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CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA HIGHLIGHT KENNER WEEKEND OPTIONS

Kenner, LA. – If the combination of Santa Claus, “faux snow”, Kenner’s beautiful Christmas tree and plenty of live music, crafts, food and fun sounds like a good family outing, Christmas Village is the place to be this weekend in Kenner.

Mayor Michael Yenni will turn on the lights to the city’s Christmas tree at 5:30 p.m. open the village in Heritage Park in Rivertown, 2020 Fourth St. Santa is expected to arrive about 6 p.m. The festivities go from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 21.

“What better way to end the work week or school week than by coming out to Christmas Village to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays, as well as the chance to pick up some good deals for the items still on your shopping list,” Yenni said.

On Saturdays, in conjunction with Christmas Village, the Kenner Planetarium and MegaDome Cinema, just a short walk from the village, will show the special holiday-themed planetarium show, “Season of Light,” starting at 7 p.m. followed by a musical laser light show, “Laser Holidays,” at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person per show and may be purchased at the planetarium box office. For more information call (504) 468-7231.

For those looking for an entire evening of Christmas fun in Rivertown, head to the Rivertown Theaters for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday for showings of *A Christmas Carol, The Musical*. Enjoy the timelessness of the famous Charles Dickens story along with the beautiful music created by Broadway veteran Alan Menken. A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled for Sunday.

To order tickets online, go to www.rivertowntheaters.com/. For more information, contact the Box Office at (504) 461-9475.

At 10:30 p.m. on Friday at the Castle Theater, 501 Williams Blvd., there will be plenty of laughs during “Big Time Comedy Night,” featuring Mark Firmin, Jodi Borrello and Lance Montalto.

Montalto, who began his standup career in New Orleans with Ellen DeGeneres and has worked with her over and other national headliners over the years, taking his standup show around the world.

For more information, contact the Castle Theatre Box Office at (504) 287-2707. To purchase tickets online go to www.castle501.com/.

A special kid-friendly way to begin Saturday in Rivertown is at Santa's Pancake Breakfast that includes special pictures, face-painting and a meal with Santa in Heritage Hall, 3030 Williams Blvd., in Rivertown.

The breakfast is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and includes pancakes and sausage with milk or orange juice. Coffee will be available for the parents. There will be more snow in Heritage Park as kids enjoy the arts and crafts stations. Pictures are available with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Kenner's version of Elsa the Snow Queen.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 3 and older, while kids 2 and younger get in free. Tickets are available online at <https://recreationpayments.kenner.la.us> or at the Kenner Parks and Recreation Office at 1905 24th Street through December 4. If the event is not sold out, tickets can be purchased at Heritage Park.

Also on Saturday, don't forget the weekly Rivertown Farmers Market, with fresh produce and tips from local experts, in the parking lot opposite Exhibition Hall in the 400 block of Williams Blvd. The market runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Ladner at (504) 468-7211.

For information on these events and more in Kenner, visit the Kenner Kalendar at www.calendar.kenner.la.us.

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