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## **CITY OF KENNER**

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## **MAYOR MICHAEL YENNI TOUTS 2013 SUCCESSES; PREDICTS EVEN MORE ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014**

**Kenner, LA.** - Despite declining revenues and increased costs, 2013 in Kenner was a year for millions of dollars in capital improvements; the opening of the first-ever charter school and a futuristic 14-screen, 3-D capable theater; approval of a \$29 million plan to beautify and enhance 10 major corridors; the resurgence of the Rivertown and key developments signaling explosive growth in Laketown, Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said Wednesday.

“We’ve been busy over the past four years,” said Yenni, who was elected in 2010. “(And) 2013 was one of our busiest and most successful years.” In addition to pointing out the major accomplishments of the past year, Yenni provided a look at the past four years and spoke confidently and enthusiastically about the city’s future.

“We are just getting started” said Yenni, who presented his address before the Kenner Professional Business Association, recently renamed the Kenner Business Association, at Chateau Golf and Country Club. “I cannot wait to see Kenner continue its rebirth; I am excited to take this journey with all of you.”

Yenni zeroed in on accomplishments in five crucial areas in both 2013 and since his election in 2010: fiscal responsibility, infrastructure, economic development, quality of life and utilizing the city’s unique assets.

He spoke proudly of approval earlier this year of a \$29 million bond refinancing proposal that is a major part of the Kenner 2030 plan developed to attract new residents and businesses and said the resurfacing of 21 segments of streets throughout Kenner under the Paths to Progress program is now 95 percent completed.

Yenni also offered a vision of how a commercial development of could completely transform a now vacant tract of land in Laketown to the west of the Treasure Chest Casino. The city has already been successful in amending the state lease on land overlooking the lake to allow commercial development, and Kenner officials are now working with the state on a request for proposals from developers interested in transforming the area into a first-class shopping, recreation and dining area.

After thanking his administration and the City Council, Yenni said 2014 could be the best year ever for Kenner.

“I told you four years ago that this city would be led by Youth, Energy, No Nonsense and Integrity...Y, E, N, N, I” he said. “Kenner’s best days are yet to come. Our proudest achievements are just ahead. I am going to continue to move Kenner ahead and no one will be left behind.”

The State of the City Address slide presentation can be found on the city’s website at [www.kenner.la.us](http://www.kenner.la.us).

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