Denham Springs is our neighbor to the east

The telephone number for gas, water, garbage and sewer services is 665-5103. The water comes from five deep wells. Some municipal water and natural gas service is available to residents outside the city limits.

The city Board of Aldermen has a contract with Jefferson Disposal Co. to collect trash and garbage for the city. Collections are made in the area north of the railroad tracks and east of Range Avenue on Mondays and Thursdays, south of the railroad and south of Florida Avenue West on Tuesdays and Thursdays and north of Florida Avenue West and west of Range Avenue on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Automobiles can be registered in Hammond or Baton Rouge. Drivers' licenses may be applied for at the municipal annex across Government Street from City Hall. Dixon Memorial Hospital, a 52-bed facility including an emergency room, is a mile east of town. It is operated by Hospital Management System Inc. There are two nursing homes in the city, both operated by Golden Harvest Corp., with a total of 358 beds.

Four public elementary schools, a junior high and a high school are within the corporate limits and another junior high that draws students from within the city is a mile south of town. There are two church-affiliated private schools here.

A library, state health unit, family planning clinic, Youth Services Bureau and Council on Aging are among other public services.

There are two large public parks with sports and picnicking facilities and a private golf club.

The city includes four voting precincts with a total of 4,482 registered voters. Voter registration is done at the courthouse in the town of Livingston, 14 miles east.

The Police Department telephone number is 665-5106. Chief of police is Scott Jones.

The Fire Department number is 665-8276. Fire chief is C.H. Kennedy.

The telephone number for the office of Sheriff Odum Graves is 586-2241.

Residential telephone service may be obtained by calling 382-9000.

Two electricity companies serve the area. Dixie Electric Membership Corp. is at 665-8932 and Gulf States Utilities Co. is at 665-6141.

Three commercial banks and two savings banks are headquartered here. There are 28 Protestant churches and one Roman Catholic church.

The city is incorporated under the Lawson Act and operates with an elected mayor and a five-member Board of Aldermen. The mayor is V. Herbert Hoover and the aldermen are Glenn Broussard, B.M. McDonald, Vernon Ray Miller, Arthur Perkins and Jerry Smith.

Land in the area was first granted to a European in 1804. In 1827 William Denham settled on property near the Amite River with several springs on it. When yellow fever was causing deaths in nearby communities before the Civil War, many persons moved here and some believed the springs contained minerals that prevented the disease.

Several hotels were built and federal troops were quartered in them during the Civil War. When the Yankees abandoned the area in 1863 the hotels were burned. Following the war the community, then called Hill Springs, was dormant due in part to the weak economy of the post-war South. In 1893 the post office was renamed Denham Springs and in 1903 the community of 125 persons was incorporated as a village.

The construction of a railroad between Hammond and Baton Rouge in 1906 brought new life to the village, which became a town in 1929 and a city in 1957. Trains no longer stop here.