



A GUIDE FOR
DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE

Business



DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT

Welcome

The Downtown Development District (DDD) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, founded in 1984 by state legislation Act 437, with the established mission to generate funds and to create a comprehensive policy for the promotion and enhancement of the District to benefit the entire community.

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. Available lease space listings, economic incentives, aerial photography, 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 businesses. Contact information for the entities and organizations mentioned can be found in the Contact section of this booklet. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.



Business Incentives and Networking

Businesses and residences within the DDD have access to multiple federal, state, and local economic incentives. For a listing and descriptions visit www.downtownbatonrouge.org or contact our office.

The Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment District was established in 2008 to promote a balance of arts & entertainment and reflect the culture of Baton Rouge within the heart of downtown. It was certified as a Cultural Product District, in 2009 tax related incentives. Map and A & E District Ordinance #14363: www.downtownbatonrouge.org

The State Historic Preservation Office designated the Third Street Corridor as a National Historic District, allowing for 43 properties eligible for Federal Historic Tax Credits. Map and additional information available at: www.downtownbatonrouge.org/devEconomic.asp

Downtown Business Association

The Downtown Business Association (DBA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and success of the Capitol City through a number of initiatives including events such as the Live After Five Concert Series, educational seminars, and networking opportunities. The DBA is a close partner with the Downtown Development District and Visit Baton Rouge, united in their support of local businesses. To become a DBA member or for more information visit their website at www.downtownbr.org, become a friend on Facebook, and follow them on Twitter.

Transportation & Parking

Downtown multiple parking options including; eleven parking garages, surface parking lots, and on street metered parking.

Listed within the DDD Interactive Map and Printable Parking Map are the hours of operation and costs for garages and surface lots. 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



Permits, Garbage Collection, & Ordinances

New businesses must incorporate their business through The Secretary of State and register with the Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation. Sole proprietors must also register with the EBR Finance Department/Revenue Division. Building inspections relating to renovations and occupancy permits should also be conducted by the EBR Department of Development. For businesses serving food contact the EBR Board of Health Review and for businesses serving alcohol, contact the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Additional safety inspections from the Baton Rouge Fire Prevention and Inspection division and the State Fire Marshal's office may be required. Businesses must individually contract with a Baton Rouge waste company servicing commercial entities.

EBR ordinances can be found at www.library.municode.com. For businesses interested in operating a sidewalk cafe refer to municode Title 15, Chapter 6: Sidewalk Cafes. Permits must be obtained through the EBR Department of Development. The EBR Unified Development Code (UDC) is overseen by the EBR Planning Commission. The UDC contains information about zoning, parking, landscape, signage, and other regulatory issues and can be viewed at www.brla.gov/706/Unified-Development-Code

Events

Downtown is host to a variety of festivals, music events, parades, and runs. North Boulevard Town Square, opening in 2012, is a popular host to many of these activities. Hosting over 250 events since its opening, Town Square plays a key role in the revitalization of downtown. Residents and guests enjoy small lunchtime concerts to the popular Festival of Lights in this communal space.

We encourage you to keep up to date on upcoming events to take advantage of the increased visitor presence downtown, and plan for any changes to normal traffic flow and access. For event information or to view the event calendar please visit our website.

Event Vending

To become an event vendor, an occupational license must be obtained by registering with the City of Baton Rouge Finance Department/Revenue Division and the Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation. Also, the special event administrator hosting the event must be contacted for participation approval and coordination. For more information about hosting an event or becoming an event vendor downtown view the Downtown Baton Rouge Event Procedures and Guidelines at www.downtownbatonrouge.org.

Street Closures

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 Transportation & Drainage at www.brla.gov/280/Transportation-Drainage. For information about events, races, runs, and parades visit the DDD's online event calendar at www.downtownbatonrouge.org/events/. Movie filming locations can be obtained through the BR Film Commission's website at www.filmbatonrouge.com/.



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SAT HARVEY WALLBANGER



Contact



Below you will find contact information for the offices mentioned in this guide and more. 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 www.brla.gov or call (225) 389-3000.

Safety Services

Emergency
911

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

Downtown Office:
201 Third St.
BR, LA 70801
389-3854
[www.brla.gov/203/
Police-Department](http://www.brla.gov/203/Police-Department)

**EBR Parish Sheriff's
Office
(Non-Emergency)**
Main Office:
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.brla.gov/911/
Fire-Department](http://www.brla.gov/911/Fire-Department)

**Mayor's Office
of Emergency
Preparedness**
3773 Harding Blvd.
BR, LA 70807
389-2100
[www.brla.gov/412/
Mayors-Office-Of-
Homeland-Sec-
Emergency-](http://www.brla.gov/412/Mayors-Office-Of-Homeland-Sec-Emergency-)

