

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M., AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HIGHWAY 182, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the Governing Authority of said Parish by Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 10:05 a.m.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Delatte, Chairman
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Touns
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Ms. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President

ABSENT: Mr. Jerry Jones, Vice-Chair (*arrived at 10:10 a.m.*)
Mr. Louis Richard
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

Chairman Delatte announced that the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by Mr. Gouaux and that the invocation would be given by Mr. Doucet.

DISCUSSION

The first item (1) on the agenda was a discussion regarding Hurricane Gustav. President Randolph began by explaining the extensive damage which occurred to the Barrios Building, as to where the Council meetings are normally held. She then introduced Mr. Larry Hayes with the Corps of Engineers; and also named several ladies from the Red Cross: Ms. Stephanie Shaw, Ms. Megan Blair, and Ms. Ruth Davis, which were manning the two shelters that were currently opened, being the Thibodaux High School and the Larose Civic Center. President Randolph mentioned Captain Brinkley with the Sheriff's Office, saying that they have had a Sheriff Office Liaison throughout and since Saturday, as well as State Troopers, which were coordinating traffic.

She stated one of the first and foremost reason for the meeting was to keep the Councilmen posted on the Parish's expenditures; presenting the Council with a sheet listing purchases (*see Exhibit "A"*). President Randolph said that so far they had a charge of \$1,400 for fuel to transport residents to shelters; \$200 for supplies to temporarily repair the roof at the Raceland Building; \$3,000 for a 50KW Generator for the Sheriff's Office; \$500 for a chainsaw for the Chackbay Field Office; and \$50,000 for a generator for the Lockport Field Office for the fuel tank for First Responders plus installation. She further stated that they were providing the fuel for the Sheriff's Office, the National Guard, and all First Responders and Parish personnel; keeping separate receipts so that each entity can file their own claims.

President Randolph continued by listing the charges thus far the six area Parish Field Offices, with fuel being \$250,000 and sand at \$100,000. She reported that the South Lafourche Levee District fuel expenses were currently at \$65,000, in which she thought that they were asking for an additional 21,000 gallons. President Randolph estimated about \$2,000 was spent on food. She added that there will be additional expenses, which were not listed; one being that they had ordered a generator for the Thibodaux Office so that they may at least begin operations there, explaining that they have to rent a generator because the previous grant received did not include one. President Randolph continued by saying that another reason for renting the generator was because at one point they thought that they would have relocate there. She said that they were also protecting the computer server, which has everything that the Parish needs to operate; continuing to explain such.

President Randolph expressed that a big concern was of ice, water, and blue tarps. She stated that they had begun to distribute ice at the old Wal-Mart building in Mathews the day before because it was the only truck which they had received and tried to make it more central. Discussion ensued in regards to services currently available and not; with President Randolph saying that they were receiving a lot of residents from Terrebonne coming into the Parish because they did not have anything in place there yet. President Randolph listed the areas they were currently distributing ice throughout the Parish and of the places they had to relocate due to problems.

President Randolph stated that they were escorting Entergy personnel to all the sites they were needing to go to assist them in getting the electricity back on; in which the last estimate was four to six weeks before the last light is turned on. She explained that major transmission lines had gone out, in that they would have to completely rebuild the systems.

President Randolph then mentioned the tower that was causing all the phone problems with the land lines and cell phones, as well as the satellite phones, which was located in Larose; in that the State Police were currently addressing that situation with FEMA to try to fix the tower. She said that the tower was impeding the State Police's communications, as well as the Parish's, causing major problems with the phones being out. President Randolph stated that they were currently working hard on repairing that.

President Randolph continued by explaining the process which was going to be used in regards to distributing blue tarps, in which the Parish was receiving from the Corps; stating where they will be located for disbursement; further explaining same.

Detailed discussion, questions and answers, then ensued in regards to all services and commodities that the Parish will be providing, also stating the times and places.

President Randolph stated that there were currently 193 evacuees at the Larose Civic Center and 70 evacuees at the Thibodaux High School. She expressed that they were not turning anyone away, in that they may be possibly housing some Grand Isle residents and also some residents from Terrebonne Parish. President Randolph stated that the Central Lafourche Shelter was being powered by generator, but has no air conditioning. She said that people were being encouraged to go to the site to charge up their cell phones because they do not have any electricity, so they can stay in touch with people.

President Randolph next stated that FEMA was doing assessments of the area, but they do not have any firm estimates yet of the extent of damages to the Parish. She added that the Parish has done a personal assessment by going up in the air on Wednesday and had done a ground tour on Tuesday. President Randolph exclaimed that it was roofs, poles, and tress; stating that mobile homes had more damage than any of the other structures, particularly the older mobile homes. She said that they were estimating about 50% of the Parish as having damage, which they may discover more when they do individual assessments and assistance. President Randolph next said that they could not get down many of the streets because there was either poles or trees down.

President Randolph went on to say that debris removal has begun, which was the contract that the Council had agreed to prior to the storm. She stated that according to FEMA that this was a direct mission, which can potentially be 100% paid by the Government; if not, the most that the Parish will have to pay is 5% because the State will pay the remainder. Discussion ensued in regards to placing the debris; as not

to block drainage or power lines needing to be repaired, and not to mix the debris, meaning placing trees with metal and such.

Discussion then continued in regards to the problems with communications, with the phone lines being down.

President Randolph stated that the situation with the generator that was ordered for the Thibodaux Government Complex is completely covered under FEMA, being that it was ordered within their 72 hour window prior to the storm; as to which was advised in writing.

President Randolph went on to praise Parish personnel who has been their since Friday, in that it has been nonstop, being the most dedicated employees that she has ever seen. She expressed that people have gone above and beyond.

President Randolph stated that the Parish was currently under a Declaration of Emergency, saying that a decision will have to be made to lift that Emergency, in that they will have to balance that decision based upon a number of variables. She said that they need to maintain that state so that they have guarantees of reimbursements and of continued assistance. President Randolph explained that the way that the Parish Personnel Manual was set up was that when employees go to work under a declaration was that they were getting paid extra to do so. She then stated that at some point and time they were going to have to make a decision as to what portion is still under a State of Emergency and what portion is still under a normal situation; further stating that this will be real tricky to accomplish because a partial State of Emergency is not the best way to go about it. President Randolph explained that they do not want to make it unnecessarily expensive, saying that she would probably confer with the Council toward the weekend, letting them know and asking them how they would feel about letting people go back to work on the Monday. She explained that people can then return to their normal business, which was something they were currently considering, in that they were just trying to balance expenses with needs.

Mr. Fertitta asked about the sewage systems, in regards to generators; in which a brief discussion and explanations ensued (*in which was not quite audible*).

