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KENNER WATER DISTRIBUTION TOTALLED NEARLY 9,000 GALLONS

Kenner, LA. – In this unprecedented public health response by city officials, the city of Kenner gave out 68,476 bottles of water and sports drinks during two days of water distribution to residents.

The City of Kenner bought water available locally for distribution on Thursday night and distributed 19,200 bottles (or 2,475 gallons) of water that evening. On Friday, an additional 48,000 bottles of water and 776 bottles of sports drinks were distributed – that's another 6,251 gallons. To put the volume of water donations into perspective, the city distributed water and drink supplies that would stretch approximately 26 football fields if you were to place them all side by side.

To reach residents who are considered home bound or being assisted with specialized care, there were approximately 12,600 bottles of water taken to the following facilities in the city: Westminster Towers, Chateau Living Center, Nouveau Marc, Brookdale, and Inspired Living.

Mayor Ben Zahn, Police Chief Michael Glaser, and City Council believe the distribution was an important service for Kenner to offer residents at a time when the city was under a boil water advisory and there was a shortage of bottled water at local stores.

"We all felt providing safe drinking water to residents, when many families had no water at all because of low water pressure and broken pipes, was the kind of thing public officials should do for their community if they are able," Zahn said.

Remember, as the boil water advisory is still in effect for the east bank of Jefferson Parish (including Kenner), tap water must be boiled before consuming or using. Kenner officials are waiting for an announcement from Jefferson Parish that the water is safe to drink again.

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"We purchased water on Thursday as soon as the issue was identified, and provided the entire supply within hours to residents. We returned Friday to distribute the generous donation by local businessman Ronnie Mains of CRC Global Solutions. We want to thank Ronnie, and want our residents to know we are prepared to help both now as well as future emergency situations."

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