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KENNER MAKING NECESSARY PREPARATIONS AS TROPICAL SYSTEM CONTINUES TOWARD LA. COAST

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn assured residents Monday night that the city is taking all necessary steps to prepare in advance of the tropical weather system in the central Gulf of Mexico that is continuing to head toward the Louisiana coast.

Kenner Emergency Management is monitoring the system, which weather forecasters said is expected to become Tropical Storm Cindy overnight or sometime on Tuesday.

Mayor Zahn said the city is coordinating with parish officials to monitor canal levels and conditions, as well as pump stations, as required.

In addition, employees with Kenner's Department of Public Works are available to respond as conditions develop. Zahn is urging residents to check storm drains around their homes and to call the Public Works Department at (504) 468-7515 if any are clogged with litter and debris.

Cell phones should be charged and residents are advised to monitor local TV and radio reports for the latest updates on the tropical system.

Weather forecasters added a flash flood watch through Thursday to the tropical storm warning already in place from Intracoastal City to the mouth of the Mississippi River. During its 10 p.m. briefing, the National Weather Service said the system was about 320 miles south of the river and moving north-northwest at 8 mph.

Forecasters said sustained winds were 40 mph and some slight strengthening is possible. The system is expected to turn more to the northwest Tuesday morning and reach the coastline late on Wednesday, forecasters said.

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The tropical system is expected to produce between 4 to 8 inches of rain, with some areas receiving up to 10 inches, forecasters said. The heaviest rain is expected to fall between Tuesday and Thursday, with the rain forecast to slowly end on Friday.

Mayor Zahn reminds residents and visitors that Kenner Code of Ordinances Section 7-66 makes it illegal for a driver to create wakes that push water into homes or businesses.

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