



Parish of Ascension

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Heavy Rain and Flooding Event – 3/12/16 5 pm
National Weather Service Predictions for Ascension Parish Backwater Flooding
Confirmed as Parish Readies for Damage Assessment

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GONZALES –Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa said Saturday officials with the National Weather Service confirmed backwater flooding in the parish will reach record readings early next week.

President Matassa said parish Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Rick Webre spoke with officials from the National Weather Service's Slidell Office this morning and asked them to validate their predictions that the Amite River at Bayou Manchac will crest on Monday at 1 p.m. at 17 feet. Also, the Amite River at Port Vincent will crest at 13 feet at the Port Vincent location on Tuesday at 7 a.m.

Major flood stage at Bayou Manchac/Amite River is 15 feet. The historic crest at that location is 18.85 on April 8, 1983. The Amite River/Port Vincent location is 12 feet, officials said. The historic crest at that location is 14.65 feet on April 9, 1983.

Webre said the parish will be experiencing significant backwater flooding along Alligator Bayou, Bluff Swamp, Bayou Manchac, the Muddy Creek Basin, the Amite River, the Diversion Canal, Lake Villar, Summerfield, Lake Martin, Hwy. 431, and Gold Place Road.

Areas of Sorrento south of La. 22 including low lying areas along Bayou Conway, Panama Canal, Raymond Tullier Road and Brittany Street will experience impact with this event.

“Please know ANY low lying areas along these waterways will be at a high risk for flooding. If your home or business has flooded before – you should prepare to be affected by this event again,” Webre said.

Parish government officials met Saturday to discuss the events occurring over the last 72 hours, and those expected to affect the parish into next week.

Damage Assessment teams are deploying around the Parish to assess damages incurred by the events that took place in the last 72 hours. This process is CRITICAL in bringing FEMA Public Assistance to the parish for assistance to residents.

We encourage residents to notify us of damage to their homes or businesses by using the following resources:

1. Please email detailed information including address, contact information and photos to flood@apgov.us to help us document these damages.
2. You can also call our Emergency Operations Center at 225-621-8360.

Webre also said sand and bags are available at the following locations:

- St. Amant Fire Department
44465 Stringer Bridge Rd, St. Amant, LA 70774
- La. 431 at Valentine Road (Curve of La. 431), St. Amant, LA
- Ridge Road at Kleinpeter Road (off of Bluff Road)
- End of Tullier Road, Sorrento, LA
- Gonzales City Barn on Darla Street, Gonzales.
- SorrentoTown Hall, 8173 Main Street, Sorrento.