**EBR City-Parish
Animal Control &
Rescue Center**
2680 Progress Rd.
BR, LA 70807
383-1932
[www.brla.gov/148/
Animal-Control-Rescue-
Center](http://www.brla.gov/148/Animal-Control-Rescue-Center)

LA State Fire Marshall
925-2911 or
1-800-256-5452
sfm.dps.louisiana.gov

**BR Fire Prevention
Inspections**
8011 Merle Gustafson
Dr., BR, LA 70807
354-1400
[www.brla.gov/1004/
Fire-Prevention-Bureau-
Fire-Prevention-C](http://www.brla.gov/1004/Fire-Prevention-Bureau-Fire-Prevention-C)

EBR Board of Health
242-4860

**State Alcohol and
Tobacco Control**
925-4041
www.atc.rev.state.la.us

Waste & Utilities

311
City Parish Reporting
System for Infrastructure
or Public Utility Issues
Dial 3-1-1
[www.brla.gov/311/
Informational-Services](http://www.brla.gov/311/Informational-Services)

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

BR Water
8755 Goodwood Blvd.
BR, LA 70806
925-2011
www.brwater.com

EBR Recycling
805 St. Louis St.
Br, LA 70802
389-5194
[www.brla.gov/890/
Recycling-Office](http://www.brla.gov/890/Recycling-Office)

**A-1 Roll-Off Rentals
LLC**
229-0453
[www.a1rolloffrentalsllc.
com/](http://www.a1rolloffrentalsllc.com/)

**ACE Waste Systems
Inc**
753-7822
[www.aceenterprisesinc.
com/](http://www.aceenterprisesinc.com/)

**Cajun Dumpster
Rental**
224-3206
[www.
cajundumpsterrental.
com/baton-rouge/](http://www.cajundumpsterrental.com/baton-rouge/)

**Cohn Disposal
Service**
343-4917

**Gator Environmental
(Waste)**
357-2800
www.gatorenv.com/

**Innovative Waste
Systems**
775-2350
[www.
innovativewastesystems.
com/](http://www.innovativewastesystems.com/)

**JDog Baton Rouge LLC
(Waste)**
400-5702
[www.jdogjunkremoval.
com](http://www.jdogjunkremoval.com)

**Louisiana Waste
System**
929-9668
[www.louisianawaste.
com/](http://www.louisianawaste.com/)

Republic Services
778-3800
[www.republicservices.
com/](http://www.republicservices.com/)

**BR Waste
Management**
343 Chippewa
BR, LA 70805
389-3254
www.wm.com

Recycle Solutions
215-2333

Richard's Disposal Inc
775-3068
[www.richardsdisposal.
com](http://www.richardsdisposal.com)

Southern Roll Off
238-8000
www.southernrolloff.com

Waste Haul LLC
999-5215
www.wastehaul.com

Waste Pro of LA Inc
744-6400
[www.wasteprousa.com/
office/baton-rouge](http://www.wasteprousa.com/office/baton-rouge)

Workbox LLC
382-5250
www.workboxllc.com

Cox Communication
1-866-961-0027
[ww2.cox.com/
residential/home.cox](http://ww2.cox.com/residential/home.cox)

AT&T
www.att.com

Century Link
1-800-850-9048
www.centurylink.com

Development

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

BR Area Chamber
564 Laurel St.
BR, LA 70801
381-7125
www.brac.org

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

EBR Parish Redevelopment Authority
620 Florida Street
BR, LA 70802
387-5606
www.ebrra.org

EBR City-Parish Office of Community Development
222 St. Louis St.
Seventh Floor
BR, LA 70802
389-3039
www.brfa.gov/855/Office-of-Community-Development

EBR Parish Assessor's Office
Main Office Downtown
222 St. Louis St.
Room 126
BR, LA 70802
389-3920
www.ebrpa.org

EBR City-Parish Finance Department
222 St. Louis St.
Room 404
BR, LA 70802
389-3084
www.brfa.gov/193/Finance-Department

EBR City-Parish Department of Development
222 Saint Louis Street
BR, LA 70802
389-3160
www.brfa.gov/456/Development

LA Economic Development
www.opportunitylouisiana.com

LA Secretary of State
8585 Archives Ave.
BR, LA 70809
922-2880
www.sos.la.gov

LA Department of Labor
Louisiana Workforce Commission
1001 N. 23rd Street
BR, LA 70802
342-3111
www.laworks.net

LA Office of Community Development
342-7412
www.doa.la.gov/pages/ocd/index.aspx

LA Housing Corporation
736-8700
www.lhc.la.gov

LA Office of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism
342-8160
www.crt.state.la.us

Parks & Green Space

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

North Boulevard Town Square
222 North Blvd.
BR, LA 70802
389-5520
www.townsquarebr.org

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

BREC Convention Street Park
Seventh St. and Convention St.
BR, LA 70802

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

Repentance Park
300 S. River Road
BR, LA 70802

Riverfront Plaza
River Road: Between River Center & Old State Capitol
BR, LA 70802

