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FRIDAY NIGHT OPENING OF THE
ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL CANCELED

Kenner, LA. – The start of the 16th annual Festa Italiana has been delayed due to the threatening weather, and the celebration will begin on Saturday, said Kenner Acting Mayor Mike Sigur, who is also a committee member for the festival.

“Safety is priority No. 1, so the decision has been made to cancel Friday night’s opening of the festival,” Sigur said. “We are fortunate that the forecast looks very good for the rest of the weekend, so hopefully, everyone will turn out for a great celebration on Saturday and Sunday.”

The festival is open from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 at the door for adults. Kids 12 and under are free, as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Festa Italiana is a celebration of the Italian heritage that is such a big part of Kenner’s history. There will be plenty of Italian vendors and dancing is encouraged, with musical acts including Lena Prima, the Yat Pack, and the Bucktown Allstars.

There also will be activities for the kids, a display of historical photos and memorabilia from Kenner’s Italian families and genealogical research tutoring.

For more information on the festival, go to www.italianheritagefestival.com.

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