



Neighbor

Weathering the Storm

Our heartfelt sorrow is expressed to all for the losses suffered as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

We have witnessed, as well as experienced, dramatic changes to our area. Our strengths continue to be called upon as friends and neighbors return from evacuation locations and drive through our beautiful St. Tammany Parish for the first time since the storm. We may need to offer assistance with clean up, or to lend an ear for a neighbor who just needs someone to listen. Sometimes a neighbor only wants to know that someone is there who can be called on for help, if necessary.

Thank you to all our residents who strive to maintain the peaceful, neighborly community of Covington Country Club Estates.

Hurricane Rita – Be Prepared

Rita has the potential to cause rain-flooding problems in Covington Country Club Estates. Hurricane Rita, another major storm threatening the Gulf region, is likely to cause heavy rainfall in our area.

Do not place debris in the ditches. Tree debris—branches, twigs, leaves, etc.—can easily become entangled, creating dams that obstruct drainage. Let's make it a neighborhood effort--*please* inspect ditches in your area and clean the debris from them, if necessary.

St. Tammany Parish is responsible for picking up tree debris and they are working hard to accomplish this huge task quickly. According to an Engineering Department representative, the Parish was divided into quadrants and contractors were hired with approximately 400 trucks to make two and three passes, if necessary, to pick up the tree debris. Construction and household debris should not be mixed with the tree debris, but separated for later pickup by the parish or private trash haulers.

Tree debris must be placed on the roadside right-of-way of the ditch for pick up. The Parish will concentrate on tree debris—bagged debris is the responsibility of your usual collection service.

St. Tammany Parish Engineering Department
Koop Drive
898-2552

Disaster Resource Numbers

FEMA Hotline 1-800-621-3362
FEMA/US Army Corps of Engineers
Blue Roof Program 1-888-766-3258
Apply at:
Church of the King
2205 Little Creek Road
Mandeville, LA
Red Cross 1-866-438-4636
Road Closure Hotline 1-800-469-4828

Services

POLICE Emergency 911
St. Tammany Sheriff 809-8200
OEP 898-2323
Office of Emergency Preparedness
FIRE Emergency 911
Mandeville Fire Department #4 626-8671
HOSPITALS
Lakeview Regional Med Cntr 867-3800
St. Tammany Parish Hospital 898-4000

St. Tammany Parish Government

898-3074

Kevin Davis, President 898-2362
Parish Council - District 4
Patricia Brister 845-1752
School Board Office 892-2276

CLECO 1-800-622-6537

Water District #3 893-9599
Zeke Galloway, Maintenance

Board Members:

Howard Dearing 892-7630
Ray Legendre 892-4580
John North 893-0799
Bill Burkstaller 892-6527

Per Mr. Legendre: Our water was tested right after the storm and is fine according to the Health Department standards.

Sewerage District #1 893-9599
Zeke Galloway, Maintenance

Board Members:

David Dauphin 892-9067
Pete Lee 893-3532
Jim Kowaleski 893-4689
John Sandage 892-3119

How can you help?

- **Yield the right-of-way to workers in our area.** As St. Tammany Parish and Covington Country Club Estates recovers from Katrina and prepares for Rita, trucks and equipment are working to restore services and clear streets. Take an alternate route to allow these workers to get this important work done.
- **Clear debris from ditches.** Debris in ditches will impede drainage and potentially cause flooding in our area. The parish is not clearing ditches during the debris removal. *PLEASE* – pitch in; clear debris from ditches. Your cooperation and willingness to help the community are appreciated.
- **Be patient.** Think twice; speak once. It is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of trying to get things done—each of us with our own agenda/timeline for task accomplishment. Try to remember that we ultimately have similar goals and just may see a different path to reach them.
- **Volunteer.** Once you have taken care of yourselves and your families, helping others can be a very rewarding experience. Talented, capable, and experienced people are abundant in CCCE. You do not need to have special credentials, just an open mind and the willingness to give back—it can be as simple as helping a neighbor, the neighborhood, or formally committing to a local service organization.