



# CITY OF KENNER

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ACTING MAYOR

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### PUBLIC MEETING SEPT. 28 TO DISCUSS LAKEFRONT LEVEE LIFT

**Kenner, LA.** – An informational meeting to discuss the upcoming lakefront levee lift that is expected to begin in Kenner in late October will be held Wednesday, Sept 28, at the City Park Pavilion, 3800 Loyola Drive.

Members of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the East Jefferson Levee District will be present at the meeting, along with Kenner officials. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

All Kenner residents and business owners are invited to attend, particularly those who live and work in the Lakefront area, said EJLD Executive Director Derek Boese.

Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur praised Flood Protection and Levee District officials for reaching out to the public well in advance of the start of work.

“There will be some impact from this project, particularly with regard to the lakefront bike path, so making sure everyone is aware of what will be going on is a top priority.”

The \$10 million levee lift will be performed in three phases, starting in the section in northwest Kenner from the West Return Floodwall to the Duncan Canal. Phase 2 begins in Kenner at the Duncan Canal, and stretches into Metairie to the Suburban Canal. The third phase is completely outside of Kenner – from the Suburban Canal to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal.

The lift is part of routine maintenance to keep the levees at a height of approximately 17 feet. Local soil conditions result in settling over time, and maintaining the levee on a regular basis enhances flood risk reduction. For this lift, vegetation and organic material will be removed from the levees and approximately one to two feet of clay will be added.

In a release, Joe Hassinger, president of the Flood Authority, said information will flow freely and frequently during the course of the levee lift – both in Kenner and outside the city in East Jefferson.

“As the levee lift project progresses across the East Jefferson lakefront levee, we plan to provide residents, businesses and stakeholders with updated information regarding work schedules and impacts to neighborhoods and commercial corridors.”

For more information on the levee lift, including detailed maps and work status updates, go to [Lakefrontleveelift.com](http://Lakefrontleveelift.com), call (504) 833-LIFT (5438) or email [leveelifts@ejld.com](mailto:leveelifts@ejld.com)

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