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# A WARM Welcome TO SHREVEPORT- BOSSIER



Stacy enjoying a fall beverage at **Coffee on the Red** in Bossier City.

On behalf of Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you and your loved ones. While you're here, we urge you to settle in for the holidays at one of our exclusive hotels, including casinos, boutique properties, vintage bed and breakfasts or some of our rare Airbnbs. We're deep-rooted in Southern hospitality, but and we especially enjoy accommodating visitors for seasonal festivities. You'll notice an abundance of comfort foods at restaurants, as well as undeniable unity at our festivals and events. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. Whether you're seeking a family photo op in our pumpkin patches, celebrating Halloween thrills with a group of friends, or if you're just in town to grab that perfect Christmas gift for someone special, Shreveport-Bossier is your home, too. I find joy in sharing the best parts of the 318 with you, from campfires and fall foliage along the

Boom or Bust Byway to s'more-flavored everything at various sweet-shops and bakeries, as well as new restaurant openings. No matter your intent to travel, my primary advice to all vacationers this holiday season is to take advantage of the expanded warm weather. But when the air chills later in the year, grab a cup o' joe from one of our coffeehouses or a piping hot bowl of gumbo to soothe your Louisiana soul.

Safe travels,

Stacy Brown, CDME  
President, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau



# *Sip, Sip, Hooray* *FOR THE HOLIDAYS*

BY ALY VELASQUEZ







## It's wine o' clock in Shreveport-Bossier.

Cozy up on a patio or in a posh bar and enjoy a glass of your favorite wine at one of these locations in our sister cities.

### WE OLIVE AND WINE BAR

**We Olive and Wine Bar** is a place where local growers, chefs, and guests alike can experience, learn about, and purchase the California-made olive oil we've come to know and love. The combination of an educational "Olive Oil Experience" and a tasting-oriented wine bar makes We Olive and Wine Bar a unique destination for foodies everywhere.

### ARTIPSY WINE AND ARTS BAR

Grab a wine glass and your paintbrush and tap into your inner artiste. Located in downtown Shreveport's **Red River District**, **Artipsy** is a paint-and-sip arts bar, instructional arts studio, and event space. Their full calendar of events includes specials like ladies' night, brunches, parties, and more, that ensures a good time. As they like to say, "It's a vibe!"

### THE VINTAGE WINE BAR & SPIRITS

**Chianti's** additional bar space, **The Vintage**, offers diners a wide variety of wines in an elegant atmosphere. Guests can enjoy appetizers from Chianti's menu like fondue, scallops, and cheese boards, as well as bourbon flights and martinis beloved by locals.

### HEART GATES VINEYARD

This is a family-owned, boutique vineyard and winery in Shreveport. You can purchase bottles of these homemade wines at local farmers' markets, as well as various bars and restaurants throughout Shreveport-Bossier. If you're seeking a casual, easygoing backyard bonfire experience with your girlfriends, book an evening at **Heart Gates Vineyard**.

### LUCKY PALACE

Located in the lobby of Bossier Inn and Suites in Bossier City, **Lucky Palace** is a gourmet Chinese restaurant featuring an extensive wine list. Most notably, the restaurant has been nominated several times for the James Beard Awards for its Wine Program, and it has been featured in publications such as *The New York Times* and *Garden and Gun*. The menu includes popular Chinese favorites like orange chicken, lo mein noodles and beef with broccoli, but also offers fine dining options such as lobster tail, Thai green curry prawns and more.

Find more wineries and wine bars [here](#).



# Warm Up

## WITH FIVE UNIQUE GUMBOS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

BY SHALISA ROLAND

Although gumbo is served year-round in Louisiana, there's nothing like warming up from the inside out with this roux-based soup. The ingredients vary from chef to chef, but Shreveport-Bossier has been able to stir the pot on this Cajun delicacy with a few unique add-ins. These five distinctive gumbos are sure to test your theories on what should be included in one of Louisiana's most iconic dishes.



### Abby Singer's Bistro

**SEAFOOD GUMBO** | 📍 **DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT** | This bowl of gumbo is served with lump crab meat, crab claws, and shrimp in a light broth seasoned with house spices over rice and is served with French bread.



