



**Federation of GBR Civic Associations**  
*Meeting Notice & Newsletter*



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## March 2026 Newsletter

### 2025 RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

At its 2/12/26 meeting, the following members were recognized for their efforts and leadership, benefiting the membership and/or the community at large, which are in keeping with the Federation's mission.



Pictured left to right are: Phil Fetterman, Annual Service, Ed Lagucki, Lifetime Service, and Bob Harper, Community Impact.

Please visit the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations [website](#) for more information on meetings, membership, and resources.

### **Upcoming Elections**

We extend our sincere thanks to Deputy Secretary of State for Communications and Policy, Trey Williams, for delivering an excellent presentation at the February meeting about the transition to closed primaries in upcoming elections. If you were unable to attend, please take a few minutes to review the [PowerPoint presentation](#) discussed at the meeting.



For more information, including details on early voting dates, please visit the [Louisiana Secretary of State's website](#) . Your vote matters—make a plan and be sure to cast your ballot.

## **Important dates for special election in East Baton Rouge Parish:**

**March 14, 2026** – Special Primary Election for State Representative, 69<sup>th</sup> District  
(seat formerly held by Rep. Paula Davis)

**April 18, 2026** – Special General Election (runoff) for State Representative, 69<sup>th</sup> District

## **City Stats**

The Federation is dedicated to improving the quality of life, enhancing property values, and preserving the unique character of neighborhoods throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. The [Baton Rouge CityStats](#) report shows how far we've come as a parish, where we are, and where we need to go. The report compares progress on some of the same indicators over the years and polls for rotating topics of interest. The Baton Rouge Area Foundation has issued this report each year since 2009.

The C-Suite Podcast with Clay Young, Clay Young Enterprises, and Chris Meyer, BRAF CEO, provides a discussion on the CityStats data. Listen [here](#).

## **In Memoriam – Henry Grace (1942-2026)**

The Federation extends heartfelt condolences to Henry Grace's family and friends. Henry was a devoted member of the Shenandoah Homeowners Association and served on the Federation Board of Directors from 2006 to 2013. We are thankful for his kindness and leadership.

## **Membership Renewal**

Currently, 81 members, 72% have renewed; our goal is 100%.

So why renew your membership? As one returning member said, "we just didn't want to go it alone." Now is the perfect time to renew your membership

and continue supporting our important work. Your ongoing involvement ensures we can keep advocating for our community and stay engaged in the local and state legislative activity.

Please contact Steve Bradshaw, Treasurer, [fgbrcatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fgbrcatreasurer@gmail.com) if you have questions or need assistance in renewing your membership.



### **2026 Legislative Session (Committee Opportunity)**

The Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature begins Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and adjourns on June 1. As of now, over 1,350 bills have been pre-filed. The last day to file bills is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, with introduction required no later than Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Each legislator can file an additional 5 bills

before March 28th. The Federation has already identified more than 60 pre-filed bills of interest and we will continue to review legislation as it is filed.

A preliminary list of pre-filed bills can be found [here](#). Please review this list (especially HB 817). Email [fgbrca@gmail.com](mailto:fgbrca@gmail.com) if you are aware of other bills we should monitor.

AND, if you are interested in serving on the Federation's Legislative Task Force, please contact Sherry at [fgbrca@gmail.com](mailto:fgbrca@gmail.com) or call 225-963-7383. The Task Force reviews proposed legislation and identifies needed advocacy action.

The Legislative website offers multiple ways to follow what's happening at the Capitol. For example, this **Link to Committee Meetings** allows you to watch committee hearings and floor action, if you are interested in watching live.

## **CPID Update**

Several bills have been filed to create Crime Prevention and Improvement Districts in East Baton Rouge Parish for additional neighborhoods, including Victoria Farms (HB 127) and Parkview Oaks (HB139). Also filed are bills affecting current CPIDs, including Jefferson Place/Bocage (HB162), Parkwood Terrace (HB 138) and Melrose East (HB 788). These prefiled bills are included in the Federation's list of bills for monitoring.

## **Mark Your Calendar 2026 Federation Meeting Dates**

The Federation holds quarterly in-person meetings, with the possibility of Zoom meetings during the other months as needed.

All meetings will be held at the EBR Main Library, Goodwood Branch, 7722 Goodwood Blvd, with meetings beginning at 7pm.

**Upcoming meeting dates May 14, August 6, and November 12.**

**TOP TIP**

Engage in the  
Legislative process and  
track bills of interest.

Link [here](#) to search  
2026 Regular Session  
bills filed.

**St. George Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

In efforts to engage the public in envisioning the future of St. George, that which is left behind for generations to come, a 2nd public meeting was held on Sunday, March 2 at Grace Life Fellowship church in Baton Rouge. The public will be invited to attend two (2) more meetings in the near future. The resulting St. George Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be a policy document with exacting vision and goals.

The public is invited to participate in the planning process by participating in a poll on this link: [https://lionheart.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6zj3qlt7O14jAai](https://lionheart.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6zj3qlt7O14jAai)

Deadline to submit is March 15th.

**Parish and City Government webpages:**

**East Baton Rouge Parish Government**

**City of Baker**

**City of Central**

**City of St. George**

## City of Zachary

### Events of Interest

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Black American Health Fair

On Saturday, April 11, 2026 an event to educate senior citizens about healthy lifestyle choices will be held at Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA. from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

For more information visit [www.pbrc.edu/SBAHF](http://www.pbrc.edu/SBAHF)

#### PARENTAL AWARENESS NIGHT -Online safety for children

The Family Worship Center, with special guest Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill, is hosting a Community-Wide Parental Awareness Night—a powerful, informative evening designed to equip parents and protect children. **Tuesday, March 24, 6:30–8:30 PM at Family Worship Center, 8919 World Ministry Ave.**

This is not about fear—it's about awareness, conversation, and coming together as a community to protect the next generation. Representatives from the FBI, State and local law enforcement, and District Attorney, Hillar Moore will be presenting. A question and answer session will follow. *Nursery provided.* For more information, [fwcbr.org/events](http://fwcbr.org/events)

#### Community Meeting

Airline Highway Master Plan and Recreation Center Transition to be discussed at a community meeting on Thursday March 9, 5:30-7:00pm. Held at St. George Fire Department 14100 Ailine Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70817.

RSVP: [NaKia.Smith@brec.org](mailto:NaKia.Smith@brec.org)

**We encourage everyone to stay engaged with local happenings and upcoming meetings. If you have ideas for speakers, topics, or other ways**

in which the Federation can support your association,  
email [fgrca@gmail.com](mailto:fgrca@gmail.com).

**Your participation helps shape our parish's future...let us all work together in making East Baton Rouge Parish an even better place to live.**

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