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NEW MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX AND POLICE STATION TO OPEN IN LAFITTE

State and parish officials along with the citizens and local officials of the Town of Jean Lafitte will celebrate the newly built Leo. E. Kerner Jr. City Park Multi-Purpose Complex and the Sheriff Harry Lee Police Station on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on the site of the complex, which is located at 4917 City Park Drive in Lafitte.

The Leo E. Kerner Jr. City Park Multi-Purpose Complex is 18,090 sq. ft. and cost approximately \$4.7 million to build. The facility was built by Pete Vicari and engineered by Meyer Engineers, LTD.

The complex will serve as a focal point for tourists and locals alike. It will include a 4,674 sq. ft. library with 14,000 volumes and public computers. It will also have a fisheries and wetland museum that will commemorate the town's recreational and fishing industry and explain the importance of protecting our wetlands. This site will have a state-of-the-art theater that will highlight the history and tourist attractions of the Town of Jean Lafitte. Additionally, it will have a Civic Center that can be used for wedding receptions, banquets, meetings, and as an emergency shelter if needed. This complex was funded with federal, state, parish, and local funds.

The library will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. To make reservations for the Civic Center, call 504-689-2208. The museum and theater are expected to be completely furnished in approximately six months.

The former Lafitte Library, now the Sheriff Harry Lee Police Station, located at 2607 Jean Lafitte Boulevard, will serve as the new town police station and parish police sub-station. This building was badly damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It has been totally renovated by Peter Vacari at a cost of \$168,478. Funding for this project was provided by the parish.

For more information contact Mayor Tim Kerner of the Town of Jean Lafitte, 504-689-2208.

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