

Moving Checklist

Compare home measurements and

Staying organized during your move can be difficult. Here's a checklist of major items to consider:

6 WEEKS OUT:	verify that your furniture will fit in	1 WEEK OUT
Contact a realtor or rental service to begin your home search.	your new home. Learn about what the IRS allows in terms of deductions for moving	 Pack suitcases for everyone with enough clothes, toiletries and necessities for a few days.
Get estimates from movers and	expenses.	,
begin to think about how to move all of your stuff.	 Transfer or identify insurance for your home and belongings in Bossier. 	 Check the attic, garage and other storage areas for items that need packing.
If moving for work, ask what expenses your employer will cover.	Get copies of medical records.	☐ Discontinue delivery services.
 Order moving supplies like boxes, bubble wrap, tape and special 	3 WEEKS OUT:	A FEW DAYS BEFORE:
containers.	Contact utilities services and set a date for disconnection. Set up your	 Defrost your fridge and clean out the refrigerator.
4 WEEKS OUT:	new utility services in Bossier.	 Double check details and payment
 Call Bossier Parish Schools to begin the process of transferring your student. Consider getting transcripts 	 Finalize travel arrangements and details with your movers. 	with the mover or confirm plans for moving your stuff.
and details on your child's school	2 WEEKS OUT:	THE DAY OF MOVING:
involvement to help make their transition smoother.	 Review your banking and financial services. 	☐ Verify details with the movers and confirm all of your items have made
 Locate and make copies of your driver's license, other identification, 	Make plans to transport your pets.	the journey.
birth certificates, medical/dental records and vet records for your pet.	Plan meals from now until your moving date.	 Double check your home to make sure you aren't leaving anything
 Get a change of address kit from your post office. Send your new address to friends, subscription services, creditors, bank, insurance companies and others. 	Plan what you need from here out and pack the rest. Consider setting aside a few dishes, towels, linens and other essentials for easy access upon arrival in Bossier.	behind.
 Pack seldom used items and consider what you may donate or sell before moving. 	·	

Bossier Utilities & Services

Water Billing Division

Customer Service Department 620 Benton Rd Bossier City, LA 318) 741-8757

Solid Waste Division & Drop Off Station

3223 Old Shed Rd Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 741-8461

Recycling Center – Bossier City

3001 Old Shed Road Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 741-8461

Office of Motor Vechicles

3802 Kilpatrick Dr Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 741-7113

Childcare Licensing: Louisiana Believes – Dept. Of Education

1 (877) 453.2721

Bossier Chamber of Commerce

710 Benton Rd Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 746-0252

ELECTRICITY

Southwestern Electric Power Company

428 Travis St Shreveport, LA 71101 1-888-216-3523

PHONE AND INTERNET

AT&T

2900 East Texas Street #100 Bossier City, LA (318) 742-8171

Optimum

725 Benton Rd Bossier City, LA 1-877-612-5036

DirectTV

1-855-833-4388

HOUSING & REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Coldwell Banker Gosslee

2416 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 747-5411

Diamond Realty & Associates

315 E Texas St Bossier City, LA 71111 318) 746-0011

Summit Executive Realty

4530 Barskdale Blvd Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 747-3117 or (318) 747-7077

RE/MAX Real Estate Services

2323 Old Minden Road Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 752-2700

Century 21 Elite

4012 Benton Road #110 Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 746-8000

Century 21 United

1828 Old Minden Rd Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 741-1081

James M Brown Builder Real Estate

1619 Jimmie Davis Hwy Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 746-0211

Housing Authority of Bossier City

805 E 1st St Bossier City, LA 71111 (318) 549-1556

Montgomery Realty & Development

1451 Airline Dr Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 746-2323

Your First 30 Days In Bossier

How to get connected, established and comfortable within 30 days in Bossier.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.

It's possible they'll say hello before you get to introduce yourself. It always helps to know your neighbors so make sure to reach out and get to know them.

GET YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE.

You'll need your license or photo ID, proof of insurance and purchase, loan documents, odometer disclosure statement and loan documents, if financed. Complete the application and pay the fee at the Office of Motor Vehicles (318) 741-7113.

GET YOUR LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE.

You'll need your current driver's license, social security number, 2 documents proving residency and vehicle liability insurance. Complete the application, vision exam and pay the renewal fee at the Office of Motor Vehicles (318) 741-7113.

REGISTER THE KIDS FOR SCHOOL.

