



# Howard County Government News Release

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## **County extends access to Main Street Ellicott City Monday; area to be closed Tuesday through Friday for evaluations *Credentialing: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Clean-Up: Noon – 7:30 p.m. Check-in: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City***

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman has announced that residents, business owners and property owners displaced by the flooding on Main Street in Ellicott City will again be allowed to get inside their buildings for extended clean-up access on Monday, August 8, from noon to 7:30 p.m.

Residents and owners may begin the credentialing process at 8 a.m. at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 3695 Rogers Avenue, Ellicott City. Trips to Main Street will begin from St. Peter’s Episcopal Church at noon and all participants will be taken by bus to the location. Residents and owners to be credentialed should be prepared to show ID. Credentialing will end at 5 p.m.

As he walked along Main Street Sunday and talked with building owners, merchants and residents, Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman said, “This was the day we’ve been waiting for since six days ago. It was a great, great day. But business owners tell me that while they made good progress, they need more time in their buildings.”

After Monday, access to Main Street will be curtailed through Friday to allow for an extended, uninterrupted evaluation of the Main Street public infrastructure. The hope, Kittleman said, is to reopen access to residents, merchants and business owners next weekend. This closure will give county engineers an opportunity to assess progress made since the flood and a chance to conduct more detailed evaluations of the area.

“While we have made great headway,” said Kittleman, “Now we need the time to get our experts in to help build a path forward.”

Monday’s clean-up day is intended to allow residents and owners to remove trash and debris from their properties, but is not intended to be a retrieval day. The county will provide dumpsters and trash bags. If dumpsters become filled to capacity, they will be closed for the day, but participants may continue to bag trash for preparation for future removal. *In order to allow dumpsters to be taken off-site and emptied, participants should not pile trash in the street, throw debris from windows, or haul debris to the center of the street.*

Residents and owners may bring non-credentialed guests, who will be granted one-day access. The number of guests permitted is not limited, but they must stay with a credentialed resident or owner. Insurance adjusters and private contractors are permitted as guests of credentialed residents and owners.

When coming to the site, all participants should:

- Wear solid, closed toe footwear, preferably an over the ankle work boot or hiking boot.
- Wear long pants and consider wearing a long sleeved shirt.
- Bring work gloves and eye protection, if possible.
- Bring a flashlight due to the current power outage.

Safety officers, identified by their red vests, are stationed throughout the Main Street area to assist with any First Aid for medical needs.

For more information, residents may call 410-313-2900 or visit the county's Flood Recovery web site at [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov).

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