

*We Invite You To Join
The Ghost Of Jean Lafitte At*



A Night In Barataria

A Frenchtown Neighborhood

Mardi Gras Celebration

Saturday February 26th

**Come For The Jaycee Mardi Gras Parade Down Second Street At 3 PM
And Stay For The Party Till Whenever!**

Location: 1121 North Second In St. Charles

\$5 Donation Per Person To Support The Frenchtown Museum

BYOR (Bring Your Own Rum) And A Dish To Share If You Can

Jean Lafitte, the gentleman privateer, once ruled over a veritable kingdom of pirates, cutthroats and corsairs on islands in the swamps of Barataria near New Orleans. Known as the Kingdom of Barataria, it was refuge for the mysterious Lafitte, who sided with Andrew Jackson to defeat the British at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815.

Driven into exile by the government he helped save, Lafitte, his men and their wives would later be chased from their last refuge in Galveston, after which some say he died of fever. But a supposed journal by Lafitte, kept in the Texas State Archives, records how he escaped and traveled to Alton, Illinois. If so, the French inhabitants

of nearby St. Charles would have offered a familiar culture and, perhaps, a secret location for the millions he plundered in the Gulf of Mexico. It is in that spirit of romance and adventure that we host our Frenchtown Mardi Gras celebration and drink a toast to the King of Barataria - Jean Lafitte - Gentleman Privateer.



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