Forms are available online at bossierschools. org/enrollment and you'll need proof of residence, birth certificate and immunization shot records. Schedule a parent-teacher conference to get things started off right.

LEARN EMERGENCY NUMBERS.

Print out the guide on page 10 and save these numbers in your phone as well. 911 is always your best option but knowing the direct line to local fire, ambulance, police, etc. is always a good idea.

DRIVE AROUND AND SEE THE SIGHTS.

Bossier City and Parish have a wealth of shopping and resources. We recommend taking some time to just drive around. In Bossier City, make sure to pass along major roads like Airline, Barksdale and Benton to get a lay of the land.

FIND A DOCTOR.

Bossier is home to top hospitals and medical complexes, with specialists in most fields. Check with your health insurance and identify a doctor for you and your family nearby.

IDENTIFY NEARBY EMERGENCY CARE.

You never know when you'll have to take a trip to the emergency room or visit an urgent care facility nearby. Scout out the nearest locations to your home, work and school, just in case.

FIND YOUR LOCAL NEWS SOURCES.

Bossier is home to several radio stations and print publications. There's a list of major media outlets in the region on page 10.

IDENTIFY YOUR OFFICIALS.

If you're interested in knowing more about local politics or just getting to know your government officials, consider attending a city council or parish police jury meeting. We've got a list of local offices on page 14.

REGISTER TO VOTE.

Visit geauxvote.com for more information to register to vote and find your local polling place. You can register online or apply in person at the Bossier Parish Registrar of Voters in Benton. Make sure to bring an appropriate ID and proof of residency.

FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP.

If faith is an important part of your life, explore our local churches, temples, synagogues and mosques. Bossier and Shreveport have a wealth of places to worship so if your first selection isn't a fit, you'll likely find another right around the corner.

EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

Our parks and recreation system boasts playgrounds, boat launches, sports programs and special sports facilities. Each park is open from dawn to dust. If you want to get outdoors to hike, camp or fish, we've got you covered.

EAT A TASTY LOUISIANA BITE.

Moving is a ton of work; so, treat yourself to a poboy, boiled crawfish, etoufee or another local Louisiana delicacy. If you're too tired from moving boxes, use a delivery services like On The Go Delivery or Waitr.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

Bossier Parish libraries aren't just for books! Our local librarians also host events, classes, special exhibitions and regular programs for kids and teens. You can also borrow eBooks, movies and other resources onsite or through the library's service, OverDrive.

FIND A LOCAL BANK.

Keep your money local and work with a banking professional in Bossier. Many of our local banks are involved in the community and offer great services at low costs.

SCOUT OUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

If you are looking for work, consider attending a job fair or reaching out to organizations like the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, the North Louisiana Economic Development Partnership or local job listings.





A Guide to:

North Bossier

orth Bossier is the heart of the "boom" happening in Bossier Parish. Last month, it was reported by

Carlotta Askew - Brown, executive director of the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, says that the majority of the growth is happening in North Bossier And Benton. This base off of the approved subdivision plats and permits.

More than 10 years ago, Denise Bourgeois and her family settled in North Bossier. The couple, originally from South Louisiana, chose North Bossier because it was outside of the city and in a quiet location. Not only was the location appealing to Bourgeois, the top-rated school system also factored into their decision to retire from the Air Force and plant roots in North Bossier.

Now with one of her children a Airline High graduate and another attending the high school, Bourgeois remains confident in the school system she committed to. "My daughter attended [Bossier Parish Instructional Center] while at Airline and it gave her the chance to experience a career path of interest to her while getting exposed to alternative learning. She enjoys it so much. Plus, it gives her that collegiate feel while still in high school," Bourgeois said.

The Bourgeois family never expected to see Bossier City expanding to their Lakewood neighborhood and beyond Wemple Road, "We liked Lakewood because of the larger lots and it is set back from the main road," she said. "It's nice that North Bossier is developing and expanding. I like that in North Bossier we have most of the things that I used to drive to Shreveport for."

Airline Drive is one of the main roads through North Bossier which has businesses similar to nearby Shreveport. With local businesses and restaurants such as Dillas Quesadillas, 2Johns, and plenty of one-of-a-kind boutiques for shopping, not even traffic can't keep many away from this area. "There is so much to do in North Bossier that we never had when we first moved here," she said.

South Bossier

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andwiched between the southern tip of Barksdale Air Force Base and the Red River, lies a community called,

"South Bossier," or "SoBo," if you are a Parkway High School fan rooting at a football game against a North Bossier team.