Mr. Toups questioned the ability of being able to close sections of the roads and highways to make repairs to the utility poles quicker, so that the power might be turned on sooner than four to six weeks. He said that people were stopping the workers from working by continuously stopping to ask them questions. President Randolph explained that the area that Mr. Toups' had specifically mentioned could not be blocked because of it being one of the only areas to get gas and how close it was to a distribution site; further explaining same. A brief discussion continued as to what was being done.

Mr. Gouaux asked President Randolph if it was possible to get a pallet of ice, water, and MRE's to a distribution point for the people in his area, in the back of Pointe Aux Chene. President Randolph replied that she did not think that there were many people in the area because the last she had heard was that they were not able to get through there. Mr. Gouaux commented that it may not be for the next couple of days; with President Randolph saying to put it out there and see if they get any requests. Mr. Gouaux stated that he had done so for Rita; with President Randolph adding also for the area of Des Allemands; and Mr. Toups added the area of Gheens. Discussions continued in regards to setting up sites and having to get Law Enforcement and National Guards to control and minimize the sites; in that they will add more if it would be necessary. President Randolph mentioned that last time Police Force had also brought commodities out to the homes of elderly people in which they knew could not come out to the sites.

A brief discussion ensued in regards to the quality of drinking water, with suggestions being made that they boil the water to be on the precautionary side. President Randolph stated that she had not heard from the Water District for a definite answer.

Discussion then ensued in regards to the Burn Ban, reminding everyone that one was in affect because people were setting things on fire, to continue reinforcing and reiterating that information on.

Chairman Delatte questioned if the Contractors were currently in the area and doing what they were approved to do in regards to debris removal. President Randolph replied as yes, in that they were. She said that they were bringing the debris to the Sheriff's Rifle Range, which was were they brought it last time;

explaining that company #2 was the monitoring company with FEMA and DEQ to make sure that they were not bringing anything in there that was hazardous; further stating that all is being coordinated and has indeed begun.

Detailed discussion ensued in regards to questions concerning running/drinking water and of electricity (*in which was not quite audible*).

Mr. Fertitta asked if anyone had reports on the condition of Fourchon. President Randolph replied that she flew over the area Tuesday evening and as far as she could tell that there was one small area that seemed to have been hit by a tornado, but the rest of the buildings looked ok from the air. She said that they have requested fuel at Fourchon, which she believed has been addressed; and the Port Commission has also addressed fuel for the Port, which was completely open for businesses, as well as camp owners and everything else. President Randolph stated that they have not submitted an assessment report as of yet. A brief discussion continued in regards to the Fourchon area.

A brief discussion then ensued in regards to questions concerning curfews.

Mr. Gouaux then asked if it was possible to request that Mosquito Control do a fly over because the mosquitoes were really bad. President Randolph replied that may be possible and that she would check into getting them to do so.

Brennan Matherne, Public Information Officer, handed out packets (*see Exhibit "B"*) to the Councilmen containing a contact list for all of the media and 28 Press Releases which has been released since they began after the storm. He explained that the Press Releases have always been sent everywhere possible, being emailed to New Orleans and Baton Rouge; stating that he knew that a lot of people were down, but the media has power and email. Mr. Matherne said that people that were not receiving the information had been calling him, in that he was verifying their contact information; people were also calling verifying that they were indeed receiving the emails. He exclaimed that people need to listen to the local stations to stay updated because New Orleans and Baton Rouge was not announcing much about Lafourche Parish. A brief discussion then ensued in regards to the media getting the information out to the public. Mr. Matherne expressed that the packet included some basic information, but also had some important contact numbers for assistance, such as FEMA. President Randolph stated that the next questions will be of how to get help from FEMA and the Red Cross, which has not been established yet, in that it has to come from the State. She explained that the Red Cross was currently present in the Parish to only assist with the shelters, in that they were not distributing money or anything else for the time being.

The audio cassette recording ended at this point, with **Ms. Annette Cockrell with GOSEP** speaking when the recording began once again. Ms. Cockrell was speaking in regards to damage assessment beginning the next day; and explaining IA (Individual Assistance) and PA (Public Assistance). She continued by explaining the process of operation and of assigning the areas based upon what President Randolph believed was the hardest hit areas; in which they will get numbers, being when FEMA will then make determinations. Ms. Cockrell said that the Parish will of course get Cat A (Category A) being debris and Cat B being sheltering. She went on to explain that Category C thru G was going to be the Government buildings, the water systems, etc.; in which will be based on the numbers. A brief discussion then ensued in regards to deductibles; with Ms. Cockrell stating that it was not currently being funded like Katrina and Rita, further explaining such. Ms. Cockrell then expressed that the main thing to do was to document everything, as of the day the Parish had entered evacuation; meaning time, supplies, or anything that they had to spend money or time on. She said that they may not get 100% refunded of everything being submitted, but to submit them and let FEMA make the eligibility call and give the Parish what they can. Ms. Cockrell continued to explain the processes of damage assessments.

President Randolph commented that the main question that the Councilmen will receive from their Constituents will be in regards to Food Stamp distribution; saying that there was a general distribution early on for the last storm; which will not happen again. She said that they were not yet certain about Food Stamps at this moment, in that they did not currently receive any definite information.

A brief discussion then ensued in regards to contact information. A FEMA number was given as 1-800-621-FEMA, so that people can actually begin to process claims over the phone.

Discussion then continued in regards to further assistance, of what to do and what not to do; with statements being made in regards to safety. Information was also given in regards to the blue tarps and the Blue Roof Program, explaining the difference between the two.

Discussion then ensued in regards to the regular scheduled Council meeting of September 9th; in which it was generally agreed upon that the meeting should be cancelled.

Mr. Gouaux expressed to President Randolph that he knew that it was not part of the contract for aerial spraying for mosquitoes; in which President Randolph commented that it may be covered by FEMA. Mr. Gouaux then said that regardless if it was or not that he would like to make a **motion** that *the Council authorize President Randolph to have aerial spraying for mosquitoes*, exclaiming that they do not need West Nile in the Parish. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones, and *carried* by a by a vote of (7) yeas, (0) nays, and (2) absent, that being of Mr. Richard and Mr. Lorraine.

A brief discussion then ensued on how everyone will get updated numbers and contact information, which was suggested that they call the Raceland Office number, being 537-7603. Discussion continued in regards as to when help will arrive, with explanations being given as to how wide spread the hurricane has caused damage to.

