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### Road closures announced for numerous fall events

*This weekend is busy with special events, many of which will have road closures associated.*

**Galveston, TX – October 20, 2023** – The island will be the host of many special events this week, including the Beach Girl Triathlon, ARToberfest Galveston, Bike Around the Bay/Bike Around the Island, and Third Coast Pride Parade. Each event will have some associated road closures for residents to be aware of while navigating the island this weekend.

#### Beach Girl Triathlon

The Beach Girl Triathlon is taking place this Saturday, October 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The women's only triathlon will primarily occur on property at the Holiday Inn Seaside Resort, 19320 FM 3005. The only portion occurring outside of private property is the bicycle portion on FM 3005 from Kahala Drive to 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Bicycle participants will remain exclusively on the shoulder of FM 3005 / San Luis Pass Road, with no lane closures expected until the U-Turn and Finish Points when officers will temporarily stop traffic to allow the participants to safely cross to the other side of the shoulder. Once the participants cross, officers will quickly reopen these areas.

#### ARToberfest Galveston

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual ARToberFEST hosted by The Grand 1894 Opera House returns this weekend, October 21-22. The festival will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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The event will be in the same location as previous years: Postoffice between 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between Market and Church. There will be temporary street closures beginning Friday, October 14 at 12 p.m. until Sunday, October 16 at 8 p.m. at these locations.

For more information, please visit [www.artoberfest.com](http://www.artoberfest.com).

### Bike Around the Bay/Bike Around the Island

Bike Around the Bay is a two-day, 170-mile bicycle ride around Galveston Bay that is returning for its 16<sup>th</sup> year. As in previous years, riders will make their way to Galveston via the Ferry, tending to arrive any time after 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21. From there, participants will bike from Ferry Landing to Harborside Drive to 25<sup>th</sup> Street to Seawall Blvd to 81<sup>st</sup> Street and stay overnight at Moody Gardens. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will move from Moody Gardens to Jones Drive to Stewart Road to 61<sup>st</sup> Street and on to the Causeway to continue their journey.

To accommodate the participants while they are on the Seawall on Saturday, October 21, the south Seawall parking lane, and south lane of eastbound traffic from 25<sup>th</sup> to 81<sup>st</sup> Streets will be restricted to cyclists only. Vehicular traffic will remain open in both directions, however eastbound traffic from 25<sup>th</sup> to 81<sup>st</sup> Street will be temporarily restricted to one lane until the riders complete the Seawall section of the course.

Bike Around the Island was added to this event last year. It is a separate ride from the above. This ride is a 1-day, 20 or 40 mile route option for cyclists that is entirely on the Island. This ride will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 21 at Moody Gardens and finish no later than 1 p.m. at the same location.





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Participants will travel from Moody Gardens to Lockheed Rd to Piper St before turning onto 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and proceeding south to Stewart Road. They will remain on Stewart Road from 83<sup>rd</sup> Street until 13 Mile Road, where they will then turn onto FM 3005 / San Luis Pass Road and continue west bound towards the end of the Island before U-Turning (if they choose the 40-mile option which includes 3 rest stops).

Key intersections and locations will have officers stationed to help emergency vehicles access the area at all times, which includes access to the airport and fire station at 83<sup>rd</sup> & Cessna, and 83<sup>rd</sup> & Airport, as well 13 Mile Road and FM 3005 and the Campeche Cove area.

More information on both Bike Around the Bay and Bike Around the Island can be found here: <http://www.bikearoundthebay.org/>

### Third Coast Pride Parade

The Third Coast Pride Parade is Sunday, October 22 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event is hosted by the Historic Downtown Partnership, and is intended to be a family friendly parade that celebrates October as LGBTQIA+ history month. The parade route itself will be rolling closures, escorted by GPD.

### Parade Line-up Area:

- Parking lot at the SE Corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Postoffice (on private property)

*Beginning Sunday, October 22 at 11:00 AM through 2:00 PM*





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### Rolling / Temporary Road Closures (for Parade Route):

- Begin at SE Corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Postoffice
- West on Postoffice to 24<sup>th</sup> Street
- North on 24<sup>th</sup> Street to Mechanic
- East on Mechanic to 20<sup>th</sup> Street
- North on 20<sup>th</sup> Street to Strand
- West on Strand to 25<sup>th</sup> Street
- End at 25<sup>th</sup> & Strand

