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PARADE DATES & ROUTES

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SAT

11 AM: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
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2:45 PM: KREWE OF CENTAUR PARADE

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SUN

11 AM: KREWE OF BARKUS & MEOUX
PET PARADE

02/09

FRI

7 PM: KREWE OF OCEANUS PARADE

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SAT

2:45 PM: KREWE OF GEMINI PARADE

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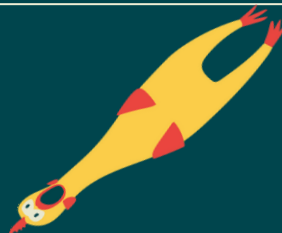
SUN

1 PM: KREWE OF HIGHLAND PARADE

02/11

TUE

6 PM: FAT TUESDAY CHILDREN'S
PARADE



HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS



Historical Beginnings in Shreveport: The first Mardi Gras celebration in Shreveport was recorded in 1874.

Early Celebrations: The 1876 Mardi Gras in Shreveport included a range of activities, from masquerades to musical performances. The celebrations were characterized by a spirit of fun and merriment, with parades featuring diverse characters and representations.

King Rex and the Tradition of Secrecy: A unique feature of these celebrations was the selection of a king, known as Rex, who would reign over the Mardi Gras Day. The identity of the king was kept secret, adding to the festival's mystique.

Significant Years in History: Notable years like 1880, where King Rex arrived by steamboat, and 1899, known for its grand parades and elaborate floats. The onset of World War I brought a temporary halt to the festivities, but the spirit of Mardi Gras resurged in 1926, adapting and evolving with time, but always retaining its core - a celebration of community and joy.

Economic and Cultural Impact: Mardi Gras has had a substantial impact on Shreveport's economy and culture, drawing visitors and participants from various regions.



MARDI GRAS EATS



BEIGNETS

— — — — —
RALPH'S PLACE

GUMBO

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HERBY K'S



KING CAKE

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LOWDER BAKING CO

ABC'S OF MARDI GRAS



BALL

Formal affair where the King and Queen of that Krewe is made public.

DOUBLOON

Most cherished and oldest throw, is a specialty coin. Each Krewe has their face on the coin.

KING CAKE

The King Cake is circular, filled with fruit, and baked with a small plastic baby hidden inside. The person who gets the baby hosts the next party.

KREWE

Consists of a King, Queen and a Court who work all year for Mardi Gras season.

LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULEZ

"Let the good times roll": A French saying associated with Mardi Gras.

THROWS

A throw can be a doubloon, toys, cups, beads, trinkets, and more which are thrown to the crowd from the float during the parade.

THROW ME SOMETHING MISTER

A saying when one wants a throw from the King, Queen or Court on the float during a parade.

