



Federation of GBR Civic Associations
Meeting Notice & Newsletter



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January 2026 Newsletter



Member Meeting (In Person), Thursday, Feb 12th at 7PM

EBR Main Library on Goodwood Blvd.

Q&A with the Secretary of State's Office

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Our first **Member Meeting** of 2026 promises to be full of good information. We will have a speaker from the Louisiana Secretary of State's office discussing the changes in upcoming elections.

Our state is moving from an open primary to a closed primary system. Since this is a significant change, we wanted you to have the opportunity to ask questions!

MEETING AGENDA

Open Primary to Closed Primary -
Secretary of State

Year-In-Review

Federation annual awards
announced

Federation 2026 Budget

**And because it's the season and
we are lucky to live in Louisiana**

--- we'll enjoy some king cake!



Federation Board Officers

At the December meeting, the Federation Board elected 2026 Officers as follows: President – Sherry Guarisco, Vice-President – Debra Simino, Secretary – Margrett Fels, and Treasurer – Steve Bradshaw.

Membership Renewal

Our annual membership drive always begins with a huge “thank you” to you, our members! We rely on your questions, ideas, and continued participation to guide our mission of improving the quality of life, enhancing property values for homeowners, and preserving the character and integrity of residential neighborhoods in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Renewal invoices were mailed on January 2nd , with payment due January 31st . Payment can be made online or by check.

Please contact Steve Bradshaw, fgbrcatreasurer@gmail.com if you have questions or need assistance.

Mark Your Calendar – 2026 Meeting Dates

The Federation is scheduling quarterly in-person meetings, with the possibility of Zoom meetings during the other months as needed. We will return to the EBR Main Library, Goodwood Branch, 7722 Goodwood Blvd, with meetings beginning at 7pm as follows:

February 12, May 14, August 6, and November 12.

News from the Crime Prevention and Improvement District Discussion Group

In 2026, the CPID network is meeting virtually (on Zoom) on an ad hoc basis, as issues arise.

Please contact Bob Harper to be included on the meeting notification list (to receive the Zoom meeting link) or if you have a suggestion for a meeting topic. Bob can be reached at bharper3@cox.net.

St. George Happenings

The St. George Council, Planning Commission and public hearings in January have elicited great participation due to a proposed development called The Haven and the Highland-Pecue traffic plan. Many St. George residents attended the St. George Planning Commission meeting on January 5, with grave concerns about flooding and drainage since the proposed development has 26.8 acres, which mostly lie in the AE flood plan. Located in the Old Jefferson neighborhood, the proposal seeks 87 lots for the development between Antioch and Baringer Road. The Planning Commission deferred the hearing on The Haven until its February 2, 2026 meeting, which will be held at the St. George Fire Station, 14100 Airline Hwy., beginning at 6:00 P.M. Another consideration is that the area is currently designated for residential use by FutureBR; however, the St. George 2050 Comprehensive Plan is currently underway, with residents questioning the timing of the development request.

Highland Road & Pecue Interchange – Signal or Roundabout

MovEBR, a program of EBR Parish, will invest more than \$1 Billion in Federal monies to help reduce traffic congestion, build sidewalks and manage traffic signals throughout the Parish. In a public meeting held in 2025 at a BREC Park, those attending were solicited for input regarding changes needed at the intersection of Highland Road and Pecue. The consensus from that group was that MovEBR upgrades should include either a traffic signal or a roundabout to relieve traffic congestion. As part of the process, EBR Parish asked the City of St. George to pass a resolution **endorsing** the realignment of this intersection. The resolution can be accessed [HERE](#):

<https://stgeorgela.gov/media/ctclsqfq/2026-002-pecue-highland-intersection-endorsement-of-2-solutions.pdf>.

On January 13th, the St. George Council voted to approve the resolution, with St. George Mayor Yates commenting that the city's focus will be based on safety and protecting St. George citizens from undue hardships, including drainage issues. A recording of the St. George Council meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J5paxUKDtI>.

Future decisions on this matter will be handled by East Baton Rouge Parish and citizens with concerns should contact their EBR Parish Council person. Although the intersection lies within the boundaries of the City of St. George, Highland Road is a major traffic artery for the parish, and we encourage everyone to listen to the council meeting link shared above.

East Baton Rouge City-Parish State of the City Address

Mayor-President Sid Edwards spoke to the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge in early January, giving a lookback at 2025, learnings from his first year in office, and what his team learned on their recent visit to Detroit. A recording of his speech can be found on Louisiana Public Broadcasting

(LPB) at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-iWsMCCbrQ>.

Key - Recurring EBR City-Parish Meetings

All agendas located at: <https://www.brla.gov/agendacenter>

Key - Recurring St. George Meetings

All agendas located at: <https://stgeorgela.gov/services/planning-zoning/#gsc.tab=0>

We hope you enjoyed the first newsletter of 2026! 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 fgbrca@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.

Happy 2026!

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