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## THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE KENNER ITALIAN FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

**KENNER, LA.** – Mangia! Mangia! Come join the fun at the 17th Annual “Festa Italiana” in Kenner’s historic Rivertown. Live music, local crafters, Italian specialties, a historic photo display, St. Joseph Alter, genealogical specialists and kids activities are just some of the treats that will be offered by festival organizers. The Kenner Italian Heritage Foundation, created by former Kenner Police Chief Nick Congemi, hosts the event in cooperation with the City of Kenner and Parish of Jefferson, as a way to honor Louisiana’s rich Italian culture.

“We invite everyone to come out and be Italian for a weekend,” said former Kenner Police Chief Nick Congemi. “We think of this as a huge family reunion where everyone is a part.” Newly elected Mayor of Kenner, Ben Zahn, as honorary chairman invites all to come and enjoy the festivities at Kenner’s historic Rivertown.

Restaurants such as LaBella’s, Gendusa’s, Andrea’s and Ravasio’s are offering a variety of delectable Italian cuisine and crafters from all over line Williams Boulevard selling an assortment of items for purchase. Festival hours are Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is a \$5 entrance fee for adults while children 12 years of age and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information on all activities to enjoy, go to [www.ItalianHeritageFestival.com](http://www.ItalianHeritageFestival.com) or visit us on Facebook at our page The Kenner Italian Heritage Foundation.

2017 Italian Festival Line-Up

<b>Friday, March 31</b>	<b>6-10pm</b>
6-7pm	Joe Denone
7-10pm	The Chee-Weez
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	<b>12-10pm</b>
12:30-2:30pm	August Rush
3-5pm	The Wiseguys
5:30-6:30pm	Victory Belles
7-10pm	The Yat Pack
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	<b>12-6pm</b>
12:30-2:30pm	Bon Bon Vivant
3-6pm	Bucktown Allstars

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