Welcome

Welcome--We look forward to our association with you as a new resident and trust you and your family will enjoy living with us in DeRidder, as much as we enjoy having you.

This pamphlet has been prepared to acquaint you, the newcomer, with our city and surrounding area. Many of your questions may be answered by the contents herein; however, should there be questions unanswered, it is hoped, that you will call us at 463-5533/5534.

DeRidder-Beauregard Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 309
DeRidder, La. 70634
LOCATION: DeRidder is located in Beauregard Parish in Southwestern Louisiana, 50 miles North of Lake Charles, 16 miles East of the Sabine River, on the Santa Fe & Kansas City Southern Railroads and 18 miles South of Ft. Polk.

HISTORY: The movement to create Beauregard Parish was begun in 1908 by a group of business men from DeRidder, Sugartown and Merryville. After two attempts, Legislative Act No. 8 of 1912 succeeded in establishing a new parish from part of Calcasieu Parish on January 12, 1912. The New parish was named after the illustrious Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, Louisiana's famous Confederate General. Part of the parish territory was acquired by the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. It was not until shortly before the Civil War, that permanent settlers came into the region. They were largely descendants of the Scotch-Irish and some English, who had originally settled in the Carolinas.

The City of DeRidder was established in 1897, incorporated in 1903 and became the parish seat in 1912, when Beauregard Parish was established. DeRidder was named after a beautiful German girl, Ella DeRidder, by Jan DeGojen, her brother-in-law, who played an important role in the early construction of the Kansas City Southern Railroad.

GOVERNMENT: The City of DeRidder is administered by a Council-Administrator form of government. It consists of an elected Mayor and City Council and an administrative officer, who directs the departmental operations by the directives and consent of these elected officials.

POPULATION: The current population of DeRidder and immediate area is 11,900.

The population of Beauregard Parish is approximately 30,000.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: The DeRidder Police Department is located in the City Hall on South Washington Street (463-3245) and serves the residents of the city. The Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office is located in the Court House on West First Street (463-3281). The Louisiana State Police maintain a sub-station of Troop H within the City Police Department.

MEDICAL: Beauregard Memorial Hospital, an 88 bed facility is located at 502 S. Pine Street (463-6201). Adjacent to this facility are medical and dental clinics along with a pharmacy. Plans are now being formulated for the construction of new hospital facilities adjacent to the existing site. When completed this new facility will accommodate 128 beds and an ICU. (New open)

EDUCATION: Four elementary schools, one junior high school and a modern air-conditioned high school are available to meet the educational needs of the children of DeRidder. These schools operate under the jurisdiction of the Beauregard Parish School Board, Located on 3rd Street. (463-5591)

SCHOOL

DeRidder Elementary

Pinewood Elementary

Eastside Elementary

Carver Elementary

DeRidder Jr. High

DeRidder High

Nursery and kindergarten schools for pre-school age children are as follows:

Early Learning Center

Moses Jack & Jill Nursery

Mother Goose Day Care Center

Tot N Toddler

Montessori-School

AMBULANCE SERVICE: The City-Parish Ambulance Service, 101 North Wilson St. 463-8689 provides service to residents of the city of DeRidder and Beauregard Parish. A charge of $50.00, plus an additional charge of $1.00 a mile for each mile traveled on any route outside the corporate limits of the city of DeRidder is made for all calls. A charge of $50.00 or $1.00 per mile of distance traveled one way whichever is greater is made on all transfer calls. Membership can be obtained at the rate of $8.00 per year (individual) or $16.00 per year (Family-children) under 21 years at home.

UTILITIES: Electric Power—Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO) 101 S. Texas St. (463-9037) and Beauregard Electric Co-Op., Inc. Lake Charles Highway (463-6221) provide electric power for the residents of DeRidder and the surrounding areas of the parish.

NATURAL GAS—Natural gas service is provided by Entex, Inc. 414 West First St. (463-9028)

WATER: The city water department located in the City Hall, South Washington St. (463-2461) provides the water supply to the residents of the City of DeRidder.

TELEPHONE: Telephone service by South Central Bell 123-N North Street St. (463-9001)

COMMUNICATIONS:

NEWSPAPERS:—DeRidder has two local newspapers. The Beauregard News, 122 Shirley Street (463-6204) is published twice weekly and the DeRidder Enterprise, 123 North Washington St. (463-4331) is published weekly. (New open)

RADIO—KDLA provides AM programming, sunrise to sunset at 1010 Kilohertz.

KEAZ provides FM programming, 6:00 a.m. to midnight at 101.7 Megahertz.

