

St. Tammany Parish EOC calling immediate and mandatory evacuation for area between Locks 1 & 2 on the Pearl River

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Recent information suggests that the Pearl River, at the Town of Pearl River, is expected to crest early Monday morning at 18.5 feet according to the National Weather Service. There is a possibility it could crest higher. We are asking residents East of and along Military Rd. and Highway 433 extending to Lake Pontchartrain be vigilant for the next day and a half. Please watch for advisories from the St. Tammany Parish EOC and the National Weather Service concerning the progression of rising waters in the river as it makes its way through the parish. The Sheriff's office will establish a command center if deemed necessary. We have a plan in place and will provide you with any and all information as this situation progresses. We will communicate via reverse 911 calls, STPGOV.ORG, Facebook and Twitter; as well as through local media outlets. Please be advised that a reverse 911 call may show on your phone as an unknown caller. Please do not ignore these calls if you reside in the potentially affected areas. Sandbag locations will be established if the need arises.

List of potentially affected subdivisions:

• Abney Country Aire

• Avery Estates

• Bay Ridge

• Belle Acres

• Beverly Heights

• Blue Crane Point

• Breckenridge

• Cross Creek

• Cross Gates East

• Doubloon Bayou Estates

• Fairview Park

• Forest Ridge

• French Branch Estates