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KENNER ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR STATE FLOOD VICTIMS

Kenner, LA. - Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur has authorized a donation center to be opened Tuesday morning at the Recreation Office to accept donations of toiletry items for victims affected by the devastating flood that required an estimated 20,000 people to be rescued from their homes in the past three days.

Four parishes – Tangipahoa, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge and Livingston – have been declared major disaster areas.

Donations of new and unused items will be accepted at the office located at 1905 24th St., near the brake tag station, beginning Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and continue through Friday, Sigur said.

“We have dealt with flooding before in Kenner, and our hearts go out to everyone affected by this incredible storm,” Sigur said. “We were fortunate this time around, which puts us in a position to be able to help our Louisiana neighbors in need.”

Sigur asked residents to only donate toiletries – items that are currently most in need – as well as diapers, wipes, baby formula and female hygiene products.

“There are people who have lost everything who need the very basics in shelters in those four parishes and elsewhere,” Sigur said.

Some facts about the Louisiana flooding:

- An estimated 10,000 people were in shelters Monday morning – most in the Baton Rouge area
- About 20,000 people were rescued from their homes in the past three days
- An estimated 1,000 cars were trapped on Interstate 12 between Baton Rouge and Covington
- More than 280 state roads remained closed Monday morning
- More than 500 pets were rescued
- The governor’s mansion was evacuated after chest-high water filled the basement
- At least 12 rivers overflowed their banks – including the Amite and Comite rivers
- Some river levels are still rising and more rain is possible this week

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