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Citizens warned of possible evacuations

The City of Shreveport, in a proactive effort to keep citizens engaged and informed, is notifying the public of updated information regarding the Red River's crest that could potentially lead to the evacuations of homes in southeastern portions of the city.

As the Red River continues to rise to its forecasted crest of 36.5 feet on Sunday, June 7th, some residents living near the southern portions of Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway may be displaced as flood waters encroach upon their homes. According to information provided by the City of Shreveport's Engineering Department, at 36.1 feet, the Red River would flow over the concrete barrier near Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway at East 70th Street. Within three to four days of that event, nearby homes may face imminent danger of flooding.

Working closely with the Caddo Parish Office of Homeland Security, Mayor Ollie Tyler and her staff are now warning residents of the Island Park Subdivision, Riverwalk Apartments, the Reflections at Island Park, Champion Lake Apartments, Millwood Apartments, Williamsburg Apartments, and Summer Trace Apartments that as the water level inches up, they may have to leave their homes. While not all of these neighborhoods may flood, it might become necessary for SWEPCO to cut power. All residents in these areas are encouraged to begin making preparations at this hour for a possible evacuation.

There are two shelters currently in operation in Shreveport, one at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, located at 1 University Place and one at Southern University-Shreveport, located at 3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Anyone needing information about these shelters should contact the American Red Cross Northwest Louisiana Chapter at (318)865-9545.

Employees from all city departments will continue their work to provide vital services to affected residents. Public safety professionals comprised of Shreveport Fire and Police Department personnel are on the front lines assessing and mitigating flood related problems. Police officers will be increasing patrols in areas where homeowners and residents may be forced to leave. Public Works will be providing sandbags at three locations: 3825 Mansfield Road, the Martin Luther King Community Center on David Raines Road and Fire Station #20 at Fournoy-Lucas Road and Highway 1. Riverview Hall and Riverview Theater will be closed this weekend as will be Sci-Port and the downtown Farmer's Market. Officials with SPAR will be working to reschedule events cancelled as a result of flooding.

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