



Parish of Ascension

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Ascension Parish Waterways Closed to Recreational Boat Traffic

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa announced Friday morning all Ascension Parish waterways, including the Amite River and Diversion Canal, will be closed to recreational boat traffic effective at 6 p.m. Friday, and will remain closed until further notice.

President Matassa signed an executive order on Friday morning to suspend recreational boating because of high water levels and the amount of floating debris that is present.

The Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby designated as the point of contact for this action.

President Matassa signed a State of Emergency proclamation on Thursday morning effective at 9 a.m.

For more information about waterway closures or road closures:

- Ascension 21, the parish's governmental channel
- www.ascensionparish.net/ohsep
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/apohsep/>
- You may also contact their office at (225) 621-8360

For updated road closures in Ascension Parish, visit the OHSEP's Facebook page at.

Should flash flooding occur, sand and bags are available at the locations listed below and open to Ascension Parish residents only. In the event that pre-filled sandbags run out, sand and bags will be available at each location listed.

- Prairieville Fire Department - 14517 La. 73, Prairieville, LA 70769
- 5th Ward Fire Department - 39110 La. 22, Darrow, LA 70725
- 7th District Fire Department Station 71 - 13432 Roddy Rd, Gonzales, LA 70737
- St. Amant Fire Department - 44465 Stringer Bridge Rd, St Amant, LA 70774
- Ascension Parish DPW West - 725 Church Street, Donaldsonville, LA 70346
- Geismar Fire Department - 12171 LA-73, Geismar, LA 70734
- Sorrento Town Hall – 8173 Main Street, Sorrento, LA 70778 (Bring a shovel)
- City of Gonzales Barn – 2919 South Darla Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
- City of Gonzales – 3213 S. Hwy 44, Gonzales, LA 70737

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PHOTO CUTLINE Heavy Rain Event 1 – Ascension Parish Government and Emergency Response officials met Friday morning at the Parish Courthouse Complex in Gonzales to plan and pool resources in response to a heavy rain event that is affecting south Louisiana. Shown from left, clockwise around table: Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Gonzales Mayor Barney Arceneaux, Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa, Gonzales Police Chief Sherman Jackson, Ascension Parish Sheriff’s Office Deputy Jennifer Callaway, Ascension Parish Sheriff Major Lee Anderson, Ascension Parish Council Chairman Randy Cloutre, Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Rick Webre and Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Assistant Director Rachael Wilkinson. Shown in back from left: Ascension 21 Manager John Connolly and Ascension Parish Chief of Staff Kyle Gautreau.



PHOTO CUTLINE Heavy Rain Event 2 - Ascension Parish Government and Emergency Response officials hold a teleconference Friday morning to update information concerning the heavy rain event affecting Ascension Parish and south Louisiana. Shown from left, clockwise around table: Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley, Gonzales Mayor Barney Arceneaux, Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa, Gonzales Police Chief Sherman Jackson, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Deputy Jennifer Callaway, Ascension Parish Sheriff Major Lee Anderson, Ascension Parish Councilman Bill Dawson, Ascension Parish Department of Public Works and Drainage Director Bill Roux, Ascension Parish Council Chairman Randy Cloutre, Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Rick Webre and Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Assistant Director Rachael Wilkinson.



PHOTO CUTLINE Heavy Rain Event 3 – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa (left) is shown meeting with staff and parish councilman at noon Friday to coordinate parish resources during this weekend’s heavy rain event. Shown clockwise from left: Parish President Kenny Matassa, Dawn Caballero, Celeste Harris, Amanda Berot, Rick Webre, Parish Council Chairman Randy Cloutre, Parish Councilman Dempsey Lambert, Parish Councilman Bill Dawson, Martha Collins, Parish Councilman Johnny Cagnolatti, Jerome Fournier, John Shackelford and Aline Pruitt. In center from left: Bill Roux, Lavern Bourgeois and Brandon O’Deay.