

*LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Sunday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
Be dazzled by the glowing boat parade on shimmering Lake Charles.

*ROYAL GALA

Monday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
The "Cinderella moment" of the season features the 2016 courts of more than 60 krewes with kings, queens, royal dukes and duchesses, captains, courtesans and jesters. Tickets are \$5 in advance, or \$6 at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

IOWA CHICKEN RUN

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. in Iowa
The chicken run starts and ends at the KC Hall and runs west down Hwy. 90. Ride a float, catch a chicken and finish with some gumbo and live music for a toe-tapping good time.

Fat Tuesday

MOTOR GRAS PARADE

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles.
Hot rods, classics and motorcycles.

KREWE OF KREWES' PARADE

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles. More than 100 elaborate krewe floats, costumes, beads and more wind through the city in the culmination of the Fat Tuesday celebration.




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FUTURE MARDI GRAS DATES

February 28, 2017
February 13, 2018
March 5, 2019
February 25, 2020

Mardi Gras

2016

Feathers, fabulous frocks and the
fais-do-do can only mean one thing—
it's Mardi Gras time!

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January 6 – February 9



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THE SEASON KICKS OFF WITH...

*Twelfth Night

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.
An enchanting evening with the 2015 royal courts of more than 60 krewes making their last glittering promenade, ushering in the 2016 season. Luxurious door prizes, music and dancing! Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.



*QUEENS' PAGEANT

Saturday, Jan. 9, Times vary.
Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

ANNUAL MARDI GRAS RUN

Saturday, Jan. 16, 6 a.m. – until, Gueydan
Annual run sponsored by Le Krewe de la Originals et Les Enfants featuring an early morning chicken run beginning at 9 a.m., lunch, live music, an auction and a dance. Parade begins at 3 p.m. Dance starts at 4 p.m.

*KREWE OF GOLDEN YEARS

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Senior citizens who have passed down Mardi Gras traditions celebrate the season with food and a Mardi Gras ball. Free to seniors 60 and up.

*COMMUNITY DANCE

Thursday, Jan. 21, 6-8:30 p.m.
Free Mardi Gras dance presented by the City of Lake Charles and Community Inclusion.



VINTON MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, Jan. 23, Downtown Vinton.
Krewe des Gratis will host a gumbo cook-off at 10 a.m. when the teams will begin cooking and a parade at 2 p.m. ending at Knights of Columbus Hall where the gumbo judging will begin at 3 p.m. Free gumbo tasting begins after the judging.

CITY OF SULPHUR MARDI GRAS PARADE

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m., Sulphur
Cypress St., S-Curve to S. Huntington St.
Jumping into the Mardi Gras spirit, the City of Sulphur's parade will paint the city purple, green and gold!

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO PARADE

Thursday, Feb. 4, 5 p.m., Lake Charles
Western Heritage Parade begins at LaGrange and Ryan Streets and travels South on Ryan Street to McNeese Stadium.

Mardi Gras Weekend

MERCHANTS' PARADE

Friday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles

CARLYSS MARDI GRAS TRAIL RIDE

Saturday, Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.
Begins and ends at West Cal Arena in Sulphur.
Line up at 6 a.m. Admission fee for trail riders is \$5.

*WORLD FAMOUS CAJUN

EXTRAVAGANZA/GUMBO COOK-OFF

Saturday, Feb. 6, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
You will not want to miss this taste from every-pot event or the live, Southern and Cajun music that comes along with it. Admission is \$5, and children 5 and under are admitted free.

KREWE OF OMEGA PARADE

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m. Downtown Lake Charles.

*ZYDECO DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 6, 3-5 p.m.
Live band playing Mambo and Zydeco.

*MYSTICAL KREWE OF BARKUS PARADE

Saturday, Feb. 6, 3 p.m.
Fantastically disguised canines parade in full Mardi Gras attire, all vying for the title of "Mystical Dog." Entry fee applies.

KREWE OF COSMOS PRESENTATION

Saturday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.
The Krewe of Cosmos presents their royal court in style at the Sulphur High School Auditorium with skits, songs and more.

*KREWE OF ILLUSIONS

Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate Mardi Gras with the annual presentation of the Krewe of Illusions. Tickets are \$30 orchestra, formal attire required. \$18 balcony reserved seating and \$15 standard balcony seating, casual attire.

*TASTE DE LA LOUISIANE

Sunday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Pots and pots of all-you-can-eat traditional Louisiana cuisine for a \$7 admission fee.

*CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Old-time Louisiana culture, arts and crafts, Mardi Gras music and magic.

CHILDREN'S PARADE

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles. A purple, green and gold parade for the young and young at heart.

