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KENNER SEWERAGE SYSTEM PERFORMS WELL IN WEEKEND STORM

Kenner, LA. – Nearly 10 inches of rain drenched parts of Kenner in less during 24 hours beginning early Sunday morning, resulting in scattered minor, street flooding but only a handful of complaints about sewerage issues, city officials said.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said the storm was a great test for the city’s sewerage system.

“From all the reports we have, the improvements made in the past three to four years have really improved capacity and efficiency,” Yenni said. “A storm like this in the past would have resulted in many more complaints about sewerage backups,” he said. “It also sounds like Kenner fared much better than other nearby communities.”

Kenner has invested about \$80 million to overhaul its aging sewer system, where cracked lines due primarily to subsidence used to mean widespread sewage backups during rain events, Yenni said. The work is expected to be completed within two years.

Sunday’s storm was due to the remnants of Hurricane Patricia, which slammed into Mexico on Friday. The heavy rain in Kenner was accompanied by gale force winds, with gusts reported as high as 43 mph on Sunday evening at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Some traffic signals were briefly off-line, but repairs were quickly made, Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez said.

In addition, some traffic control signs were blown down. Gonzalez said city workers were in the process of repairing and replacing those signs Monday morning.

Yenni also urged residents to keep an eye on the drainage catch basins near their homes. For any clog that is too severe, residents can contact the Public Works Department at (504) 468-7515 and report the location. In addition, he asked residents to report any trees down on city property or down traffic control signs.

“You never know when the next storm event will arrive, so it’s imperative to clean up after this one as quickly as possible,” he said. “We will help any resident who needs the help, but because our staffing is limited, we do ask the public for any assistance they can provide.”

Rainfall totals varied from 7.51 inches at Canal No. 10 at West Esplanade Avenue by Muss Bertolino Playground to 9.99 inches at the Parish Line Pump Station on the western side of the city. The airport recorded 8.64 inches of rain between 4 a.m. Sunday and 2 a.m. Monday.

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