



City of Slidell

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Keep an eye on Ike –

Some flooding possible in area

The National Weather Service has issued a tropical storm warning from the Alabama-Mississippi border to the central coastline of Louisiana and a hurricane warning from that point all the way to southern Texas.

The tropical storm winds spun off by Hurricane Ike as it plows its way through the Gulf of Mexico toward a Texas landfall late Friday or early Saturday will have an impact on lower St. Tammany Parish, including the Slidell area. By Friday morning, tidal levels are expected to reach 4 to 5 feet above their norm.

Accordingly, Slidell Mayor Ben Morris is urging homeowners in Palm Lake and adjacent Camellia Drive in southwest Slidell – parts of which were flooded recently by Hurricane Gustav's storm surge – and other low-lying areas of the city to take whatever measures they can to secure their properties. The city already has had a few strong wind gusts and rain today.

City workers and police officers stand ready to assist residents of those areas in the event of any significant flooding problems.

Earlier today, Parish President Kevin Davis issued a similar warning to residents of coastal St. Tammany Parish. In addition to higher tides, lower St. Tammany will be experiencing increased northeast to east winds of 25 to 35 mph.