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Shreveport-Bossier MARDI GRAS HISTORY

Shreveport-Bossier throws the best familyfriendly Mardi Gras in the world! Mardi Gras came to northwest Louisiana in 1989 when the Krewe of Gemini was founded. The Krewe of Centaur soon followed in

1991. Today, Shreveport-Bossier is home to 15 krewes, each with its own personality. Mardi Gras float-riders toss more than eight million beads each year to seas of people waving their arms and shouting, "Throw me something, mister!" The parades attract as many as 400,000 visitors a year. From grand bals to Cajun food and dazzling parades, there's a way for everyone to celebrate Mardi Gras in Shreveport-Bossier!



KREWE OF SOBEK PARADE

- **1 P.M., JAN. 13**
- Parade begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport. See map on page 17.

 This fun-filled afternoon features floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, queens, kings, youth sports teams, homecoming courts, and more.
- www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE

- **○** 1 P.M., JAN. 15
- Parade begins at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium and rolls on Milam Street and Texas Street in downtown Shreveport. See map on page 18.

 A huge, family-friendly parade that rolls through downtown Shreveport each year celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. features marching bands, stilt walkers, dozens of floats, and more.
- www.harambee.org

KREWE OF CENTAUR PARADE XXVII

- **→ 4:30 P.M., FEB. 3**
- The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and Lake Street in downtown Shreveport. See map on page 19.

One of the largest parades in Louisiana, the Krewe of Centaur rolls 10 days before Fat Tuesday and features marching bands, brightly colored floats and more.

www.kreweofcentaur.org



KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE

- NOON TO 4 P.M., FEB. 4
- Events on the Red 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City

The Krewe of Barkus and Meoux Pet Parade is a chance for festive pets to celebrate Mardi Gras. All pet owners are invited to participate. Animal costumes are encouraged.

www.barkusandmeoux.org

KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND PARADE XXIX

- **◇** 4 P.M., FEB. 10
- The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway and Lake Street in downtown Shreveport. See map on page 19.

Masked revelers on floats, marchers, and horseback riders respond to the age old cry, "Throw me something, Mister!" by tossing beads, toys and trinkets.

www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HIGHLAND PARADE XXIII

- **2** P.M., FEB. 11
- The parade rolls through Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood and begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue. See map on page 20. Shreveport's most eccentric krewe is famous for throwing hot dogs, packs of ramen noodles, moon pies, and more.
- www.thekreweofhighland.org

Mardi Gras PARADE TIPS



KREWE OF CENTAUR & KREWE OF GEMINI PARADES

- Clyde Fant Parkway between East Preston Avenue and Milam Street closes to traffic at 7 p.m. on evenings prior to parades and reopens at 7 a.m. on parade day.
- Premium parade-watching spots will fill up quickly. Plan ahead and arrive early for the best spot on the parade route.
- See the parade route map in the back of this guide for great paradewatching spots.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Krewe of Centaur and Krewe
 of Gemini parades, but no glass containers are allowed. Alcohol is not
 allowed in the family-friendly zone on Clyde Fant Parkway.
- Port-a-potties will be available for public use along the parade route.
- On parade days, all roads on the parade route close at 3:30 p.m.
- Parking is free in downtown Shreveport after 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day on weekends.

ALL MARDI GRAS PARADES

- Dress appropriately, as temperatures can change quickly during parade season.
- Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on while waiting for the parade.
- Bring empty sacks for beads and throws.
- Bring hand wipes and sanitizer.

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- Bring snacks and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.
- Bring cash if you want to purchase toys and souvenirs from the push carts that go up and down the parade routes.



"The party before the party" starts as krewes in Shreveport-Bossier open their dens to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Dens are where Mardi Gras floats are decorated and constructed by krewe members. Visitors can see all the floats up close and personal before the parades.

KREWE OF HARAMBEE ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND FLOAT LOADING PARTY

- ♦ 4 P.M. TO 10 P.M., JAN. 14

 FREE

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- Krewe of Harambee Den 1049 Grimmett Dr., Shreveport

The members of Harambee bring their favorite southern dishes to share including a pig roasted on an open pit for guests to savor.

