

The City of Slidell presents a National League of Cities' Community Celebration.

Celebrate Slidell!

Sunday, March 14, 5 p.m. in Heritage Park

Featuring the hometown presentation of the NLC Gold Award for Municipal Excellence for the city's cultural programming and cultural economy development.

Followed by a Bayou Jam Concert,
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Topcats

Free admission.

Come be part of the celebration!



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For more information, call the City of Slidell Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375 or visit the calendar of events on our website, www.slidell.la.us



The City of Slidell took home the first place Gold Award for Municipal Excellence at the 86th annual National League of Cities' Congress of Cities & Exposition in San Antonio, Texas, for its program titled "Strengthening the Community and the Economy through the Arts."

- ▶ **Slidell is the only Louisiana city ever to have received the prestigious award in its 20 year history,** and is the only 2009 recipient being recognized for arts programming. A total of four Gold Awards were given to cities, one in each of four population categories: under 50,000; 50,001 - 150,000; 150,001 - 500,000; and over 500,000. Joining Slidell in the Gold Award Winning circle are Savannah, Ga., Long Beach, Ca., and New York City. Silver Awards were presented to Estes Park., Colo., Burnsville, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., and Seattle, Wa.
- ▶ **The National League of Cities** is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC serves as a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. The organization's Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize city programs demonstrating community determination, individual commitment, outstanding collaboration and creativity toward improving the quality of life in local communities.
- ▶ **The Awards for Municipal Excellence** are given annually by NLC and CH2M HILL, one of the country's largest engineering, construction and consulting firms. The awards ceremony was held Friday, November 13, during the NLC's expo, which was attended by an estimated 3,500 government officials from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Representatives from the organizations will be coming to Slidell to make a formal presentation of the award to the community on March 14, 2010.
- ▶ **The City of Slidell offers over 40 cultural events every year,** all of which contribute to the city's intrinsic and economic value by enhancing our quality of life, increasing tourism and helping Slidell attract new businesses. The events are made possible through the city's Cultural Season Sponsors and grant funding from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the St. Tammany Commission on Cultural Affairs.