



CHRISTMAS RETURNS TO KENNER'S RIVERTOWN

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For Immediate Release

The City of Kenner announces the return of a time-honored and treasured tradition with the opening of Kenner's Magical Christmas Village in historic Rivertown! Mayor Michael S. Yenni will welcome Santa and light the official City of Kenner Christmas tree at the **grand opening on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.** A special kick-off musical performance by **Benny Grunch and the Bunch is scheduled from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** The public is invited to carol to Crescent City holiday classics such as "Ain't Dere No More" and "The 12 Yats of Christmas!"

Lights galore will again shine from the railroad to the river, marking the second year this celebration has been held in the Kenner's historic Rivertown. Decorations will adorn Kenner's Heritage Park and surrounding area; several non-profit groups will sell concessions and treats. As is tradition, numerous local dance groups and school choirs will perform to entertain the crowd and spread some holiday cheer and Santa will be available for photos.

Several new elements are also planned for the village this year, including snowfall every Friday and Saturday evening. Children can visit with Mrs. Claus and hear stories direct from the North Pole each Friday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel (located just inside Heritage Park). Every Saturday at 7:00 p.m., visitors can enjoy a spectacular holiday laser light show inside Kenner's Planetarium (located across from Heritage Park). Rudolph, Frosty, and Santa will come to life in a dazzling display of colors and lights set to the most popular holiday tunes. Planetarium admission will be discounted to \$2 per person for this special feature.

Kenner's Magical Christmas Village Celebration will be open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through December 22, 2012. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call 504-468-7231.