318-422-6869 www.harambee.org

KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT LOADING PARTY

- Krewe of Centaur Den 351 Aero Dr., Shreveport

The Krewe of Centaur opens its den to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. There will be lots of activities, music and fun for all ages. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

📞 318-572-4632 🔲 www.kreweofcentaur.org

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY

- 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M., FEB. 9 SEE FREE
- Krewe of Gemini Den
 2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City

The Krewe of Gemini opens its den to the public to load their colorful floats. Explore the Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Museum while enjoying food, music and more. Food and alcohol are available for purchase.

📞 318-741-9264 🔲 www.kreweofgemini.com



KREWE OF SOBEK GRAND BAL 2018

- ♦ 6 P.M., JAN. 12

 ♦ \$80
- Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF AKEWA GRAND BAL 2018

- Harrah's Louisiana Downs 8000 E. Texas St., Bossier City
- 318-510-0284

KREWE DE LES FEMMES MYSTIQUE GRAND BAL 2018

- **⊘** 6:30 P.M., JAN. 13 **≅** \$80
- Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.lesfemmesmystique.org

KREWE DES AMBASSADEURS GRAND BAL XVII

- ♦ 6:30 P.M., JAN. 19

 ♦ \$75
- Sam's Town Casino and Hotel 315 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
- www.facebook.com/krewedesambassadeurs

KREWE OF CENTAUR GRAND BAL

- 🚫 6:30 P.M., JAN. 20 🕮 \$90
- Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofcentaur.org



Put your best face (or mask) forward and celebrate with the krewes as they present their royal courts and dance the night away. Check with each krewe when purchasing tickets for dress codes, age restrictions, and information about food and drinks.

KREWE OF JUSTINIAN GRAND XXIV BAL 2018

- Riverdome at Horseshoe Casino and Hotel 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City
- www.kreweofjustinian.com

CIRQUE DU ATLAS

- Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofatlas.org

KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND BAL

- ♦ 6:30 P.M., JAN. 27

 \$ \$100
- Shreveport Convention Center 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HARAMBEE SAADA MASKHARA BAL

- Horseshoe Casino and Hotel 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City
- www.harambee.org

KREWE OF HIGHLAND GRAND BAL

- 7 P.M., FEB. 9 \$50 FOR MEMBERS, \$65 FOR GUESTS
- Shreveport Aquarium 601 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
- www.thekreweofhighland.org

KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

- 🔗 8 A,M., JAN. 15 🔛 \$20
- Petroleum Club of Shreveport 416 Travis St., Shreveport

Members of the Krewe of Harambee host this special breakfast to award college scholarships to deserving students. This event is open to the public.

318-422-6869 <u>www.harambee.org</u>

MARDI GRAS MASS

- 🔗 9 A.M., JAN. 6 🛚 🕮 FREE
- St. Pius X Catholic Church 4300 N. Market Street, Shreveport

Mass services will be held followed by refreshments and king cake. This event is open to the public and all members of the Mardi Gras krewes in the Ark-La-Tex.

📞 318-581-7157 🔃 www.stpiusx.net

RED RIVER MARDI GRAS BASH

- 🔗 1 P.M., FEB. 3 🕮 \$40
- Corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport

Groups of 10 or more will enjoy this exclusive party and front row experience to the Krewe of Centaur parade hosted by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Tickets include live entertainment, savory Cajun and Creole food, king cake, a commemorative Mardi Gras bead and t-shirt, and more. Must be 21 years or older to attend. Book by Jan. 1 to be entered to win \$100.

318-429-0652 www.shreveportmardigras.org

ANNUAL MARDI GRAS BASH

- Marilynn's Place 4041 Fern Ave., Shreveport

Enjoy a live band, crawfish, Cajun food, bloody marys, and craft beer at this huge party to celebrate the end of the Krewe of Highland Parade.

📞 318-868-3004 🔲 www.marilynns-place.com



SOUVENIRS

TUBBS HARDWARE, CAJUN GIFTS AND KING CAKES

615 Benton Rd., Bossier City

Tubbs is home to tons of souvenirs and parade essentials including beads, boas, crawfish pots, Cajun seasoning, their delicious X-Treme Cream Cheese king cake, and more.

📞 318-746-0311 🔃 www.tubbshardware.net

FALSE RIVER GIFT SHOP AT RALPH AND KACOO'S

71700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City

Located inside Ralph and Kacoo's restaurant, this gift shop offers Mardi Gras t-shirts, famous hurricane daiquiri mix, beignet mix, jewelry, mugs, and more.

📞 318-747-6660 🔲 www.ralphandkacoos.com

THE AGORA BOREALIS

421 Lake St., Shreveport

Buy Mardi Gras masks, recipe books, jewelry, coffee, granola, and candles among local art and crafts.