TELEVISION—There are no television stations locally: however, television signals may be received by the use of an external antenna or by subscription to Cable Television. The closest station easily attainable by antenna is Channel 7 (NBC) from Lake Charles. Subscription to Cable Television may be obtained by contacting DeRidder Cable-Visions, 101 N. Stewart (463-7728)

TENNIS: Eight lighted tennis courts are available for use throughout the City. These are located as follows:

South Washington—2 Courts

Harmont Park—2 Courts, vicinity of Civic Center

West Park (Adjacent to Highway 171 N.) 4 Courts

GOLF: Beauregard Country Club on Graybow Road. (463-4444) possesses a nine hole golf course that is playable year round. Participation in this and other club activities is on a membership basis.

BOWLING: A ten lane bowling alley is located on East First Street (463-7709) and is popular for individual and team bowling.

PARKS: There are four parks within the city limits, which may be enjoyed by all members of the family they are:

West Park—High School Drive—Park Road

Northside Park

Bryant Park—Vernon St.

Harmon Park—next to Civic Center—South Pine St.

SWIMMING: Two swimming pools are available for use within the City limits. One is located at Northside Park and the other is in West Park.

BALL DIAMONDS: Five lighted baseball diamonds are located within the city:

West Park—3

Bryant Park—1

CIVIC CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

AMERICAN LEGION

Business & Professional Women

Civilian

Civinettes

DAV

DeRidder Gardenettes

Kiwanis Club

Lions Club

Rotary Club

Progressive Women's Club

VFW

DeRidder Jr. Women's Club

Square Dance Club

Duplicate Bridge Club

MEETS

LOCATION

2nd Monday

American Legion Hall

2nd & 3rd Monday Night

Civic Center

1st & 3rd Monday

Oaks Restaurant

4th Monday

Oaks Restaurant

3rd Monday

Civic Center

4th Thursday A.M.

Civic Center

Tuesday Noon

Civic Center

Wednesday Noon

Civic Center

Thursday Noon

Civic Center

2nd & 4th Tuesday

Private Homes

1st Thursday

VFW Home

1st & 3rd Tuesday

Civic Center

2nd & 4th Saturday

Civic Center

Monday Nite, Tues 1 p.m.

Weekly

American Legion Hall

Civic Center

Oaks Restaurant

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COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION: This association is an organization to foster the cultural development of its members and the community. Participation is by annual membership. Excellent entertainment is provided by recognized artists. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Maxine Condit 463-9745.

WAR MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER: The War Memorial Civic Center, South Pine St., provides offices for local parish businesses, meeting rooms for Civic Clubs, committees, school functions, as well as a large ballroom for dances and banquet. This building was the first U.S.O. to open to our service men in the United States. Reservations for use of the facility may be made by calling (463-7212).

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Located at 101 North Wilson (463-6867) and another at 201 Vernon St. (Unit 2) with 8 regular employees, 4 trucks, equipped for water, CO2 extinguisher, dry chemical and foam applicator.

CHURCHES: Nineteen Protestant churches and one Catholic Church provide for the religious enrichment of the residents of DeRidder.

LIBRARY: DeRidder & Beauregard Parish possess a new modern library located on South Washington St. (463-6217) This facility contains 48,355 volumes and is open 9:00 to 5:30 Monday thru Friday (6:30 on Thursday) and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 on Saturday.

SHOPPING AREAS: Three Distinct areas comprise the retail trade area of DeRidder. They are: Downtown shopping area, the East Village Shopping area and the Park Terrace Shopping Area.

FISHING & HUNTING: The proximity of DeRidder to Toledo Bend (approx. 50 miles) and Bundicks Lake (approx. 15 miles) along with excellent hunting make DeRidder an ideal place for the fisherman or hunter.

SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL: Parents interested in enrolling their son’s in the summer youth baseball program are urged to contact Mr. Gerald Johnson (463-8392)

OVERNIGHT CAMPING: FACILITY & RECREATION AREA: Longville Lake, 18 miles South of DeRidder provides excellent overnight camping facilities to include electric & water hook-up. Picnic areas are available and surround a beautiful lake. For information call 318-725-3225.

DERIDDER WELCOME SERVICE: If desired a representative will call on you: Contact Elaine Johnson--463-3684.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: 105 N. Stewart St. Telephone: 463-4435

LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY: Community Activity Center: 463-5424

LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION: War Memorial Civic Center: 463-4426

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: (Vehicle Registration) War Memorial Civic Center: 463-8865

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