President Randolph then mentioned the Public Assistance Evacuation; stating that it had gone on from Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. She said that there were buses that went to various places in North Louisiana and in Texas, which carried about 1,600 residents. She said that most of them were still not being allowed to return home, in that they were not being requested to do so just yet. President Randolph explained that the evacuees were in air conditioned facilities, being fed and cared for, and are in touch with their families. She said that it was best for them to remain where they were sheltered, due to the fact that most of the Parish did not have electricity. President Randolph expressed that she thought that the Public Assistance Evacuation process had gone very, very well. She added that the National Guard had gone out on Sunday morning throughout the Parish to ask if anyone needed help, with the Sheriff's Office doing the same thing. President Randolph said that they let people be aware that there was assistance available for them, in that they could be taken to shelters; further explaining same. She said that they will work the approximate 1,600 residents/evacuees back into the Parish as need be.

Mr. Gouaux moved that they not have the meeting on September 9th; with President Randolph interrupting to say that there may be a problem with doing so. President Randolph mentioned the millage assessments/adjustments for the Parish; requesting that if nothing else to have a meeting just for those items, because it has been published that the Public Hearings will be held on those dates. Mr. Gouaux then removed his motion. President Randolph exclaimed that she will work with Chairman Delatte and Council Clerk, Ms Carleen Babin, to establish an agenda for such a meeting, in that it will be only for the items that have been published and need a Public Hearing on that specific date. She then asked the Council how would that be; in which some of them replied that it sound and would be good. A brief discussion then continued in regards to having the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Toups and seconded by Mr. Fertitta, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council **Special Emergency Meeting of Thursday, September 4, 2008 adjourned 11:20 a.m.**

MICHAEL F. DELATTE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

Purchases

Fuel to transport residents to shelters	1,400.00
Supplies to repair the roof at the Raceland Building	200.00
50KW Generator for Sheriff's Office	3,000.00
Chain Saw (Chackbay F.O.)	500.00
Generator Lockport F.O. for Fuel tank for 1st responders + installation	50,000.00

Fuel 6 Field Offices	250,000.00
Sand 6 Field Offices	100,000.00

South Laf. Levee Dist. Fuel	65,000.00
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Food	2,000.00
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- asking for another 21,000.00

Estimated Totals

472,100.00

Exhibit "A"

Lafourche Parish Government

Public Information Officer

Contact Lists

Exhibit "B"

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Peltier Lawless Bus Fax +1 (985) 449-5198
 Port Commission - Fourchon Bus Fax +1 (985) 396-2596
 Port Commission - Office Bus Fax +1 (985) 632-6703

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Raceland Manor Bus Fax 537-3020
 Raceland Rec Center Bus Fax 537-1701

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- Thibodaux - City Bus Fax +1 (985) 446-7247
- Thibodaux Health Care Bus Fax +1 (985) 446-3974
- Thibodaux PD Bus Fax +1 (985) 446-7214
- Times Picayune Bus Fax +1 (504) 826-3007
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- USCG Houma Bus Fax +1 (985) 857-8508

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- Vision Communications Bus Fax +1 (985) 693-0230

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- Water Dist. #1 Bus Fax +1 (985) 532-3667
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- Weather Channel Bus Fax +1 (770) 226-2924
- Wildlife & Fisheries Bus Fax +1 (985) 447-0824
- WNOE Bus Fax +1 (504) 679-7343
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Association	Phone Number	Fax Number
Associated Press - New Orleans	504-523-3931	504-586-0531
Vision Communications	985-446-4934	985-693-0230
Channel 4 WWL	504-529-6298	504-529-6472
Channel 6 WDSU	504-679-0607	504-679-0733
Channel 8 Fox	504-483-1540	504-483-1543
WBRZ	225-336-2344	225-387-2222
WAFB 9	225-383-9999	225-379-7880
ABC 26	504-619-6363	504-619-6332
HTV 10	985-876-3456	985-853-1856
Channel 12 WYES		504-483-8408
Channel 32 WLAE		504-861-5162
VNN	985-870-7815	
KLRZ 100.3 FM, KLEB 1600 AM	985-798-7792	985-798-7793
KTIB 640 AM	985-447-6404	985-447-6464
Sunburst Media	985-851-1020	985-872-4403
KBZE 105.9 FM	985-385-6266	985-385-6268
WWL Radio 870 AM	504-593-6397	504-593-2099
WRNO 99.5 FM	504-260-0995	504-679-7358
WNOE 101.1 FM	504-679-7300	504-679-7345
The Daily Comet	985-448-7613	985-448-7654
Houma Daily Courier	985-857-2200	985-857-2244
Lafourche Gazette	985-693-7229	985-693-8282
The Times Picayune	504-826-3300	504-826-3007
The Morning Advocate	225-388-0291	225-388-0371
Tri Parish Times	985-876-3008	985-876-0950
The Weather Channel	770-226-0000	770-226-2924
National Weather Service	504-589-2808	985-649-2907

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Lafourche Parish EOC

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Info & Emergency Preparedness Updates

DISTRIBUTION POINTS FOR COMMODITIES:

- **THERE ARE NO DISTRIBUTION POINTS SET UP IN LAFOURCHE PARISH AT THIS TIME.**

RE-ENTRY - CRITICAL INFORMATION:

- **ALL PARISH RESIDENTS CAN NOW RETURN TO LAFOURCHE PARISH.** You must be as self-sufficient as possible. We have very limited resources for residents expecting to stay. Please come with your own supplies such as food, water, etc.
- **CURFEW:** A parish-wide CURFEW is in effect daily from **8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.** You must be in your homes and off the streets at that time.
- **ELECTRICITY:** There is **NO POWER** in Lafourche Parish. Some areas could see power return soon and others will take as much as 4 to 6 weeks to restore.
- **WATER:** Residents should boil all tap water for one full minute before use (just as a precaution).
- **DEBRIS:** Residents **CANNOT** burn debris. (BURN BAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.) Please stack your debris by the roadside. Keep separate from trash. Separate debris into 4 piles: (1) metal, (2) clean wood & tree debris, (3) white goods/household appliances, and (4) batteries, chemicals & other potentially hazardous items.
- **PHONES:** Latelco Service is down. Most wireless service is available. 911 functioning everywhere except Latelco...those calls are being forwarded to Lafourche Fire Protection District #3.
- **NATURAL GAS:** South Coast Gas is reporting **NO** problems with their natural gas service.
- **DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:** There was no flooding anywhere in Lafourche except south of the Golden Meadow Floodgates. There is a high level of wind damage parish-wide.
- **ROADS:** LA-1 is closed South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates - *Harbor Police are escorting Tier 1 and Tier 2 Personnel to Port Fourchon.* Please be careful traveling on roadways. Please watch for leaning utility poles, hanging power lines and tree limbs. Please treat all non-functioning traffic signals as 4-Way Stops.

