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OPENING OF KENNER'S FIRST SKATE PARK SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Kenner, LA. – Kenner will launch its first recreational skate park, the Wentwood Skate Plaza, one of just a handful of parks in the metropolitan area and the first in Jefferson Parish.

A ribbon cutting will officially open the park, located at 200 W. Loyola Drive, at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28. The public is invited to attend.

According to a website dedicated to skate parks in the state, the Wentwood Skate Plaza joins several similar parks located in the region. According to the Tony Hawk Foundation, there were about 4,000 skate parks in the country as of 2016.

Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn said the Kenner facility is another example of the commitment to recreation by both the city and 5th District Councilman Dominick Impastato.

"I commend Councilman Impastato for this addition to his district," Zahn said. "His continued support of recreation for his constituents is evident throughout the district, and particularly with this new skate park. The timely opening for our youth to have another recreational attraction with summer right around the corner is perfect for all Kenner residents to enjoy."

The 2,400-square-foot facility includes steps and ramps for skaters and is designed to provide a safe venue for this increasingly popular sport. The skate plaza was built by Gottfried Construction at an approximate cost of \$350,000.

"This project represents our continued commitment to adapt to the needs of our community -- most importantly the kids in our community," Impastato said. "This state-of-the-art facility is the first of its kind in Jefferson Parish and provides a modern vehicle for recreation that is currently in great demand by the youth of today."

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Councilman Impastato said the park provides additional recreation to football, baseball and basketball in the city.

"Our commitment to traditional sports remains steadfast, but this park will combine the traditional sports that our kids love along with an emerging activity that so many of the kids in our area are enjoying every day." At this time, the skate park will open at 10 a.m. daily until dusk. Park hours may be adjusted as lighting is added in the future.

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