



City of Slidell

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Slidell gives residents and visitors plenty of reasons to celebrate



“Celebrate Slidell” is the theme for the City of Slidell’s upcoming Cultural Season, and the celebration has already kicked off in full force with the recent Cultural Extravaganza Super Bowl Exhibit and auction, and the wonderfully successful Olde Towne Alive! Block party, just a few of the many events to come in the year ahead. The celebration continued with the September 27 Bayou Jam Concert, the first of the fall season, featuring On the Beach.

The city’s 2009-2010 Cultural Season marks its biggest yet, with over 40 events to choose from, including art exhibits, the spring and fall Bayou Jam Concerts Series, Arts Evening fall festival, Kids Fest summer festival of arts, and the increasingly-popular Some Enchanted Evening with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, which in 2010 will be held in April in Heritage Park.

Recent additions to the city’s cultural calendar include the popular Brown Bag concert series, held on Fridays in May and October, the seven-day Christmas Under the Stars holiday festival and the city’s newest celebration, “Olde Towne Alive!” Block parties, held monthly on Fridays from March to November. The city also hosts special events when opportunities arise and arts-in-education programs for St. Tammany Students.

All of these events offer free admission, thanks to the generosity of the city’s cultural season sponsors, including Living Magazine; Louisiana Life Magazine; Slidell Memorial Hospital; AT&T; Ronnie Kole Foundation; Creative Picture Framing Inc. & Art Gallery; East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien Insurance; The Purple Armadillo; Slidell Independent News; Bargains Plus/Mr. Map; Baskin Robbins; Dr. Russell & Nancy Westfall; HMS Architects; APC, Kathryn & Company’s A Touch of Italy Café; Krewe of Bilge; Law Office of P. David Carollo; Northshore Regional Medical Center, Slidell Symphony Society; Times Grill and Travel Leaders of Slidell. The City of Slidell’s 2009-2010 Cultural Season is supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.

A complete calendar of events is available by clicking the calendar link on the city’s website at www.slidell.la.us. Updates, details and reminders are also available through the city’s social media pages on Twitter and Facebook, with direct links to these pages featured on the city’s website home page.

Still to come in the city’s 2009-2010 Cultural Season are the following events:

Art Exhibits

All exhibits are presented by the Slidell Cultural Center at its new location in City Hall, 2055 Second Street. Hours Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free admission.

Oct. 9 – Dec. 13, 2009 **“Reinterpreting the Masters” Juried Art Exhibit**
This exhibit challenges artists to provide their own artistic interpretation of paintings made famous by the Masters. The objective is not to duplicate, but to re-create the work in a completely different style of art.
Awards reception Friday, Oct. 9, 7 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 15 – Mar. 19, 2010 **Mixed Media Juried Art Exhibition**
A juried exhibit open to artists in ten southeastern states. It's one of our most eclectic exhibits every year.
Opening reception Friday, Jan. 15, 7 to 9 p.m.

April 23 – June 25, 2010 **Salad Days Children's Juried Art Exhibit**
A juried exhibit featuring St. Tammany's most talented young artists, ranging in age from 5 to 19, with awards presented to students in four different age groups. This showcase remains one of our most popular annual exhibits.
Opening reception Friday, Apr. 23, 6 to 8 p.m.

City of Slidell Cultural Events

Friday, October 2, 2009 **Brown Bag Concert featuring Jeanne Louise and All that Jazz**
Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.
11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.

Friday, October 9, 2009 **Brown Bag Concert the Jubilee German Trio**
Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.
11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.

Friday, October 9, 2009 **Olde Towne Alive! Block party and concert**
Olde Towne Slidell
Featuring the Coco Cruz Band at the main stage at City Hall; other musical groups on First Street, Erlanger and Second Street. Block parties including “Who’s on First? What’s on Second? and Last Call on Cousin.” Food, art, street entertainers, children’s activities, shopping, classic cars and free museum tours. Free admission.

Sunday, October 11, 2009 **Bayou Jam Concert featuring Redline with special guest Jenny Brooks**
Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.

Friday, October 16, 2009 **Brown Bag Concert featuring Islands of Rhythm**
Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.
11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.