📞 318-268-3011 🔃 www.theagoraborealis.com

ENCHANTED GARDEN

2429 Line Ave., Shreveport

Find a perfect, unique, hand-painted Mardi Gras mask as well as other collectibles, jewelry, home goods, clothing, and more.

📞 318-227-1213 🔲 www.enchantedgarden.com

MARDI GRAS

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BEIGNETS AT MARILYNN'S PLACE

4041 Fern Ave., Shreveport

> Looking for the perfect parade day breakfast? Try the beignets at Marilynn's Place - fresh, airy pastries covered in powdered sugar and best enjoyed with a cup of coffee.

318-868-3004 www.marilynns-place.com

BOUDIN BALLS AT BERGERON'S BOUDIN & CAJUN MEATS

7805 E. Kings Hwy., ___ 3933 Benton Rd., Shreveport

Bossier City

Headed to a parade? Get your food to-go from Bergeron's. Hot boudin balls, crawfish pies and more are made daily. You can also buy Gambino's French bread and many frozen options such as stuffed shrimp, gumbo, and red beans and rice to bring the party home with you.

318-670-7204 SHREVEPORT 📞 318-741-2243 BOSSIER CITY

CRAWFISH ÉTOUFFÉF. AT HERBY'-K'S

1833 Pierre Ave.,

Shreveport In business since 1936, Herby-K's is a legendary seafood hole-in-thewall. While Herby-K's is best known as "Home of the Shrimp Buster," the restaurant's unique take on a shrimp po-boy, the crawfish étouffée here

is rich, flavorful and not to be missed. 318-424-2724 www.herbyks.net



GUMBO AT ABBY SINGER'S BISTRO

617 Texas St., Shreveport

Taste Louisiana home cooking with a modern twist. This full-service restaurant and balcony bar located in the Robinson Film Center offers savory shrimp and grits, seafood gumbo, burgers, chicken and waffles, red beans and rice, vegetarian options, and more.

📞 318-459-4125 🔲 www.robinsonfilmcenter.org

PO-BOYS AT KIM'S SEAFOOD AND PO-BOY

901 Benton Rd., Bossier City

Whether stuffed with fried oysters, shrimp, roast beef, or softshell crab, the po-boy sandwiches at Kim's Seafood and Po-Boy are some of the most authentic in Shreveport-Bossier.

318-752-2425

SHRIMP AND GRITS AT 2JOHNS STEAK AND SEAFOOD

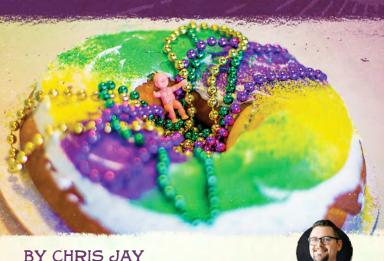
2151 Airline Dr., Bossier City

One of Shreveport-Bossier's most acclaimed steakhouses, 2Johns has a distinctly New Orleans flare with nightly live music, fresh Gulf seafood specials, and menu favorites like creamy, stone-ground grits topped with Gulf shrimp, tasso, herbs, and spices.

📞 318-841-5646 🔲 www.2johnsrestaurant.com



Local Bakeries Bo KING CAKE



Story originally published on www.20x49.com on Jan. 12, 2017

emember when the most unusual thing you'd expect to find inside of a king cake was a tiny, plastic baby? These days, bakeries in Shreveport-Bossier are filling king cakes with everything from boudin sausage and cane syrup to peaches and cream.

Sopan Tike, co-owner and baker at Lilah's Bakery, has decided to double down on unusual king cakes. In addition to their regular flavors, Lilah's Bakery will produce a limited edition "flavor of the week" cake each week during Mardi Gras season. Planned flavors include red velvet, bananas Foster and piña colada.

"My wife thought that we should do something different this year," Tike said. "She likes to make something different, all of the time." The Tike's six-year-old son even got in on the action, helping to concoct the lemon berry and cream flavor.

