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HOT DIGGITY DOG FEST, BABY & CHILD FEST HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND OPTIONS

Kenner, LA. – The Hot Diggity Dog Fest, a new festival created to raise money to build a dog park in City Park in Kenner, highlights a busy weekend in the city.

The goal is to raise \$350,000 to build a dog park with such features as a splash area, drinking fountains for dogs and their owners and an agility area and dog wash section.

Saturday's festival includes a wiener dog race, a costume contest and talent show for dogs and a gourmet hot dog contest. A pair of popular bands – 90 Degrees West and Groovy 7 – will provide the music. Admission is free.

The fest starts at 11 a.m. and the dog costume contest and talent show begins at noon. 90 Degrees West starts at 1 p.m. and Groovy & plays from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Weenie Dog Races start at 3 p.m. All money raised from the dog-friendly event will go in a dedicated account for the dog park, and there will be plenty of dog and kid-friendly vendors offering everything from dog food, treats and apparel to face-painting crafts and tattoos (for the kids).

There will also be plenty of great food, with waffle dogs, hot dog and chili nachos, Lucky Dogs, Beignets, chocolates, sweets and a Mobile Espresso Bar with hot, iced and frozen coffees and teas. For more information, contact Kerri Diaz at (504) 468-7211.

Also on Saturday, the New Orleans Baby & Child Fest will take over Halls A and B of the Pontchartrain Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This annual event is now in its 7th year and features more than 100 vendors offering everything from birthing information to boutiques and party places. There's plenty of fun for the kids with inflatables, face-painting art and Lego workshops, a toddler play area and a photo booth. In addition, some of your children's favorite princesses, superheroes and Star Wars characters will also be there.

Tickets are \$8 at the door and kids 12 and under are free. For more information, go to www.neworleansbabyfest.com.

On Sunday, the Hispanic Fall Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at Zephyr Field, 6000 Airline Drive in Metairie. Admission is free, though any food donations will be given to the Kenner Food Bank, and there will be food trucks, live music and children's activities.

For more information, call (504) 885-5262.

At the Rivertown Theaters for the Performing Arts, The Big Easy Boys will perform of the best-known Doo-Wop, Motown and rock-n-roll classics during shows at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. It's called "Let the Good times Roll" and includes The Boys, along with the Big Easy Babes.

To buy tickets online or for more information, call (504) 461-9475.

Consider starting your Saturday by visiting the 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 <http://www.kenner.la.us/>

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