



TROPICAL DEPRESSION LEE - UPDATE

September 5, 2011

For Immediate Release

At 5:30 PM today, Mayor Michael Yenni and his staff participated in a conference call with Parish and municipal leaders as well as Emergency Management officials from throughout the Parish. Emergency response activities within the Parish as well as the City of Kenner will be concluding early Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHAEL YENNI

I would like to commend the residents of Kenner on the manner in which they conducted themselves during this storm event. By and large the residents of Kenner heeded the advice given by weather experts and took appropriate precautions in responding to this potentially serious storm.

Kenner's residents and business owners clearly began preparing for the storm days in advance. As the rain and wind approached, they took shelter and monitored severe weather conditions on their radio / television as well as the City website. They remained off the roadways and levees and out of harm's way during heavy rains and winds. They respected their neighbors and obeyed our Police Department's orders to remain off of flooded streets. Residents answered the call of our Public Works Department by keeping their gutters and drains clean of debris, which greatly reduced the potential for flooding. All of these factors contributed to the City's ability to respond more effectively to emergency conditions.

Thankfully, this incident resulted in no loss of life or serious injury to any of our residents, and thus far we only have reports of very minor property damage.

Residents, business owners and government officials can all benefit from this event; building upon our experiences and lessons learned in preparing for the next storm.

Kenner's government stands ready to serve the citizens of this community in times of crisis. As always, we value your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael S. Yenni

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

Tropical Storm Lee has been downgraded to a Tropical Depression and has moved out of our area.

While Kenner experienced heavy rains and winds, preliminary reports indicate that we had limited street level flooding and isolated incidents resulting in only minor wind damage. Some residents did experience power outages and sewerage impairment. Public Works Department personnel, Entergy, and Veolia Water crews have been dispatched to these reports. Several communities on the westbank of the Mississippi River did experience flooding from high tides.

The National Weather Service reports that rain totals recorded during the event at New Orleans Armstrong International Airport stood at 10.98 inches.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR RESIDENTS:

What you should do now:

- Inspect your property for damage and report losses to your insurance agent or claims department.
- Clean out gutters, drains and catch basins around your home and business.
- Place trash on curbside for collection. For large objects or large amount of debris, contact:
 - **Ramelli Waste: (504) 482-2040**
- Report hazardous road conditions, drainage and sewerage problems to:
 - **Kenner Public Works Department - (504) 468-7515**
 - **Veolia Wastewater - (504) 468-7292**
- Check availability of utilities. Report power outages to:
 - **Entergy: 1-800-9OUTAGE / 1-800-968-8243**
- Check availability of communications services. Report telephone/cable/internet problems to your individual service provider.
- Check around your home and remove standing water (garbage cans, lawn furniture, flower pots, pools, buckets, open containers, etc.) to help control the mosquito population.
- Stay tuned to local weather for any change in storm activity.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Kenner Public Works Department crews remained in the field throughout Labor Day removing debris caused by the storm and inspecting infrastructure.

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

LAKETOWN AND KENNER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES:

The recreational area located on the peninsula at Lake Pontchartrain (Lake Town) as well as all other City Parks and gymnasiums will re-open as soon as the facilities are inspected for damage and are declared safe by our Recreation Department. For more information, contact the **Kenner Recreation Department: (504) 468-7211.**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

In the coming days, Mayor Yenni and members of his staff will review data and reports concerning this incident, assess the City's response, and, as part of his commitment to continual improvement, take appropriate action to address any issues and enhance the emergency capabilities of our City government.

For more information, the Kenner Office of Emergency Management may be contacted at:
(504) 471-2100.

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.