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Lee County update Friday morning post-Hurricane Helene

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 27, 2024 – Lee County this morning has crews throughout the county assessing parks, beaches, roadways, weirs and swales, and flooded structures.

Lee County Emergency Management continues to ask residents to avoid unnecessary travel. Please allow county crews to perform their assessments and to clean up areas that flooded due to Hurricane Helene.

Lee County Parks & Recreation sites are closed until 9 a.m., except for Lee County pool facilities which will open at noon. This affects:

- San Carlos Pool
- Lehigh Acres Pool
- North Fort Myers Pool
- Pine Island Pool

LeeTran service will resume at 10 a.m. with the exception of the 410, which runs to Fort Myers Beach. The 490 will only travel from the Main Street stop to the Beach Park & Ride until further notice. Other routes, including routes in downtown Fort Myers, may have detours.

Lee County library branches will reopen at 10 a.m. with the exception of the Captiva Memorial Library, which will remain closed today. Libraries that were previously scheduled to be closed include South County Regional Library, Johann Fust Community Library in Boca Grande, and Northwest Regional Library. (Please note that the libraries on Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach are not part of the county library system; check with municipalities.)

Local law enforcement continues to update social media channels related to any road closures, flooded roadways or other hazards to motorists. Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee DOT are coordinating cleanup on coastal roadways. As crews are working, some temporary road closures will occur. Please note, Charlotte County has closed the bridge to Boca Grande.

Lee County Solid Waste's haulers have resumed collection of trash, yard waste and recycling.

- Regular household collections are delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.
- Collections will resume as normal on Monday, Sept. 30.
- Due to volume from Helene, some routes may experience delays.
- All Lee County disposal facilities are open for extended hours on Saturday.

The Department of Community Development urges that any unincorporated Lee County residents with water intrusion in their homes, or those residing in the Special Flood Hazard Area with wind damage, send an email to FIRMinfo@leegov.com for assistance with permit requirements and resources. Send the email today. You can also visit www.leegov.com/dcd/BldPermitServ/disaster-recovery for information.

The Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains activated with seats filled in Plans and Operations. Public Safety partners, including fire and law enforcement, are coordinating response post-Helene.

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