Capital Park
Capital Grounds:
Fourth St. and Spanish Town Rd.
BR, LA 70802

Lafayette Park
Lafayette Stand North Blvd.
BR, LA 70802

AZ Young Park
755 Third St.
BR, LA 70802

Arsenal Park
1000 N. Fifth St.
BR, LA 70802

Spanish Town Park
1300 Spanish Town Rd.
BR, LA 70802

7th Street Park
7th & North Street
BR, LA 70802

Schools

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

EBR Parish School System
1050 S. Foster Dr.
BR, LA 70806
922-5400
www.ebrpss.k12.la.us/

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

Mentorship Academy
339 Florida St.
BR, LA 70801
346-5180

St. James Day School
445 Convention St.
BR, LA 70802
344-0805
www.stjameseds.org

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

St. Francis Xavier School
1120 Myrtle Ave.
BR, LA 70802
383-3479
www.sfxbr.org

Churches

Bethel A M E Church
1358 South Blvd.
BR, LA 70802
344-6931

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.fpcbr.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
538 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
749 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/ar/sfx/

St. Joseph Cathedral
412 North St.
BR, LA 70802
387-5928
www.cathedralbr.org

St. James Episcopal Church
205 N. Fourth St.
BR, LA 70801
387-5141
www.stjamesbr.org

Wesley United Methodist Church
544 Government St.
BR, LA 70802
343-8421
www.wesleybr.weebly.com

Transportation

BR Metropolitan Airport
9430 Jackie Cochran Dr.
BR, LA 70811
355-0333
www.flybr.com

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

EBR City-Parish Department of Transportation & Drainage, Traffic Engineering
329 Chippewa Street
BR, LA 70802
389-3246
www.brfa.gov/282/Traffic-Engineering

Contacts

Neighborhoods

Beauregard Town Civic Association

www.beauregardtownbr.org/

Historic Spanish Town Civic Association

www.spainishtownbr.org/

Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association

Facebook:
Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association

Downtown East Civic Association

Email:
widdick@mindspring.com

Office of Neighborhood Services

389-3039 Ext. 106

www.brla.gov/664/Office-of-Neighborhoods

Social Services

One Stop Homeless Service Center

153 N. 17th St.
BR, LA 70802
338-5800

www.homlessinbr.org

Library

Library Information Services

231-3750

www.ebrpl.com

River Center Library

Downtown Branch
447 N. Third St.
BR, LA 70802
389-4967

www.ebrpl.com

Arts & Culture

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

427 Laurel St.
BR, LA 70801
344-8558

www.artsbrr.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
389-7180

www.design.lsu.edu/glassell/

Baton Rouge Film Commission

359 Third Street
BR, LA 70801
382-3563

www.filmbatonrouge.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

Prescriptions to Geaux

313 Third St.
BR, LA 70801
615-8730

www.rxtogeaux.com

Rathmann Chiropractic Clinic

753 Government St.
BR, LA 70802
389-9971

Kinetic Physical Therapy

440 N. 3rd St.
BR, LA 70802
286-3000

General

Visit Baton Rouge

359 Third St.
BR, LA 70801
383-1825

www.visitbatonrouge.com

Downtown Districts

Downtown Development District (DDD)

247 Florida St.
BR, LA 70801
389-5520

www.downtownbatonrouge.org

Historic Third Street District

www.downtownbatonrouge.org

Arts & Entertainment Cultural District

Downtown Development District (DDD)

247 Florida St.
BR, LA 70801
389-5520

www.downtownbatonrouge.org

Additional Information on Louisiana Cultural Districts:

Office of Cultural Development (CRT)

1051 N. Third St.
BR, LA 70802
342-8161

www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/

Registering

LA Secretary of State

8585 Archives Avenue
BR, LA 70809
925-4704

www.sos.la.gov

EBR City-Parish Finance Department

222 St. Louis St.
Room 404
BR, LA 70802
389-3061

www.brla.gov/193/Finance-Department

Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation

617 N. Third St.
BR, LA 70802
1-855-307-3893

www.rev.state.la.us

Louisiana Workforce Commission

1001 N. 23rd St.
BR, LA 70802
342-3111

www.laworks.net

Parking

DDD Parking Guide

www.downtownbatonrouge.org/getting-around/parking-options/

Permitting/Inspections

EBR Board of Health

353 N. Twelfth St.
BR, LA 70802
242-4860

www.new.dhh.louisiana.gov/

Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

7979 Independence Blvd., Suite 101
BR, LA 70806
925-4041

www.atc.rev.state.la.us

Alcoholic Beverage Control and Gaming Enforcement

9048 Airline Hwy
BR, LA 70815
389-3364

www.brla.gov/462/Alcoholic-Beverage-Control-Gaming

Department of Development, Permits & Inspections

300 N. 10th Street
BR, LA 70802
389-3160

www.brla.gov/458/Permits-Inspections