

Walk on water and more at Bossier shopping centers Times - Online, The

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Dylan Buckner, 3, rides Louisiana Boardwalk's Water Wheel with his mom, Ashley. / Jane Bokun/Voices

For those who long for adventure during the long, hot summer, Louisiana Boardwalk now has a new Water Walker ride under the Texas Street Bridge area.

According to Marketing Manager Ashley Davis, the ride has become a unique and popular way to spend the afternoon at the entertainment venue in Bossier City.

What is a Water Walker?

The premise goes like this: one or two people get into a large open balloonlike structure with openings at both ends. They then run inside the ball until they are literally walking on water.

"It's sort of like a hamster wheel where two people can fit in at one time," Davis said.

The ride is being supplied by Party Central, an amusement park in Bossier City.

"It was popular at the recent Mudbug Madness festival," Davis said. "This is one of a few Water Walkers that exist and lots of people are using it," Davis said.

Price for the rides is \$6 for one person and \$10 for two. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Davis said Louisiana Boardwalk is under a new management company called Bayer Properties.

"They're known for bringing in new ideas and we should be seeing things happening at the Boardwalk," Davis said.

Down Airline Drive, the **Stirling Plaza** shopping center has broken ground on an Old Navy, Maurice's (women's ready-to-wear store that is similar to Rue 21), and an Ulta makeup and beauty store.

"The shell for the new properties is going up as we speak," said **Bill McFadden, regional manager for Stirling Properties.**

The new stores are slated to be open by late fall.

"They'll be ready in time for Christmas," **McFadden said.**