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City Officials Taking Proactive Measures to Prepare for Possible Flooding

The City of Shreveport is hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst as officials monitor the rising waters throughout the area. Shreveport Police, Shreveport Fire, Public Works, SPAR, and Water and Sewerage departments are all prepared to move into action.

The forecasted crest for the Red River in Shreveport is expected to reach 31 feet by late Monday. However, the City is preparing for a higher level of flooding to ensure that equipment is ready to go in the case of increased flood waters. Three city parks –C. Bickham Dickson, Hamel and the dog park- will close today until further notice in anticipation of being impacted by the rising floodwaters along the river.

“We want to ensure the safety of our citizens,” said Mayor Ollie Tyler. “We are taking every precaution to prevent any incidents that could put citizens in harm’s way.”

Shreveport Police and Fire will monitor flood prone areas, particularly those that have been impacted by floods in the past.

Public Works staff has issued several thousand sandbags since Wednesday at the Streets and Drainage yard, 3825 Old Mansfield Road. Sandbags will continue to be available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the weekend.

For updates, go to www.shreveportla.gov, @cityshreveport on Twitter, or City of Shreveport – Mayor’s Office on Facebook.

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