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Tropical Storm Nicole update from Lee County for Thursday morning, Nov. 10

Fort Myers, FL, Nov. 10, 2022 -- Lee County Government has the following announcements this morning related to Tropical Storm Nicole.

Operations:

Lee County offices and locations are open for regular business today. The Lee County Emergency Operations Center remains activated for T.S. Nicole assessment and Hurricane Ian recovery.

Shelters:

The county's shelters that were opened in advance of T.S. Nicole at North Fort Myers Recreation Center and Estero Recreation Center housed 105 residents, 14 cats and four dogs overnight. Shelters will close at midday today. LeeTran will assist those who need rides to return to the LeeTran transfer stations where they were picked up prior to T.S. Nicole.

Roadways:

The Lee County Department of Transportation reports traffic signals throughout the county are working at pre-T.S. Nicole levels. The county continues the process of post-Hurricane Ian repairs. To learn more about that, watch a Lee County video with DOT Deputy Director Rob Price: <https://youtu.be/FKNK9CVj204>.

As the remnants of T.S. Nicole leave our region, DOT asks motorists to proceed with caution on wet roads. DOT crews are actively monitoring storm drains and roadways to mitigate any localized flooding in a timely fashion.

Blue Roof Program:

Anyone who needs assistance with repairing or replacing a tarp on their roof following impacts from T.S. Nicole can call the Crisis Cleanup Hotline at 800-451-1954. For other resources available, dial 211 to reach the Storm Information Hotline manned by United Way.

Garbage and debris:

Solid Waste garbage and recycling collections that normally occur on Thursdays are continuing. The Waste-to-Energy facility in Buckingham is open.

The county's debris hauler, CrowderGulf, is operating today, continuing collections. The community meeting that had been scheduled for Gateway residents was postponed and will now be Tuesday, Nov. 15. Visit www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/debris.

Although Lee County Government will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in recognition of Veterans Day, regular garbage and recycling collections will happen as will continued Hurricane Ian debris hauling operations.

Libraries and parks:

Lee County libraries are open today with a few exceptions. The Pine Island Public Library and the Johann Fust Community Library in Boca Grande are closed. Some libraries impacted by Hurricane Ian remain closed. Check www.leelibrary.net.

Some Lee County Parks & Recreation sites remain impacted by Hurricane Ian and are closed. For a list of open parks, visit www.leeparks.org.

Information:

For Hurricane Ian and T.S. Nicole response updates and information, check www.leegov.com/storm or follow Lee County Government on Facebook, www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc

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