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## **Kenner Mayor Mike Glaser Announces Gym Reopenings and Recreation Facility Repairs After Almost 3 Years of Facility Closures**

Kenner, LA. – (JUNE 8, 2023) For the first time since March of 2020, Buddy Lawson and Lincoln Manor gyms have reopened and 7 of the city's 9 gyms have been repaired with operations resuming, including evening free play at 3 gyms with more to come. In addition, ball fields have been refurbished allowing the return of outdoor activities to all parks and playgrounds.

Mayor Glaser took office in July of 2022 and made reopening the city's recreation facilities a priority for his administration. Most recreation facilities were shuttered during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, and a number of Kenner's gyms and fields remained closed due to damage from Hurricane Ida in August of 2021.

In addition to the gyms and ball fields reopening, a significant amount of progress has been made across the city of Kenner's parks and recreation facilities. Among the improvements are visual and maintenance renovations at various facilities such as field and press box rehabilitation, lighting repairs, as well as the installation of irrigation lines, outdoor fencing, backstop netting and flooring.

"Our gyms and parks and recreation facilities are essential to our community, and foster positive relations that help prepare our youth to become productive members of our society," said Mayor Mike Glaser. "While I recognize that we still have work to do, I'm proud of the notable progress made and encourage members of our community to keep our city's parks and recreation facilities in mind for leisurely activities or events."

Susan Park gym was restored and open for free play beginning in August of 2022. Buddy Lawson and Lincoln Manor gyms are also now open for free play with Wentwood and Muss Bertolino expected to follow next month. Susan Park is open for free play every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Buddy Lawson and Lincoln Manor are open Monday through Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Information on facility programs and rentals can be found by visiting [Kenner.RecDesk.com](http://Kenner.RecDesk.com) or by emailing [recreation@Kenner.La.Us](mailto:recreation@Kenner.La.Us).

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