- Friday, October 23, 2009 **Brown Bag Concert featuring Tijonne Reyes**
 Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.
 11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.
- Sunday, October 25, 2009 **Bayou Jam Halloween Bash featuring Vince Vance & the Valiants**
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park
 It's the most popular of our Bayou Jam Concerts, featuring The always-entertaining Vince Vance, plus trick-or-treating following the concert. Free admission. Treats provided by members of the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce.
 Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge. Free admission.
- Friday, October 30, 2009 **Brown Bag Concert featuring Christian Serpas & Ghost Town**
 Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.
 11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.
- Friday, November 6, 2009 **Olde Towne Alive! Block party and concert— Special Whistle Stop Weekend edition Featuring Bayou Liberty Jazz Band**
 Olde Towne Slidell
 Featuring live entertainment plus block parties including “Who’s on First? What’s on Second? and Last Call on Cousin.”
 Food, art, street entertainers, children’s activities, shopping, classic cars and free museum tours. Free admission.
- Saturday, November 7, 2009 **Arts Evening** (rain date Sunday, November 8)
 One of the largest cultural events in the area, Arts Evening features the work of over one hundred artists plus live entertainment at shops and restaurants throughout Olde Towne Slidell. 4 – 8:30 p.m.
 Followed by the Arts Evening finale in the Slidell Municipal Auditorium featuring Ronnie Kole, 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.
 Free admission to all events.
- Sunday, November 8, 2009 **Arts Evening edition of the Bayou Jam Concert featuring Swingaroux**
 Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.
- Fri. – Sun., Dec. 4-6, 2009 **Christmas Under the Stars** Opening night 6 – 9 p.m. Saturday/Sunday 6:15 – 9 p.m. Griffith Park.
 One of the city’s most magical celebrations, Christmas Under the Stars features live entertainment by local organizations, holiday decorations, a parade of trees decorated by local organizations, storytelling and visits with Santa. Free admission.

- Thurs. – Sun., Dec. 10–13 **Christmas Under the Stars** 6:15 to 9 p.m. Griffith Park
- Friday, March 12, 2009 **Olde Towne Alive! Block party and concert**
 Olde Towne Slidell
 Featuring live entertainment plus block parties including
 “Who’s on First? What’s on Second? and Last Call on Cousin.”
 Food, art, street entertainers, children’s activities, shopping, classic cars
 and free museum tours. Free admission.
- Sunday, March 14, 2010 **Bayou Jam Concert (following St. Pat’s Parade)**
Featuring The Topcats
 Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular
 concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available
 for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.
- Sunday, March 28, 2010 **Bayou Jam Concert featuring Burnside Flashers**
 Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular
 concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available
 for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.
- Friday, April 9, 2010 **Olde Towne Alive! Block party and concert**
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 Featuring live entertainment plus block parties including
 “Who’s on First? What’s on Second? and Last Call on Cousin.”
 Food, art, street entertainers, children’s activities, shopping, classic cars
 and free museum tours. Free admission.
- Saturday, April 10, 2010 **Some Enchanted Evening with the**
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra
 (rain date April 11) 6:00 p.m. Heritage Park
Enchanted Art Walk featuring local artists, 4 – 6 p.m.
Mayor’s Picnic Contest registration, 4 – 5 p.m.
 Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available
 for a nominal charge. Free admission.
- Sunday, April 25, 2010 **Bayou Jam Concert featuring Soul Vaxxination**
 Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular
 concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available
 for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.
- Friday, May 7, 2010 **Brown Bag Concert featuring Swingaroux**
 Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic
 baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite
 catering will be available for a nominal charge.
 11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne
 (Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.
- Friday, May 14, 2010 **Brown Bag Concert**
 Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic
 baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite
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Sunday, May 16, 2010

Bayou Jam Concert featuring Sgt Pepper's Band

Bring your family and friends, blankets and chairs and join us for this popular concert series. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park. Free admission.

Friday, May 21, 2010

Brown Bag Concert

Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.

11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne
(Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.

Friday, May 28, 2010

Brown Bag Concert

Concert-goers are invited to bring their chairs, blankets, ice chests and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy the concerts. Soft drinks, bottled water and onsite catering will be available for a nominal charge.

11am to 1pm, Griffith Park in Olde Towne
(Second Street and Bouscaren Street). Free admission.

Friday, June 4, 2010

Kids Fest Children's Art Festival

3:30 – 6 p.m. Heritage Park

A celebration of song, dance and hands on art projects that's great fun for the whole family. Free admission.

For more information about any of these events, visit the city's website at www.slidell.la.us. Event dates and times subject to change.

For information about Bayou Jam Concerts, Arts Evening, Some Enchanted Evening, art exhibits and all other special events, contact the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.

For information about Brown Bag Concerts and Olde Towne Alive!, contact the City of Slidell's Main Street Manager, Catherine Olivier, at (985) 646-4322 or (985) 646-4320.

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