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October 6, 2017

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. This is the sixth edition of our disaster series compiling the resources to help you and your family recovery from this historic weather event. This week's edition includes recovery information and resources as well as some of our usual business.

Make sure that you check out the information on the #LHABack2Biz campaign that was established to assist **all** business owners affected by Hurricane Harvey damage. As we get back on our feet, this type of program will make the transition easier for us all.

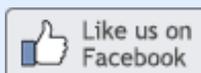
This week at the House Committee on Natural Resources, Council Member Dave Martin issued a statement on my behalf. You can read that statement [here](#).

Be sure to click the button below to "like" me on Facebook. This is the best way to keep up-to-date with information related to hurricane recovery that is specific to our area.

I would like to remind you that our district office is closed **until further notice** and will reopen once my staff can safely work in the building. In the meantime, please contact my Capitol Office staff if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty



# Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources



**WHAT:** Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fair

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** North East Community Center (at James Driver Park), 10918 1/2 Bentley, Houston, TX 77093

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management invites residents affected by Hurricane Harvey to a recovery fair at the Harris County Precinct 2 North East Community Center.

The Harvey Recovery Fair will provide important recovery information about available disaster assistance from both governmental and non-profit organizations. Representatives from Harris County, the City of Houston, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and other volunteer agencies will be available to answer questions and help residents apply for disaster assistance. Free MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat) available for residents attending.

To find out the participating organizations, [click here](#).

## Faith-Based, Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations May Be Eligible for FEMA Disaster Grants



# FEMA

Faith-based organizations, in addition to other community, volunteer, and nonprofit organizations in areas eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance program as part of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration may apply for FEMA grants to help them get back to the business of helping others.

As part of its mission, FEMA provides grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and certain private nonprofits through its Public Assistance program. Community, volunteer, faith-based, and private nonprofit organizations conducting critical and essential services of a governmental nature that sustained disaster damage may be able to receive FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grants to repair or replace their facilities so they can continue offering critical and essential community services.

[Read more from RebuildTexas!](#)

## Red Cross Assistance



# American Red Cross

Through the generosity of donors, the American Red Cross is providing emergency assistance in the amount of \$400 to qualified households directly impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Assistance will be issued per household.

Go to <https://harveyhelp.redcross.org/index.html> to apply.

Registration for this program will be open through Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

## EPA and TCEQ Updates on Air Quality, Water Systems, and Debris Management



Air quality improving, number of water systems operational increasing in affected areas.

Working together, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continue to coordinate with local, state and federal officials to address the human health and environmental impacts of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, especially the water systems in the affected areas.

## Commissioners Morath and Sharp Issue Letter to School Districts



Commissioner John Sharp of the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas and Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath sent the following letter to school district leaders on Tuesday, October 3, 2017:

Rebuild Texas and the TEA are here to help you

On Sept. 7, Governor Greg Abbott created the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, appointed Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp as the Commissioner and authorized the Texas A&M System to provide staff support.

The primary focus of the Commission is to rebuild or repair public infrastructure, including roads, government buildings and, of course, our public schools.

Commissioner Mike Morath and the Texas Education Agency are working with Rebuild Texas and will serve as your primary liaison with the Commission. As a part of Rebuild Texas, the TEA will be providing you important updates, answering your questions and getting you answers to your pressing issues - whether those issues are related to TEA directly or not. Please continue contacting TEA as you normally would on issues that impact your school district. Additionally, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents have been drafted to offer support to TEA and to school systems as necessary on any issues that arise during our rebuilding efforts.

Rebuild Texas and the TEA are here to help you.

As we recover from Hurricane Harvey, it is important that you accurately assess your damages, document them and comply with federal requirements for aid. Gov. Abbott also has asked that we "future-proof" our facilities, if possible, to mitigate damages from future storms.

It is also important in the near term that we collect information on the scope of this damage to properly inform federal and state policymakers, to ensure we can deliver adequate resources to support your recovery. To that end, we have provided you with a Rebuild Texas Worksheet intended to capture this information for your school system. It is likely that you already received this Worksheet and responded to Rebuild Texas with your needs. As a follow up, TEA representatives of Rebuild Texas will reach out to you starting this week to help you supply initial damage assessments using the Worksheet if you have not already done so. We know that you have many pressing matters as you operate your school systems and rebuild from Harvey, but this data collection will be critical to our efforts to provide you with additional financial and operational assistance throughout the rebuilding process.

Should you have questions or a need for assistance and are unable to reach your AgriLife Extension agent or TEA, you may contact us at [rebuildtexas@tamus.edu](mailto:rebuildtexas@tamus.edu).

Together, we can Rebuild Texas better and stronger.

John Sharp, Commissioner, Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas  
Mike Morath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency

## Texas Water Development Board

The Texas Water Development Board is currently developing a plan for new state flood funding. This program would include:

- Expanded outreach to communities
- development of and improvements to [TexasFlood.org](http://TexasFlood.org) and [TexasMesonet.org](http://TexasMesonet.org)
- Funding for flood modeling and more flood prediction points
- continues funding for flood grants
- installations and maintenance of new U.S. Geological Survey flood gauges and TexasMesonet stations.
- Acquisition of LiDAR (evaluation) data to map and model floods
- State Flood Plan

## DSNAP Application Extended An Extra Day



HHSC has announced the addition of an extra day at a new location for Harris County victims of Hurricane Harvey to apply for D-SNAP benefits.

