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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES AND *MARSH VOLUNTEER EVENTS*

Jefferson Parish is preparing for its 21st Annual Christmas Tree Marsh Restoration Project. Residents of unincorporated Jefferson Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte are asked to place their tree curbside on the evening of January 5th for collection on **January 6, 7, and 8, 2011**.

Trees should be stripped of all tinsel, garland, lights, ornamentation, plastic bags and tree stands. Garbage trucks will make only one pass through each neighborhood, typically on the second scheduled collection day. Flocked or painted trees can't be used in this project.

Due to the elimination of funding from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, trees that can't be delivered to the Marsh Restoration Project may be beneficial for other projects in the parish.

Volunteers are critical to the success of the marsh restoration project; the number of trees that can be placed in the marsh is dependent on the number of boats that help transport trees. We need volunteers to assist with placing trees into pre-constructed shoreline fences located in Goose Bayou, near the town of Jean Lafitte. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at Cochiara's Marina, 4477 Jean Lafitte Boulevard in Lafitte on the following Saturdays: **January 8, 15, and 22, 2011**.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, wear layered clothing including long pants, long sleeved shirt, and closed-toe, sturdy shoes. Hats and sunscreen are recommended. Gloves, safety glasses, life vests, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs at 731-4612.

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