A GUIDE FOR
DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE

Residents
The Downtown Development District (DDD) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana with the established mission to promote and enhance the District in ways that benefit the entire community. The DDD is comprised of 5 major neighborhoods including Historic Spanish Town, Beauregard Town, Central Business District, Capitol View North, and Downtown East.

The many DDD led project and event initiatives are highlighted in the public commission meetings hosted at different downtown venues on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. Residential opportunities, economic incentives, restaurant and merchant guides, and other useful information can be provided by contacting the DDD. We also encourage you to keep informed on downtown events, meetings, and initiatives by joining our email list at www.downtownbatonrouge.org, becoming our friend on Facebook, and following us on Twitter.

The following information is a guide intended for new and/or established downtown residents. Contact information for entities and organizations servicing downtown can be found in the Contact section of this booklet. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
Basics

Downtown offers a variety of events, entertainment venues, and services. It is home to over 65 restaurants, 20 entertainment venues, and 8 art galleries, all within walking distance. There are also several public greenspaces that host large events, recreational opportunities, and daily strolls. Everything is right here for you to experience and enjoy!

Amenities & Services

Downtown’s quality schools, exciting entertainment options, hundreds of merchants, and unparalleled cultural amenities can be found by visiting our website at www.downtownbatonrouge.org. Be sure to download our Merchants listing and take advantage of the restaurants and services available to you!
Special Events & Filming
For information about events, races, runs, and parades visit the DDD’s online event calendar at www.downtownbatonrouge.org/events/. Street closures occur periodically downtown due to events, races, runs, parades, movie filming, and general road maintenance. Road closures are posted online by EBR Department of Public Works Traffic and Engineering Division at www.brla.gov/282/Traffic-Engineering. Movie filming location and road closure information can also be obtained through the BR Film Commission’s website at www.filmbatonrouge.com.

Transportation
Downtown offers public transit options serviced by the Capital Area Transit System (CATS) and LSU Tiger Trail. CATS also manages the Capitol Park Trolley, offering convenient access to downtown’s civic and cultural attractions, as well as, Touchdown Express shuttling football fans from downtown to Tiger Stadium on game days. For available transit routes visit www.downtownbatonrouge.org

Bicycle and pedestrian paths have been and continue to be developed to connect residents to downtown’s attractions, services, and workforce opportunities. The Mississippi River Levee path extends from downtown to LSU and Farr Park. This 15 foot wide path includes separate lanes for bicycles and walkers/joggers as well as lighting, seating and water fountains.
Below you will find contact information for the offices applicable to many downtown residential services, issues, and questions. The Downtown Development District staff is always available to assist whenever possible. Just stop by our office at 247 Florida St. or call (225) 389-5520.

For a complete listing of City-Parish Contacts & Services Visit http://brgov.com/services.asp?GetServ=Residents Or call (225) 389-3000

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**Safety Services**

- **BR Police (Non-Emergency)**
  Main Office:
  9000 Airline Hwy.
  BR, LA  70815
  389-2000

- **Downtown Office:**
  201 Third St.
  BR, LA  70801
  389-3854

- **EBR Parish Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)**
  8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.
  BR, LA  70807
  389-5000
  www.ebrso.org

- **BR Fire Department (Non-Emergency)**
  Main Office:
  8011 Merle Gustafson Dr.
  BR, LA  70807
  383-1932
  www.brfd.org

- **Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness**
  3773 Harding Blvd.
  BR, LA  70807
  389-2100
  www.brla.gov/412/

- **EBR City-Parish Animal Control & Rescue Center**
  2200 Progress Rd.
  BR, LA  70807
  389-1932
  www.brla.gov/148/

- **Utilities**
  - **311**
    City Parish Reporting System for Infrastructure or Utility Issues
    311
    www.brla.gov/311/

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**Emergency Services**

- **Entergy**
  Report an Emergency: 1-800-968-8243
  Report an Outage or Get Status:
  Text OUT to 368374
  www.entergy.com

- **BR Water**
  6755 Goodwood Blvd.
  BR, LA  70805
  925-2011
  www.brwater.com