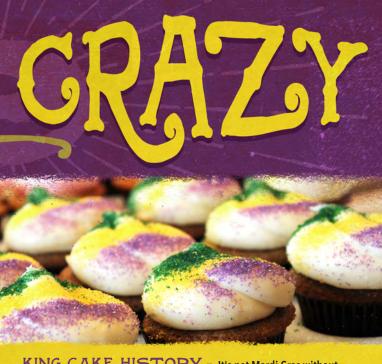
The flavors of king cake are also being worked into non-cake creations. There are king cake scones at Rhino Coffee Downtown, king cake cupcakes at Buttercups Cupcakes, king cake martinis at 2Johns Steak and Seafood, and more. There's even a "king cake" made out of two dozen tacos at El Bazar Mexicano #2, a popular local taqueria.

"I'd seen a heart made out of tacos for Valentine's Day on Facebook, so I figured, 'let's do a Mardi Gras taco king cake, " says Kathy Rico, co-owner of El Bazar Mexicano #2.

Whatever kind of king cake you're craving, chances are good that you can find it in Shreveport-Bossier's bakeries, restaurants, bars and coffee shops.

For more stories like this, visit www.20x49.com, the official destination blog of Shreveport-Bossier.

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KING CAKE HISTORY - It's not Mardi Gras without king cake! This delicious tradition dates back to the 12th century in France and honors the Three Kings who visited Jesus. In 1870, the tradition was brought to New Orleans. Shreveport-Bossier's king cakes range from traditional versions, like those at The Wooden Spoon, to the more decadent cakes available at Tubbs Hardware, Lilah's and Julie Anne's.

BUTTERCUPS CUPCAKES

Shreveport

6535 Youree Dr., 318-797-6696

www.ilovebuttercups.com

JULIE ANNE'S BAKERY & CAFÉ

825 Kings Hwy., \$\frac{1}{2} 318-424-4995\$\$
Shreveport www.julieannesbakery.com

LILAH'S KING CAKES

Shreveport

1718 Centenary Blvd., 318-676-1407 www.lilahsdeli.com

TUBBS HARDWARE, CAJUN GIFTS AND KING CAKES

615 Benton Rd., 318-746-0311 Bossier City

www.tubbshardware.net

THE WOODEN SPOON BOSSIER

4350 Viking Loop Ste. 2, Bossier City

318-742-6486

www.woodenspoononline.com

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From classic, New Orleans-style cocktails to drive-through daiquiris and local craft beer, Shreveport-Bossier offers many unique Louisiana libations. Please celebrate responsibly and obey open-container laws.

KING CAKE DAIQUIRI AT TONY'S LIQUORS

6241 Line Ave., Shreveport

Drive-thru and "to-go" daiquiris are a source of constant amusement among visitors to Louisiana. To experience a true Shreveport-Bossier parade day tradition, grab king cake daiquiris to-go from this popular frozen daiquiri spot.

318-861-1127

SHARK ATTACK DAIQUIRI AT ALKY THERAPY

4312 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport

Alky Therapy's drinks come topped with fresh fruit, candy, flavored tapioca pearls, chocolate-covered strawberries, and more. Taste their version of the famous Shark Attack, made with blue Hawaiian rum and decorated with grenadine and shark candy.

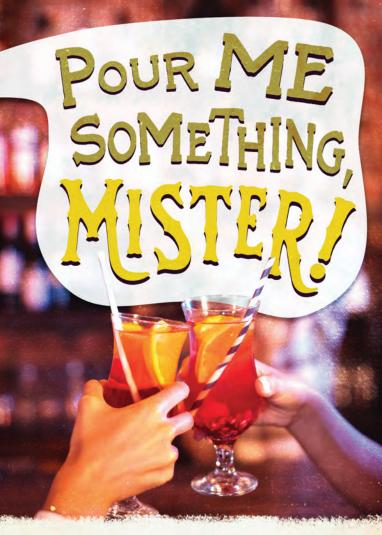
318-716-1322 **www.alkytherapy.com**

<mark>SAZERA</mark>C AT FATTY ARBUCKLES

450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Home to Shreveport-Bossier's largest whiskey selection, with over 220 different bottles, Fatty Arbuckles also mixes a seriously good version of the official cocktail of New Orleans – the Sazerac.

📞 318-459-1448 🔲 www.facebook.com/fattyarbucklespub



HURRICANE AT RALPH & KACOO'S BOSSIER CITY

7700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City

Looking for a classic hurricane served in a Bourbon Street-style glass? The Laughing Gator Bar at Ralph & Kacoo's Bossier City is as well-known for its French Quarter-inspired drinks as it is for the giant, stuffed alligator that greets guests upon arrival.