SHELTER INFORMATION:

- Lafourche has opened two Refuges of Last Resort: **Larose Civic Center** and **Thibodaux High School**.
- These shelters are for people who are coming home and finding their house inhabitable.
- If you have any other option at this point other than a shelter, we strongly urge you to consider it.
- **Red Cross Shelter Info:** 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

- **Lafourche Parish Government Emergency Operations Center:** (985) 537-7603
- **Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office:** (985) 532-2255 or 449-2255
- **Thibodaux Police Department:** (985) 446-5021
- **Lockport Police Department:** (985) 532-9799
- **Golden Meadow Police Department:** (985) 475-5163
- **Greater Lafourche Port Commission:** (985) 632-6701

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- **Louisiana State Police (Troop C):** (985) 875-3683
- **Department of Health & Hospitals / Special Needs Triage:** (985) 447-0916
- **FEMA - Financial Assistance for Evacuation/Damages:** 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
FEMA.gov
- **American Red Cross Shelter Info:** 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- **BISCO (Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing):** (985) 446-5364
- **ENTERGY:** 1-800-9-OUTAGE (1-800-968-8243)
[CLICK HERE to view outages online!](#)
- **AT&T:** 1-800-861-0499 to report problems with AT&T phone service

SCHOOL CLOSURES:

- **Lafourche Parish Schools** - CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK... WILL RESUME LATER
PENDING ASSESSMENT
[Link to Lafourche Parish Schools Emergency Website](#)
- **Nicholls State University** - CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY, SEPT. 8
All Custodial, Grounds, Maintenance, and Facilities staff and their supervisors are to report to campus immediately.
www.nicholls.edu
- **MAX Charter School** (located on Nicholls State University campus) - CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY, SEPT. 8
- **L.E. Fletcher Technical College** - CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK
- **Lafourche Parish Head Start** - CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LAFOURCHE PARISH EMPLOYEES:

- All ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES should check in with the EOC to give a phone number where they can be reached. (985) 537-7603
- All other employees should wait to be contacted. If possible, email your supervisor to give a number you can be reached.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, August 28, 2008

For more information contact:

Name: Brennan Matherne

Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Parish Monitors Tropical Storm Gustav

Lafourche Parish Government's Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is currently monitoring Tropical Storm Gustav and is prepared to make decisions based on further advisories from the National Weather Service.

"The storm is too far away to determine exactly where it will hit, but we will be prepared no matter where it goes," said Chris Boudreaux, OEP director for Lafourche Parish. "Right now, we are taking advantage of the long-range forecast to be as prepared as possible."

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph urges all citizens to prepare for the possible effects of Tropical Storm Gustav. It is recommended that citizens to clean around their property as much as possible and take actions to secure their property. SWDI has brought in extra employees and equipment to aid in the collection process and will continue as long as roads are safe and passable.

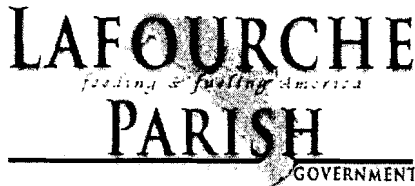
While no evacuations have been called yet, and no shelters have been opened, citizens should be aware of the Parish's policy regarding the use of shelters. In the event of a Category 1 or Category 2 Hurricane, the Parish may open any of three locations as a Refuge of Last Resort. These locations include the Larose Civic Center, Central Lafourche High School and Thibodaux High School. In the case of a Category 3 storm or higher, these sites will instead be used as marshalling points transport evacuees out of the parish. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals may also open a special needs shelter, but that location has yet to be determined.

This is the time for citizens of Lafourche to begin activating their personal hurricane plans. They should fuel their vehicles and prepare hurricane kits. Kits should include clothing, medications, non-perishable foods, a supply of water, bedding, rain gear and any other items that are necessary.

Citizens should continue to monitor local radio and television for further information from Lafourche Parish Government. "Our people need to be alert and vigilant as this storm approaches the Gulf," said Randolph. "We will keep our citizens as informed as possible as the holiday weekend approaches."

For more information about storm preparation and the very latest local developments, visit the Lafourche Parish Government website at www.lafourchegov.org.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 2:30 PM
Thursday, August 28, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Sandbags Available at ALL Field Offices

Lafourche Parish residents can now pick up sandbags at all Field Office locations throughout the parish. Sandbags are available until 5:00 P.M. today (Thursday) and will be available on Friday between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Lafourche Parish Government will later make a determination about the availability of sandbags this weekend.

There is a limit of 25 "filled" sandbags per household. If additional sandbags are necessary, sand and bags will be provided on site so that residents can fill their own additional bags. A limited number of shovels will be available for residents to fill their own bags, but residents are encouraged to bring their own shovel to fill their bags.

The following are the Field Office locations where sandbags are now available:

- Thibodaux Field Office -- 2565 Veterans Blvd -- (985) 446-0335
- Raceland Field Office -- 129 Texas Street -- (985) 537-3390
- Lockport Field Office -- 6236 Hwy 308 -- (985) 532-6474
- Galliano/Cut Off Field Office -- 128 West 97th Street -- (985) 632-5670
- Choctaw Field Office -- 122 Choctaw Barn Road -- (985) 633-2410
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For further information please contact Lafourche Parish Public Information Officer Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 8:30 A.M.
Friday, August 29, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Parish Declares State of Emergency, Issues Evacuation Schedule

Due to the projected path of Tropical Storm Gustav, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph has declared a State of Emergency for the Parish of Lafourche, effective at 7:00 A.M. this morning, Friday, August 29, 2008. Lafourche Parish Government has fully activated its Emergency Operations Center in Raceland.

After meeting with state and local officials, President Randolph has also announced the evacuation schedule for Lafourche Parish:

- ◆ A RECOMMENDED EVACUATION will be issued at 4:00 P.M. today (Friday) for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow.
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 9:00 A.M. Saturday for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow
- ◆ A MANDATORY EVACUATION will be issued at 3:00 P.M. Saturday for the ENTIRE Parish of Lafourche.

At this time, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish since Gustav is forecast to affect Lafourche Parish as a Category 3 Hurricane. There will be no shelters or marshalling points open during the recommended evacuation. Residents evacuating during that time must have their own transportation and will not be provided shelter in Lafourche Parish. The State will release a toll-free telephone number for shelter information at some point before our recommended evacuation today.

“We wanted to let the public know our plans as soon as possible,” said President Randolph. “This will give everyone the opportunity to finalize their plans today and allow some people to leave early as well.”

Tropical Storm force winds are expected to start affecting our area during the early morning hours of Monday, September 1 with the eye of the storm making landfall during the early morning hours on Tuesday, September 2.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 3:00 PM
Friday, August 29, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Special Needs and Transportation Assistance

Any resident with Special Needs must call the Department of Health & Hospitals Hotline in Thibodaux at (985) 447-0916 to pre-register. Even if you have called the Lafourche Parish EOC with your information, you still must call the DHH Hotline to pre-register.

