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Dear Friends:

I wanted to provide you another update on all recovery efforts happening right now in Leon County and Tallahassee.

I encourage all residents to download the [Citizens Connect App](#), which puts timely emergency and recovery notifications at your fingertips through push notifications on your smartphone or other device. **Click the image to the right to download the App.**

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

P.S. You're receiving this newsletter because you inquired about government services in the past. If you do not want to receive future newsletters, please click the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of this email.

Shelter Status:

Leon County has demobilized risk shelter operations and fully transitioned to host sheltering at the Tallahassee Community College gymnasium. As of yesterday afternoon, 48 citizens remain at the host shelter, and 27 citizens remain in the special needs shelter at Florida High. The state has established a regional special needs shelter at Florida State University to provide care for special needs citizens from the most impacted counties; the State will make a determination regarding when to transition the Florida High special needs shelter to this regional shelter. Florida High reopened for classes today while the special needs shelter occupies the gymnasium.

Points of Distribution:

All 10 points of distribution have concluding operations. As of now we have distributed the following quantities of supplies:

Bottled water: 234,450 bottles

MREs: 204,336

Ice: 5,775 bags

The Salvation Army will serve lunch at noon and dinner at 5 PM again today at the following locations:

Lawrence-Gregory Community Center - 1115 Dade St.

Friendship Primitive Baptist - 700 Putnam Dr.

Woodville Branch Library - 8000 Old Woodville Rd.

Braden Community Park – 15100 Blountstown Hwy

Road Clearing:

Public Works remains fully activated with 8 Leon County Public Works crews and 5 contractor crews in the field. Leon County Public Works has made significant progress by clearing over 1,000 blocked roads since the winds died down late Wednesday evening. For reference, we have approximately 2,200 County-maintained and private roads in the County, which means that 45% of these roads were blocked following the storm. All roads in the unincorporated area are passable at this time.

Debris Removal and Solid Waste:

We currently have 12 debris removal trucks currently on the road collecting debris, and our collection efforts will continue until all storm-related debris is picked up. An additional 7 trucks are here and were FEMA-certified yesterday, with more coming in over the next few days. We will have 35 trucks in Leon County by Wednesday. Working with our debris contractors, we have divided the County into 5 collection zones and trucks are currently operating in each zone. Yesterday the debris removal efforts were focused on the County's main corridors, schools, and school bus stops in the unincorporated areas. Starting today (October 15), a map of debris collection activities and an update on operations will be available daily at: www.LeonCountyFL.gov/EI/Debris. We have also posted on the [EIP](#) some helpful tips for citizens on how to organize and safely place debris at the curb.

As Leon County residents continue to clean up their properties following Hurricane Michael, Leon County has extended the free of charge period for both the Solid Waste Management Facility and the Rural Waste Service Centers. The facilities will open for extended hours and will remain free of charge until Sunday, October 21. Hours of operation will be as follows:

Solid Waste Management Facility (7550 Apalachee Pkwy) will be open Mon.- Sat. from 7a - 7p)

The Rural Waste Service Centers will be open Fridays from 9a - 6p, and Sat. and Sun. from 9a to 5p at the following locations:

Woodville, 549 Henry Jones Road

Fort Braden, 2485 East Joe Thomas Road

Miccosukee, 13051 Miccosukee Road

Also, Leon County and the City of Tallahassee have resumed residential and commercial garbage collection services. Starting today, October 15, all customers will receive service on their

regularly scheduled day.

Comfort Station:

The Main Library continues to operate until 7 PM tonight as a comfort station, providing citizens with air conditioning, water, a place to charge mobile devices, and computer access. Nearly 6,000 citizens have visited the Main Library since Friday, including over 1,800 who visited the comfort station. We have distributed an enormous amount of food and water and people are in generally good spirits and highly appreciative of the County's efforts.

Cellular Service:

The Office of Economic Vitality continues to coordinate with the State EOC as well as our telecommunications and mobile providers to find any available solutions to help restore mobile/cellular service and determine providers' anticipated timelines for full service restoration. At this time, the state and mobile providers are prioritizing service restoration in the hardest hit counties, many of which remain entirely without service. However, Verizon has delivered mobile tower connection points to help alleviate coverage issues in Leon County. Verizon customers should turn their phones off and back on in order to establish connection to these connection points. Our mobile providers are advising that mobile coverage should improve in areas affected by outages as primary power is restored to cell tower sites.

Permit Fees:

To help the community rebuild, Leon County will waive building permit fees for storm-related repairs. Citizens and contractors may begin storm related repairs immediately and apply for the necessary permits afterwards and removal of storm-damaged trees. Starting Tuesday, October 16, those interested in the waiver should contact Leon County Development Support and Environmental Management at (850) 606-1300 / www.LeonPermits.org. To be eligible for the waiver, the person performing the work must be the homeowner or a licensed contractor.

Power Restoration (as of Sunday at 6 pm):

Immediately following the storm, City of Tallahassee Utilities and Talquin Electric both reported outages to more than 90% of their customers in Leon County. Following are the latest reports of outages:

City of Tallahassee: 16,142 outages (87% restored)

Talquin Electric: 8,287 outages (66% restored)

Duke Energy: 0 outages (100% restored)

Both utilities incurred significant damage to all components of their electric grid (transmission lines, substations, and distribution circuits) from the storm and are working to repair all systems as quickly as possible with extensive support from mutual aid agencies. The City reports that all of its transmission lines are repaired, all substations are in service, and 144 of its 165 circuits are carrying load. The City has announced a goal to restore 90% of its customers by the end of this weekend. However, their focus remains on achieving 100% restoration as soon as possible and has more than 800 personnel in the field working 24/7 to restore all remaining outages.

353 of the 356 (99%) of all traffic signals in the County are in normal operation at this time including all critical intersections.



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