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Traffic Advisory & Safety Guidelines for the African American History Parade

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The African American History Parade will take place this Saturday, bringing road closures and increased pedestrian traffic through downtown Shreveport. Travelers in the area should expect traffic closures beginning at 8:00 a.m. and plan alternate routes accordingly.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all attendees, the following prohibited items and activities will be strictly enforced along the parade route:

Prohibited Items & Acts:

- No glass bottles or containers are allowed.
- No crossing parade barricades during the parade.
- No animals are permitted within 200 yards of the parade route, except for service animals and pets secured in yards along the route.
- No dangerous objects or silly string are allowed.
- No one may throw anything at a parade float.
- No underage possession of alcohol—violators will be arrested.
- No public nudity—violators will be arrested.
- No ATVs, side-by-sides, dirt bikes, or other motorized recreational vehicles allowed on the parade route.

Safety Tips for Attendees:

- Do not leave children unattended. Designate a meeting place in case of accidental separation.
- Avoid struggling over beads—parade throws are meant to be fun!
- Keep a safe distance from parade floats and moving vehicles.

- Secure valuables at home and ensure vehicles are locked.
- Avoid carrying purses or wallets. Keep money, keys, and identification securely on your person.
- Exercise good judgment and treat others with respect.

The Shreveport Police Department will be present along the parade route to ensure public safety and enforce regulations. We appreciate your cooperation in making this a safe and enjoyable celebration for everyone.

