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Vehicle access helps cleanup, recovery continue along Ellicott City's Main Street

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Progress continued for the second straight day along Ellicott City's Main Street as dozens of vehicles and scores of residents, merchants and building owners returned to the area during Friday's day-long access window.

Another 74 vehicles entered Main Street to help clean up and clear out 52 properties throughout Friday, loading 13 trash dumpsters that were strategically placed throughout the area. More than 120 family members, friends and employees assisted merchants and business owners in the cleanup.

"With each trip that comes to Main Street, it's clear that progress is being made," said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "It's slow and steady progress. But these are critical steps in our path forward."

Access to the area will continue through Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. As a reminder, cars, vans, pickups and small box trucks up to 15-feet long will be allowed to enter the Main Street area for the retrieval of larger items and belongings. Those planning to bring a vehicle must call 410-313-2900 to have access approved and scheduled. Those accessing properties will be allowed to make multiple visits during the cleanup.

Credentialing and staging will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. The Disaster Assistance Center, located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center at 9401 Frederick Road, will also do credentialing both days during the regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Howard County Office of Emergency Management continues to closely monitor weather forecasts and radar and, with thunderstorms predicted for parts of Sunday, access may be suspended or terminated should those storms materialize.

In other recovery news...

-County crews completed the repaving of lot F, located at the corner of Main Street and Ellicott Mills Drive in Ellicott City. That lot, however, remains closed to the public. Later in the day, crews began milling, patching and repairing Merryman and Hill streets, though repaving of those streets won't occur until sometime next week.

In the interim, residents of Merryman and Hill will be allowed to park on those streets during the overnight hours.

- The U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) is open inside the Ellicott City 50+ Center this weekend from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, SBA representatives will be on hand at the George Howard Building from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday to answer questions about the loan program and help with applications.

For more information or assistance, please call 410-313-2900 and continue to visit the recovery resource page at www.ECfloodrecovery.org.

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