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Voodoo on the Bayou revelers (Voodoo on the Bayou/Facebook).

Halloween events for adults and children are coming to Faubourg St. John with Voodoo on the Bayou and Bounty on the Bayou.

The 25th annual Voodoo on the Bayou is Saturday, October 25th in the Pitot House on 1440 Moss St., along the banks of Bayou St. John. Walter “Wolfman” Washington will perform from 10 p.m. to midnight, with opening act Lips and the Trips performing from 8:30-10. Food will be catered by twenty different restaurants.

Costumes and festive attire are encouraged at the event, which chairperson Rocky Seydel describes as a “mini Zoo to Do.” Food and an open bar are covered in the \$50 advance ticket (\$60 at the door).

Proceeds from the festivities will be used to revamp Desmare Playground at 3456 Esplanade Ave. The renovation project plans to add swings, replace the existing equipment, and adjust the basketball court so it will be more accessible to small children. Space outside of the playground equipment will be repurposed as a space for family events.

Seydel estimates the complete renovation project will cost close to \$300,000. He said the event needs people to donate both money and time as volunteers.

“Even people who can’t come (to the event) should donate, because it’s a worthwhile project,” said Seydel.

Tickets for Voodoo on the Bayou can be purchased at www.fsjna.org, Terranova’s, Pal’s, and Swirl. For younger residents, Bounty on the Bayou will be Halloween evening from 5-7:30 p.m. Grand Route Saint John St. will be closed between Esplanade Ave. and Moss Street so costumed children can safely go trick-or-treating.

A local fire truck will be there for kids to tour, as well as a DJ at Fortier Park, the event’s endpoint. Organizer Brenda London said the DJ will be “G-rated.”