On Friday, October 6th, the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The address is 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas.

The extra day is being added due to longer than expected lines at the current D-SNAP sites and to ensure that those who are eligible have enough opportunity to apply. The additional site and extra day was determined in consultation with local officials about how to best serve the people of Harris County. This larger site has more indoor capacity to better accommodate the expected volume and needs of those applying for benefits.

All other Harris County sites will close at 7 p.m. Thursday, as previously announced, and Texas HHS staff will shift to the George R. Brown Convention Center.

## General Land Office Helping Texans Recover from Hurricane Harvey



Please explore these two documents that outline the role FEMA and the Texas General Land Office will play in helping Texans recover from Hurricane Harvey.

The first is an FAQ that is meant to direct constituents toward the assistance they need. **A key point: FEMA, and not the General Land Office, determines what aid individuals and families will qualify for and provides any initial inspections of damaged property.** The General

Land Office is then tasked with providing that assistance to the constituent. The second document is a recovery document for the short- and the long-term. Click below for more information.

[General Land Office FAQ](#)

## Housing Resources Available for Texans Affected by Hurricane Harvey



resources.

The Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation has compiled a list of resources that can benefit Texans who are affected by Hurricane Harvey. This week's blog post includes information about temporary shelter, temporary housing, FEMA assistance for housing, insurance claim information, mortgage updates, employment aid, and general

[Read more from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.](#)

## City of Houston Recovery Update



[HoustonRecovers.org](#) offered its most recent update on Houston's recovery after Hurricane Harvey. This edition includes important information about Repair Permits, Unusually High Water Bills, Rental Assistance, Debris Reporting, Harvey by the Numbers, and State & City Funding for Houston.

[Read more of this important information here.](#)

## Lake Houston Area: Back to Business

Did you know FEMA estimates 40% of small business does not reopen following a disaster? We cannot allow this to be our fate in the Lake Houston Area. That's why we launched the Lake Houston Area Back To Business Campaign. Watch our #LHABack2Biz Launch Video by clicking the image below.



This campaign aim is twofold:

1. Assisting **ALL** businesses in their recovery process, not just members of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce, and
2. Publicizing their re-opening. Chamber staff will be reaching out to affected businesses monthly and providing resources and assistance as they work to reopen. Once opened, we will take a photo of the business with a #LHABack2Biz sign and then publish and share the picture with our media partners.

How you can help:

- Let us know of any business that closed due to the flood (we have a long list already, but realize we may be missing some)
- Let us know of any businesses planning to re-open or recently re-opened
- Follow our #LHABack2Biz Instagram account
- Become a Social Ambassador - Share our back to business pictures on YOUR social media using #LHABack2Biz
- Support local businesses - shop local - keep your dollars in the Lake Houston Area.
- Pick up a Back To Business poster to display in your office window

We've just launched our website [www.LHABackToBiz.org](http://www.LHABackToBiz.org) which will feature a calendar listing upcoming openings, pictures of re-opened businesses, resources and more. We are working to populate our website and will also feature new info and postings in our Chamber's Weekly Update E-Newsletter.

Business is what will get our community back and running!

## Constituent Resources

### District Office Closure

Please be advised that, due to the flooding in HD 127, the District Office of State Representative Dan Huberty will **be closed until further notice**. Anyone needing immediate assistance should contact the Capitol Office. You can find out how to contact them at the bottom of this newsletter.

### Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

## House District 127 Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered in regard to response and recovery of Hurricane Harvey is posted immediately to our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" us so that you can have the most up-to-date information.



## Upcoming Events

October 2017

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under each link, you can find R.S.V.P. information, exact times, locations, and much more.

This color box indicates an event related to Hurricane Harvey.

This color box indicates a general purpose event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October - 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<a href="#">Harris County D-SNAP</a>	<a href="#">Hurricane Harvey</a>					

	<a href="#">Enrollment S-Z ANYONE</a>	<a href="#">Enrollment ANYONE</a>	<a href="#">Enrollment ANYONE</a>	<a href="#">Enrollment ANYONE</a>	<a href="#">Enrollment (Extension)</a>	<a href="#">Recovery Fair</a>
	<a href="#">House Committee on Appropriations Meeting to Discuss Harvey</a>		<a href="#">House Committee on Natural Resources Meeting to Discuss Harvey</a>	<a href="#">BizCom Humble</a>		
	<a href="#">House Committee on Urban Affairs Meeting to Discuss Harvey</a>					
8	9 <b>Columbus Day</b>	10 <a href="#">House Joint Committee on Costal Barrier System Meeting</a>	11	12 <a href="#">House Committee on Public Education Meeting to Discuss Harvey</a>	13	14
15	16	17 <a href="#">Teachers of the Year Luncheon</a>	18	19	20	21 <a href="#">Legal Advice Clinic</a>
22	23	24	25 <a href="#">House Joint Committee on Government Facilities Meeting</a>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	<b>November - 1</b>	2	3	4

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