

# NEWSLETTER



## Acadiana's Premier "For Sale By Owner" Resource JANUARY 2012

### EXCITING TIMES IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA



Lafayette, LA is in the running (and leading most days) for the "South's Tastiest Town", a contest hosted by Southern Living. Now, those of us

that live in Lafayette know we are the tastiest city, but winning this contest will show the rest of the country what we already know. Also, this would be a great boost to our local tourism. You can vote daily through January 31 at :

[www.southernliving.com/travel/souths-tastiest-towns-00417000076768/](http://www.southernliving.com/travel/souths-tastiest-towns-00417000076768/)



It would be hard to be living in the Acadiana area and not have heard about motivational speaker, Aileen Bennett's "Do Good Project". But just in case you haven't, you can read

more about her inspired idea to help our community at:  
[creatingclever.com/the-do-good-project-an-update](http://creatingclever.com/the-do-good-project-an-update)

### ACADIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Acadiana Regional Development District is the regional planning and resource center for eight parishes in South Central Louisiana. They will be opening a new office soon in Upper Lafayette Parish on Gloria Switch just west of I-49. They provide a variety of help for small businesses.

Check them out at:  
[ardd.org](http://ardd.org)

### PREPARING TO SELL YOUR HOUSE

You may want to spruce up around your home if you are planning on selling in the near future. However, the winter months are not the best time for landscaping or exterior repairs. We can leave that until spring.

Winter may be the best time for some interior remodeling and staging. You will want to consider what projects will best prepare your home for selling and the value or return on your investment.

There are several articles on the internet that address which projects help the most to sell your home and how to plan for the cost vs. the return when selling.

Here are few good articles:

"Repairs Before Selling Return Rewards  
Home Repairs Boost Your Selling Profits"  
<http://homebuying.about.com/od/sellingahouse/qt/ResaleRepairs.htm>

"Remodeling Cost Vs. Value Report 2011-12"  
This site compares average cost for 35 popular remodeling projects with the value those projects retain at resale.  
<http://www.remodeling.hw.net/2011/costvsvalue/national.aspx>

"Deciding Whether to Remodel  
Spend Your Remodeling Dollars Wisely"  
Good information on making remodeling decisions.  
<http://www.pbs.org/hometime/house/resale.htm>

"Minor Kitchen Renovations Help Sell Your Home"  
<http://realestate.aol.com/blog/2010/07/23/minor-kitchen-renovations-help-sell-your-home/>

### REAL ESTATE TRENDS

To learn more about Lafayette, LA Real Estate market trends, visit:

[http://www.trulia.com/real\\_estate/Lafayette-Louisiana/](http://www.trulia.com/real_estate/Lafayette-Louisiana/)

### HELPING OTHERS



Lafayette Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing to working families.

### Friday, February 24, 6:30pm Crown Plaza Hotel



The Desormeaux Foundation is holding their "Celebrate Life Banquet" and Silent Auction on Friday, February 24, 2012, 6:30pm, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lafayette, LA. Be a sponsor for the event, donate an auction item, or order your tickets (337) 289-9366 or visit:

[www.desormeauxfoundation.com](http://www.desormeauxfoundation.com)

The Desormeaux Foundation is a pro-life, pro-family organization dedicated to defending human life in all of its stages.

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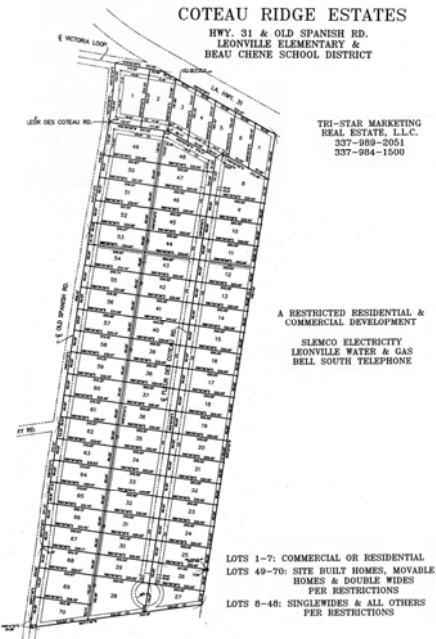
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