Covington, LA.

Enjoy COVINGTON
SHOPPING • FOOD • FUN

Covington is fun, festive, & nostalgic.

Spend a Day in the Country

Preserving the Past, Promoting the Future
The city of Covington delights in its quaintness and ambience. With the lure of old-fashioned charm, the town is alive with the promise of tomorrow.

The city that later became known as Covington was founded in 1812 by New Orleans merchant, John Wharton Collins. Covington lies at the joining of the Bogue Falaya and Tchefuncte Rivers. At its doorstep is the Abita River. The slow ambling current of these waterways threads through the surrounding pine forests creating an aura of scenic beauty.

In 1829, Covington became the parish seat and holds that position today. The present courthouse is located in the center of the business district.

Covington is located in an area where the air is regarded as one of the purest areas in the country. Due to its excellent water supply and close proximity to New Orleans, Covington is ideally suited for any business wishing to locate in this area.

The people of Covington think of their city as a quiet, pleasant, reposeful environment. Horse farms, polo matches and acres upon acres of nurseries only add to this versatile area.

Covington's historic district still sparks with bits and pieces of nostalgia. Dedicated public squares, now referred to as ox-lots, provide excellent parking facilities in the downtown area.

Covington affords the flavor of the country mingled with the conveniences of the city. Shopping the quaint old-fashioned cottages of Lee Lane sprinkled amid more modern facilities, you will find exquisite jewelry, fanciful gifts and one-of-a-kind items. Over 60 different shops, restaurants, and attractions offer charm, uniqueness, and unparalleled adventures in dining. Be enticed by the imagination of days gone by. Take a stroll down oak-lined streets or sit back and relax along the banks of the lazy Bogue Falaya River.

Come celebrate our festivals, explore our shops and relive the past with us. There isn't a restaurant, an attraction, or an experience that won't leave the visitor wanting more. From the majestic St. Joseph's Abbey to the bustling activities on Lee Lane to the industrial Northpark complex, when you think you've seen it all... there's more.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**BOGUE FALAYA PARK** N. New Hampshire St. Located on the Bogue Falaya River. Picnic facilities.

**CAUSEWAY BRIDGE** The world's longest bridge spans 24 miles over Lake Pontchartrain. The first span opened in 1956, the second in 1969. The causeway affords residents a direct route into the heart of New Orleans.

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** 120 N. New Hampshire. Built in 1846, it is the oldest public building in Covington still in use today. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**THE FINISH LINE** Hwy. 190, Hollycrest Shopping Plaza. One of St. Tammany's off-track betting parlors.

**H.J. SMITH'S SONS GENERAL STORE & MUSEUM** 308 N. Columbia St. 892-0460 "Come visit our oldtime country store & museum." Established in 1876.

**JEFFERSON HOUSE TEA ROOM** 619 S. Jefferson Ave. 892-6841. Enjoy the resplendence of high tea in Covington.

**LEE LANE SHOPS** A myriad of imaginative shops clustered in historical downtown Covington.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ABBEY** Located just 3 miles NE of Covington, this abbey has been the home of Benedictine monks for over 50 years. The abbey church was built in 1931 in classic cathedral style. The walls are covered with murals by the Belgian monk, Dom Gregory de Wit. In addition to their monastic life of prayer and seclusion, these monks conduct St. Joseph College Seminary, educating young men for the priesthood.

**SEVEN SISTERS OAK** Largest live oak tree in the northern hemisphere. Located in Lewisburg Estates in Mandeville.

**BOSTON COMMON** A unique collection of specialty shops

**TYLER SQUARE** Shops to fit your family's needs.
ANNUAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY
- Mardi Gras Parades: Krewe of Olympia; Lion's Club Parade; Krewe of Eve; Krewe of Orpheus
- Southeast District 4-H/FFA Livestock Show
- St. Tammany Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show

MARCH
- Northlake Kennel Club Match

APRIL
- Chef Soiree

MAY
- Art at the Park-Bogue Falaya Park

JUNE
- St. Tammany Art Association Juried Art Exhibit

AUGUST
- Cajun Appaloosa Horse Show

SEPTEMBER
- Annual Covington Antique Show & Sale

OCTOBER
- Olde Town Festival (dates TBA)
- Brown Bag Concerts (dates TBA)

NOVEMBER
- Lee Lane's Christmas in the Country
- The Jefferson House Open House
- St. Tammany Parish Fair
- Northlake Kennel Club Match

DECEMBER
- Annual Christmas Extravaganza Country Style Arts & Crafts
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Covington City Hall
- Lee Lane's Christmas in the Country
- Annual Holiday Home Tour (TBA)

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