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Advisory 4

***Evacuation Upgraded from Voluntary to Mandatory
Jean Lafitte, Crown Point and Barataria***

Jefferson Parish emergency managers have upgraded the evacuation from voluntary to mandatory for the Lafitte, Crown Point and Barataria areas relating to Hurricane Rita. The following will apply:

- A **MANDATORY** evacuation has been called for the areas of Jean Lafitte, Crown Point and Barataria beginning at 6 p.m. this afternoon.
- Residents are asked to gas up their vehicles and pack essential items including important papers and prepare to evacuate the area.
- For those residents needing transportation, there will be a Jefferson Parish Transit bus at Jean Lafitte Town Hall, 2654 Jean Lafitte Boulevard at 6 p.m. tonight to pick residents up and bring them to the shelter located at Stella Worley Junior High School at 801 Spartans Drive in Westwego. ***This shelter is only for residents for the areas of Jean Lafitte, Crown Point and Barataria.***
- Residents wishing to utilize the shelter are asked to bring pillows, blankets and medicines, radio with batteries for a minimum of 5 days. For additional information contact the Jefferson Parish Department of Emergency Management at 349-5360.

NOTE: Grand Isle has been under a MANDATORY evacuation as of 10 a.m. today.

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