



A GUIDE FOR  
DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE

*Residents*



DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT

Downtown Development District | [downtownbatonrouge.org](http://downtownbatonrouge.org) | 247 Florida Street | 225.389.5520

# Welcome

**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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.



# Contact

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

## 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.brfa.gov/203/Police-Department](http://www.brfa.gov/203/Police-Department)

### EBR Parish Sheriff's Office

**(Non-Emergency)**  
8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.  
BR, LA 70807  
389-5000  
[www.ebrso.org](http://www.ebrso.org)

### BR Fire Department (Non-Emergency)

Main Office:  
8011 Merle Gustafson  
Dr.  
BR, LA 70807  
383-1932  
[www.brfa.gov/911/Fire-Department](http://www.brfa.gov/911/Fire-Department)

### Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness

3773 Harding Blvd.  
BR, LA 70807  
389-2100  
[www.brfa.gov/412/Mayors-Office-Of-Homeland-Sec-Emergency](http://www.brfa.gov/412/Mayors-Office-Of-Homeland-Sec-Emergency)

### EBR City-Parish Animal Control & Rescue Center

2680 Progress Rd.  
BR, LA 70807  
383-1932  
[www.brfa.gov/148/Animal-Control-Rescue-Center](http://www.brfa.gov/148/Animal-Control-Rescue-Center)

## Utilities

311

City Parish Reporting  
System for Infrastructure or  
Public Utility Issues  
311  
[www.brfa.gov/311/Information-Services](http://www.brfa.gov/311/Information-Services)

## Entergy

Report an Emergency:  
1-800-968-8243  
Report an Outage or Get  
Status:  
Text OUT to 368374  
[www.entropy.com](http://www.entropy.com)

## BR Water

8755 Goodwood Blvd.  
BR, LA 70806  
925-2011  
[www.brwater.com](http://www.brwater.com)

## EBR City-Parish Environmental Services

222 Saint Louis Street  
Suite 816  
Baton Rouge, LA  
70802  
[www.brfa.gov/1180/Garbage-Recycling](http://www.brfa.gov/1180/Garbage-Recycling)

## Garbage Collection

To request a can or  
report an issues  
311  
[www.brfa.gov/311/Information-Services](http://www.brfa.gov/311/Information-Services)

## Recycling

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

## Cox Communication

225-663-6160  
[www.cox.com/residential/home.html](http://www.cox.com/residential/home.html)

## AT&T

[www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

## Century Link

855-234-1903  
[www.centurylink.com](http://www.centurylink.com)

## Development

### BR Downtown Development District

247 Florida Blvd.  
BR LA 70801  
389-5520  
[www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)

### BR Area Chamber

564 Laurel St.  
BR LA 70801  
381-7125  
[www.brac.org](http://www.brac.org)

## EBR City-Parish Planning Commission

1100 Laurel St.  
Suite 104  
BR, LA 70802  
389-3144  
[www.brfa.gov/648/Planning-Commission](http://www.brfa.gov/648/Planning-Commission)

## EBR Parish Redevelopment Authority

620 Florida St.  
BR, LA 70801  
387-5606  
[www.ebraa.org](http://www.ebraa.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](http://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  
<http://ebrpa.org/>

## EBR City-Parish Department of Development

222 Saint Louis Street  
BR, LA 70802  
389-3160  
<http://brfa.gov/456/Development>

## LA Office of Cultural Development

342-8160  
[www.crt.state.la.us/culture/](http://www.crt.state.la.us/culture/)

## Tourism

### Visit Baton Rouge

359 Third St.  
BR, LA 70801  
389-1825  
[www.visitbatonrouge.com](http://www.visitbatonrouge.com)

## Parks & Green Space

### EBR Parish Recreation & Park Commission (BREC)

6201 Florida Blvd.  
BR, LA 70806  
272-9200  
[www.brec.org](http://www.brec.org)

### North Boulevard Town Square

222 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
[www.townsquarebr.org](http://www.townsquarebr.org)

### City Hall Plaza

222 St. Louis St.  
(West side of City Hall)  
BR, LA 70802  
[www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)

### Riverfront Plaza

300 S. River Rd.  
BR, LA 70802  
[www.downtownbatonrouge.org](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org)

### BREC Convention Street Park

Seventh & Convention  
St.  
BR, LA 70802

### BREC Expressway Park

935 S. Eleventh St.  
BR, LA 70802

### Capital Park

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

### Lafayette Park

Lafayette St. & North  
Blvd.  
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

Seventh & North St.  
BR, LA 70802

## Schools

### Children's Charter School

1143 North St.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-9273  
[www.ccesbr.org](http://www.ccesbr.org)

### EBR Parish School System

1050 S. Foster Dr.  
BR, LA 70806  
922-5400  
[www.ebrps.k12.la.us/](http://www.ebrps.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](http://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

## 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](http://www.fbcbr.org)

### First Presbyterian Church

763 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-0617  
[www.fpcbr.org](http://www.fpcbr.org)

