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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION IN KENNER

The historic live oak on Pollock Street in South Kenner will be the center of attention Thursday as the public, school children and city officials mark another observance of Arbor Day in Kenner.

Kenner Mayor Ed Muniz will present donated trees to schools located in Kenner on Thursday as part of a communitywide effort to celebrate Arbor Day.



"We sometimes forget that trees do more than improve the aesthetics. They are a vital part of ecological system in south Louisiana," Muniz said.

He pointed to scientific claims that trees reduce the stress on drainage infrastructure by absorbing rainwater and delaying runoff, and reduce energy bills by shading our homes in the summer and blocking cold winds in the winter.

The mayor will present a proclamation in honor of Arbor Day and be followed by guest speaker, Thomas Campbell, the urban forestry program director for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

By placing an emphasis on the value of trees, Muniz said he hopes it will encourage Kenner residents and businesses to plant a tree and improve the quality of life throughout the city. During the past year, Kenner planted hundreds of trees around the city to enhance beautification, provide more shade and improve the ecology. Much of the funding was from grant programs.



"Individuals, a business of any size or a civic group – each of them with just one tree – can make it happen," he said.

The event takes place Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Historic Live Oak on Pollock Street in south Kenner. The City Council is expected to attend. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

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