### BeauxJax Crafthouse

**HALF PO'BOY & GUMBEAUX COMBO** | 📍 **EAST BANK DISTRICT & PLAZA** | Choose from 11 types of po'boy sandwiches and pair it with a bowl of gumbeaux. The gumbeaux includes chicken, sausage, trinity, okra and rice, but for an unconventional touch, add bits of alligator to your cup.



### The Cajun Asian Restaurant

**FRIED CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO** | 📍 **10821 LOUISIANA HWY. 1, SHREVEPORT** | The Cajun Asian is known for adding a unique twist to traditional Cajun Asian meals, but the fried chicken gumbo is a dish that Southerners can't deny. The chicken and sausage gumbo is poured around a scoop of golden sesame oil rice and topped with fried chicken for kick of crunch.



### Marilynn's Place

**SEAFOOD GUMBO** | 📍 **HISTORIC HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD** | This dark, meaty, gumbo is stacked with Louisiana Gulf Shrimp, crab meat, oysters, and andouille sausage. In the fall season, the chef adds duck meat to their gumbo.



### Ralph & Kacoo's Bossier City

**R&K SEAFOOD GUMBO** | 📍 **1700 OLD MINDEN RD., BOSSIER CITY** | In December 2020, Ralph & Kacoo's was the winner of the 20x49.com Foodie's Choice Award: Best Gumbo in Shreveport-Bossier. This 32-year-old recipe has yet to be revealed.





Oct. 18-23, 2021

Shreveport-Bossier Black Restaurant Week is a weeklong culinary celebration, Oct. 18-23, organized by the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce. Connoisseurs of great food can indulge in \$10 lunch specials and \$20 dinner specials at participating, Black-owned restaurants in Shreveport-Bossier.

The week will also highlight chefs, food truck events, festivals, caterers, and libations. Some of the community's new and emerging chefs and long-established restaurateurs will get to showcase their culinary skills.

Share your dining experience by using hashtag #EatBlack318 so we can follow along on your culinary exploration.

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# Get Your Freak On

BY ALY VELASQUEZ

Louisiana's other side rounds out the state with its spooky spirit, conjuring up some of the most thrilling events in the Ark-La-Tex. Whether you're looking for the perfect pumpkin patch or scare to remember for a lifetime, here's our pick for some of the best Halloween events in Shreveport and Bossier City.

**Click here for more Halloween events.**

## HERE'S A ROUND-UP OF HALLOWEEN EVENTS IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER:

### **NECROMANOR HAUNTED HOUSE** **FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS, OCT. 1-31**

For haunted house aficionados, NecroManor Haunted House at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets is a must-do during spooky season. This year, Northwest Louisiana's largest indoor haunted house experience has expanded upon their concept for the 10 p.m. show to be darker, scarier, and not for the kiddies or faint of heart!

### **SBC ZOMBIE WALK: HEARTS & PARTS** **OCT. 16, 2021**

Put on your best zombie costume and eat your heart out at the annual SBC Zombie Walk. Trudge your way through the East Bank District with kindred spooky spirits and enjoy a collection of macabre vendors, eerie guests, live music, a costume contest, door prizes, and spirit-raising fun times. Admission is free to this event, but canned food donations are appreciated to benefit the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana.





## ***THE LOGAN MANSION***

The Logan Mansion is downtown Shreveport's keepsake and creep-sake. This late-1800 Victorian-Style home is an Airbnb and members-only speakeasy, as well as a permanent home to paranormal guests. Book a stay to determine if it's factual or fable.

## ***PUMPKIN SHINE ON LINE*** ***OCT. 19, 2021***

For a slower change of pace, head to this annual pumpkin shine in Betty Virginia Park that kids of all ages will love. During the event, the park will glow with hundreds of jack-o-lanterns filling the park. This annual event is a must-see during the fall season in Shreveport.

## ***CLUE: ON STAGE*** ***OCT. 22-31, 2021***

See everyone's favorite murder mystery board game come to life at this spooky play. Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.



# WHATCHA' BRINGIN' TO Thanksgiving?

## ENNEAGRAM PREDICTIONS BY SHALISA ROLAND

Whether you're hosting a potluck, you're joining a casual Friends-giving, or you're contributing to a traditional family meal, the question remains, "Whatcha' Bringin' to Thanksgiving?" Well, based on your enneagram personality type, I've predicted a few Shreveport-Bossier meals that you're likely to offer your loved ones during the biggest feast of the year.

