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CITY OF KENNER PREPARES FOR IMPACTS FROM TROPICAL STORM FRANCINE AND URGES RESIDENTS TO FINALIZE PREPARATIONS TODAY

Kenner, LA. – (SEPTEMBER 10, 2024) In anticipation of Tropical Storm Francine, which is projected to impact most of Southeast Louisiana, including the Kenner area, the city is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety of its residents and the security of its infrastructure.

The National Weather Service forecasts that this storm will bring heavy rainfall, strong winds, potential flooding, and possible tornadic activity to our area. Conditions are expected to begin deteriorating late tonight, Tuesday, 9/10. Mayor Mike Glaser urges all citizens to take immediate action to prepare. "We are closely monitoring Tropical Storm Francine's path and working with local, state and federal agencies to ensure a coordinated response," said Mayor Glaser. "If you have not done so, residents please begin preparations now and plan to have them completed and plan to shelter in place by tonight."

City Actions and Updates:

- City of Kenner Government Offices will be closed Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th. This includes the Mable Trepagnier Brown Kenner Senior Center, as well as the Hispanic Resource Center, the Kenner Food Bank and the Martin Luther King Center. Mayor's Court is cancelled.
- Kenner's Emergency Operation Center will be activated today. The phone number for non-emergency assistance is 504-468-4357. Reminder, call 911 for emergencies.
- Curbside garbage collection will take place as scheduled as of now. Residents are reminded to remove their trash cans from the curb as soon as possible after collection.



- Curbside recycling is cancelled this week.
- Residents are encouraged to remove all possible projectiles and ensure storm drains and catch basins on the streets surrounding your home are clear of debris.
- There are no sandbag sites in the City of Kenner
- Don't drown, turn around on flooded streets. Kenner City Ordinance 7-66 prohibits motorists from traveling on flooded streets in such a manner to cause water, waves or wakes to enter property alongside of or adjacent to the road, or cause water to rise in already flooded property. Motorists are asked to exercise extreme caution on all roadways.
- All Kenner Parks and Recreation programming, both indoor and outdoor, is cancelled through Friday, September 13th.
- The Market at Kenner City Park is cancelled for Thursday, September 12th.
- The Kenner Boat Launch at Laketown will close today, September 10th at 2pm until further notice.
- City of Kenner Civil Service Board Meeting scheduled for tonight, Tuesday, 9/10 at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall is cancelled. New date will be forthcoming.
- Pre-storm sheltering is being made available by Jefferson Parish. Terrytown Playground (641 Heritage Avenue, Terrytown, LA 70056) will open its gym as a shelter today, Tuesday, September 10th at 4pm. Residents should bring their own food/water as the playground will only provide sturdy shelter and cots during the storm. For information contact the Jefferson Parish Emergency Operations Center at 504-349-5360.
- The North Kenner Library will close at 4:30pm today and remain closed Wednesday, September 11th.

Jose Gonzalez, Chief Administrative Officer has confirmed that in anticipation of inclement weather approaching, Public Works, Recreation, and General Services crews have begun clearing catch basins, as well as removing tree branches and debris from roadways, ensuring pump stations are fueled and operational, and securing all City buildings/facilities/construction sites. Sewer lines are being cleaned and portable generators are being mobilized to vulnerable lift stations.

The Kenner Emergency Operations Center will be fully activated starting at 6am tomorrow, Wednesday, September 11th.

Conditions will be monitored at all times prior to and during the storm event. Crews are prepared to return to begin recovery and clean up as soon as conditions are safe to do so.

For continuous updates, visit www.kenner.la.us/francine and follow us on all social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and X. To receive weather and emergency alerts from Jefferson Parish, text JPALERT or JPNOTICIAS to 888-777.

