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COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROJECT TO BEGIN JAN. 12

Kenner, LA. – Christmas trees will be collected on Jan. 12, 13 and 14, 2017 as part of Jefferson Parish’s 27th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Project.

The trees will be used for one of two important purposes – marsh restoration and composting, according to officials in the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs.

“This is a very worthwhile program and I urge anyone who is able to help to volunteer for the recycling project,” Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said.

All trees must be placed curbside on the evening of Wednesday Jan. 11. Ramelli Waste will handle the tree pickup in Kenner using its trucks dedicated to curbside recycling.

The trees must be cleaned and without flocking, or they will not be picked up, officials said. Residents must remove all lights, tinsel, garland, ornaments, tree stands and plastic bags. Artificial trees are not eligible for the program.

Some of the trees will be strategically placed in the marsh, refurbishing shoreline fences in Goose Bayou near Lafitte that help to protect and restore the parish’s coastal wetlands. Other trees will be chipped and used for composting.

The state Office of Coastal Management no longer provides funding for this marsh restoration project. However, this year’s recycling project did not have to be canceled due to a \$25,000 donation from DynoNobel, along with the assistance of volunteers.

Parish officials are requesting the help of volunteers, particularly those with shallow draft boats, to help move the trees from a staging area in Lafitte to the shoreline fences in Goose Bayou. The volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Cochiara’s Marina, 4477 Jean Lafitte Blvd. In the event of bad weather, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21.

All volunteers must be 18 years old or older, wear layered clothing including long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe sturdy shoes. Hats and sunscreen are recommended and gloves, safety glasses, life vests and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact the parish Department of Environmental Affairs at (504) 731-4612.

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