Don't know your enneagram type? **Take the quiz!**

### ENNEAGRAM 1

#### Fresh Flowers

📍 C&C MERCANTILE AND LIGHTING

Because you're purposeful and perfectionistic, you can't stand the thought of preparing a dish that no one liked, so you bring a bouquet to Thanksgiving. This is clever, but Thanksgiving is about a good meal, and guests can't eat flowers, so let's not repeat this "clever" act next year.



### ENNEAGRAM 2

#### Variety of Dips

📍 UPTOWN DOWNTOWN BOSSIER CITY

Because you're a people-pleaser with a big heart, you decide to knock out two birds with one considerate stone. To ensure that guests can enjoy your Thanksgiving contribution, you bring a variety of dips from Uptown Downtown, which simultaneously supports the new restaurant on the block.



### ENNEAGRAM 5

#### Old-Fashioned Cooked Greens

📍 MAHAFFEY FARMS

Because you're secretive and innovative, you'll develop a master plan to bring an iconic dish to Thanksgiving but under false pretenses. After purchasing Chef Hardette's old-fashioned cooked greens at Mahaffey Farms, you placed them in your personal dishware as if you prepared them yourself. No one calls you out on it because they're thankful that you brought them in the first place.



### ENNEAGRAM 3

#### Charcuterie Board

📍 SWEET CHEEZUS, LLC



### ENNEAGRAM 4

#### Beer

📍 BREWNIVERSE

Because you can be dramatic, withdrawn, and a bit temperamental, you're bringing various beer from Brewniverse to Thanksgiving. Although you never actually planned to share your brew with anyone, this ice-cold six pack will help keep your sanity intact if things go awry.





Because you're an overachiever in every sense of the word, of course, you'd bring an elaborate display of meats, cheeses, fruits, and nuts to Thanksgiving. Ugh, such a show-off, but the guests are certainly thankful for the charcuterie spread.



## ENNEAGRAM 8 *Appetite & Uninvited Guest*

Because you can be slightly confrontational with a bunch of dominating characteristics, if you brought an uninvited guest to Thanksgiving dinner, no one would be surprised. Hopefully your "guest" contributed because it's likely that you only brought an appetite.



## ENNEAGRAM 6 *Famous Strawberry Salad* 📍 BISTRO TO GO UPTOWN OR DOWNTOWN

Because you're the responsible one, you know that there aren't going to be many health-conscious meal options at Thanksgiving, so you're bringing a strawberry salad. You even take it a step further by requesting the grilled chicken on the side, so that vegetarian guests can enjoy the feast as much as everyone else.



## ENNEAGRAM 9 *Cajun Turkey*

📍 BERGERON'S BOUDIN  
AND CAJUN MEATS  
SHREVEPORT OR BOSSIER CITY

Because you're the peacemaker, you volunteered to take on the most important duty at Thanksgiving, the turkey. It's likely that you overheard a few of your friends or family members complaining about eating a bunch of side dishes last year, and this year, you opted in for turkey duty. Expect an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner every year. Also, expect to take on the turkey task...every year.



## ENNEAGRAM 7 *Funfetti Cheesecake* 📍 WHISK DESSERT BAR

Because you're a bit scatter-brained and spontaneously entertaining, it's only right that you bring the most-craved, uber-vibrant dish to Thanksgiving dinner - Funfetti cheesecake. You put the fun in Funfetti, and that's why everyone loves you.



# A Gift Card Guide

## TO THE LINE AVENUE SHOPPING DISTRICT

BY BRANDY EVANS

They say it's better to give than to receive, and I just love showing my family and friends how much I care about them with local curated gifts. A great place to start is the Line Avenue Shopping District in Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood. But if you're worried about gifting the wrong item, just send your loved ones in the right direction with a gift card and allow them to choose. Here is my gift card guide to local boutiques, unique experiences, and other popular stops along Line Avenue. I hope you will discover your own shopping faves at other stores throughout Shreveport-Bossier while you're out and about.

♥ Brandy Evans







## A GIFT CARD FOR YOUR MOTHER

📍 **318 ART & GARDEN** | This Louisiana-themed gift gallery offers everything to add some Cajun culture to your mother's home décor.



## A GIFT CARD FOR YOURSELF

📍 **FLOAT SHREVEPORT** | The holiday season can be hectic, so don't forget to treat yourself. Allow floatation therapy to drown out your season stresses.