Residents say, "South Bossier is the best kept secret in the Ark-La-Tex." But what makes South Bossier unique is what this specific area has to offer – a connection like no other.

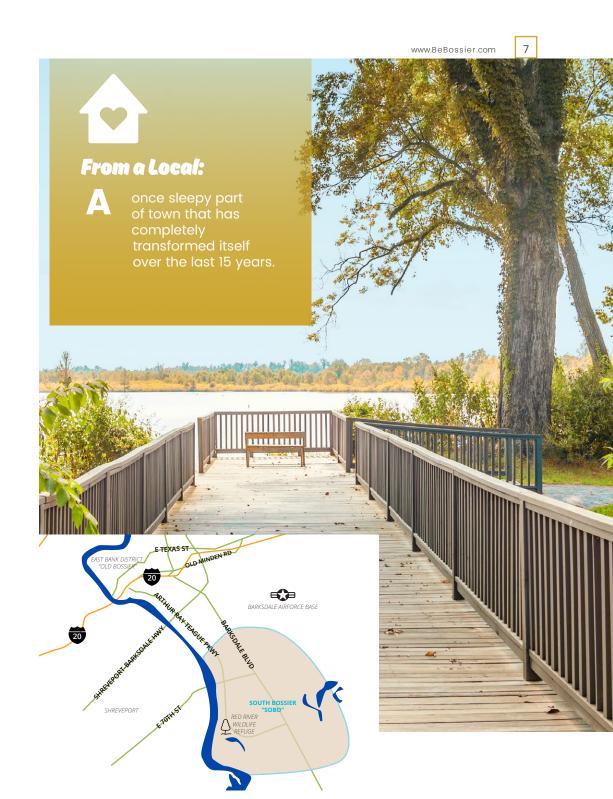
A drive from Shreveport across the Jimmie Davis Bridge will put you in the heart of the SoBo neighborhood. Plantation Trace, River Bend, Bellaire and Golden Meadows are just a few of the many subdivisions located in South Bossier. Most of these neighborhoods are highly sought after because of their proximity to Shreveport, and Barksdale Air Force Base.

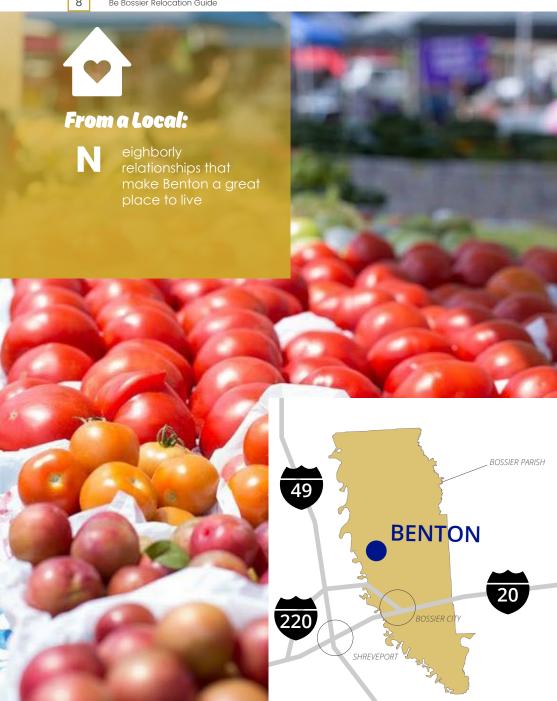
Linda Huffman has lived in Plantation Trace for most of her life. Her family, like many others in Bossier, is part of the Barksdale legacy that was stationed in Bossier and have made South Bossier their home. "I cannot imagine living anywhere else other than South Bossier,"she said. "You get a good sense of community if you live in South Bossier. People care a lot about each other." Huffman raised her daughters in South Bossier and is now watching her granddaughters grow up and build their lives as residents in this neighborhood.

But the real draw to South Bossier is the sense of connection to nature and the people. Mike Woods, Walker Place and South Bossier Place parks have plenty of sport facilities, amenities and walking trails for family outings or gatherings. The Red River National Wildlife Refuge, a beautiful new wildlife refuge in Bossier City has a lake, miles of walking trails, an interpretive center and more.

"This overall sense of peace permeates South Bossier. If you don't tap into it, you are missing out on one of the greatest resources South Bossier has to offer; you will be missing what is perhaps the greatest aspect of this special part of town," he said.