Any resident, including those with Special Needs, can call the Lafourche Parish EOC for transportation assistance, if you have not already done so. These residents must call (985) 537-7603 as soon as possible to provide your information if you need transportation assistance.

All "Special Needs" residents requesting transportation assistance from the Parish **MUST** be accompanied by a caregiver. Be sure to have all medications with you along with any other supplies recommended by DHH.

All residents utilizing parish transportation should bring items such as a five-day supply of food and water per person, money, identification and important papers, bedding and clothing, medications and first aid, personal hygiene products, toiletries and any other necessities.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 3:00 PM
Friday, August 29, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Parish Evacuation Details

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness announced Evacuation times earlier today as follows:

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At this time, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish as Gustav is forecast to affect Lafourche Parish as a Category 3 Hurricane.

Residents evacuating during the "Recommended Evacuation" period must have their own means of transportation. Since no shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish, residents will be able to obtain sheltering information at information points which will be set up along evacuation routes.

A "Mandatory Evacuation" means that all residents of Lafourche Parish should evacuate by any means necessary. This also forces businesses to close in order to allow their employees to evacuate. If a resident makes the decision to stay, they will not be forced to leave their homes; however, emergency assistance may not be available during the storm until conditions are safe for First Responders.

A curfew will be likely be established at some point on Sunday to keep people off the streets. If you are out after curfew, you will be stopped and questioned by law enforcement personnel. The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office deputies are patrolling throughout the parish and will be enforcing the curfew when one is issued.

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 4:45 PM
Friday, August 29, 2008
For more information contact:
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Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Issues Emergency Evacuation Pet Plan

Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness will **ONLY** be assisting with the evacuation of pets from those residents who need transportation. The Parish will **NOT** be taking any pets from residents who are evacuating on their own. Those residents **MUST** take their pets with them in their own vehicles.

For pet owners who cannot provide their own transportation, the Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has issued the following guidelines for the evacuation of pets:

- ◆ Pet owners will be transported to the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter to register their pets. The pets will remain at the shelter until the State picks up the pets to bring them to a designated shelter. From there, the residents will be transported to the Thibodaux High School marshalling point to be transported out of the Parish.
- ◆ Pet owners are responsible for supplying kennel, crate, food, medications, and any other supplies needed for pets.
- ◆ Any pet considered a risk to other animals or people will not be admitted to the shelter.
- ◆ Each pet owner is responsible for expenses incurred if medical attention is required for staff or other pets as a result of their pet's behavior.
- ◆ Lafourche Parish Government and/or any volunteer agencies handling pets will be held harmless in a change of health condition and/or death of a pet while being transported and housed during the emergency.
- ◆ Pet must be reclaimed by registered owner by 8 days after the end of the emergency.
- ◆ If pet is not reclaimed or contact is not made by the owner to make provisions for the pet, the animal will be turned over to the Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter to be treated as abandoned.

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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For Immediate release: 5:30 PM
Friday, August 29, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Change in Pet Evacuation Plan *Evacuees will be brought to Marshalling Point, not Animal Shelter*

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For pet owners who cannot provide their own transportation, the Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has issued the following guidelines for the evacuation of pets:

- ◆ **Pet owners needing Parish Transportation to evacuate will be transported along with their pets to a Parish Marshalling Point. There, pet owners will be registered with their pets. The pets will remain at the marshalling point until the State picks up the pets to bring them to a designated shelter.**
- ◆ Pet owners are responsible for supplying kennel, crate, food, medications, and any other supplies needed for pets.
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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 7:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 30, 2008
For more information contact:
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Phone: (985) 537-7603

Sandbags Available at ALL Field Offices

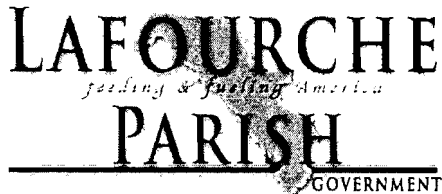
Sandbag distribution will continue today (Saturday) at all Field Office locations throughout the parish. Sandbags are available now until further notice.

Residents are reminded that there is a limit of 25 "pre-filled" sandbags per household. If additional sandbags are required, residents will also be provided sand and bags on site so that they may fill their own additional bags. Residents are encouraged to bring their own shovels for a speedier process.

The following are the Field Office locations where sandbags can be picked up:

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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate release: 9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 30, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Mandatory Evacuation Ordered South of the Floodgates

Due to the projected path of Hurricane Gustav, the Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has ordered a MANDATORY EVACUATION for the area South of the Leon Theriot Floodgates at this time. Also, a Mandatory Evacuation for the ENTIRE Parish will be ordered at 3:00 P.M. today.

Hurricane Gustav is forecast to make landfall on the Louisiana coastline early Tuesday morning as at least a Category 3 Hurricane. Forecasts now show the storm strengthening to as high as a Category 4 Hurricane while in the Gulf of Mexico. Tropical Storm force winds are expected to start affecting our area during the early morning hours on Monday.

“The situation has become more serious overnight,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “With the forecast now showing a possible Category 4 Hurricane, it is imperative now more than ever that our citizens prepare to evacuate today.”

Due to the intensity of the storm and its forecast track, NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish. Instead, marshalling points have been set up at the Larose Civic Center, Central Lafourche High School and Thibodaux High School. Any resident that has signed up to be transported from their home will be brought to one of these marshalling points to be transported out of the Parish. Residents who drive themselves to one of these marshalling points will also be transported out of the Parish. Buses will transport all evacuees to a shelter to be determined.

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 3:00 P.M.
Saturday, August 30, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Mandatory Evacuation Ordered for ALL of Lafourche Parish

Due to the threat of Hurricane Gustav, the Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has ordered a MANDATORY EVACUATION for the ENTIRE Parish effective immediately.

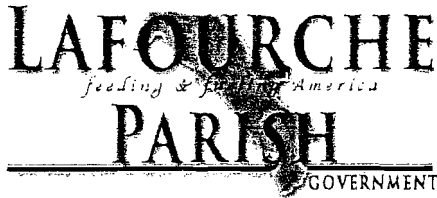
Hurricane Gustav is currently classified as a major hurricane as it passes over Cuba and into the Gulf of Mexico. The latest advisory from the National Weather Service shows the eye of Hurricane Gustav reaching the Louisiana coastline around 6:00 P.M. Monday evening. The storm is also forecast to possibly reach Category 5 status while in the Gulf of Mexico.

NO shelters will be opened in Lafourche Parish. Instead, marshalling points have been set up at the Larose Civic Center, Central Lafourche High School and Thibodaux High School. Any resident that has signed up to be transported from their home will be brought to one of these marshalling points to be transported out of the Parish. Residents who drive themselves to one of these marshalling points will also be transported out of the Parish. Buses will transport all evacuees to a shelter to be determined.