📞 318-747-6660 🔃 www.ralphandkacoos.com

SEASONAL CRAFT COCKTAILS AT THE LEVEE

520 E. Kings Hwy.,

Shreveport Shreve

Season'ally inspired craft cocktails are the house specialty at The Levee, a tapas lounge with a vegetable-forward menu that incorporates ingredients sourced from local farms and gardens. The Levee is located near the parade route for the Krewe of Gemini and Krewe of Centaur parades.

917-474-2828 www.facebook.com/theleveeshreveport

Local Craft BREWERIES



Love craft beer? Shreveport-Bossier is home to three acclaimed craft breweries, two of which offer tasting rooms and regularly scheduled brewery tours. Craft breweries in Shreveport-Bossier are open to all ages. Anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

FLYING HEART BREWING

700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Housed in a repurposed, historic fire station in downtown Bossier City, Flying Heart Brewing has roots in the local home brewing community, and their breezy patio is one of the best in town. Popular Flying Heart brews include easy-drinking favorites like Louisiana Amber and Firehouse Blonde.

📞 318-584-7039 🔃 www.flyingheartbrewing.com

GREAT RAFT BREWING

9 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport

Shreveport's first local brewery since Prohibition, Great Raft Brewing is a brewery and tasting room serving up craft lagers with Louisiana-inspired names like Reasonably Corrupt™ and Southern Drawl™. Great Raft Brewing has been rated among the "South's Best Breweries" by Southern Living, named the "Best Brewery in Louisiana" by Thrillist and more.

📞 318-272-6573 🔲 www.greatraftbrewing.com

RED RIVER BREWING CO.

1200 Marshall St. #500, Shreveport

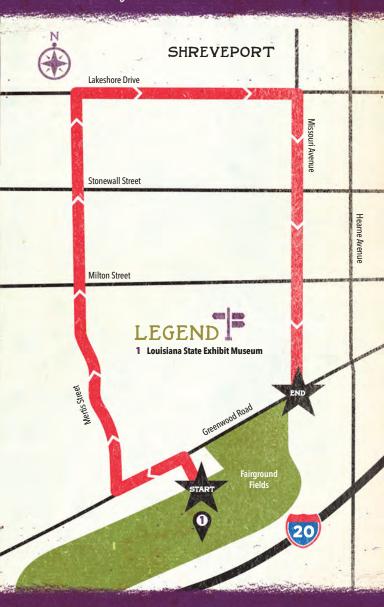
Located on the southern edge of downtown Shreveport, Red River Brewing Co. serves a huge variety of craft beer, often pouring 10 or more different styles at any given time. Their enormous tasting room offers plenty of seating for large groups as well as a game room including ping pong tables, corn hole and more.

318-317-4110 www.redriverbeer.com

KREWE OF SOBEK

PARADE ROUTE

Jan. 13 at 1 pm.



- Begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot along Grosjean Street
- Left turn on Greenwood Road
- Right turn on Mertis Street
- Right turn on Lakeshore Drive
- Right turn on Missouri Avenue back towards the Fairground Fields

KREWE OF HARAMBEE

PARADE ROUTE

Jan. 15 at 1 p.m.



- Begins at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium on Elvis Presley Avenue
- Continues straight on Milam Street
- Left turn on Edwards Street
- Left turn on Texas Street
- Left turn on Common Street
- Ends at Common Street and Milam Street

KREWES OF CENTAUR & GEMINI

PARADE ROUTE

Jeb. 3 at 4:30 pm., Feb. 10 at 4 pm.



- Begins at the corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport
- Continues down Clyde Fant Parkway towards Shreveport-Barksdale Highway
- Left turn on East Kings Highway
- Ends at the corner of East Kings Highway and East Preston Street

KREWE OF HIGHLAND

PARADE ROUTE

Jeb. 11 at 2 pm



- Begins at Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue
- Continues straight on Gilbert Drive
 Left turn on Gladstone Boulevard
- Right turn on Creswell Avenue
- Right turn on Herndon Street
- Right turn on Highland Avenue
- Left turn on Olive Street
- Right turn on Centenary Boulevard
- Right turn on Gladstone Boulevard

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Flavors include Traditional Cinnamon,
X-Treme Cream Cheese, Blueberry
Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cream
Cheese.

Stop by Tubbs for your favorite Mardi Gras souvenirs and king cakes. Tubbs is located at 615 Benton Rd. in Bossier City. For more information visit www.tubbshardware.net or call 318-746-0311.





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