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**This Month's
NOPCC
Guest
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National
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Administration**

Topic

**The New Orleans
That Was..**

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KATRINA

Sherrie Henne submitted the following list of contact numbers and support services that the victims of Katrina may need. Everyone should contact FEMA as they have \$2,000 of Emergency Relief funds to assist you in obtaining clothes, housing, etc. while you are displaced.

FEMA

www.fema.gov

UNEMPLOYMENT

apply from Louisiana office

<http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemplov/disaster.asp>

RED CROSS

enter zip and go into the office nearest you

<http://www.redcross.org/>

FOOD STAMPS

apply to local office nearest you

<http://louisiana.uscity.net/Government/>

<http://mississippi.uscity.net/Government/>

<http://texas.uscity.net/Government/>

<http://michigan.uscity.net/Government/>

etc.

SHERRY F. MIX

helps people find nursing home residents

<mailto:smix@mmvi.com>

phone: 225-252-3027

Louisiana Nursing Home Association
#225-927-5642

Texas Memorial Hospital 713-704-4000
Clearlake Hospital Texas # 281-332-2511
VA Hospital command center # 713-794-7109

1-866-get-info (RED CROSS)

Texas # 713-313-5480

<http://www.makeusaware.com/>

<http://www.cnn.com/>

<http://www.craigslis.com/>

<http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/katrina/locate>

<http://www.nola.com/>

<http://www.redcross.org/>

LSU Shelter info # 225-578-8654

LSU# 225-219-0826

LSU# 225-219-0828

<http://www.wlwtv.com/forums>

1-800-236-2875

Texas contacts:

713-526-8300

713-313-1612

Astro Dome: 630-566-6100

Centerplex Louisiana: 866-438-4636

Shreveport shelter: 800-861-5776

St Charles shelter: 866-280-2711

TEXAS HOSPITALS:

Methodist Hospital tx (713) 790-3311

St Luke's Episcopal Hospital tx (713) 785-853

Memorial Hermann Hospital tx (713) 704-4000

LOUISIANA SHELTER

INFORMATION:

Red Cross- 1-(866)-GET-INFO (438-4636)

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SPECIAL NEEDS
SHELTER INFORMATION:

TRIAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Alexandria: 800-841-5778
Baton Rouge: 800-349-1372
Houma/Thibodaux: 800-228-9409
Shreveport: 800-841-5776
Lake Charles: 866-280-27??
Lafayette: 800-901-3210
Monroe: 866-280-7287
Slidell/Hammond: 866-280-7724

The Red Cross for Evacuation Planning and Hurricane Safety (1-888-737-1997)

Louisiana State Office of
Emergency Preparedness (342-5470)

National Hurricane Center (305-229-4483)
American Red Cross -
South East Louisiana Chapter (504-586-8191)
Disaster/Military (504-584-9522)
Health and Safety (504-833-8565)
Emergencies (586-8191)
Covington (985-892-4317)
Gretna (504-366-4178)
Metairie (504-833-8565)
Slidell (985-643-5608)
Police Departments (911)
Causeway Bridge (504-853-3116)
Crescent City Connection (504-364-8180)
East Jefferson Levee (504-733-0077)
Harbor Police (504-891-7585)
Kenner Police (504-468-7777)
Levee Board (504-283-9800)
Mississippi River Bridge (504-364-8180)
State Police (471-2775)

HOSPITALS w/24 HOUR EMERGENCY ROOMS

Medical Center (504-568-2311)
Doctors Hospital (504-849-4000)
East Jefferson (504-454-4000)
Children's Hospital (504-899-9511)
Meadowcrest (504-392-3131)
Ochsner Foundation (504-842-3000)
Memorial Medical Center (504-483-5000)
Kenner Regional (504-468-8600)
Tulane Hospital (504-588-5263)
West Jefferson (504-347-5511)
Touro Infirmary (504-897-7011)
Lakeside (985-885-3333)
Northshore Regional Medical (985-649-7070)
Slidell Memorial Hospital (985-643-2200)

UTILITIES

ELECTRICAL:

Entergy (1-800-968-8243)
Cleco - Covington, Mandeville, Slidell (1-800-622-6537)
WST - Covington and Mandeville (985-892-8804)
WST - Slidell (985-643-6612)

GAS

Orleans Parish - Entergy (1-800-368-3749)
All other Parishes - LGS (504-367-7000)

TREES BLOCKING ROAD

East Jefferson (504-838-1150)
Plaquemines (504-525-6825)
New Orleans (504-286-2100)
St Tammany - Covington, Mandeville (985-892-4141)
St Tammany - Slidell (985-646-4141)
West Jefferson (504-349-5360)

Where are you? How are you?

