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Artistic Richness in St. Tammany

ST. TAMMANY PARISH has long been known for its earthy, creative culture. We live in a place where a Saturday morning market is, in its own right, a gallery of artistic expression and agricultural richness. Musical and theatrical talents span our parish through venues that have weathered time, generated long-standing traditions, and produced rising stars. Couple these attributes with the abundance of natural, navigable resources we enjoy, and it is safe to say that our Parish is a cultural paradise.

My administration recently announced the proposal of an Arts District south of Covington, near the Louisiana Highway 21/Interstate 12 interchange and the Tchefuncte River, which would encompass an amphitheater, a performing arts facility, a Children's Museum and outdoor nature trails and walkways.

While still in the visionary phase, the Arts District will offer a place where every person within the Parish, can experience the richness of the arts in many forms.

Emphasis on the arts is nurtured within six Cultural Districts here in St. Tammany, designated by the State of Louisiana, which span from Slidell to Covington. Original, locally produced artwork is offered for sale, tax-free to the public. Local participating businesses within these districts display the State of Louisiana "Cultural Districts" sign. You can also visit stpgov.org/arts to find maps of these districts and a list of participating businesses.

The arts not only enrich our lives with visual, tactile and auditory beauty, they create a snapshot of our current times, which is passed on to future generations. ✨

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