## A GIFT CARD FOR YOUR COWORKER

📍 **RHINO COFFEE - UPTOWN LOCATION** | Every colleague could use a cup o' joe for that Monday pick-me-up or a fresh salad and sandwich when a break away from the office is overdue.



## A GIFT CARD FOR YOUR FATHER

📍 **L.E. & CHALK** | It can be challenging to find items for men, but L. E. & Chalk offers traditional and rare items for fine men and scoundrels.



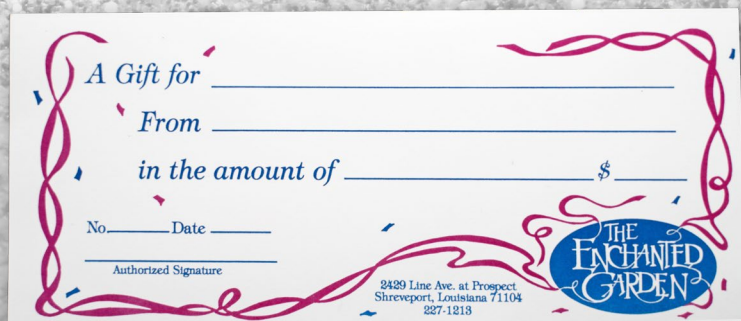
## A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR SON

📍 **GGVR ARCADE** | Gifting your son this virtual reality arcade experience will offer him next-level excitement with single-player and multi-player gaming.



## A GIFT CARD FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

📍 **KRUSH BOUTIQUE** | This boutique offers teenagers and twenty-somethings the latest fashion trends in junior and women's clothing, as well as accessories and shoes.



## A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR GRANDMOTHER

📍 **ENCHANTED GARDEN** | Give your sweet grandmother a magical gem from this enchanted shop. They offer everything from home goods and accessories to one-of-a-kind Mardi Gras masks.



# USE THIS TIMELESS HOLIDAY PLAYLIST TO DISCOVER CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

BY SHALISA ROLAND

Christmas has never been more lit in Shreveport-Bossier. As soon as the Thanksgiving table is cleared, locals are attending holiday festivals, popular shopping events, experiences with Santa, and more. Use this playlist as a guide to discover the area's iconic holiday events.



## "LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!" BY DEAN MARTIN

📍 *Sno-Port at Sci-Port Discovery Center - Nov. 26-Jan.30*

Thanks to **Sci-Port**, it snows every year in Shreveport. Sno-Port is an interactive snow exhibit that offers a bunch of winter-inspired children's activities with a scientific edge. Let it Sno-Port! Sno-Port! Sno-Port!



## "ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE" BY BRENDA LEE

📍 *Rockets Over the Red Fireworks Festival and Mudbug Market - Saturday, Nov. 27*

Festivalgoers can view fireworks bursting over the Red River from the **Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets** in Bossier City or along downtown Shreveport's riverfront. Both locations are filled with Christmas activities and towering Christmas trees, as well as an all-new Mudbug Market shopping experience.



## "8 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" BY DESTINY'S CHILD

📍 *Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights - Nov. 26-Dec. 24*

You can road trip through eight Louisiana cities to discover new Christmas events, holiday eats, gift shopping and more, by driving the 2021 Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights. Stops include Alexandria, Pineville, Minden, Monroe, West Monroe, Natchitoches, Shreveport and Bossier City.



## "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU" BY MARIAH CAREY

📍 *Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival at Earl G. Williamson Park - Saturday, Dec. 4*

Honestly, all we want for Christmas is to kick off the holiday season with the Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival in Oil City. Experience Christmas in the countryside with a fireworks show that lights up Caddo Lake.



## "THE FIRST NOEL" BY FRANK SINATRA

📍 *46th Annual Les Boutiques de Noel at the Shreveport Convention Center - Nov. 18-20*

Plunge into a unique, three-day shopping experience at Les Boutiques de Noel. With some merchants traveling from as far as Tennessee, the variety of gift-giving options are unmatched at this premier holiday event.



## "SILENT NIGHT" BY THE TEMPTATIONS

📍 *38th Annual Christmas in Roseland at the American Rose Center - Nov. 26-Dec. 19*

You won't experience a more elaborate Christmas light display than Christmas in Roseland at the **American Rose Center**, which is the largest park in America dedicated to roses. You can see thousands of Christmas lights, roast marshmallows, meet Santa, and more. But some visitors just sit in silence and admire the garden's glory at night.

