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OPENING NIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS VILLAGE FRIDAY IN RIVERTOWN

Kenner, **LA**. – Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni will turn on the lights to the city's Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. Friday during the Opening Night for the city's annual Christmas Village. The Mayor and City Council both invite the public to join the festivities.

In addition to the tree-lighting, Santa will be on hand for pictures with the kids, "snow" is in the forecast and there will be live music and crafts, gifts, food and drinks available to purchase from non-profit vendors.

The Loyola Brass Quintet will perform holiday classics and admission and parking are free. Christmas Village is open Friday through Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through December 21 in Heritage Park in Rivertown. The village moved from its previous location at Kenner Veterans Park three years ago.

"I am excited about this year's Christmas Village because we have been seeing larger crowds every year since we moved from Veterans Park," Yenni said. "There is abundant parking and just a feel-good, holiday atmosphere that families will definitely enjoy."

On Saturdays, in conjunction with Christmas Village, the Kenner Planetarium and MegaDome Cinema, located at 2020 Fourth Street in Rivertown, will show the special holiday-themed planetarium show, "Season of Light," starting at 7:00 p.m. followed by a musical laser light show, "Laser Holidays," at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person per show and may be purchased at the planetarium box office. For more information call 468-7231.

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