Indianola is the birthplace of both B.B. King and Albert King, who are considered to be the father and son of Southern blues music, respectively. The town is rich in history and culture, offering a variety of events and attractions to visitors. Here are some highlights:

**Indianola Pecan House**
- **Location:** 404 Hanna Street • Indianola
- **Contact:** 662-887-5420 • pecanhouse.com
- **Features:** Mississippi-made products and a variety of gourmet flavored pecans and cheese straws.

**Walking Tour of Historic Indianola**
- **Location:** 400 Second Street
- **Route:** There is no better way to experience Indianola than our walking/driving tour of Indianola’s historic district, which includes three Mississippi Blues Trail Markers: the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center; the prototype Blues Marker; and the Charlie Patton Grave and Blues Trail Marker.

**B.B. King’s Corner**
- **Location:** 202 Byas St. • Indianola
- **Features:** The corner was B.B. King’s first home and is now a museum dedicated to his life and career.

**B.B. King Homecoming**
- **Location:** bbkingmuseum.org/homecoming
- **Contact:** 662-887-9539
- **Events:** Every first Saturday in June, the B.B. King Homecoming Festival is held at Fletcher Park in Indianola. The event features B.B. King, who, as he was physically able, returned every year since its inception in 1983. Although B.B. performed in sold-out venues all over the world, nothing made him happier than to be back in his hometown to play for the crowd he considered as his extended family. For information, call 662-887-9539.

**Indian Bayou Arts & Eats Festival**
- **Location:** facebook.com/Indian-Bayou-Arts-Eats-Festival
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**Indianola Chamber Main Street**
- **Contact:** 662-887-9539
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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING / COCOA & CANDY CANES**
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**SUNFLOWER COUNTY BLUES**
- **Location:** Crosses the Yellow Dog
- **Events:** The site immortalized in the lyrics of W.C. Handy’s 1915 blues song “Yellow Dog Blues” is located here. The town is known for its live music scene, with performances ranging from established blues artists to up-and-coming local talent.

**B.B. King Blues Trail Marker**
- **Location:** Front Avenue and Second Street
- **Events:** This marker commemorates B.B. King’s birthplace and his contribution to the blues genre. Visitors can learn about his life and career while exploring the surrounding area.

**Charlie Patton’s Grave and Blues Trail Marker**
- **Location:** Longshire Cemetery
- **Events:** This is the final resting place of pioneer bluesman Charlie Patton. The marker bears informative photographs and a narrative about Patton, who was the “father of Delta Blues” for his role in defining not only the musical genre, but also the image and lifestyle of the rambling Mississippi bluesman. The marker is located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 82 and 49W, approximately halfway between Memphis, Tennessee, and Jackson, Mississippi, making it an easy day drive from many places in Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Alabama.

**Indianola’s Church Street**
- **Events:** Church Street is one of the most famous spots on the Mississippi Blues Trail. Since 1945 it has hosted Count Basie, Ray Charles, James Brown, Ike Turner, Little Milton, Willie Clayton, Bobby Bland and blues legends Howlin’ Wolf and B.B. King, as told on the Mississippi Blues Trail marker outside. Now owned by the B.B. King Museum, the club has been restored to its original appearance. Contact the B.B. King Museum to schedule a visit.

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- **LIVE MUSIC VENUES**
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**THINGS TO DO**
- **Henry M. Seymour Library**
  - **Location:** 200 East Percy Street • Indianola
  - **Contact:** 662-887-1672
  - **Events:** The Henry M. Seymour Library houses an extensive collection of Mississippian Walter Anderson’s artwork.

- **Indian Bayou**
  - **GPS:** 33.453401, -90.654132
  - **Events:** The bayou is a scenic Indianola attraction that offers views of thousands of cypress trees in their native habitat.

- **Minnie Cox Park**
  - **Location:** Faosina Avenue • Indianola
  - **Events:** This site was once the home of Wayne and Minnie Cox. In 1888, Wayne Cox was elected alderman, the first African American to hold that post in Indianola. Appointed by President Benjamin Harrison in 1891, Minnie Cox is the nation’s first known African American postmaster. Both were also successful entrepreneurs.

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