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Five-day access window for Ellicott City's Main Street announced; three weeks of infrastructure repairs to follow

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman announced today a five-day window for extended dawn to dusk access for residents, merchants and building owners to Ellicott City's Main Street area starting Thursday Aug. 18.

When the five-day window ends Aug. 22, 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 downtown Ellicott City to pedestrian traffic, hopefully around Sept. 16.

Kittleman offered more details in a video message posted on social media and on the county's website. The video can be viewed at https://youtu.be/-6NK4yGFRlc

"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 access period by the end of the day Tuesday, Aug. 16.

In other recovery news…

During the day Monday, county crews worked to repair several retaining walls at the foot of Main Street and on Hamilton Street, repaired pipes, traffic signal conduit and continued to fill in sunken infrastructure with crushed rock.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill has extended the practice of not charging Howard County private residents a fee for dumping debris from the July 30 Ellicott City flooding through Thursday, Aug. 24.

The Disaster Assistance Center will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ellicott City 50+ Center located at 9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For more information or assistance, call 410-313-2900 or visit www.ECfloodrecovery.org

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