Plaquemines Parish Update

Latest News

Public Notice

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After looking at the latest storm projections, Plaquemines Parish officials, Plaquemines Parish Fire Department and Sheriff’s Department along with GOHSEP, the Governor’s Office, CPRA, the National Guard, state police, the Coast Guard, the US Army Corps of Engineers, have decided to order a mandatory evacuation from the Oakville Flood Gate on Hwy 23 to Venice. Residents are urged to evacuate this area. A shelter will open at the YMCA in Belle Chasse located at 8101 Hwy 23. The shelter will open at noon today.

Hwy 23 is open to traffic. If you can get to the shelter on your own please do so. If there is water on your street and you feel unsafe traveling on your own please call 911 and a sheriff’s deputy will transport you and your family to the shelter safely.

Water will start rising this afternoon and could exceed the height of the levees. The new models are a result of the storm continuing to push water for long periods of time. Please heed warnings and evacuate as soon as possible or call 911 for assistance.

Plaquemines Parish officials are coordinating with officials from St. Bernard Parish, GOHSEP, the National Guard, Coast Guard, State Police, the US Army Corps of Engineers and other state agencies to rescue stranded residents on the east bank of Plaquemines Parish from Braithwaite to Whiteditch. The back levee along that area has been overflowing with water since earlier today. Up to 12 feet of water has filled that community from the back levee to the Mississippi River.

Rescue efforts are now in progress. Local residents are rescuing other residents at this time. Our main concern now is to successfully rescue all residents from the affected area. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

No parish officials will be doing interviews of any type until later today. In order to free up the Parish Presidents phone and other officials for emergencies, all media should direct questions and requests to parish PIO Caitlin Campbell. Please understand that multiple media outlets may cause the entire system to contact parish officials at the same time.