

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE 35-FOOT CHRISTMAS TREE AND FIREWORKS AT NORTH BLVD TOWN SQUARE, ENJOY FREE ICE SKATING, PLAY IN TEN TONS OF REAL SNOW AT THE SNOW VILLAGE, SEE HOLIDAY PERFORMERS, ELF JUGGLERS, AND OF COURSE...SANTA! CHECK THE LIST OF EVENTS AT THE SNOW VILLAGE, SANTA'S GIFT SHOP, OPEN HOUSES, AND MORE!

# 2019 DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS GUIDE

## MAYOR'S STAGE AT GALVEZ PLAZA

Soul Jukeboxx Performance (4:15pm-6:00pm)

Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks (6:00pm-6:25pm)

"Swing into Christmas" with Ned Fasullo and The Fabulous Big Band Orchestra (6:25pm-9:00pm)

### WINTER WONDERLAND

Community Stage (4:30pm-8:30pm) - North Boulevard Town Lawn Stage Adonai's Butterfiles Dance Studio, All Star Arts Academy, Baton Rouge Chorus of Sweet, Adelines, Cangelosi Dance Project, Charlie's King Kids Bell Choir, EBR Schools Talented Theatre — Elementary, Glasgow Middle School Choir and Band, Hosanna Christian Academy Praise Dancers, McKinley Middle Advanced Choir, Park Forest Middle School Band.

#### Free Ice Skating (4:00pm-9:00pm)

Provided by the River Center at First Floor Outdoor Plaza. Ages 5-10 only

#### Free Snow Village (5:00pm-9:00pm) - Repentance Park

Take a turn sliding down ten (10) tons of real snow! Ages 5-15 only.

#### Free Holiday Shorts (5:30pm-8:30pm) - Harley/Vey Theatres

Visit the Harley/Vey Theatres to watch screenings of your favorite holiday films.

#### Santa's Gift Shop (4:00pm-9:00pm) - City Hall Plaza

Artists from the Baton Rouge Arts Market, and around the region sell unique handmade items for everyone on your holiday gift list.

## HOLIDAY FUN ON NORTH BOULEVARD

#### East Baton Rouge Parish Library Book Mobile

The Library is bringing the bookmobile out to the Festival of Lights.

#### Bayou Cirque

Globe Walking Juggling Elf, Stilt Walker Elf, Frost Fairy, and more.

#### Louisiana Youth Orchestra Bake Sale

Purchase baked goodies, hot chocolate, and popcorn to benefit the Louisiana Youth Orchestra.

#### Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Bar and Beverages

St. James Episcopal School to provide Hot Chocolate. Hartley/Vey Theatre Providing a wide variety of beverages and snacks for all ages.

## OTHER DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FUN

**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (7:00pm)** Free and open to the public *First Presbyterian Church, 763 North Blvd* 

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a hilarious Christmas classic. A couple is struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant and is faced with casting the Herdman kids—probably the most inventively awful kids in history! You won't believe the mayhem—and the fun—when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on and end up teaching the town the true meaning of Christmas.

225-387-0617 www.fpcbr.org

## Festival of Lights at the Louisiana Art & Science Museum (5:00pm &7:00pm) 100 S River Road

Enjoy hands-on ornament-making, shopping in the Museum Store, and special planetarium showings of *Let it Snow* at 5 PM & 7 PM during Downtown Baton Rouge's annual Festival of Lights event! Admission is free with the donation of one new toy per person that benefits Toys for Tots; otherwise, regular admission prices apply. Sponsored by Baton Rouge Coca-Cola. *225-344-5272 www.lasm.org* 

## Santa in the Senate at The Old State Capitol (6:30pm-8:30pm) Admission: Free 100 North Blvd

Santa will be in the Senate Chamber to take pictures with families and children. They will also have holiday crafts for the young visitors and a Christmas film playing in the House Chamber.

225-342-0500 www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org

#### Reindeer Run and Jingle Bell Jog 5K + 1 Mile Forum 35 (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Admission: 1 Mile Fun Run = \$20 (\$35 on day of race), 5k = \$35 (\$45 on day of race) 300 North Blvd

Everyone is welcome at Guaranty Media's Reindeer Run and Jingle Bell Jog benefiting Forum 35 on Friday, December 6th during Downtown Baton Rouge's Festival of Lights! Jingle Bell Jog, 1 mile fun run, takes place at 7pm and the Reindeer Run 5K is at approximately 7:20pm! www.guarantymedia.com / www.redstickreindeerrun.com

## Cajun Night Before Christmas at Old Governor's Mansion (5:00pm-8:00pm) 502 North Blvd

The Cajun Night Before Christmas will feature Papa Noel. Kids and families will also have the opportunity to purchase The Cajun Night Before Christmas book, create alligator ornaments, decorate Old Governor's Mansion- inspired holiday cards, write letters to Papa Noel and more!

225-387-2464 www.preserve-louisiana.org

## 15th Annual Holiday Trunk Show- LSU MOA (3:00pm-9:00pm) 100 Lafayette St.

Support the LSU Museum of Art while crossing everyone off your list! Shop unique items from local artists, including jewelry, photography, and paintings.

We'll be offering free gift wrap and refreshments. Plus enjoy 25% off one regular priced item! 225-389-7200 www.lsumoa.org

#### 85 South at the Raising Canes River (7:00pm)

100 River Road

The last few years, The 85 South Show has been shaking up the podcasting scene with improvs and freestyles by some of the fastest rising comedic talent from the South. Join DC Young Fly, Karlous Miller and Chico Bean on Friday, December 6, 2019 as they bring their talents to Baton Rouge. It's going to be one hell of a show — and the whole thing will be turned into a new episode for the masses.

\$5 PARKING IN THE RIVER CENTER PARKING GARAGES

Before the Festival of Lights, join us in celebrating an afternoon of ribbon cuttings, open houses, and a sculpture dedication!

3PM - North Boulevard Town Square Phase II Ribbon Cutting

**4PM -** Riverfront Plaza Ribbon Cutting

5PM - Rotary Club of Baton Rouge Centennial Sculpture Dedication