

## HURRICANE IKE

Update No. 2 – 12:45 p.m.

### **> STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN PARISH**

St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis has declared a state of emergency in the parish because of the flooding in low-lying areas as a result of tropical storm winds and storm surge from Hurricane Ike. Davis issued the following statement:

PLEASE do not drive down flooded streets. We are getting reports of cars causing wakes that are endangering homes. Do not drive through flooded areas.

We are opening the Coquille Sports Complex as a Red Cross Shelter in west St. Tammany. The Red Cross is working on opening a shelter in eastern St. Tammany shortly.

We have reached high tide on the eastern side of the parish, but not the western. In addition, we will all have to watch the lake levels closely as the water begins to drain from Lake Pontchartrain. The winds will shift, moving the water toward the north shore as it also moves east through the Rigolets.