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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**City of Shreveport opens self-service location for sandbags**

The City of Shreveport has opened a second location for citizens who are requesting the opportunity to fill sandbags themselves, instead of waiting in line on Old Mansfield Road.

The new site is located at the Fire Maintenance Facility, 7300 Mansfield Road. Bags will be distributed to citizens and they will be able to fill those bags with sand dumped at the site.

The City will continue around-the-clock distribution at the Streets and Drainage Yard, 3825 Old Mansfield Road, where more than 13,000 bags have been distributed.

“We are doing everything we can to serve our citizens,” said Mayor Ollie Tyler. “We are hoping this second site will decrease the long lines and give residents a self-service option.”

Residents and business owners can now pick up bags at the following locations:

- City Streets and Drainage Yard, 3825 Old Mansfield Road (*around the clock*)
- Fire Maintenance Facility, 7300 Mansfield Road (*self-service*)
- Caddo Public Works, 1701 Monty Street

The City today has closed five facilities under the operation of the department of SPAR. Those closed centers are Chris Hayes, Hollywood Heights, Querbes, Lakeside and Valencia. Due to school closings, all SPAR athletic events are canceled the rest of this week and will be rescheduled.

SporTran has resumed all scheduled routes; however, some runs may be delayed due to bad weather conditions. City officials will continue to provide essential and emergency services while monitoring the effects of the flash flooding.

For updates on flooding information, go to [www.shreveportla.gov](http://www.shreveportla.gov), @cityshreveport on Twitter, or City of Shreveport – Mayor’s Office on Facebook.

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