

## Mardi Gras SETX Annual Family Event

## About Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas...

In April 1990, after nearly three years of planning and joined by 18 community minded non-profit organizations, the first event was held in February, 1993. The mission envisioned by the founders was simple and straightforward:

- Benefit the member non-profit groups that provide services to Southeast Texas.
- Stage a family-oriented affair that Southeast Texas would be proud of.
- Promote interaction among diverse ethnic groups while promoting racial harmony. To serve as an economic development project for Southeast Texas.

Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas, Inc. received its non-profit Charter from the State of Texas on February 18, 1992 and the non-profit status was confirmed by the Internal Revenue Service. MGSETX is a Non-profit 501-C4 organization. Funds are donated to the member organization each year which benefits the citizens of Southeast Texas. MGSETX is a volunteer. The Majestic Krewe of Aurora was organized simultaneously with Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas under the sponsorship of the MGSETX Board. Aurora produces an elaborate ball and grand parade, throwing thousands of trinkets to spectators. Membership is available. Each year Carnival weekend host a variety of activities for everyone. Mardi Gras Southeast Texas prides itself on being a safe, fun, affordable event that has something for all ages - "A Family Affair". The event is staffed by volunteers, sponsors, member organization and offers many attractions which include State Fair Carnival Rides, Kid Zone (free to kids), Street Entertainment, Concerts, Parades and much more. Food & Arts and Crafts vendors offering a little bit of everything. Get involved!

## **DIRECTORS & MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS 501-C-3**

American Italian Club
Knights of Peter Claver #182
Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce
Port Arthur Noon Sertoma
Golden Triangle CCCS
Regional State Advisory Board

Sacred Heart Catholic Church St. Catherine Catholic Church St. Catherine Home & School Assn.

St. James Catholic Church St. Joseph Catholic Church Christus Hospital Foundation

Mardi Gras Southeast Texas is a non-profit 501-C-4 organization. Contributions or gifts to Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas, Inc. are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Excess funds are donated to the above listed 501-C-3 organizations. A volunteer base provides service, when possible, no salaries are paid.

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