



CITY OF KENNER

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Kenner Recreation Receives Donation from Deutsches Haus



Last week, the City of Kenner was the proud recipient of a \$20,000 donation from the German Culture and Heritage organization, Deutsches Haus. Deutsches Haus President, Keith Oldendorf, and Oktoberfest Chairman, Thomas Mertz, presented the check to Mayor Michael Yenni. The donation is dedicated to the Parks and Recreation Department for recreation events in Rivertown.

"The Deutsches Haus would like to thank the city of Kenner for all of its help during Oktoberfest. As a token of appreciation, we are glad to make a donation to the City" said Oldendorf. "It is because of your support that we are able to continue our tradition of hosting an Oktoberfest as we move through our transition period, and look forward to building our new Haus. Without the City of Kenner this would not be possible."

In 2012, the three weekend festival drew crowds of approximately 15,000. They plan to return to Kenner for their 2013 festivities, which will take place during the final three weekends in October.

The Deutsches Haus annual Oktoberfest has been held in Kenner's Rivertown for the past 2 years. The event was moved to Kenner after their home of 82 years on South Galvez Street in New Orleans was demolished to make room for the forthcoming University Medical Center. The Deutsches Haus makes its temporary home at 1023 Ridgewood Drive Metairie, La 70001, a venue too small to accommodate the massive crowds that flock to Oktoberfest each year.

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