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CHRISTMAS VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS WEEKEND OPTIONS IN KENNER

Kenner, LA. – Kenner’s Magical Christmas Village opens on Saturday in Rivertown with Santa, the official lighting of the city’s Christmas Tree and plenty of food, crafts, gifts and entertainment.

The tree-lighting and visit from Santa are expected between 5:45 and 6 p.m. in Heritage Park, 2020 Fourth St. No matter the temperature, there is a 100 percent chance of “faux” snow this weekend and the next three weekends. After Saturday, the village is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 20.

This year marks a new tradition of beginning the village immediately following Thanksgiving.

“It only makes sense to open Christmas Village following Black Friday,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. “Christmas Village also is a great opportunity to get some crafts and other gifts for those on your holiday list and to enjoy the lights, food and performances from bands, choirs and dance clubs throughout the area.”

After opening weekend, visitors also can combine some time at Christmas Village with stand-up comedy at the Castle Theatre or a special production of “Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas,” which opens next weekend.

Since concessions are available, please do not bring outside food or drinks. For more information, call (504) 468-7231.

On Saturday in Rivertown, the merchants will be celebrating “Small Business Saturday,” a national initiative to urge shoppers to “go small” and visit their local merchants. This is the second year of the national promotion, which brought in an estimated \$14.3 billion in sales for local businesses throughout the country last year.

Beginning Friday, families can enjoy “Discover the Dinosaurs” at the Pontchartrain Center. This event includes up to 40 dinosaur exhibits – some museum quality displays while other exhibits come to life with the push of a button. In addition, there will be rides, games and food and drinks on sale.

The event is in Halls A, B and C, as well as Meeting Rooms, 1, 2 and 3. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$15 for

members of the military and two price packages for kids 2 to 12 years old – one for the exhibits only and the other all inclusive. Kids under 2 years of age are free.

For more information, go to www.discoverthedinosaurs.com.

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