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News Release

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KENNER RECEIVES MORE THAN \$148,000 FROM JEFFERSON PARISH

Kenner, LA. – The city of Kenner received nearly \$120,000 on Thursday from Jefferson Parish officials to make improvements at Kenner City Park and to benefit the Emergency Management Department.

In addition, Jefferson Parish council members Dominick Impastato and Mark Spears, who both represent the city, each contributed \$15,000 to the Italian Heritage Festival.

A check for \$100,000 is earmarked to replace and upgrade the lighting in the Pavilion parking lot at City Park. In addition, some of that money also will be used for sheet piling to shore up the lagoon in the park. Impastato and Spears said they hoped the money for the annual Italian Heritage Festival would help festival officials put on an even better show. This year's festival, featuring live music, food, rides, games and crafts, is from April 20-22 in Rivertown.

The parish also worked with officials in the city's Emergency Management Department on an \$18,197.52 grant that was received recently. The grant will pay for equipment and supplies, including water and MRE's, two laptops, a rapid deployment camera, 20 vests and a ham radio antenna for the Emergency Operations Center building.

Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn noted that Kenner received a total of more than \$148,000 and said the city is lucky to have such a good relationship with the two parish council members who represent Kenner, and the majority of the Parish Council.

"I want to thank Dominick Impastato and Mark Spears for always being available to help Kenner and for coming up with this money that will make a big difference at City Park and for homeland security, not to mention the generous donation to the Italian Heritage Festival," Zahn said. "Our relationships with our friends on the Parish Council continue to be beneficial for our Kenner residents."

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