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Cleanup efforts make strides in Ellicott City as county extends access again on Monday

Note: Resending to correct date of storm

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Cleanup efforts were in full swing along Ellicott City's Main Street Sunday as 110 merchants, residents and property owners, 160 helpers and more than 100 volunteers were able to get into buildings to continue the recovery from last week's devastating storm.

The eight-hour cleanup filled trash dumpsters and gave those displaced their first extended opportunity to get into homes and businesses to begin digging out following the July 30 storm that dropped six inches of rain in less than two hours.

"Today was a great, great day for us," County Executive Allan H. Kittleman said. "Business owners and residents made great progress."

Kittleman announced there will be another opportunity on Monday for residents, merchants and owners to continue clean-up efforts. After Monday, access to Main Street will be curtailed through Friday to allow for an extended, uninterrupted evaluation of the Main Street infrastructure. The hope, Kittleman said, is to reopen access to residents, merchants and business owners next Saturday and Sunday.

In other recovery news:

The Vehicle Recovery Center at Centennial High School is now closed. Starting Monday morning, the remaining 12 vehicles are being towed to impound facilities and stored at the owner's expense.

The Howard County Office of Workforce Development will conduct a job fair on Monday, Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Disaster Assistance Center on Frederick Road.

The Disaster Assistance Center will operate between 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center, 9401 Frederick Road.

A comprehensive resource list regarding recovery efforts can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/ECStrong-Recovery-Resources>.

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