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PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS

WEEKEND EVENTS IN KENNER

Kenner, LA. – A weekend of family fun starts tonight with a special Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) Paint Party at the Esplanade Mall from 6 to 9 p.m. This event is a fundraiser to raise money to rebuild the playground at Veteran’s Park.

The paint party is designed as an outing for the entire family and kids 6 and older will enjoy creating their own artwork. The party is hosted by the Youth Advisory Council, in conjunction with the Kenner Recreation Department and The Esplanade mall.

The painting will take place in the mall’s center court. The cost is \$15 per canvas and families can reserve spots in advance by calling (504) 468-7268.

“I hope that families take advantage of what I think will be a fun outing at The Esplanade that also will benefit the city,” Yenni said. “The youth council has made a service project to benefit the city one of its top goals, and I think that is a great illustration of the type of kids we have on the council.”

For more information on the paint party, go to http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_2_351.asp. You can also visit the MYAC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mayors-Youth-Advisory-Council-for-the-City-of-Kenner/699761203416875>.

Shrek the Musical continues this weekend at the Rivertown Theaters for the Performing Arts, 325 Minor St. The show is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks film and includes the Ogre, the donkey and a dozen other characters as well as songs and scenery that will dazzle both kids and adults.

Tickets were still available online Friday morning for the Saturday performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. However, check with Box Office, at (504) 461-9475, for ticket availability for the Friday evening and Sunday 2 p.m. show.

Begin your Saturday with a visit to the Farmer’s Market in Rivertown for the opportunity to purchase fresh produce and to get cooking tips from local experts. The market is located across from Exhibition Hall at 400 Williams Blvd. and is open from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Nancy Ladner at (504) 468-7211.

Also on Saturday, Coconut Beach will host a volleyball tournament to raise money for Fran Blanke. She is the mother of a trio of devoted Coconut Beach players and has recently been diagnosed with ALS (often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, the same condition that former Saints player Steve Gleason is fighting.

All proceeds from the tournament, which has a 9 a.m. registration and a 10 a.m. start time, will be split between a fund to pay for future medical expenses for Fran and ALS research.

A registration form is available online at http://www.coconutbeachla.com/pdfs/ALS_Benefit_Quads.pdf.

On Saturday evening, the combination of comedy and classic cars returns to the Castle Theater, 501 Williams Blvd. The event begins at 5 p.m. in the parking lot outside the theatre. A limited number of free tickets are available for those who drive in with classic cars at least 25 years old.

The event then moves indoors beginning at 8 p.m. with comedy from Jodi Borrello and music by Michael Liuzza. For more information about the limited number of free tickets available for this event, call (504) 287-4707.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Great Southern Gun & Knife Show will return to the Pontchartrain Center. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is located in Halls A and B of the Pontchartrain Center and patrons are encouraged to use the Joe Yenni Boulevard entrance to the Center because of an anticipated high volume of traffic.

The price is \$10 for adults, \$2 for kids between 6 and 11 years old and no charge for kids 5 years or younger. For more information, call the Pontchartrain Center at (504) 468-6692.

To keep up with the latest events in Kenner, please visit the Kenner Kalendar at <http://calendar.kenner.la.us/>

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