



CITY OF KENNER

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STREET CLOSURES, SIGN-UP INFORMATION FOR SATURDAY'S RACE TO THE LAKE

The first annual Race to the Lake, a premier 10K event beginning at Lafreniere Park at 8 a.m. on Nov. 23 and winding through north Kenner to the finish line in Laketown near the Treasure Chest riverboat casino will require several road closures to accommodate racers.

The following streets in north Kenner will be closed between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.:

- Northbound Power Boulevard between West Esplanade Avenue and Vintage Drive
- Westbound Vintage Drive between Power and Monte Carlo Drive
- Eastbound Vintage between Chateau Magdelaine Drive and Chateau Boulevard
- Northbound Chateau Boulevard between Vintage and Chateau Country Club
- Southbound Chateau between Chateau Latour Drive and Joe Yenni Boulevard
- *Westbound* Joe Yenni between Chateau and Williams Boulevard
- Northbound Williams between Joe Yenni and Laketown

In addition, the Downs Boulevard entrance to Lafreniere Park will be closed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. on race day and some areas of the park will be restricted to racers only. The West Napoleon Avenue entrance to Lafreniere will not be affected by the race.

At least 50 Kenner police officers will be located throughout the race route, said Kenner Police Department spokesman Sgt. Brian McGregor. Officers will assist any residents who need to get into or leave their homes during the race.

If an exit route from your home is blocked, simply go to the normal alternate route, McGregor said. Any residents who aren't sure the best way to safely exit their neighborhood can call the non-emergency line for a police dispatcher at 712-2222, McGregor said.

"Just tell the dispatcher where you live and you'll get quick directions on the quickest way to get out of your neighborhood," McGregor said.

"We expect racers from around the country to attend this event and are excited that much of the race – as well as the after-race party - is in the city of Kenner," Mayor Michael Yenni said. "This race could well become one of the premier 10K events in the country in the future."

McGregor said police are expecting between 3,000 and 5,000 race participants. Registration for the race is possible until the close of the expo at the Pontchartrain Center at 8 p.m. Friday.

Race officials encourage Kenner residents, even if they do not participate in the race, to enjoy the festivities in Laketown that follow the 10K event. For more information, go to www.racetothelake.com.

If you have any questions about the race, street closures or other issues regarding the Race to the Lake, please call Natalie Newton at the Mayor's Office at 468-7240.

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