

Celebrate Mardi Gras in Style

Mardi Gras will be celebrated in the finest New Orleans' tradition in Paris, Tennessee on Saturday, March 5 with a festive Mardi Gras Ball that includes live music, costumes, royalty and fabulous food. The event takes place at the Paris Convention Center with proceeds benefiting the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center, an historic teaching museum and visitors' center in downtown Paris.

“This event puts the FUN in fundraising,” said Chairperson Laura Kenworthy. “The Barons, one of the biggest and best dance bands in the area are providing music. The dinner is a delectable, New Orleans-inspired meal from Cindy's Catering.”

Dress is semi-formal, with black tie and costumes optional, according to Kenworthy. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at the Heritage Center and from many downtown Paris businesses. Out of town guests or those interested in purchasing tables for parties of six or more should call the Heritage Center at 731-642-1030.

“Our annual Mardi Gras Ball has a French Quarter feel without all the travel,” said Kenworthy. “A genuine, New Orleans King Cake is being imported from the Big Easy for auction and a Mardi Gras King and Queen will be elected in the best of Louisiana traditions. In other words, the votes will be purchased.”

Social hour begins at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by dancing and the royalty coronation.

Event sponsors include the Board of Public Utilities, Commercial Bank and Trust Company, McDonald's, The Cabinet Corner and West Wood Wines. For more information, contact the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center at 731-642-1030 or email Director Norma Steele at director@phhc.com.



The Barons dance band is all dressed up and ready to entertain at the annual Mardi Gras Ball in Paris, Tennessee on Saturday, March 5. Proceeds from the festivities, which include live music, costumes, royalty and dinner benefit the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center, a teaching museum and visitors' center in historic downtown Paris. Call the center at 731-642-1030 for more information.