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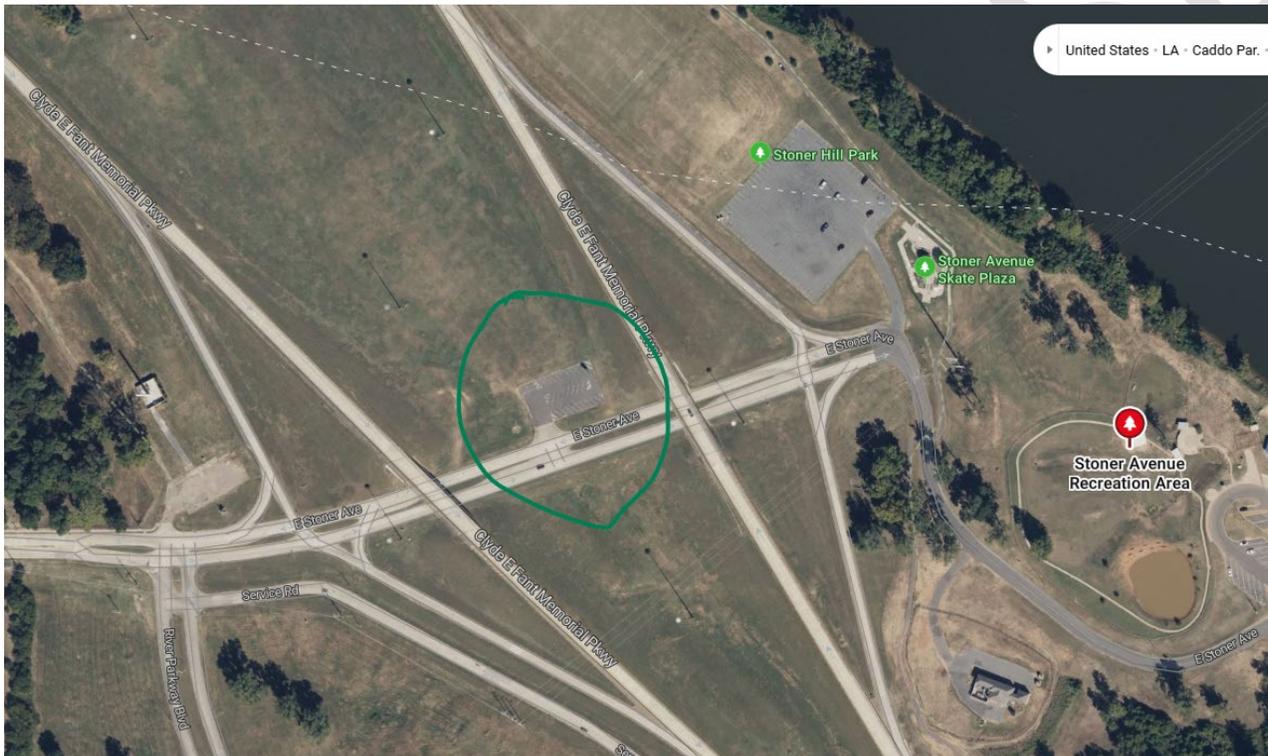
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## Shreveport Police Department to Host Mardi Gras Safety Press Conference



The Shreveport Police Department will host a joint press conference alongside several partnering public safety agencies on **Wednesday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m.** to outline Mardi Gras safety procedures and highlight the coordinated efforts in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable parade season.

The press conference will be held on the **neutral ground at Stoner Avenue and Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway**. A map of the location has been provided for reference.

As part of parade preparations, the following traffic impacts will be in effect:

- **Friday (Night Before the Parade):**  
Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway will close **from Lake Street to Shreveport-Barksdale Highway beginning at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday (Parade Day – Morning):**  
Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway will **reopen at 7:00 a.m.** to allow the public time to set up.
- **Saturday at 8:00 a.m.:**  
Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway will **close again between Milam Street and Lake Street.**
- **Parade access** will remain available via **Stoner Avenue** and any access points **south of Stoner Avenue.**

- **1:00 p.m. Saturday:**

A **hard closure of all roads** along the parade route will begin and remain in effect until roads are reopened in stages, depending on float locations and cleanup operations.

Once hard closure is in effect, **anyone who leaves the parade route will not be allowed to reenter**, due to the volume of pedestrian traffic.

### **Set-Up & Parking Restrictions**

- **No tents, recreational vehicles, or space-saving items** may be placed on Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway or the service road between Stoner Avenue and Shreveport-Barksdale Highway **before 7:00 a.m. on parade day**.
- Items used to reserve space—including **stakes, flagging tape, furniture, tents, or similar objects**—placed prior to 7:00 a.m. will be **removed and discarded by police**.
- Violators may be subject to **citation, towing, and removal from the parade route**.

### **Prohibited Items & Activities**

The following are strictly prohibited along the parade route:

- Glass bottles or containers
- Crossing parade barricades
- Animals within 200 yards of the parade route (except secured residential yards and service animals)
- Sling shots or silly string
- Throwing objects at parade floats
- Large flags or banners within 50 feet of the parade route
- Underage possession of alcohol (violators will be arrested)
- Public nudity (violators will be arrested)
- Drones
- ATVs, side-by-sides, dirt bikes, or any motorized recreational vehicles on public property, including grassy areas along Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway and city streets

Violations may result in **citation, arrest, and vehicle towing**.

### **Safety Tips for Parade-Goers**

- Do not leave children unattended; designate a meeting location in case of separation
- Avoid fighting or struggling over beads
- Maintain a safe distance from parade floats
- Properly extinguish hot coals after cooking; do not dump hot coals on grass

The Shreveport Police Department encourages everyone to use good judgment, exercise common sense, and treat others with respect.