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Ellicott City job fair helps find employment for displaced workers; cleanup continues

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – A job fair for those displaced by last week’s devastating storm in Ellicott City helped 14 secure work and gave others seeking employment an opportunity to meet with dozens of potential employers.

More than 65 businesses and about 60 job-seekers attended the fair conducted by the Howard County Office of Workforce Development, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) and Howard County Economic Development Authority. The fair took place at the Disaster Assistance Center, located at the Ellicott City 50+ Center, 9401 Frederick Road.

“One of our top priorities has been to get those folks back to work,” said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. “Today’s job fair was an important step in that direction.”

At the same time as the job fair, cleanup efforts continued along Ellicott City’s Main Street, as 140 merchants, residents and property owners and more than 100 helpers were able to get into buildings to continue the recovery from last week’s devastating storm.

More than 250 volunteers have already assisted with damage clean up and more than 3,000 people have requested information on how they may volunteer.

After today, access to Main Street will be curtailed to the public and volunteers through Friday to allow for an extended, uninterrupted evaluation of the Main Street infrastructure. The hope 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. This morning, the remaining 12 vehicles that were at the high school were towed to impound facilities and stored at the owner’s expense.

The Disaster Assistance Center will continue to operate from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

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

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