of 1997

Learn more at leadershiptexarkana.com

*(Deadline for registration is January 10, 2017)
Min 8 - Maximum 20*

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