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Parish President

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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES AND *MARSH VOLUNTEER EVENTS*

Jefferson Parish is preparing for its 20th Annual Christmas Tree Marsh Restoration Project. All residents of unincorporated Jefferson Parish and Lafitte are asked to place their tree curbside on the evening of January 6th for collection on **January 7, 8, and 9, 2010**. Trees should be stripped of all tinsel, garland, lights, ornamentation, plastic bags and tree stands. Flocked or painted trees cannot be used in this project. Garbage trucks will make only one pass through each neighborhood, typically on the second scheduled collection day.

Jefferson Parish is looking for volunteers with shallow draft boats to assist with placing thousands of Christmas 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, Louisiana on the following four Saturdays: **January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2010**. If inclement weather (rain or high winds), please call 731-4612 to check if scheduled event has been cancelled.

Please call the Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs at 731-4612 or visit our website at <http://www.jeffparish.net/index.cfm?DocID=6801> to sign up to participate in this hands-on environmental project.

Volunteers must be at least 17 years of age. Volunteers should wear layered clothing including long pants, long sleeved shirt, and closed-toe, sturdy shoes. Hats and sunscreen are recommended. Gloves, safety glasses and life vests will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be provided as well.

The project is funded in part by a **\$53,000** grant from the **Louisiana Department of Natural Resources**. However, this award-winning project could not take place without a tremendous volunteer effort and generous donations from local companies.

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

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