All marshalling points will be shut down for the day around 7:00 P.M. tonight. Any resident planning to drive themselves to one of the marshalling points needs to arrive no later than 6:00 P.M. The marshalling points will reopen tomorrow morning at 7:00 A.M.

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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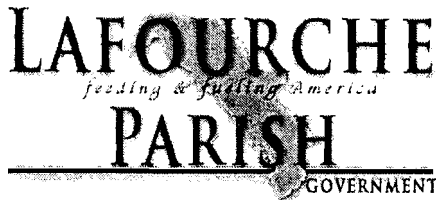
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911 Service to Shut Down at 6:00 A.M. Sunday

Due to Hurricane Gustav, 911 Emergency Services will be shut down effective at 6:00 A.M. Sunday morning until further notice.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 9:15 A.M.
Sunday, August 31, 2008

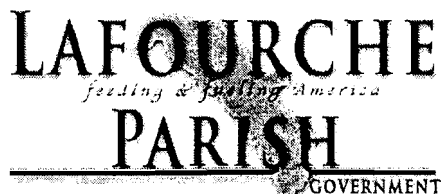
12 Noon is Last Chance for Transportation Assistance ***Thibodaux High School is the only Marshalling Point***

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness is urging residents needing transportation assistance to evacuate to call the EOC as soon as possible. The number is (985) 537-7603.

Any resident needing transportation from their home needs to call IMMEDIATELY if you have not done so already, so that arrangements can be made to pick them up from their home.

Any resident that intends to drive to a marshalling point for transportation from there needs to drive to Thibodaux High School IMMEDIATELY. Lafourche Parish OEP is completing the marshalling processes from Larose Civic Center and Central Lafourche High School, and so, the only marshalling point that residents can drive to is Thibodaux High School.

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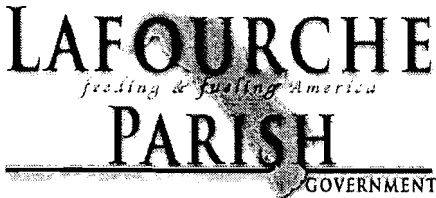
PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 9:15 A.M.
Sunday, August 31, 2008

Curfew Set for 6:00 P.M.

A curfew has been set for 6:00 P.M. in Lafourche Parish. Any residents left in Lafourche Parish must stay in their homes after that time. Any traveler after that time will be stopped and questioned by law enforcement officials.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 9:15 A.M.
Sunday, August 31, 2008

Evacuations Continue, Levee Concerns Arise

As Hurricane Gustav approaches the Louisiana coast, Lafourche Parish residents who have decided not to evacuate should be prepared to deal with a potentially catastrophic event. If you are a resident living south of U.S. Highway 90 and you have decided to stay for the storm, please contact the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Command Post at 532-4337 or 532-4338 to inform them of your intentions.

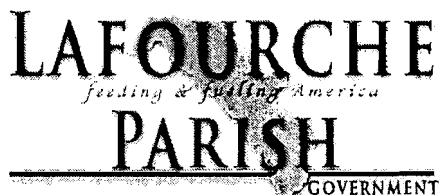
The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office along with Lafourche Parish Government will be sweeping the Parish until 12 Noon for anyone needing assistance evacuating. "We estimate around 70% of the Parish has been evacuated," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. "We are hoping that number will be closer to 85% by the end of the day."

Windell Curole, overseeing levees in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, is warning that South Lafourche residents that there is a concern about the levees being overtopped. "These levees were built to withstand a Category 3 or lower storm," Curole said. "There is definitely the possibility that the storm surge and rain will cause the levees in South Lafourche to be overtopped."

Anyone who is currently south of the floodgates in Golden Meadow must be on the north side by 3:00 P.M. today. At that time, the road will be completely blocked off to prepare for the storm, and you will be unable to cross back into the levee system.

A curfew has been set for 6:00 P.M. today (Sunday) in Lafourche Parish. Any residents left in Lafourche Parish must stay in their homes after that time. Any travelers after that time will be stopped and questioned by law enforcement officials.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 10:50 A.M.
Sunday, August 31, 2008

CLOSINGS: Floodgates / LA-1 S. of Floodgates / LA-24 at Intracoastal

The Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow will be closed by 11:30 A.M. today.

Immediately afterwards, LA-1 south of the floodgates will be completely closed.

By Noon today, the stretch of LA-24 from Hwy 3235 to the Intracoastal Bridge in Larose will be closed.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 4:15 P.M.
Monday, September 1, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 713-2410 (mobile - temporary)

Lafourche Officials Begin Assessing Damages

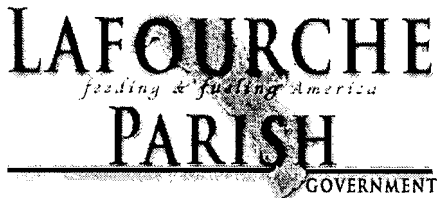
Emergency personnel from Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness along with local law enforcement and fire fighters are beginning to assess the damages left in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav.

OEP Officials report that the entire Parish is without power at this time. A large number of power lines and trees are down all over the parish, especially on the roadways. High winds have caused roof damage to a large number of homes and businesses parish-wide. There is extensive damage to many of the buildings in the parish.

More information will be available in the coming hours as officials begin to report results of their assessments. This includes damage, flooding and levee assessments.

This is ALL the available information at this time, but please contact Lafourche Parish Government Public Information Officer Brennan Matherne at a temporary mobile phone at (985) 713-2410.

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Monday, September 1, 2008

TIER 1 Responders Granted Access / Curfew Still in Effect

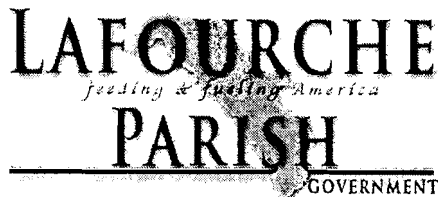
All TIER 1 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS may now return to Lafourche Parish. These responders include law enforcement, medical and other first responders. Anyone returning MUST possess their "TIER 1" I.D. badge issued by the Parish to gain re-entry access to Lafourche Parish.

Emergency Officials are working to assess damages and clear the roadways at this time. Residents will be notified when they will be allowed to return. At this time ONLY TIER 1 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS are being allowed access to Lafourche Parish.

A curfew remains in effect in Lafourche Parish until further notice. Any resident that is currently located in Lafourche Parish MUST stay off the streets, you will be stopped by law enforcement officials. If you are trying to evacuate, officials will direct you where to go. Otherwise, residents are to remain in their homes and off the streets until further notice.

