

# Gardere Initiative

Serving the Gardere Community Since 2006

## **The Gardere Initiative Purpose**

To address substance abuse and other social ills in the Gardere area that adversely affect the children, neighboring subdivisions, and the City in general through spiritual intervention, collaboration and partnerships.

## **Fall Activities**

### **Back to School Extravaganza**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013

HARTLEY – VEY PARK - REGISTRATION 8:15am

First Come; First Served  
9:00- 11:00am

Food, Gospel Singing!

### **School Supplies for Children!**

Parents/Guardians/Adult  
Must be in Attendance.

## **2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

### **First Day for Students**

August 12, 2013

### **Gardere Initiative Wishes Success for the School Year**

Magnolia Woods Elementary  
Wildwood Elementary  
Highland Elementary  
Kenilworth Middle

### **A Big "Shout Out" to the .....**

### **Gardere Christian Community School**

8538 G S R I Avenue

Welcome Back to the Neighborhood

### **What is "BREC on the Geaux?"**

"BREC on the Geaux" is BREC's newest adventure in bringing recreation to communities throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. This imaginatively designed mobile recreation unit will travel throughout East Baton Rouge Parish providing a variety of supervised, fun, active physical recreation experiences to children of all ages and abilities. The unique vehicle will visit each pilot location at least once every week for approximately 2 hours.

**Thursday - July 11, 18, 25, 2013**

**9:30-11am**

## **Spiritual Stakeholders**

### **Faith Chapel Church of God**

Pastor Bart Riggins  
995 Staring Lane  
766-4512

### **St. Jude Catholic Church/**

Pastor Caye A. "Trey" Nelson, III  
9150 Highland Road  
(225) 766-2431

### **Greater Sixty Aid Baptist Church**

Pastor James Barett  
655 Gardere Lane  
(225) 769-5865

### **Greater Morning Star Baptist Church**

Pastor Charles Burris, Jr.  
1002 Mavis Drive  
(225) 766-1510

### **Iglesia El Aposento Alto**

Pastor Eleazar y Lidia Rodriguez  
1555 Seaboard  
225-761-0309  
225-246-0195

### **Ephesus Apostolic Church**

Pastor Richard Brumfield  
9531 Burbank Dr.,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
225) 767-5158

### **Gardere Christian Community School**

Nancy Zito, Director  
8538 GSRI Avenue  
225-354-9833

Attorney Caulette Jackson

**President**

CPL Jeremy Blunt

**Vice President**

Attorney Rica Kwentua

**Past President**

## Announcements

### Gardere Community Garden

A community garden is in the works for Gardere at the Hartley-Vey Park! Children will learn how to plant and cultivate vegetables and flowers. Families will learn how to eat healthy. Parents and children will work together along with neighbors. We need the cooperation of everyone in the Gardere area to become involved. Call 766-4512 for additional information.

### Gardere Youth Alliance / Sports Team

They will begin signing up (June) youth football and cheerleading (July). The season begins August. Call Darin at (225) 266-4184 for additional information.

### GED / Literacy Classes

10:00am – 12noon/Tuesday and Thursday

### Faith Chapel

If you have not completed high school and need a diploma to help get a better job, please call 766-4512 for information about signing up.

### Words of Encouragement

**Pastor Bart Riggins, Faith Chapel Church of God**

#### Isaiah 40:30-31 NKJV

*“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”*

The above Isaiah text is just one promise out of the Word of God that helps us to not only survive and have hope for life from day to day, but to expect victory and enjoyment in life regardless of ongoing situations and circumstances. One of our tendencies as humans is to try and figure out when will a certain difficulty or trial end or run its course. However, what we need to be reminded of is that God is the same God with us before a trial, after a trial and most importantly during a trial. It is because God is God during trials that we survive and overcome every difficulty we face in this life. It is during a trial that God mounts us up with wings like eagles and causes us to run and not be weary and continue to walk-live and not faint-give up. I trust that whatever you are facing in your life today that you will surrendered it to a God and wait-rest in Him because He will renew your strength.

#### Did You Know...

That in 2010, 41.2% of 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in East Baton Rouge Parish got alcohol from home with their parents' permission, according to the Community Caring Youth Survey (CCYS).

## Stakeholders / Collaborators

### African Christian Fellowship

Emmanuel Nzewi, President  
995 Staring Lane  
766-4512

### Southern University Department of Psychology

Murelle G. Harrison, Chair  
317 Blanks Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813  
225-771-2990

### Gardere Youth Alliance

Darin Fontenette  
225-266-4184

### Daughters of Destiny, LLC

385 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
225-343-5545

### Matthews Realty

Henry Matthews  
21321 Samuels Rd.  
Zachary, LA 70791  
654-3395

### Connections Ministry

Clayton Hays  
5440 Port Hudson Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

### Louisiana Youth Challenge

CPL Jeremy Blunt  
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### Personal Touch Properties

Management – Sales – Rentals  
Carlos Padial, Jr.  
Broker Owner

### EBR Sheriff Office

Burbank Substation

### I CARE/EBR Schools

Patricia Addison

### Capitol Area Human

Services District  
Mike Fleming

### Ms. Caprina Stewart

Resident

### Jazmine Mayfield

Student