If you are looking for a neighborhood to feel a sense of connection, consider living in South Bossier. The peaceful areas of nature and the neighbors provide the perfect setting to build your own family legacy and feel a part of a community invested in genuine relationships.





A Guide to:

The Town of Benton

s the seat of Bossier Parish, the town of Benton is making an impact on where many in our region decide to plant roots. The choice could be because Benton is a hidden gem of small town living in our bustling regional hub. Marcelle Tubbs first moved to Benton over 30 years ago with her husband. As a young couple, they were drawn to the

affordable homes and wanted to be close to her husband's work. The couple raised three children in Benton and it is now home to two of them.

"At that time, there was one elementary school, one middle school and high school combined. During my children's life the middle school was built, and separated from the high school and now there are multiple elementary schools so that growth has been exciting," she said. "It's the neighborly relationships that make Benton a great place to live."

Tubbs also is drawn to the beauty of Cypress Lake and park mixed with city-feel of businesses and restaurants. "Even if you do not live on the water, you can be there in just a matter of moments." she said.

All of Tubbs's adult children and some locals refer to Benton as "B Town". This nickname could support the town's personality and what Mayor S.G. Horton calls "friendly and inviting." Horton is new to his office after being elected just last year, however, he is not new to Benton. As a 30 year resident, Horton said he ran for mayor because he, "loved the town and wanted to keep Benton strong."

During the mayoral election, Horton said he wanted to expand and improve on some of Benton's best offerings, including the community center, city park.

With many new residents and businesses that support local events, Benton is showing a bright future ahead for "B Town" residents.

Finding Fun & Culture

Bossier and the surrounding region are jam-packed with things to do and great cultural amenities. Here's five places to look for great events and fun in Bossier:

THE SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER FUN GUIDE

http://shreveportbossierfunguide.com

SBFunGuide.com is the area's most comprehensive, up-to-date online community calendar featuring professional arts, cultural, entertainment, sports and recreational events in Northwest Louisiana (NWLA). From family fun to the highlights at our 5 casinos and night life, the fun guide should be your first stop to plan any fun excursion.

20X49 BLOG

http://20x49.com

Written by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourism Team this culture blog isn't just for tourists! 20x49, named for our two intersecting interstate highways, covers the newest restaurants, interesting events, festivals and more in our area.

BOSSIER ARTS COUNCIL

http://www.bossierarts.org

In addition to promoting a vibrant arts community in Bossier, BAC is home to art classes, a theatre and gallery. Their website and social media presences regularly feature arts programming in the area while connecting locals to art resources. Hosted by BAC every year in the fall, Digifest South is an annual digital arts festival and tech expo that celebrates how digital technology combined with artistic creativity has helped our modern society progress.

BOSSIER PARISH LIBRARIES

http://www.bossierlibrary.org

With the goal to inform, educate and entertain Bossier citizens, our local library systems regularly offer programming for kids, teens and adults. With 8 branches across the parish, our local librarians host everything from exhibitions, to storytime and even fun clubs about cooking and fitness.

RED RIVER RADIO AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

http://redriverradio.org

Our local NPR affiliate, Red River Radio lists area events on their website. Event listings aren't just in Bossier – the radio station's broadcast range includes cities throughout Central, North and South Louisiana, East Texas, South Arkansas and West Mississippi. If you want to take a short road trip, this calendar will help you find something fun nearby.

BOSSIER ARTS COUNCIL



FLYING HEART BREWING



Emergency Numbers

Bossier City Police: (318) 741-8611

Bossier Sheriff's Office: (318) 965-2203

Bossier City Marshal: (318) 741-8835

For an emergency, please dial 911.

Helpful Websites

BUSINESS RESOURCES:

www.bossierchamber.com

www.movetobossier.com

LOCAL MEDIA:

www.bossierpress.com

www.shreveporttimes.com

www.arklatexhomepage.com

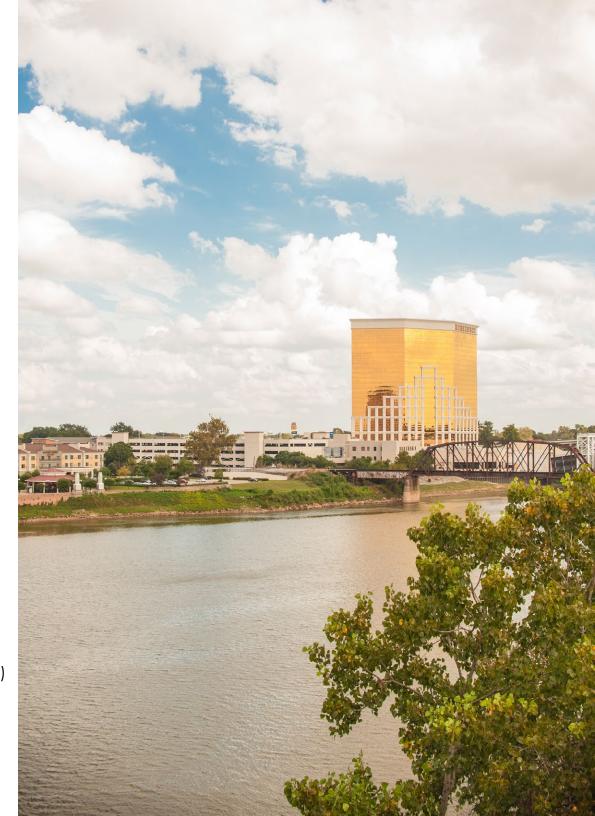
(For local TV stations: KTAL NBC 6, FOX 33, KSHV 45)

www.ksla.com

www.ktbs.com

www.redriverradio.org

www.710keel.com



Bossier Parish Schools

Find the new student forms on the Bossier Parish School Board website: https:// www.bossierschools.org/domain/66

To entroll a student in Bossier Parish Schools. you will need:

- Proof of residence (current utility bill or lease -no phone/cell phone)
- Birth certificate
- Louisiana Immunization (shot) record

