



TROPICAL STORM LEE - UPDATE

September 4, 2011

For Immediate Release

STORM TRACKING

As of Sunday, September 4, 2011, at 10:00 AM, Tropical Storm Lee was located at 29.9 North 91.9 West, about 45 miles west of Morgan City, Louisiana, about 30 miles south-southeast of Lafayette, Louisiana. The maximum sustained winds are 45 MPH. Present movement is northeast or 40 degrees at 3 MPH.

This continues to be a rain event for metropolitan New Orleans. Thus far, the City of Kenner has experienced only some minor street level flooding. Several small trees were reportedly blown over and minor wind damage has been reported at several locations.

WEATHER REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE NEW ORLEANS AREA WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE SOME RAIN AND WIND THROUGH MONDAY. SEE THE IMAGE BELOW FOR THE PROJECTED PATH OF THE STORM.

Mayor Michael Yenni recommends that all Kenner residents remain tuned to NOAA radio or commercial radio/television for news, weather bulletins and information concerning this storm event.

ROADWAY CONDITIONS:

Our roadways remain wet and could be slippery:

- Slow down.**
- Maintain a safe distance from the cars around you.**
- Reduce your speed when you are approaching any sort of large puddle or flooded roadway.**
- Try to drive as smoothly as possible.**
- Avoid jerky or abrupt movements. This is especially important when braking, accelerating, driving around a curve or turning a corner.**
- Turn on your headlights.**

MOTORISTS ARE CAUTIONED TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN TRAVELLING ON ROADWAYS NEARBY CANALS!

PUBLIC WORKS

Kenner Public Works Department crews, led by Director Jose Gonzales, are in the field today, monitoring conditions, responding to calls for service, setting barricades where necessary, cleaning drains, and otherwise mitigating where appropriate.

Emergency response activities continue to be coordinated with Entergy, Veolia Water, Parish officials, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Crews will be dispatched when necessary to address any reported power outages, downed power lines, sewerage or drainage issues, downed trees, roadway obstructions, damaged light poles, malfunctioning traffic control signals, and missing street signage.

To report any potential hazardous conditions, contact the **Public Works Department: (504) 468-7515.**

LAKETOWN

The recreational area located on the peninsula at Lake Pontchartrain (Lake Town) remains closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This includes the Boat Launch and Pier. Kenner Police and the East Jefferson Levee District Police Department will continue to patrol Lake Town and the levee system to limit access to this area as long as hazardous conditions exist.

PUMPS

The Jefferson Parish Department of Water reports that all pumps are currently online. SCADA data and pump operations are being closely monitored by both Kenner Public Works Department and Parish officials.

UTILITIES

Entergy reports that currently all Kenner residents have power.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Kenner Police Department is actively patrolling all areas of the City, responding to calls for service and will continue to aggressively enforce statutes and ordinances regulating motor vehicle traffic on flooded roadways. Police Chief Steve Caraway reminds all residents that **Kenner Code of Ordinance Section 7-66 prohibits operation of motor vehicles or boats on flooded or inundated public roads, highways or bridges.**

FIRE SERVICE

The Kenner Fire Department remains on alert and available to respond to fires, hazardous materials incidents and all other emergencies. Fire Chief John Hellmers cautions residents to **take shelter during heavy thunderstorms and be aware of the possibility of tornadoes. Motorists are reminded to be on the lookout for and avoid downed power lines.**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mayor Yenni and members of his staff continue to participate in briefings and conference calls with municipal and parish authorities and emergency management officials to coordinate activities across the region.

City officials continue to work closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and East Jefferson Levee District to monitor the levee system surrounding Kenner.

The Kenner Office of Emergency Management is actively monitoring developments associated with Tropical Storm Lee and coordinating municipal agency activities with Jefferson Parish Emergency Management officials.

WEATHER ALERTS

Residents who have not already done so should sign onto www.jpalert.com to receive severe weather and emergency bulletins via email, cell phone or digital device.

National Weather Service

PROJECTED PATH

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<p>Tropical Storm Lee <i>Sunday September 4, 2011</i> 10 AM CDT Advisory 12 NWS National Hurricane Center</p>	<p>Current Information: ● Center Location 29.9 N 91.9 W Max Sustained Wind 45 mph Movement NE at 3 mph</p>	<p>Forecast Positions: ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post-Tropical Sustained Winds: D < 39 mph S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110mph</p>
<p>Potential Track Area: Day 1-3 Day 4-5</p>	<p>Watches: Hurricane Trop.Storm</p>	<p>Warnings: Hurricane Trop.Storm</p>