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Encompassing both the historic Bolton House and Studio Annex building on the corners of Main, Lee and 3rd Streets in downtown Alexandria, River Oaks celebrates being the cultural and artistic hub of Central Louisiana.

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# What is the best place to retire to in the Southeast?

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When someone retires, a plethora of new opportunities lay before them, like the chance to pack up and move to a new city or state.

Retirees may decide to relocate for a number of reasons, such as finances, lifestyle, family or simply to live somewhere they've always dreamed of.

In order to help retirees find a city where there's a tax advantages, a mild climate and easy access to healthcare,

Travel + Leisure created a list of the best places to retire to in the Southeastern U.S.

## Alexandria, Louisiana a top city to retire by Travel + Leisure

Alexandria, found within Rapides Parish, is Louisiana's ninth largest city and has been deemed a "small Southern city with big-city amenities," according to Travel + Leisure.

Regarding amenities, the Alexandria International Airport is less than 10 miles away from the city and is served

by Delta and American Airlines. There are also close to 500 nearby health care establishments and hospitals within Rapides Parish, says Travel + Leisure.

Alexandria, also referred to as the "heart of Louisiana," may be far from the state's coast, yet the city is close in proximity to the Red River and there are a number of lakes, marshes and swamps, where activities like canoeing, kayaking and birding are popular.

Additionally, multiple golf courses can be found throughout the city, as

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# Landry weighs in on 2026 Senate race with Bill Cassidy

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Louisiana Republican Gov. Jeff Landry said he won't make a decision on who to support in his state's 2026 U.S. Senate race until he hears from President Donald Trump.

"I'm waiting for the president to call," Landry said in an interview with USA Today Network.

Incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy is facing primary challenges from the Trump MAGA wing of the Republican party who have criticized Cassidy for his vote to convict Trump in the president's 2021 impeachment trial.

Among the leading Republican challengers: state Treasurer John Fleming; Acadiana state Sen. Blake Miguez; and Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta.

All of the Republicans, including Cassidy, who has been in lock step with Trump during the president's second term, are hoping for Trump's blessing in the 2026 race.

"I think this race hinges on the decision the president will make," Landry said.

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# OUTnorthLa Film Festival returns Sept. 5-11

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OUTnorthLa Film Festival is back for its 14th year and will be running from Sept. 5-11 at the Robinson Film Center.

This film festival put on by People Acting for Change and Equality (PACE) features stories of resilience, love, struggle and joy while bringing the LGBTQ+ community together to educate and entertain.

## Here's what you need to know about the week long festival:

### Opening night

● **Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m.-** "A Nice Indian Boy" starring Jonathan Groff followed by a Q&A with local physician, actress, and filmmaker Dr. Jaya McSharma.

### Festival reception

● **Saturday, Sept. 6, 6 p.m.-** the 25th anniversary showing of the iconic, campy film "Sordid Lives" starring Beau Bridges, Delta Burke, Olivia

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# Governor Jeff Landry makes appointments for roads, energy, and natural resources

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Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry has made key leadership appointments to advance his vision for roads, energy and natural resources in the state, including one cabinet position.

Landry continued his transformation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development by naming Julia Fisher-Cormier to lead the agency's new Office of Transportation, while Eric Dauphine will lead the department's Office of Project Delivery.

The governor has also named Dustin Davidson as his new secretary of Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, a cabinet position. Davidson will replace Tyler Gray, who is returning

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