



TROPICAL STORM LEE - UPDATE

September 5, 2011

For Immediate Release

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

Tropical Storm Lee has been downgraded to a Tropical Depression and is moving 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. Communities on the westbank of the Mississippi River continue to experience considerable flooding from high tides.

The National Weather Service is reporting that that the accumulated rain totals at New Orleans Armstrong International Airport were 10.95 inches

- The center of now Tropical Depression Lee is moving north northeast.
- Lee is expected to slowly drift northeast into Southern Mississippi through Monday. Wind speeds have lowered below tropical storm force winds.
- Tropical Storm Warnings for Southeast Louisiana have been canceled.
- With continued coastal flooding for many areas, Coastal Flood Warning is in effect for Tidal Lake shores along the Southeast Louisiana coast and Coastal Mississippi.
- Wind speeds around the center of Lee and brisk northwest winds behind Lee have prompted a Wind Advisory for the outlook land areas, and a Small Craft Advisory and a Gale Force Warning for marine areas tonight through Monday night.
- The tornado threat will continue to diminish for our area.

- The Flash Flood Watch will likely be canceled as Lee moves away from the area Monday.

Mayor Michael Yenni recommends that all Kenner residents should 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:

- If travelling outside of Kenner, be aware road conditions in some areas of the State are still impacted by this storm. Click here for Louisiana State Police Road Closure Info: <http://www.lsp.org/roadandincident.nsf>
- 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 NEAR THE COAST, LAKES, CANALS, AND BAYOUS!

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, led by Director Jose Gonzales, are in the field today, monitoring conditions, responding to calls for service, cleaning drains, and clearing roadways.

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 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:

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.

The Kenner Office of Emergency Management continues to coordinate municipal agency activities with Jefferson Parish Emergency Management officials.

The 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.

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