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## A GULF COAST MARDI GRAS

For more than a century, **Galveston** has celebrated Mardi Gras with parades, street parties, live music, food, and—of course—beads. But with the upper Texas Gulf Coast rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey, this year's event promises to be particularly meaningful. "We here in Galveston are often in a position to receive help from others after storms," said Mary Beth Bassett, public affairs manager for the Galveston Convention and Visitors Bureau. "This time, we feel blessed to be able to offer help and to host a welcome break after six months of disaster cleanup." In addition to night parades and concerts, Mardi Gras Galveston has family-friendly daytime parades along the Seawall and, on Sunday, February 11, a free Family Gras event downtown. —Casey Kelly-Barton

**IF YOU GO**  
Feb. 2-4, 9-11, 13  
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