For the most up-to-date information regarding Lafourche Parish, please log on to the Parish website at <http://www.lafourchegov.org>.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11:15 P.M.
Monday, September 1, 2008

No Flooding in S. Lafourche Levee System, Re-Entry Decision by Tuesday

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness reports that there is NO flooding inside the South Lafourche Levee System. There is also no flooding anywhere north of the South Lafourche Levee System. Officials did report some flooding has occurred south of the Leon Theriot Floodgates in Golden Meadow.

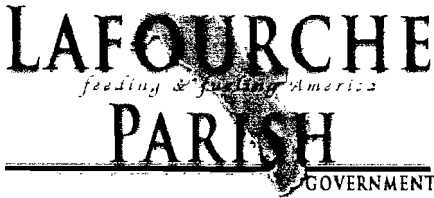
Parish President Charlotte Randolph completed her initial assessment of Lafourche Parish this evening along with Chris Boudreaux, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness. "We are mostly dealing with a lot of downed trees and utility poles along our roadways," said Randolph. "We already have crews working hard to clear our roadways as quickly as possible."

President Randolph also said that local officials will make a decision about re-entry by Tuesday afternoon. Once a decision is made, the Parish will inform the public of a time frame for residents to re-enter Lafourche Parish.

In the meantime, a parish-wide curfew remains in effect until further notice.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 1:30 P.M.
Tuesday, September 2, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

911 Service Restored

911 Service has been restored in Lafourche Parish. Until now, all calls were being routed to the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. 911 operators are back in place to direct calls to the proper responders.

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 2, 2008
For more information contact:
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Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Parish Residents Can Return at 4:00 P.M. Today

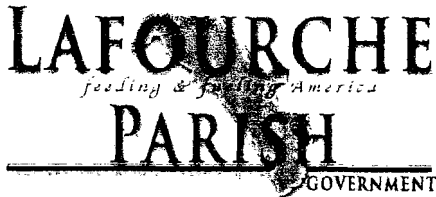
Lafourche Parish residents will be allowed to return to the Parish beginning at 4:00 P.M. today. The parish-wide curfew has been lifted, but will resume at 10:00 P.M. tonight and last until dawn tomorrow.

Anyone traveling in Lafourche Parish must drive carefully and be aware of hanging tree limbs, power lines and leaning utility poles.

Residents who decide to return must be aware that there is NO power anywhere in Lafourche Parish. There is also no estimate of when power will be restored. Entergy crews are working to assess damages in the area. Entergy officials ask that residents do NOT stop Entergy workers to ask questions about restoring power to their area. Residents are instead encouraged to call Entergy at 1-800-9-OUTAGE (or 1-800-968-8243) to determine estimates on when power will be restored.

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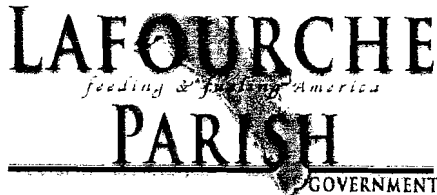
Residents Should Boil Water as a Precaution

The Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness is suggesting that residents boil their water only as a precaution. Residents should bring the water to a rolling boil in a clean container for one minute before use.

Water pressure is also low in many areas of the Parish.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 12:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
For more information contact:
Name: Brennan Matherne
Phone: (985) 537-7603

Shelters Opening at Larose Civic Center & Thibodaux High School

Lafourche Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness has announced the opening of two shelters in Lafourche Parish at the Larose Civic Center and Thibodaux High School. These shelters are Refuges of Last Resort for residents who have returned to Lafourche Parish and have found their homes to be uninhabitable.

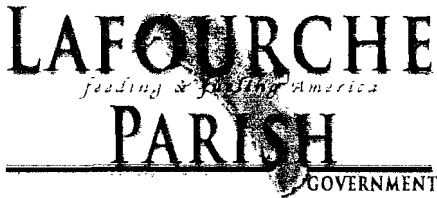
These centers will begin by providing basic sheltering for residents for no where else to go. Residents choosing to check into the shelter should be doing so with the intention of remaining there for an extended period of time. Any resident utilizing a shelter in Lafourche should bring the essential items utilized during any storm event such as food, water, clothing, personal hygiene products, etc. The Parish is making every effort to ensure that resources such as water, M.R.E.'s and ice will be readily available. We are also working with the American Red Cross to provide as much support to these sites as possible.

The most important thing for residents to remember is that these are REFUGES OF LAST RESORT. If you have any other options, you are strongly urged to consider them.

“These shelters are a last resort for people who have no where else to go,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “If you absolutely cannot stay in your house, we have a place for you to stay.”

For further information please contact Brennan Matherne at (985) 537-7603.

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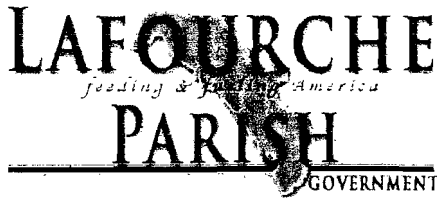
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 12:50 P.M.
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
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Burn Ban in Effect until Further Notice

Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph has placed a Burn Ban in effect for the entire Parish of Lafourche until further notice.

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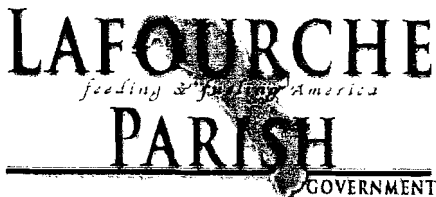
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Wednesday, September 3, 2008
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Animal Restrictions at Parish Shelters

Lafourche Parish residents who are taking refuge in our Parish Shelters at Thibodaux High School and the Larose Civic Center need to place their pets in cages. No pets will be allowed to roam loose at the shelter sites.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2:20 P.M.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

For more information contact:

Department of Solid Waste

Phone: (985) 537-7603

Lafourche Parish Garbage & Trash Services, Storm Debris Cleanup & Removal

Lafourche Parish Government and its contractors will begin the process of Storm Debris Cleanup and Removal in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. To assist in these collection efforts, we ask that storm debris and regular garbage and trash be kept separate as much as possible. To assist these contractors in the removal of debris, it is requested that you place all debris at street curbside away from fire hydrants, low hanging wires, water meters, etc... To further assist in these efforts, we ask that the storm debris be separated into different piles. These piles are: (1) metal, (2) clean wood and tree debris, (3) white goods (household appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, a/c units, washers and dryers, microwave ovens, TV's, etc...), (4) batteries, chemicals or other items that may be of a hazardous nature. Loose debris should be boxed, bundled, and containerized as much as possible.

Regular garbage services will NOT resume until Saturday, September 6th, at the very earliest. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

Do not put debris in roadside ditches that may block drainage.

