

Houston FEB Update #1

September 29, 2017

- Disaster Recovery Centers Opens First Baptist Friendswood Relief Center [209 S. Friendswood Dr](#) at Shadowbend. It will be open this Saturday 9-7, Sun Noon-5, next week the hrs will be Mon-Sat 9-7 & Sun Noon-5.
- Harris County Emergency Ops Center has returned to Level IV Normal Operations. We still have a way to go to get to a new state of normal after Harvey.
- FEEA provides grant assistance up to \$500 to help with major home repairs, temporary lodging costs, or replacement of beds (mattress/boxspring) destroyed in a disaster. The online application can even be completed on a smartphone. <https://feea.org/our-programs/disaster-relief/>
- TxDOT: Since Harvey hit the Texas coast 1 month ago road closures due to flooding and damage have dropped from 500+ to just eight.
- Harris County Animal Shelter seeks Harvey Heroes for animals Since Hurricane Harvey ravaged the region one month ago, Harris County Animal Shelter at Veterinary Public Health (VPH) has provided care and respite to nearly 1,000 displaced animals, but now the shelter needs community support to foster or adopt over 100 more. After Hurricane Harvey, the stray hold window for animals was expanded from a 72-hour policy to 30 days from intake to allow ample time for an owner to reclaim their pet. For some animals their stray hold period is up and they are ready to be adopted now. Others need to be fostered for a few more weeks until they are able to be adopted. "Every animal we have received since the storm has been held longer in hopes that they will be reunited with their owner within the 30-day hold period. Although this has caused us to reach capacity, we have been able to manage by placing animals into foster care with individuals or rescue groups," said Dr. Michael White, HCPH Division Director Veterinary Public Health. "Adopting or fostering is not only more beneficial for a shelter animal, but it opens up kennel space to allow us to accommodate more animals in need." To foster or adopt an animal visit www.countypets.com. All animals adopted from the Harris County Animal Shelter located at [612 Canino Road, Houston](#), are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.
- Harris County: Reminder: Do not park vehicles on the street next to your debris piles. Debris haulers need curbside access.
- Harris County Budget Office is recommending no property tax increase for next year, despite significant Hurricane Harvey expenses.
- Fort Bend Recovers is doing another event! This Saturday in Arcola. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Arcola Community Center. Family friendly activities while obtaining information.
- State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers will change their hours of operation starting Monday, Sept. 25, 2017.

The 40 centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods. Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the State and other agencies are at the centers to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application.

Most centers will operate 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Six centers will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the following locations: Edna High School Stadium (Jackson County); Wharton Civic Center (Wharton County); Northshore Community Fellowship of Faith Parking Lot (Harris County); Refugio Fair Ground (Refugio County); Klein Multi-Purpose Center (Harris County); and the Office of Emergency Management Parking Lot (San Jacinto County). The center at the Brookshire Volunteer Fire Department (Waller County) is open 7 a.m. to noon daily until further notice.
- All mainlanes of SH 6 north of I-10 will be opened to traffic this afternoon once barrels are removed. Inside lanes were already open.
- You can now take SH 6 from US 290 to IH 10! TxDOT crews reopened SH 6 through Addicks; 1 right lane NB/SB remains closed S of Patterson.
- SH 6 between I-10 West and Clay road is now open. TXDOT will resume tolling on SH 99 @ Clay effective 10 AM, Tuesday, September 26.

