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Kenner Preparations Continue As Tropical Storm Cindy Heads Toward La. Coast

Summer Camps Canceled, Work Crews Clearing Storm Drains

Kenner, LA. – Mayor Ben Zahn reports Kenner Emergency Management continues to monitor newly named Tropical Storm Cindy in the Gulf of Mexico. Mayor Zahn has ordered crews to clear out clogged storm drains throughout the city.

Tropical Storm Cindy was about 265 miles south of Morgan City and at this time remains stationary. Sustained winds are currently 45 mph. However, T.S. Cindy is forecast to resume moving this afternoon to the northwest at about 10 mph.

Mayor Zahn said the city's Public Works crews are available to respond as conditions develop. The city of Kenner continues to coordinate with parish officials to monitor canal levels and conditions, as well as pump stations, as required. During a late morning conference call, parish officials confirmed that all pumps are operational and canals are in good shape.

In response to the approaching storm, the Kenner Recreation Department has canceled summer camps scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, and the Jefferson Parish Public School System has canceled all student activities those two days, including camps, classes, extended school programs and driver's education classes.

Weather forecasters expect the system to reach the southwest Louisiana/Texas coast late Wednesday, but heavy rain is expected well to the east. In southeastern Louisiana, total accumulations of 6 to 9 inches are possible, with isolated areas receiving up to 12 inches. Forecasters say the eastern side of the storm is the area with the strongest bands of rain and heaviest winds, and say residents in the metropolitan area should expect the possibility of some localized flooding.

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The chance of rain is at or near 80 percent through Thursday and 50 percent Thursday night and Friday, according to the National Weather Service. The heaviest rains are expected today and tonight.

A tropical storm warning has been moved slightly to the west – and includes the area from the mouth of the Pearl River to High Island, Texas.

Mayor Zahn advises residents to check the storm drains near their homes and to call the Public Works Department at (504) 468-7515 if they need help. Although heavy rain is forecast as the major impact from the tropical system, Zahn said residents also should secure all loose items now outside.

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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