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Executive Kittleman announces five-day window for access to Ellicott City's Main Street; plans for infrastructure repairs

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman announced today that residents, merchants and building owners will be given extended dawn to dusk access to Ellicott City's Main Street area starting Thursday, Aug. 18 and continuing through Monday, Aug. 22.

After this five-day window, Main Street will be closed for three weeks to allow county public works crews and other utility workers the time they need to complete critical work with the goal of reopening Main Street to pedestrian traffic, hopefully around Sept. 16.

"During the extended access, those displaced by the July 30 flash flooding will have the chance to clean up, haul out, remediate damage and move out items from their homes and businesses," said Kittleman. "This time may also be used for property owners to bring in contractors to develop a plan for rebuilding."

The county will have a more detailed plan about the five-day access period by the end of the day Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Public works crews have been busy today rebuilding several retaining walls, repairing underground pipes and conduits and continuing work to add crushed rock to repair sunken areas around infrastructure.

This past weekend, more than 650 business owners, homeowners and renters were allowed back in their buildings to continue with cleanup and recovery. Since the flood, 60 tons of dumpster debris has been removed from Main Street.

"Together we are showing folks that Ellicott City is a model of resiliency," said Kittleman. "We are a community committed to rebuilding an even better Main Street."

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