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Howard County schedules two days for residents, merchants, property owners to access Main Street

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman announced today that those displaced by Ellicott City's flooding will again be given access to Main Street on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Since Tuesday, county public works crews have been examining infrastructure throughout the area impacted by the July 30 storm. County officials have completed most of those assessments, giving residents, merchants and building owners a chance to return to continue recovery efforts.

"Getting these four days to do the assessments has allowed us to make great strides in recovery," said Kittleman. "Getting people back in town to continue with cleanup has always been a priority for us."

County health officials say forecasts of high heat and humidity will make the temperatures feel well over 105 degrees, so they remind participants to stay cool and hydrated. Officials add that conditions in some Main Street buildings may pose hazardous health concerns, particularly for those with breathing problems, the immuno-compromised, the elderly and children.

The day is intended to allow residents and owners another opportunity to remove trash and debris from their properties. The county will provide 12 dumpsters along Main Street to facilitate the cleanup.

A staging area for the visits has not been determined. Continue to monitor the county's social media pages or www.howardcountymd.gov for details.

Residents, merchants and property owners will need to be credentialed to gain access to the cleanup site. If they have not already been credentialed, they can visit the DAC Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday during cleanup hours.

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.

For more information, call 410-313-2900 or visit the county's Flood Recovery website at www.howardcountymd.gov.

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