



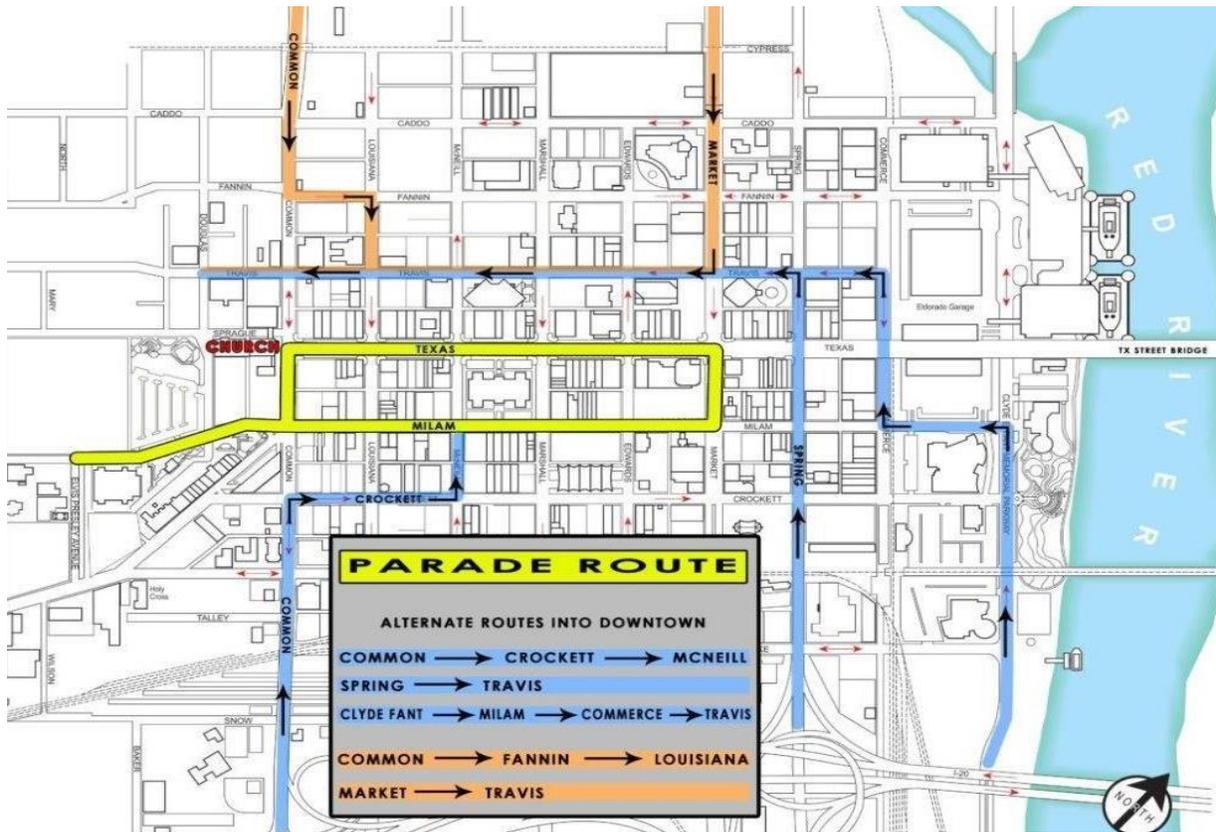
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Annual African American History Parade



The 35th Annual African American History Parade will kick off at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, February 4th at 11 a.m. The route will be close to traffic at 9 a.m.

Those media members that would like to speak to Chief Wayne Smith about the African American History Parade can do so at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Municipal Auditorium at 705 Elvis Presley Boulevard.

We encourage all citizens to come and take part in this Family Friendly Event. Have fun, be courteous, and stay safe.



Media Information Packet

African America History Parade

February 4, 2023

Street/Route closure at 9:00 am

Parade rolls at 11:00 am

Krewe of Centaur Parade

February 11, 2023

Streets open at 7:00 am

Street/Route closure at 1:00 pm

Parade rolls at 3:00 pm

Krewe of Gemini Parade

February 18, 2023

Streets open at 7:00 am

Street/Route closure at 1:00 pm

Parade rolls at 3:00 pm

Krewe of Highland Parade

February 19, 2023

Street/Route closure at 1:00 pm

Parade rolls at 2:00 pm

Once the streets are closed only emergency vehicles traffic will be permitted. If you leave the area after the streets are closed, you will not be allowed back in.

Prohibited Items/Acts:

No glass bottles or containers are allowed on the parade route.

No one may cross parade barricades during the parade.

No animals are allowed within 200 yards of the parade route, except animals that are in secured yards of residents living along the parade route and service animals.

No dangerous objects or silly string.

No one may throw anything at a parade float.

Large flags or banners are not allowed within 50 feet of the parade route which would obstruct the view of public safety personnel, parade participants, or bystanders.

No underage possession of alcohol. Violators will be arrested.

No public nudity will be tolerated. Violators will be arrested.

No ATVs, side-by-side, dirt bikes, or any other motorized recreational vehicles are allowed on any public property along the parade route, this includes the grassy areas along Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway and city streets. Violators will be subject to citation, arrest, and towing of the vehicle.

No firearms are permitted in City Parks along the route.

No Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones) are permitted over the parade route.

Safety Tips:

Do not leave children unattended! Designate a meeting place in the event you find yourself accidentally separated from your children or other family members/friends.

Do not fight or struggle over beads.

Keep a safe distance from the floats.

Leave valuables at home and secure your vehicles. Keep your keys secured.

Do not take purses or wallets to parades. Keep money, keys, and identification secured on your person.

Extinguish hot coals after cooking. Do not dump hot coals on the grass.

Obey all traffic signs and directions from officers.