School Listings

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Apollo Elementary K-5

2400 Viking Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-6010

Bellaire Elementary K-3

1310 Bellaire Blvd. Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6300



Elementary Schools

Apollo Elementary K-5

2400 Viking Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-6010

Bellaire Elementary K-3

1310 Bellaire Blvd. Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6300

Benton Elementary K-5

562 Hwy. 162 Benton, LA 71006 318-549-5170

Benton Intermediate 5-6

6140 Benton Rd, Benton, LA 71006 (318) 549-5310

Bossier Elementary PK-5

1000 Traffic Street Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-6350

Central Park Elementary PK-5

900 Central Park Blvd. Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6400

Curtis Elementary 4-5

5600 Barksdale Blvd. Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6450

Elm Grove Elementary PK-5

1541 Old Hwy. 71 Elm Grove, LA 71051 318-549-6500

Kerr Elementary PK-5

700 Airline Drive Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6560

Kingston Elementary K-5

58349 Fairburn Avenue Benton, LA 71006 Phone: 318-759-2500

Legacy Elementary K-5

4830 Swan Lake Rd. Bossier City, LA 71111 318-759-2000

Meadowview Elementary PK-5

4312 Shed Rd. Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-5640

Plain Dealing High School PreK-5

300 E. Vance Street Plain Dealing, LA 71064 318-759-2700

Plantation Park Elementary PK-5

2410 Plantation Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-5700

Platt Elementary 2-3

4680 Hwy. 80 East Haughton, LA 71037 318-549-5870

Princeton Elementary 4-5

1895 Winfield Road Princeton, LA 71067 318-549-5750

Stockwell Place Elementary K-5

5801 Shed Road Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-5820

Sun City Elementary PK-3

4230 Van Deeman Street Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-700

T.L. Rodes Elementary PK-1

4670 Hwy. 80 East Haughton, LA 71037 318-549-5940

W.T. Lewis Elementary K-5

4701 Modica Lott Road Bossier City, LA 71111 318-759-2100

Waller Elementary PK-5

1130 Patrica Drive Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6850

Middle & High Schools

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Benton Middle School 6-8

6140 Hwy. 3 Benton, LA 71006 318-549-5310

Elm Grove Middle School 6-8

4301 Panther Drive Bossier City, LA 71112 318-759-2400

Greenacres Middle School

6-8

2220 Airline Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-6210

Haughton Middle School 6-8

250 Champion Shores Haughton, LA 71037 318-549-5560

Plain Dealing High School 6-8

300 E. Vance Street Plain Dealing, LA 71064 318-759-2700

Rusheon Middle School 6-8

2401 Old Minden Road Bossier City, LA 71112 318-549-6610

HIGH SCHOOLS

Airline High School 9-12

2801 Airline Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-5080

Benton High School 9-12

6136 Hwy. 3 Benton, LA 71006 318-549-5240

Bossier High School 9-12

777 Bearkat Drive Bossier City, LA 71111 318-549-6680

Bossier Parish School for Technology & Innovative Learning 9-12

1020 Innovation Dr. Bossier City, LA 71111 318-759-2900

Haughton High School 9-12

210 E. McKinley Street Haughton, LA 71037 318-549-5450

Parkway High School 9-12

2010 Colleen Drive Bossier City, LA 71112 318-759-2200

Plain Dealing High School 6-12

300 E. Vance Street Plain Dealing, LA 71064 318-759-2700



In partnership with the region's school system, the Cyber Innovation Center created the Cyber. org to advance its academic outreach and workforce development program. Cyber. org focuses on curriculum design, professional development, and collaboration in K-12 education. Project-driven curricula creates a context for the content at every level of learning. Professional development programs for K-12 teachers enable them to motivate creativity and innovation in students through problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication. The programs offered through Cyber. org provide a collaborative and comprehensive solution that fosters systemic change in education

Local Government Resources

BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL

Office

620 Benton Rd P.O. Box 5337 Bossier City, LA 71171-5337 Phone: (318) 741-8501 Fax: (318) 741-8972

Mayor

Thomas Chandler

At Large

Chris Smith

At Large

David Montgomery

District 1

Brian Hammons

District 2

Jeffery Darby

District 3

Don Williams

District 4

Jeff Free

District 5

Vince Maggio

BOSSIER PARISH

Sheriff

Julian Whittington 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA 71006 P.O. Box 850, Benton, LA 71006 (318) 965-2203

Clerk of Court

Jill Sessions 204 Burt Blvd., 3rd floor, Benton, LA 71006 Phone: (318) 965-2336

Tax Assessor

Bobby W. Edmiston 204 Burt Blvd., 2nd floor, Benton, LA 71006 Phone: (318) 965-2213

BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

District 1

Mr. Bob "Coach" Brotherton

District 2

Mr. Glenn Benton

District 3

Mr. Phillip Rodgers

District 4

Mr. John Ed Jorden

District 5

Mrs. Juliana Parks

District 6

Mr. Chris Marsiglia

District 7

Mr. Jimmy Cochran

District 8 President

Mr. Doug Rimmer

District 9

Mr. Charles Gray

District 10

Mr. Jerome Darby

District 11

Mr. Tom Salzer

District 12

Mr. Paul "Mac" Plummer

BENTON TOWN COUNCIL

Office

105 Sibley Street Benton, LA 71006 (318) 965-2781

Mayor

Shelly Horton, Jr.

District 1

Jackie Carr

District 2

Tiffany Manning

District 3

Ron Jones

District 4

James Friday

District 5

Wayne Cathcart

HAUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

Office

188 West McKinley Avenue Haughton, LA 71037 (318) 949-9401

Mayor

Kim Gaspard

Aldermen

Buck McGee Carlton Anderson Colby Isom Doug Adams Phillip Smith

PLAIN DEALING TOWN COUNCIL

Office

205 W. Palmetto Avenue P.O Box 427 Plain Dealing, LA 71064 (318) 326-4234

Mayor

Shavonda Gay

Aldermen

James Cook Jeff G. Benson Shanithia "Shanita" Gay Judith "Judy" McGuffey Emily Jenning

Local Government Resources

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Mitch Downey

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District 11

Robert Bertrand

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District 12

Eric Faulting

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TRANSPORTATION

Shreveport Regional Airport

5103 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109 (318) 673-5370

Greyhound Bus Services

Shreveport Bus Station 1237 Murphy St, Shreveport, LA 71101 (318) 221-4200

City Bus Service is provided by SporTran

SporTran Headquarters 1115 Jack Wells Blvd. Shreveport, Louisiana 71107 (318) 673-7400

SporTran Terminal – Customer Service 400 Crocket Street Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 (318) 221-RIDE (7433)

Communities of Faith

If faith is an important part of your life, explore our local churches, temples, synagogues and mosques. Bossier and Shreveport have a wealth of places to worship so if your first selection isn't a fit, you'll likely find another right around the corner

Buddhist Temple Soka Gakkai International

Catholic Churches
Catholic Diocese of Shreveport

Churches of Christ Louisiana Church Listings

North Louisiana Jewish Federation Congregations in Shreveport **Episcopal Churches**

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

Masjid Al Noor Muslim Mosque

Orthodox Church in America Diocese of the South

Presbyterian Churches Presbytery of the Pines, Serving North Louisiana Southern Baptist Churches Bossier Churches

United Methodist Churches Louisiana Conference

