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IKE PROBLEMS IN ST. TAMMANY

Hurricane Ike may be passing southeast Louisiana by, but the tropical storm winds it's kicking up in our area are causing more trouble than anticipated.

Street flooding was reported this morning in low-lying pockets areas throughout St. Tammany Parish – including Indian Village, Palm Lake, Northshore Beach and Coin du Lestin in the Slidell area – and from Lacombe to Mandeville to Madisonville, authorities said.

There also have been reports of a handful of power outages.

In the south Slidell area, Lake Pontchartrain storm surge is pushing water north through area bayous and canals to points along Pontchartrain Drive (U.S. 11), including First Baptist Church, and possibly some other areas.

“People in this area need to be wary of rising water in this area and take whatever steps they can to secure their property,” Mayor Ben Morris said. “Public works personnel, police officers, firefighters and others are ready to assist our citizens in the event of an emergency.”

A number of subdivisions in the parish have impassable roads at this time. Parish President Kevin Davis urged residents not to attempt to drive through heavily flooded roadways and to call 911 in case of an emergency. He said streets and roads will be closed as needed.

“Please do not drive through flooded streets,” Davis urged. “It is dangerous for you and it may push waves into homes.”

Parish officials announced the following roadways have been closed because of the implement weather:

- Louisiana 22 between the Madisonville Bridge and Fairview Riverside State Park.
- U.S. 190 near Apple Pie Ridge Road.
- Louisiana 433 (Bayou Liberty Road) between Carroll Road and St. Genevieve Church (includes Bayou Liberty Bridge).
- Louisiana 1077 south of Madisonville.

The National Weather Service says the rising water is expected to plateau today and slowly start falling, although it may not drain off completely until Sunday.