### First United Methodist Church

930 North Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-4777  
[www.firstmethodist.org](http://www.firstmethodist.org)

### Mount Zion First Baptist Church

356 TJ Jemison Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-5401  
[www.mzionfirstbaptist.com](http://www.mzionfirstbaptist.com)

### New Saint Luke Baptist Church

538 South Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-4411  
[www.stlukesbr.org](http://www.stlukesbr.org)

### Purpose Church

124 N. Third St.  
BR, LA 70802  
[www.purposechurch.com](http://www.purposechurch.com)

### Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

185 Eddie Robinson Sr Dr.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-9300  
[www.shilohbr.com](http://www.shilohbr.com)

### St. Agnes Catholic Church

749 East Blvd.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-4127  
[www.stagnesbr.com](http://www.stagnesbr.com)

### St. Francis Xavier Church

1120 Myrtle Ave.  
BR, LA 70802  
383-3479  
[www.josephites.org/parish/la/sfx](http://www.josephites.org/parish/la/sfx)

### St. Joseph Cathedral

412 North St.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-5928  
[www.cathedralbr.com](http://www.cathedralbr.com)

### St. James Episcopal Church

208 N. Fourth St.  
BR, LA 70802  
387-5141  
[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

### Wesley United Methodist Church

544 Government St.  
BR, LA 70802  
343-8421  
[www.wesleybr.weebly.com](http://www.wesleybr.weebly.com)

## Transportation

### EBR Department of Transportation & Drainage

222 St. Louis St.  
8th Floor  
389-3158  
[www.brta.gov/280/Transportation-Drainage](http://www.brta.gov/280/Transportation-Drainage)

### Capital Area Transit System (CATS)

389-8920  
[www.brcats.com](http://www.brcats.com)

### BR Metropolitan Airport

9430 Jackie Cochran Dr.  
BR, LA 70811  
355-0333  
[www.flybtr.com](http://www.flybtr.com)

## Neighborhoods

### Office of Neighborhood Services

389-3039 Ext. 106  
[www.brta.gov/664/Office-of-Neighborhoods](http://www.brta.gov/664/Office-of-Neighborhoods)

### Beauregard Town Civic Association

[www.beauregardtownbr.org/](http://www.beauregardtownbr.org/)

### Historic Spanish Town Civic Association

[www.spanishtownbr.org/](http://www.spanishtownbr.org/)

### Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association

Facebook:  
[Downtown Baton Rouge Civic Association](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownBatonRougeCivicAssociation)

### Downtown East Civic Association

Email:  
[wridlick@mindspring.com](mailto:wridlick@mindspring.com)

## Health Services

### Downtown Healthcare & Wellness

307 Third St.  
BR, LA 70801  
366-6396  
[www.downtownhealthcarebr.com](http://www.downtownhealthcarebr.com)

### Downtown Physical Rehabilitation

160 N. Eight 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.rxtogeaux.com](http://www.rxtogeaux.com)

### Rathmann-Keogh Chiropractic Clinic

753 Government St.  
BR, LA 70802  
389-9971

## Social Services

### One Stop Homeless Service Center

153 N. 17th St.  
BR, LA 70802  
338-5800  
[www.homelessinbr.org](http://www.homelessinbr.org)

## Library

### Library Information Services

231-3750  
[www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com)

### River Center Library

Downtown Branch  
447 N. Third St.  
BR, LA 70802  
389-4967  
[www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com)

## Arts & Culture

### Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

427 Laurel St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-8558  
[www.artsbr.org](http://www.artsbr.org)

### Shaw Center for the Arts

100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
346-5001  
[www.shawcenter.org](http://www.shawcenter.org)

### Manship Theatre

100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-0334  
[www.manshiptheatre.org](http://www.manshiptheatre.org)

### Hartley/Vey Studio & Workshop

100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
344-0334  
[www.hartleyveytheatres.org](http://www.hartleyveytheatres.org)

### LSU Museum of Art

100 Lafayette St.  
BR, LA 70801  
389-7200  
[www.lsumoa.org](http://www.lsumoa.org)

### Glassell Gallery

100 Lafayette S.  
BR, LA 70801  
389-7181  
[www.design.lsu.edu/glassell/](http://www.design.lsu.edu/glassell/)

### Downtown Weekend Event List

[www.downtownbatonrouge.org/events/](http://www.downtownbatonrouge.org/events/)

### Baton Rouge Film Commission

382-3563  
[www.filmbatonrouge.com](http://www.filmbatonrouge.com)

# Neighborhoods



## 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.brfa.gov/701/  
Publications](http://www.brfa.gov/701/Publications)

### Historic Spanish Town Civic Association

[www.spanishtownbr.org/](http://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 Toussant 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/](http://www.beauregardtownbr.org/)

## 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:  
[downtownbrcivic  
association@gmail.com](mailto:downtownbrcivicassociation@gmail.com)

Facebook:  
Downtown Baton  
Rouge Civic  
Association

## 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.

## 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:  
[widdick@mindspring.com](mailto:widdick@mindspring.com)