- **EBR City-Parish Environmental Services**
  222 Saint Louis Street
  Suite B16
  Baton Rouge, LA 70802
  www.brla.gov/180/
  Garbage-Reycling

- **Garbage Collection**
  To request a can or report an issues
  311
  www.brla.gov/311/
  Information-Services

- **Recycling**
  805 St. Louis St.
  BR, LA 70802
  389-5194
  www.brla.gov/890/
  Recycling-Office

- **Cox Communication**
  225-653-6160
  www.cox.com/residential/home.html

- **AT&T**
  www.att.com

- **Century Link**
  855-234-1903
  www.centurylink.com

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**Development**

- **BR Downtown Development District**
  247 Florida Blvd.
  BR, LA 70801
  389-5520
  www.downtownbatonrouge.org

- **EBR City-Parish Planning Commission**
  1100 Laurel St.
  Suite 104
  BR, LA 70802
  389-3144
  www.brla.gov/648/
  Planning-Commission

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**Parks & Green Space**

- **EBR Parish Recreation & Park Commission (BREC)**
  6201 Florida Blvd.
  BR, LA 70806
  272-9200
  www.brec.org

- **City Hall Plaza**
  222 St. Louis St.
  West side of City Hall
  BR, LA 70802
  www.downtownbatonrouge.org

- **Riverfront Plaza**
  300 S. River Rd.
  BR, LA 70802
  www.downtownbatonrouge.org

- **BREC Convention Street Park**
  Seventh & Convention St.
  BR, LA 70802

- **BREC Expressway Park**
  935 S. Eleventh St.
  BR, LA 70802

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**Tourism**

- **Visit Baton Rouge**
  359 Third St.
  BR, LA 70801
  389-1825
  www.visitbatonrouge.com

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**Schools**

Children’s Charter School  
1143 North St.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-9273  
www.csbr.org

EBR Parish School System  
1050 S. Foster Dr.  
BR, LA 70806  
922-5600  
www.ebrpss.k12.la.us/

First Step Day Care & Learning Center  
1020 Main St.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-1880

**Churches**

Bethel A M E Church  
1338 South Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
344-6931

First United Methodist Early Learning Center  
930 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-4229

First Baptist Church  
529 Convention St.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-0397  
www.fbcbr.org

First Presbyterian Church  
763 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-0617  
www.fpcter.org

First United Methodist Church  
930 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-4777  
www.firstmethodist.org

Mount Zion First Baptist Church  
356 TJ Jemison Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-5401  
www.mtzionfirstbaptist.com

New Saint Luke Baptist Church  
536 South Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-4411  
www.stlukesbr.org

Purpose Church  
124 N. Third St.  
BR, LA 70802  
www.purposechurch.com

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church  
185 Eddie Robinson Sr Dr.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-9300  
www.shilohbr.com

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
740 East Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-4127  
www.stagnesbr.com

St. Francis Xavier Church  
1120 Myrtle Ave.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-3479  
www.josephites.org/parish/stfx

St. Joseph Cathedral  
412 North St.  
BR, LA 70802  
367-9528  
www.cathedralsbr.com

St. James Episcopal Church  
206 N. Fourth St.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-5141  
www.stjamesbr.org

Wesley United Methodist Church  
544 Government St.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-9421  
www.wesleybr.weebly.com

**Transportation**

EBR Department of Transportation & Drainage  
222 St. Louis St.  
8th Floor  
389-5158  
www.bri.gov/280/transportation-drainage

Capital Area Transit System (CATS)  
389-8920  
www.brcats.com

BR Metropolitan Airport  
9430 Jackie Cochran Dr.  
BR, LA 70811  
365-0333  
www.flybtr.com

**Health Services**

Downtown Healthcare & Wellness  
307 Third St.  
BR, LA 70801  
366-6396  
www.downtownhealthcarebr.com

Downtown Physical Rehabilitation  
160 N. Eighth St.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-5021

Dr. Comeaux (Dentistry)  
451 Florida St.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-4141

