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## **Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening of C.C. Antoine Park**

The City of Shreveport, Community Development, and the Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation (SPAR) Department invite the public to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of C.C. Antoine Park on Thursday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. The newly revitalized park represents a significant investment in neighborhood recreation, history, and community pride.

Named in honor of Caesar Carpentier “C.C.” Antoine, one of Shreveport’s most influential civic leaders, the park serves as a living tribute to a man who helped shape Louisiana’s political and cultural legacy. Born a free man of color in New Orleans, Antoine served in the Union Army during the Civil War and later became the 13th Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana (1873–1877) — one of the highest-ranking Black elected officials during Reconstruction. He also represented Caddo Parish as a state senator and co-authored the bill incorporating the City of Shreveport. His life’s work remains a testament to leadership, perseverance, and progress.

“C.C. Antoine’s legacy of service and leadership continues to inspire us today,” said Mayor Tom Arceneaux. “This park is more than a gathering space — it’s a reminder of the courage and vision that built our city and a place for families to make memories and grow together.”

The new park includes a spray ground, several concrete slides, and a large pavilion designed to serve all ages. The improvements support SPAR’s mission to create inclusive, vibrant spaces that connect residents and celebrate Shreveport’s diverse history.

"This collaborative effort between the City of Shreveport, public and private partners has been a long time coming. The park is not only a reflection of the legacy of Caesar Carpentier (C.C.) Antoine, a free man of color and the 13<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, but it also symbolizes the hope that continues to mobilize and move our community forward," shared Verni Howard, Director. "We are grateful for the labor of Bonnie Moore, the late Lloyd Overdyke, the CHOICE Advisory Board, and so many others who remained steadfast to see this project to the end."

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***You are cordially invited!***

Join the City of Shreveport and Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation (SPAR) as we celebrate the official Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of C.C. Antoine Park — honoring the legacy of one of Shreveport's most influential community leaders.

**C.C. Antoine Park**  
1740 MILAM STREET  
SHREVEPORT, LA 71101

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Come see the exciting new features of this beautiful community space and help us mark this special moment for the neighborhood and the City of Shreveport.

***We look forward to celebrating with you!***