- Survivors can receive free guidance from disaster case managers on how best to recover from Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, along with ways to access a variety of available resources, including disaster unemployment and disaster legal assistance. They may simply call the Disaster Case Management Hotline at [855-742-5989](tel:855-742-5989) (press 2 for Spanish). A case manager will respond within 24 hours. Other helpful resource telephone numbers for Texas survivors are:
 - the Disaster Distress Helpline at [800-985-5990](tel:800-985-5990);
 - Disaster Legal Services Texas at [800-504-7030](tel:800-504-7030);
 - and Disaster Unemployment Assistance at [800-939-6631](tel:800-939-6631).
- The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offers short-term food assistance benefits to families recovering from a disaster. D-SNAP is designed to help when people return to their homes and have access to electricity and grocery stores. Benefits are loaded on a Lone Star Card within three days of applying, and the amount is equal to two months of the maximum amount of SNAP benefits, based on household size. There is a limited period of time to apply for D-SNAP, based on your county of residence. To be eligible, you must:
 - Be from a county that has been declared a federal disaster area*.
 - Have experienced a loss of income, destruction of your home or a disaster-related expense, such as temporary shelter or home repairs.
 - Not have been getting regular SNAP food benefits at the time of the disaster.
 - Meet certain income limits. [Click here to view income limits.](#)
- Harris County releases comprehensive Hurricane Harvey Recovery Guide. Download it here and share: http://www.readyharris.org/Portals/43/PDFs/HarveyRecoveryGuide_ReadyHarris_Final.pdf?ver=2017-09-22-155020-410
- Emergency Service Personnel online store w/complimentary items for delivery or pickup. <https://www.team911.com/store/ListProducts.aspx?catid=632331>
- VA: "Operation Stand Down Rebound: Harvey Relief for Homeless Veteran Community" Oct. 6, 10a-4p, MacGregor Park. 9:30am-4:00pm BASIC NEEDS SERVED: 2 meals and snacks, clothing, showers, haircuts, medical screenings, flu shots, hygiene products. Download the flyer at <http://www.houstonstanddown.org/uploads/3/4/7/4/34746483/2017standdowngenflierfinal.jpg>
- FEMA info: The Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program, which pays for short-term hotel stays, has been extended by 14 days. The new checkout date is Oct. 10. Participants in the program will receive a phone call telling them whether they are eligible for the extension and what they need to do to remain at their current hotel or find a new hotel. Applicants must meet certain requirements to remain eligible. Hurricane Harvey survivors who are not currently in the program but who may be eligible are notified automatically. TSA participants must be registered with FEMA for disaster assistance.
- All METRORail lines have resumed service.
- The Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) will begin offering D-SNAP in Fort Bend beginning today. The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offers short-term food assistance benefits to families recovering from a disaster. D-SNAP is designed to help when people return to their homes and have access to electricity and grocery stores. Benefits are loaded on a Lone Star Card within three days of applying, and the amount is equal to two months of the maximum amount of SNAP benefits, based on household size.
- If you lost your job because of Hurricane Harvey, you can apply for unemployment benefits online at <https://apps.twc.state.tx.us/UBS/security/logon.do>. The deadline to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance is Wed, 9/27.
- If you have a small business affected by Harvey, you may wish to attend "Next Steps: Rebuilding Small Businesses After Harvey". US Small Business Administration, the City of Houston, and professionals in the legal and finance sectors will provide you with relevant advice and guidance. Topics to be covered include funding resources, government assistance, tax planning, steps towards rebuilding, legal options for protection, preparation for future natural disasters and more. Sat, September 30, 2017, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM CDT at Kirby Grove, [2925 Richmond Avenue, 6th Floor, Houston, TX 77098](#)
- Report your storm debris to Houston 311. For faster service, use the app (available on iTunes or Google Play Store) or <http://houston311.org>
- FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Houston Area

Katy Mills Mall ([Fort Bend County](#))
[5000 Katy Mills Circle](#)

Baytown Community Center (Harris County)
2407 Market Street
Baytown TX 77520

Greenspoint Mall (Harris County)
263 Greenspoint Mall
Houston TX 77060

Webster Civic Center (Harris County)
[311 Pennsylvania Avenue](#)
[Webster TX 77598](#)

Neutrality Building (Harris County)
Suites 125 & 150
[1301 Fannin Street](#)
[Houston TX 77002](#)

The Church Without Walls ([Harris County](#))
[5725 Queenston Boulevard](#)
[Houston TX 77084](#)

Simonton Community Church ([Fort Bend County](#))
[9703 FM 1489](#) (Simonton Rd.)
Simonton TX 77476
Hours: Daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Old Amegy Bank ([Galveston County](#))
[2401 Termini St.](#)
[Dickinson TX 77539](#)

Bayland Community Center ([Harris County](#))
[6400 Bissonnet Street](#)
[Houston, TX 77074](#)

Humble Senior Activity Center
[1401 S Houston Avenue](#)
[Humble TX 77338](#)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
[625 Nottingham Oaks Trl](#)
[Houston TX 77079](#)
Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 7 days a week
Old Conroe Police Department BuildingPasadena Convention Center
[7902 Fairmont Parkway](#)
[Pasadena TX 77507](#)

Northshore Community Fellowship of Faith Parking Lot
[444 Maxey Road](#)
[Houston TX 77013](#)

Brazoria County Facility Warehouse
1620 FM 523 Road
Oyster Creek TX 77541