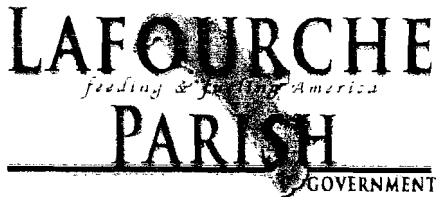
Any resident who has storm debris is asked to place the debris curbside at this time as described above. We ask your patience and understanding in allowing our contractors the time that it will take to complete the lengthy process of cleaning up the entire parish.

Concerning insurance; the parish and its contractors are not responsible for collection of debris in cases where property owners may be reimbursed by insurance companies for hauling debris to an accredited landfill. In these cases, property owners and their contractors will be responsible to make arrangements with a solid waste contractor for the proper collection and disposal of the debris.

The parish and its contractors are not entering private property to collect debris at this time. Debris collection will occur at or very near the public right of ways. Property owners will be responsible to make sure the debris is placed in the proper location for collection.

Your patience, understanding, and cooperation are greatly appreciated during this time. While there is no need to call our office during this time as we are conducting a parish-wide collection of all storm debris and regular garbage collection, if you feel that you must call you may contact us at 985-537-7603.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 3, 2008

911 Service Details

911 Service is operational in the areas that have telephone service both landline and wireless.

In the Latelco service area, where central offices are isolated, 911 can only receive calls from wireless phones.

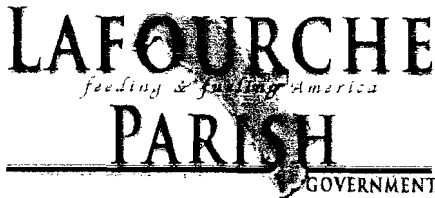
For residents in the Latelco telephone service, area if they dial 911 from their landline phone these calls have been re-routed to Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District # 3.

For residents in these areas as well as residents calling from wireless phones please be able to give exact location information and call back numbers to the dispatchers.

PLEASE DO NOT DIAL 911 FOR NON EMERGENCY CALLS, FOR NON EMERGENCY CALLS PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA. 911 SHOULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY WHEN LIFE OR PROPERTY IS ENDANGER.

Latelco is working to bring up telephone services as soon as possible.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 10:20 P.M.
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
For more information contact:
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Phone: (985) 537-7603

FULL LAFOURCHE PARISH UPDATE *Wednesday, September 3, 2008*

Here is a summary of the latest and most important information in Lafourche Parish:

RE-ENTRY INFO: Lafourche Parish residents are being allowed back into the Parish. A parish-wide curfew is NOW in effect from **8:00 P.M.** until **6:00 A.M.** each day until further notice. Residents returning to Lafourche are encouraged to bring supplies with them and to be as self-sufficient as possible upon return. We have limited resources for residents expecting to stay in the Parish. When traveling along roadways, please remember to treat every non-functioning traffic light as a four-way stop. Also, watch for leaning or downed utility poles, hanging power lines and tree limbs. Distribution points are scheduled to be set up again Thursday to hand out water, ice and M.R.E.'s. We will be receiving shipments of blue tarps in the coming days, but we do not have an estimated time of arrival.

SHELTER INFO: Lafourche Parish has opened two shelters as Refuges of Last Resort for residents who are coming back to find their homes uninhabitable and have no where else to go. Those two site locations are the Larose Civic Center and Thibodaux High School. The American Red Cross is in the area and is assisting at our shelters. Anyone needing information on shelters open outside of Lafourche Parish should call 1-800-RED-CROSS (or 1-800-733-2767).

ELECTRICITY: Power is still out throughout all of Lafourche Parish. Entergy is working to restore power as quickly as possible with crews from all over the country. Entergy officials estimate that some areas of the parish could have power restored very shortly, but others could take as long as 4 to 6 weeks.

WATER/GAS: Lafourche Parish Water District #1 is still advising residents to boil their water for one full minute before use only as a precaution. South Coast Gas, which provides natural gas services to many Lafourche residents, is reporting that there are NO problems with their service.

PHONE SERVICE: Latelco customers do not have telephone service at this time, but technicians are working to bring up telephone services as soon as possible. In the AT&T service area, if you are without your individual telephone service, you should call 1-800-861-0499. Wireless phone reception seems to now be working on most providers' networks.

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911 SERVICE: 911 Service is operational in the areas that have telephone service. In the Latelco service area, 911 calls can only be made from a wireless phone. All 911 calls made from a telephone in the Latelco area are being rerouted to Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District #3. PLEASE DO NOT DIAL 911 FOR NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.

DEBRIS: Lafourche Parish Government is asking residents to keep trash and debris separated as much as possible. Furthermore, debris should be placed at the curb, divided into separate piles including: metal; clean wood and tree debris; white goods/household appliances; batteries, chemicals and other potentially hazardous items. Loose debris should be boxed, bundled and containerized as much as possible. Please keep debris out of roadside ditches to avoid blocking drainage. DO NOT BURN DEBRIS PILES. There is a Burn Ban in Lafourche Parish until further notice.

FEMA ASSISTANCE: Any resident seeking information about financial assistance from FEMA due to evacuations or damages that have made your home uninhabitable, please call the FEMA Hotline at 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362).

For all other questions, please contact the Lafourche Parish Emergency Operations Center at (985) 537-7603 or toll free at 1-800-794-3160.

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PRESS: URGENT INFO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 6:40 A.M.
Thursday, September 04, 2008

NO Distribution Points Open in Lafourche at this time

There are currently NO DISTRIBUTION POINTS OPEN IN LAFORCHE PARISH at this time.

Please spread the word to people. We will send out a press release as soon as we set up distribution points today. Please do not mention ANY site until further notice.

Yesterday's site (the old Matthews Wal-Mart Parking Lot) is NOT being used any longer.

Thank you.

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Lafourche Parish State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lafourche is presently faced with an emergency due to the storm named "Gustav", beginning 7:00 A.M. on Friday, August 29, 2008, Lafourche Parish President, Charlotte A. Randolph declares a state of emergency in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Emergency Assistance & Disaster Act Of 1993, as amended, and wishes to utilize its resources to the fullest extent; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Lafourche Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph of Lafourche Parish, that it does hereby declare that under the authority of the Louisiana Emergency Assistance & Disaster Act of 1993, as amended, a state of disaster exists in Lafourche Parish.

Certificate

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Lafourche Parish Government.


CHARLOTTE A. RANDOLPH
LAFOURCHE PARISH PRESIDENT

8/28/08
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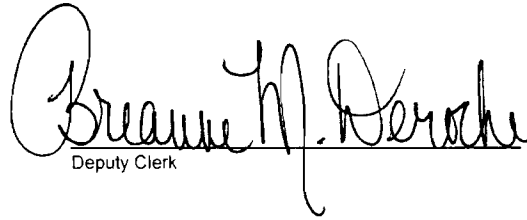
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