We want to know where you are after you evacuated the area. We want to know how you are. Is there anything that you need? What are your plans? Please email [Sherrie Henne](mailto:shenne@tampabay.rr.com) who is assisting our club by compiling your responses. shenne@tampabay.rr.com

Check the [NOPC Web](#) site as the names of the members are posted as they are located.

The following links were sent to the Editor, who passes them on to you...

Here is an aerial photo of Metairie. I have been able to find many features that I can recognize. About 1/3 of the way down and 1/3 of the way across is the Jefferson (Pontiff) playground and adjacent Metairie golf course. Move the sliding bars around and you may find your or your friends home.....
<http://ngs.woc.noaa.gov/storms/katrina/24427028.jpg>

.... if you have a moment or two.... this slide show tells a good part of the story in the downtown area of NOLA....
http://www.kodakgallery.com/Slideshow.jsp?mode=fromshare&conn_speed=1&Uc=11f8dl9z.4nk5zpvf&Uy=vhxvcl&Ux=1

For hurricane tracking, I think this is the easiest site to link to: Weather Underground:
<http://www.wunderground.com/>

How deep did the water get? Try this site:
<http://mapper.cctechnol.com/floodmap.php>

The Editor's Katrina Adventure

On Sunday, August 28, 2005, New Orleans was visited by a Category 5 Hurricane appropriately named "Katrina", and a powerful Katrina it was. With only a few days notice, the evacuation of the city and the neighboring parishes became another incidence of traffic jams on the highways, gas stations with long lines, and people wondering where to go to escape the storm.

This Editor stayed in his Uptown home during the storm as he didn't believe the hype about 18 ft of water in the city, plus the house is over 100 years old, so I figured it would survive another year. It was interesting to sit on the second floor at the peak of the storm and feel the house move from side to side as the winds battered the house.

Katrina passed over the city Sunday night and Monday morning. Monday afternoon we were sitting on our patio with our next door neighbors (who also stayed) having a glass of wine and discussing how lucky we were and how to begin the clean-up. The electrical power was gone as there was a power-pole broken in half two houses away. About a year ago, I had purchased a portable generator that powered the refrigerator, one small window A/C., and several other rooms. But I had not had time to stock up on fuel, so the running time of the generator was rationed. Still, we felt good....

Until the next day when our firefighter daughter called early in the morning telling us that the levee had broken and to get out of town as quickly as possible. We loaded up four dogs (two belonged to our oldest daughter and two to the fire-fighter) and one cat (the fire-fighter's), the clothes on our back, three cars and the next door neighbors wife. He refused to leave.

We took Tchoupitoulas Street to the GNO Bridge, out the Westbank Expressway to I-310, then over to I-10 and then up to Baton Rouge, and finally west to Lafayette. There we found electricity, gasoline, and a cheap motel that would take us and our zoo. As I lay in bed at the motel, I began to think about...what to do next...where to go...where to stay...and for how long? I thought of my brother's place in Michigan. A long distance to drive, but it would be available as long as needed. So here I am in White Pigeon, Michigan (the oldest incorporated town in Michigan) waiting to return to my New Orleans home.

The one factor that did not occur to me was how cold it can get up here in Michigan. This house is really a "summer cottage", and is not "winterized". The neighbors offered us a choice of several of the winterized homes if we needed them, as they would not be using them until next May. People have really gone out their way to help us out time of travail.

On the drive up here, we stayed in a nice motel in Southaven, MS. They didn't charge us the extra pet fee

of \$15.00 per animal. A guest of the motel (a Doctor and his wife) made an arrangement with a location restaurant that offered any New Orleans refugees to have a fully paid for dinner...cost of meal, tax, tip, everything. It was done anonymously.

NOPCC Member Katrina Reports

8/31/05 Carl Henderson I'm in Houston and may be here for some time. I wish you and yours well.

9/2/05 Ray Paternostro I'm okay, my family is okay, don't know about the Lakeview area. I think we can suspend all NOPC functions until they start letting people back into the city at some point

9/2/05 Edward Jahncke We are safe..heading for Sturgis, MI where my brother's wife has a Summer Home. We are currently in Terre Haute, IN and should arrive in Sturgis tomorrow.

