



# CITY OF KENNER

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### DAMAGE FROM WEDNESDAY'S HAILSTORM BEING REPAIRED; KENNER RESIDENTS ASKED TO CLEAN OUT STORM DRAINS

**Kenner, LA.** – Most of the damage caused by the hail, high winds and rain during Wednesday's severe thunderstorm is in the process of being addressed, and Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni on Thursday urged residents to help with the cleaning of storm drains in front of their homes.

"Hopefully, we won't have any more heavy rain come through like Wednesday afternoon, as the ground is already saturated and there is rain in the forecast through Sunday, so it's important now to clear the drains."

The weather forecast calls for the same weather pattern that produced Wednesday's storm to remain over the area for the next few days.

The severe thunderstorm that moved through Kenner beginning about 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday was responsible for knocking down a number of trees and also knocking out commercial power in a number of locations – mostly in central Kenner, said Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez.

Crews from the Public Works Department handled three main responsibilities following the storm, Gonzalez said. Some crews were dispatched to neighborhoods with fallen trees to cut and remove those trees. Others headed to areas with street flooding to put down barricades while additional work crews focused on setting up portable generators at sewer lift stations temporarily left without power.

Gonzalez said the work lasted well into the night so the city would be prepared for a potential second round of stormy weather, should it arrive at any time in the next few days. So far, there have been no reports of any homes or business flooded.

Residents can make a big difference by clearing out leaves and debris from their storm drains, Gonzalez said.

"And if anyone sees a clog or obstruction that they cannot remove, we would greatly appreciate them giving us a call so we can get our trucks out and clear out those clogs before any more heavy rains fall," he said.

Any resident who is unable to clear out their storm drain can contact the Public Works Department at (504) 468-7515 to report the problem or send an email to [PWcomplaints@kenner.la.us](mailto:PWcomplaints@kenner.la.us). The department has vacuum trucks that can clear out clogs in storm drains.

Several events have already been canceled because of the stormy forecast, including the *Crawfish Boil on the Lake* scheduled Friday on the front lawn of the Treasure Chest casino and the *Movies in the Park* to be shown Saturday night in Heritage Park in Rivertown.

For information on protective measures against potential floods and links to additional flood information, go to [http://www.kenner.la.us/6/Flood\\_Protective\\_Measures\\_061614.pdf](http://www.kenner.la.us/6/Flood_Protective_Measures_061614.pdf).

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