



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ASSUMPTION PARISH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

May 10, 2011

The parish has placed sand and sandbags, at citizen's disposal, at the following locations throughout the parish:

- Hwy 70, near Derrick Street
- Rue de Cajun Road
- Gumbo Street
- Hwy 70 & N Curtis Street
- (End of) North Belle River Road
- Hwy 996 & Hwy 1001 (Church)
- Hwy 401 & Bayou Crab Road
- North AND South Bay Roads
- Shell Beach (near former Chilly's)
- Behind Halter Marine Building
- Hwy 70 near Family Street
- Hwy 402 Turnaround (Hollywood's)
- Hwy 1012 (Boat Launch Parking Lot)

The Assumption Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness is continuing to collect data from the National Weather Service and the Corps of Engineers in order to evaluate some of the predictions and effects of the water levels in Assumption Parish. As we all know, this is a serious situation. Our office is working with other state and local agencies to provide the public with the most accurate information regarding the expected floodwaters.

Assumption Parish planning officials are anticipating a rise of 2^{1/2} feet of water from the current water levels today, not including potential rainfall.

Opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway began on Monday, May 9, 2011 and is expected to be opened 100%. Currently we are anticipating the opening of the Morganza Spillway as early as this Saturday.

NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AND PREPARATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ALL, ESPECIALLY THOSE RESIDENTS THAT RESIDE IN LOW LYING AREAS.

Please note the sidebar to the left advising of the areas that the Parish has made sand and sandbags available. The parish, in conjunction with trustees provided by the Assumption Sheriff's Office, is continuously working on filling sand bags. Hoppers to speed up this process are expected to arrive soon. Additional sand and sand bags will be continuously delivered to our parish. Elevation shots have been taken on all levees throughout the Parish to help determine the needs of each drainage district. Measures will be taken accordingly. Continuous planning and observations are being conducted as the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness exhaust every effort to protect our citizens.

NOTE: THERE ARE NO EVACUATIONS CURRENTLY IN PLACE IN ASSUMPTION PARISH... However, if you plan to evacuate your home, please make sure to turn off your utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main line. This is a safety precaution so that no injuries are incurred if these lines are damaged.

****BE AWARE** Once streets are significantly inundated with water, all Emergency Services shall CEASE. These services include: Acadian Ambulance, Fire and Police Protection, and Police Jury Personnel.**

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Additional Resources

Louisiana Spirit Coastal Recovery Counseling

- Counselors Available
- Resource Connection
- Job Support

For assistance: 1-877-500-9997

LSU Ag Center

View the Disaster Information Series, go to www.lsuagcenter.com and access the link to Spring Floods. Information at this link includes such timely topics as:

- *Using Panels as Closures in Flood Protections*
 - *Using Sandbags for Flood Protection*
- *Using Water-inflated Barriers in Flood Protection*
 - *Preventing Backflow*
 - *Flood Wraps and Temporary Shields*
 - *Using Pumps in Flood Protection*



Emergency Email Distribution List

To receive emergency updates from the Assumption Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Assumption Parish Police Jury, please send an email including your name and email address to Kim Torres, Assumption Parish Public Informations Officer at kimtorres@assumptionla.com or call the Assumption Parish Police Jury at (985) 369-7435.

Taking Precaution During a Flood...

STAY OUT OF FLOOD WATERS

- *There is always the possibility that flooding will cause sewage treatment systems (both community & residential) to fail, contaminating the floodwaters and exposing people to disease causing bacteria.*
- *Wading in the water could pose a health risk if it enters the body through an open wound.*
- *As little as 6 inches of rapidly moving water can sweep you off of your feet.*
- *BE AWARE of submerged electrical or power lines.*
- *Be on the lookout for dangerous wildlife in the floodwater such as snakes, rats, alligators, or any frightened animal. If you see wild animals, stay away.*
- *Drivers should stay out of floodwaters as the water may be much deeper than it appears, as the road itself may be washed out.*
- *If you live in an area that has experienced recent flooding and your private water well has lost power or been contaminated by floodwater, boil the water before drinking it.*
- *Be aware of boil water advisories issued by the State, local government or the Assumption Parish Waterworks.*
- *Assume everything touched by floodwater is contaminated with bacteria and will have to be disinfected. People are advised to wash their hands frequently during cleanup and always wear rubber gloves.*



US Army Corps of Engineers®

To access the US Army Corps of Engineers website which contains very specific data regarding Mississippi River Flood Control, visit:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/bcarre/missriver.asp>

Press Releases issued by the Assumption Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness can be accessed at:

<http://assumptionla.com/notices>