9/3/05 Don & Beverly Herrmann Rode the storm out in Houston. My home is fine but can't get back for some time

9/3/05 Mary Prinz Hi all, Am happy to report things panned out well for me. All immediate family got out with life and health. We had a camp on carr. drive on northshore near slidell off pontchatrain Dr. and Slidell Police told us 25 ft wave carried it to near old town. The bad news is it's in splinters, the good news is no clean-up! My main house has no flood h2o and min. damage all things considered. One son off Brittany and Vintage no flood and min damage. Daughter on Andrews off W. Esp. 1 ft. flood and min. damage. She worked at Loews Hotel and had her car in garage downtown and worked the storm. I called her at 6AM Tues morn and told her of break in flood wall at 17th canal. She left with car 11am with a guest over cc connection down Wb ex and crossed ss bd to I-10 and pts west. They were finished evac by 2 Pm Tues. The rest beelined out some to BR, Franklinton and us to Tuskaloosa Sat. afternoon. (a wk) ago. We are going home tomorrow and plan to stay as long as possible. Bringing 50 Gals. h2o and some gas. Am particularly anxious to hear about everyone, esp. Virginia, Ashton and Tom. Think they were in direct line of fire. Miss seeing and learning with you all. Brought my whold desk top and think I caught a VIRUS! Love , Mary. The www. was a God send for info and communication. Glad to S star up and running.

9/5/05 Tom Ford I am now in Vicksburg, MS. via the Isle of Capri Casino in Lula, MS. I hope everyone is okay. Talk to you'all later when I have more computer time

9/5/05 David Williams I have not heard from Jeanne since the hurricane. Does anyone have any news from her or about her?

9/5/05 Takami Sept 5th at 11 am in Virginia. I got thru to Jeanne's house and young man named Terry was house sitting for Jeanne. He is also a neighbor. He told me that Jeanne left with another neighbor lady and got to Baton Rouge and stayed with someone they knew and then

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NOPCC Directory

Elected Officers

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Web Lab	Edward Jahncke	editor@nopc.org	269-651-5050

Other Important Numbers / Addresses

Club Hotline	Recorded messages. Meeting Information. Open 24 Hours	454-6166
NOPCC BBS	Bulletin Board System for members. The original way to PC communicate.	486-7261
NOPCC Web Site	On the World Wide Web. Our own home page and club information.	www.nopc.org

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headed for Texas. He has not heard from her since. He had hoped my phone call was from Jeanne. I asked that if he hears from Jeanne, he ask Jeanne to call one of her friends so rest of us can relax. She does have 2 of her cats with her but Terry is taking care of the rest.

9/7/05 Ashton C. Mouton, Jr. I lost everyting and so did my parents. I am presently staying in San Antoinio, Texas at my brother's home.

9/7/05 John Souvestre The 300 block of Codifer should be in good shape in general, I would think. Tell Joey that if he needs a place for the servers, my Co-Lo is back up. He could move them there.

9/8/05 Vince Haupt Vince Haupt is safe and our home is virtually undamaged. .just (Sep 07) got back from Dallas. Lots of tree limbs around my neighborhood.

9/8/05 Clarke Kissel My company was kind enough to send me to Dallas until things get better. I didn't get water in the house, just some minor roof damage. Hope everyone is fine.

9/9/05 Darrell Mayeur I am back in my home in Hara-han and will be resuming music lessons to anyone who is interested. (Is he a NOPCC Member?)

9/12/05 Manuel Dennis III I heard from Manny. He's in Lafayette, if memory serves.

9/12/05 Carl Henderson Most of the Henderson clan is currently staying in a Studio 6 Motel near I-10 and Texas Hwy 6, in Houston. We're all fine, but our house took some damage. The screened-in patio and cover that used to be in the BACK of our house is now partly in the FRONT of the house and partly in parts unknown. We took a small amount of water in one room - lost carpet, furniture and about a foot of sheetrock. All things considered, we feel lucky to have a place to return to - even if it will take quite a bit of work to get the place back into shape. Thanks for thinking about us.

This is just a small sampling of our membership. We are concerned about all members. Please check in by e-Mailing Sherre Henne with your status:

shenne@tampabay.rr.com

God Bless Us Everyone.....