WHAT'S MISSING? [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A DJ REQUEST.](#)



# What's New... **GOING INTO 2022**

**BY ALY VELASQUEZ**

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The past two years have seen many changes in our sister cities, but have also welcomed in new businesses and expansions to popular spots in the SBC. In case you missed it, here is a roundup of new and exciting things to do in Shreveport-Bossier:

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**THE LOT DOWNTOWN** ♦ 400 CROCKETT ST., SHREVEPORT | The former Sportran city bus terminal has become The LOT. This new gathering place is a hub for local food trucks, live music venue, art fairs, a boxing club, weekly family-friendly entertainment, and much more.

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**THE PAVILLION ON CROSS LAKE** ♦ 8-ACRE PRIVATE ISLAND ON CROSS LAKE, SHREVEPORT | The Pavillion on Cross Lake is a private eight-acre island that hosts weddings, reunions, events, meetings and more. Once you arrive at the private marina, a barge will transport your party to the island where you'll find a beautiful setting surrounded by water, cypress trees, native plants and flowers, arches, a fire pit, a giant pavilion, a log cabin and more.



**FLAMES MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT** ♦ 436 ASHLEY RIDGE BLVD., SHREVEPORT | Flames Mediterranean Restaurant welcomes Mediterranean flavors to the area in a family-friendly, upscale atmosphere. The menu consists of everything from authentic Mediterranean dip samplers and gourmet rice to Persian specialties and hefty entrees, and more. This affordable restaurant offers versatile dining opportunities including a bar, patio, private party room, and intimate dining sections.

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**FAT'S OYSTER HOUSE** ♦ 450 CLYDE FANT PKWY., STE. 400, SHREVEPORT | If you haven't ventured down to the Red River District in downtown Shreveport lately, Fat's Oyster House is definitely worth the trip! The new restaurant opened in February 2021 and is a Louisiana oyster house and sports bar. In addition to oysters, Fat's serves shrimp, fish, burgers, spiked milkshakes, and more.





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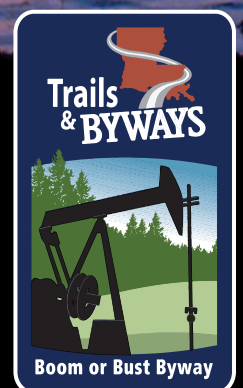


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The SB Fun Guide is the ultimate event calendar for a full list of things to do in the Shreveport-Bossier area. It's your #1 tool for finding non-stop fun for the holidays, discovering festivals and special events around our cities, booking excursions and tours, and more community jewels that are centered around food, art, and culture.

## ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAY

#### Words Over Lattes at Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club

Weekends include Mondays. Words Over Lattes is the best way to launch your week with poetry, live music, and comedy.

### TUESDAY

#### Trivia & Tacos at Abby Singer's Bistro Inside the Robinson Film Center

Have mad trivia skills? Here's your chance to win prizes and most importantly, bragging rights on the first Tuesday of each month. Enjoy Taco Tuesday and other menu items from Abby Singer's Bistro and catch a movie afterwards.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Winner Wednesday at Five Riverboat Casinos

Shreveport-Bossier's five riverboat casinos hug the banks of the meandering Red River. Whether you are playing in a slot tournament or risking it all at a table game, odds are in your favor to have a great time.

### THURSDAY

#### Jam Night at The Lot

The Lot is the new outdoor venue on the block in downtown Shreveport offering live music, food and art throughout the week. But on Thursdays, you can jam out with locals artists. This is the spot to see and be seen.

### FRIDAY

#### Rooftop Happy Hour at Haze on Texas

Haze on Texas is Shreveport's upscale, urban nightclub. Wash away your workweek worries with food and drink specials to experience happy hour like a boss. The sunset in downtown Shreveport is worth the view.

### SATURDAY

#### Doorless & Roofless Rides at Port City Exotic Rides

Enjoy subtle thrills along the open road in a three-wheel, Polaris sling shot car. Rent this sleek, gas-efficient ride for a day to explore every inch of Shreveport-Bossier without confinement.

### SUNDAY

#### Drag Bingo at Central Station or Korner Lounge

These two LGBTQ+ friendly bars feature regular karaoke nights and drag bingo. If you didn't know, drag bingo merges the live performance and art of drag and cabaret with the traditional bingo game.



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