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# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

**4th:** Denham Springs Chef's Night Out  
Antique District, Denham Springs, LA  
225-667-8308

**5th:** Special Christmas Concert - Good News Fellowship Church. 13101 Hwy 442 W Tickfaw, LA. For more information 985-345-6455 or 985-974-0507

**5th:** The Great Big Tent Sale - WOW (Women Outreaching Women) will be hosting its final garage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to helping protect women and families. [www.womenowomen.com](http://www.womenowomen.com)

**6th:** Walker Pioneer Days Christmas Parade  
1:00 p.m. Walker, LA, 225-665-4356.

**7th:** 11th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes to benefit the Family Resource Clinic. 1:00 til 5:30 p.m. Five elegant, uniquely decorated homes, with guided tour. Tickets \$15.00 adv/\$20.00 at the door. 225-686-1123.

**8th:** Albany Christmas Parade  
Albany, LA 225-567-9697 or 225-567-2345

**13th:** Livingston Christmas Parade  
Livingston, LA. 225-686-7153

**13th:** Denham Springs Christmas Parade  
Denham Springs, LA 225-665-8155

**13th:** Residents Door Decorating Contest  
Springfield, LA

**20th:** A Jubilee Night Before Christmas  
Hwy 190 between Denham Springs and Walker Louisiana in the Old South Jamboree [www.lpcgjubilee.com](http://www.lpcgjubilee.com)  
7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Circle  
the date



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2008 has been a wonderful year to visit Livingston Parish. The year kicked off with Bass Pro Outdoor opening it's doors on Feb. 7. Throughout the parish, growth has followed suit. There are new businesses and restaurants opening nearly every week. Eateries in the Bass Pro area include World Famous Islamorada Fish Company Restaurant, Hooter's, and Long Horn Steakhouse.

Growth continued with the

construction of the new Amite river bridge just west of Denham Springs. Scheduled for completion in 2010, the bridge will be an enhanced gateway to Livingston.

Retail shops are also booming. Stine Lumber, LeBlanc's Grocery and Walgreens are opening or opened in Walker. Wal-Mart bought 50 acres in Holden for a fourth Livingston location.

The Antique District of downtown Denham Springs

experienced one of it's largest festivals ever in October. People are coming to Livingston Parish for many reasons.

Livingston has been blessed with growth but has maintained it's traditional, Louisiana hospitality. Experience any of the numerous community parades and you'll know why people come back time and again. There's a buoyant enjoyment of life to found and shared throughout. You'll find parade information

on this months Calendar.

Despite the double whammy of hurricanes Ike and Gustav, Livingston has bounced back with repaired buildings and roads. The vast majority of storm debris has been removed. Any business that was temporarily closed is now open and ready to serve you. We weren't about to let weather get in our way of fun.

Visit Livingston today - you won't believe what you've been missing.

### Great Places To Stay

There are a variety of great places to stay within Livingston Parish. You will be greeted with warmest welcomes after you choose from numerous hotels. To explore the amenities each offers, visit the informative Hotels link listed on the Livingston Parish CVB site: [visitlivingstonparish.com](http://visitlivingstonparish.com).

If you're in the mood to listen to the sounds of silence and appreciate all that nature has to offer, then area campgrounds are exactly where you'll want to be. There are public campgrounds, such as the one at Tickfaw State Park.



## Destination: Fun

Stay for a night, a week or month in one of the many inviting locations.

**La Quinta Inn & Suites Walker** has a friendly staff waiting to greet you, while several attractions and dining options are only minutes away. **Denham Spring's Hampton Inn** promises you a clean, comfortable hotel room. In fact, they have 80 of them! If you're traveling with your family, you may opt for a room with two beds.

We hope you find your stay in Livingston Parish to enjoyable, relaxing and refreshing. Please contact us if you need additional information.

More Information is on [www.visitlivingstonparish.com](http://www.visitlivingstonparish.com)

### COMMENTS: Executive Director's Message

It truly has been a great year to be in Livingston Parish. Despite the economy slump the rest of the nation is experiencing, Livingston is getting bigger and better.

We're gearing up our regional tourism with the True and False Tour. This part trivia, part history tour is informative and fun for all ages.

While you're on the Tour, take



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the opportunity to visit our tried and true local cuisine. The flavors of our friendly restaurants will have you asking for just a little more. Check all the restaurant listings on [visitlivingstonparish.com](http://visitlivingstonparish.com)

### OUR BEST WISHES: Merry Christmas to All

As we reflect back on the past year, we want to note that all the success and growth of Livingston Parish is due to you. Without our visitors, the parish would not be the same.

The Christmas season and its message of hope and joy to all is one of the greatest times of year. It is our wish that the special sentiments of this time are felt and extended throughout the months and years to come. Peace on earth, good will to all is a timeless



lesson. Through the carols, Christmas poems and stories that are part of the seasons spirit, we find an inextricable link to you, our visitors, friends and family.

Celebrate this festive season but hold its message for every day!

### DID YOU KNOW? Parish Trivia

The Amite River is a tributary of Lake Maurepas. It is about 100 miles long. It starts as two forks in southwestern Mississippi and flows south through Louisiana, passing through Livingston Parish to Lake Maurepas. The lower 37 miles of the river is navigable. A portion of the river is diverted via the Petite Amite River and Amite Diversion Canal to the Blind River, which also flows



to Lake Maurepas. The name Amite is supposed to have come from the word *amitie* which in French means "friendship." In a report of Iverville, dated July, 1699: It was on this occasion that he gave names to the lakes and streams they still bear, Amite in token of the friendly reception he had from the Houma Indians.