

2026 Spanish Town Mardi Gras Ball

PARKING & ARRIVAL

What is the time/date of the ball?

Saturday, January 31st 7:00pm - 12:45 AM

Table decorating – 9:00 AM

Building vacated and locked – 4:00 PM

Band sound check – 5:00 PM

Royalty allowed to enter – 6:30 PM

Doors open – 7:00 PM

Band begin - 7:30 PM

Ball ends, lights turn on – 12:45 AM

Where is it located?

Raising Canes' River Center Exhibition Hall

Where can I park?

For table decorating: You may pull to the front of the River Center (River Road) to unload your decorations, ice chests and food/beverages, but you must vacate this area as soon as you are unloaded. There is no long-term parking in the front of the River Center. Free parking is allowed in City Parish Municipal parking garage section B2 for decorating. The B2 garage will be open for the decorating party until 4:00 PM. **Cars still in the B2 garage after 4:00 PM will be towed.**

Please vacate the garage BEFORE 4pm.

For the ball: The B2 parking lot will be open for free parking after 6:00 PM. You must vacate the B2 parking garage before 2:00 AM. Access is only available with a parking pass. Check with an SPLP Board member for parking passes. (Space is limited.) Parking passes will be available from all SPLP board members at the decorating party. Parking is also available in the parking garages adjacent to the Raising Cane's River Center. It is \$10 to park in the River Center garage, but payment can only be made by card (previously it was cash only, this is no longer the case). There is absolutely no parking in the front of the River Center.

What time should I arrive?

Doors open at 7:00pm. Please allow ample time to get downtown and park. Mardi Gras is an exciting time in Baton Rouge and there are always many other events the night of our ball.

Which entrance do I use the night of the ball?

Guests may enter at the Main (River Road) or upstairs East entrances.

TICKETS & ATTIRE

Will I get a physical ticket for the ball?

Yes, everyone must have a ticket to a designated table to enter the ball. There are NO e-tickets.

All tickets are to an assigned table.

No tickets are sold at the door.

Must be 21 to enter.

Attire for the Ball?

Dress is Creative Formal, Costume or anything you care to wear.

Do I have to bring a clear bag to the ball?

Clear bags are NOT required at this event, but please be aware that River Center security will check your bags and coolers upon entrance.

TABLE DECORATIONS**When can I decorate my table?**

Saturday, January 31st from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

You may park in front of the River Center to unload only, but must immediately move your vehicle and park elsewhere. B2 parking garage will be open to park, but you must be out by 4:00 PM (gates will be locked. Cars will be towed).

Are there any rules regarding table decorations?

No pyrotechnics, fire, fireworks, no electricity supplied to tables, no confetti, no helium filled balloons. All decorations must fit on top of or under your table. Decorations left in the isles between the tables, will be thrown away.

When do I clean up my decorations?

The lights turn on at 12:45AM. The event ends promptly at 1:00 AM. Any and all items you wish to keep **MUST** be taken with you at that time. The Raising Cane's River Center staff will begin clean up IMMEDIATELY following the event and any items left behind will be disposed of at that time.

FOOD & ALCOHOL

How do I order food for the night of the ball? Yes, please include your table number on your order. You can register an account and order food/beverages for your ball table online at:

<https://www.reservecloud.com/sspSignIn>

Can I bring in my own alcohol or food?

Guests are allowed to bring in their own food, alcohol, and beverages. Coolers must be able to fit under your table and are limited to 48 quarts. No Styrofoam coolers are allowed. You must bring your own corkscrew/bottle openers.

Will there be a cash bar?

Yes.

Can I smoke in the hall?

There is no smoking allowed in the River Center but there is a designated smoking area outside. Re-entry is monitored by Landmark staff.

Will ball shirts be sold at the ball?

Yes, in the concourse area on the river road side of the ball room.