Dr. Sicard (Dentistry)  
307 Third St.  
BR, LA 70801  
366-6396

Prescriptions to Geaux  
313 Third St.  
BR, LA 70801  
615-8730  
www.rxtoageaux.com

Rathmann-Keogh Chiropractic Clinic  
753 Government St.  
BR, LA 70802  
389-9711

**Neighborhoods**

Office of Neighborhood Services  
389-3039 Ext. 106  
www.brla.gov/654/Office-of-Neighborhoods

Beauregard Town Civic Association  
www.beauregardtownbr.org/

Historic Spanish Town Civic Association  
www.spanishtownbr.org/

Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association  
Facebook  
Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association

Downtown East Civic Association  
Email: wriddick@ mindspring.com

**Social Services**

One Stop Homeless Service Center  
153 N. 17th St.  
BR, LA 70802  
338-5800  
www.homelessinbr.org

**Library**

Library Information Services  
231-3750  
www.erbpl.com

River Center Library  
Downtown Branch  
447 N. Third St.  
BR, LA 70802  
389-4977  
www.erbpl.com

**Arts & Culture**

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge  
427 Laurel St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-8858  
www.arbbr.org

Shaw Center for the Arts  
100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
346-5001  
www.shawcenter.org

Manship Theatre  
100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-0334  
www.manshiptheatre.org

Hartley/Vey Studio & Workshop  
100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-0334  
www.hartleyveytheatres.org

LSU Museum of Art  
100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
389-7200  
www.lsumoa.org

Glassell Gallery  
100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
389-7181  
www.design.lsu.edu/glassell

Downtown Weekend Event List  
389-5520  
www.downtownbatonrouge.org/events

Baton Rouge Film Commission  
382-3563  
www.filmbatonrouge.com
Neighborhoods

Downtown

The Central Business District is quickly becoming one of the most desirable places to live downtown and the market is responding to its demand. The IBM development, Commerce Building, Onyx, and 440 on Third are a few of several new residential units to the CBD.

Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association
Email: downtownbrcivicassociation@gmail.com
Facebook: Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association

Downtown East

Downtown East, located just east of I-110 and adjacent to Historic Beauregard Town and Historic Spanish Town, is currently experiencing a transformation. Residential, religious, and small warehouse structures, as well as the recreational opportunities with the neighborhood, contribute to the overall character. Spanish Town Park, located in the northern section of the neighborhood, was recently upgraded. Several new multifamily developments have recently been completed, including the Elysian I.

Downtown East Civic Association
Email: wriddick@mindspring.com

Historic Spanish Town

For more than two hundred years, Spanish Town, a National and Local Historic District founded in 1805, illustrates the various changes of Baton Rouge's development. Although many people see Downtown Baton Rouge as one unit, the city is really a series of separate neighborhoods that have original homes of Spanish Town that survived the Civil War, and today, the prevailing architectural styles reflect the early 20th Century when Spanish Town was a thriving university community.

Historic Spanish Town Design Guidelines
Planning Commission
1100 Laurel St.
Suite 104
BR, LA 70802
389-3144

www.brla.gov/701/Publications

Historic Spanish Town Civic Association
www.spanishtownbr.org/

Beauregard Town

The neighborhood is a designated National Historic District founded in 1806 by retired military officer and New Orleans mercantile businessman Elias Toutant Beauregard. Captain Beauregard had extensive land holdings in Baton Rouge, and envisioned a town laid out in the grand manner of European cities with plazas, formal gardens, and public buildings. A plan drawn by French engineer and surveyor Arsene LaCarriere La Tour featured public squares, plazas, and pleasure gardens; a convent, hospital, college, a coliseum, cemetery, and a cathedral.

Beauregard Town Civic Association
www.beauregardtownbr.org/

Capitol View North

The Capitol View North neighborhood is located north of Historic Spanish Town, the Louisiana state office buildings, and Capitol Park. The neighborhood offers stunning views of the Louisiana State Capitol, Mississippi Riverfront, and the Capitol Lakes. Capitol View North includes several single-family homes east of the Capitol Lakes, including the Louisiana Governor's Mansion.

Capitol View North Civic Association
www.capitolviewnorthbr.org/