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Public Service Announcement

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RE: Hurricane IRMA (UPDATE #6)

Now that Hurricane Irma has passed and gone, it is time to assess the damages that were sustained throughout the County. We ask that you remain patient with us throughout this endeavor as we are working diligently to ensure your safety and well-being.

There still remains a threat of flooding along the St. Mary's River in the Southernmost part of the County. Residents in this area need to prepare to possibly evacuate the area temporarily to allow flooding to go down. For a list of shelters in the area, please see below:

New Life Church in St. George

(Remember that no pets are allowed here, bring meds, sleeping necessities, snacks and any personal belongings with you) New Life will furnish sandwiches and drinks.

According to OREMC, over 3,000 service connections within Charlton County are without power at this time. The electrical companies are doing everything they can to ensure that your power is on as quickly and safely as possible.

Please see a list of frequently asked questions below,

Frequently asked questions:

1. Can I come into Charlton County right now?

We are working as fast as we can to make sure every roadway is safe for travel and that power outages are not extensive around the County. Right now, nearly all of the county is without power and many roads remain impassable due to washouts and trees across the road. We ask that you remain where you are until further notice.

2. Is Charlton County under any evacuation?

Yes, we remain in a mandatory evacuation at this time until 12:00 PM Tuesday, September 12th.

3. What is the status of the City of Folkston's Water Service?

Right now, service is available, however, we ask that each citizen conserve as much water as possible. With power outages extensive throughout the City, it is unlikely as to when all operations will be back in service at this time.

4. What roads have been closed at this time?

Seab Kennison, Eston Prescott Road, Stokes Lake, Barker Blvd, Forrest Lake, James G Rodenberry, Portions of Paxton and Mattox Roads, St. Mary's River Bluff Road (due to potential flooding), and the western most portion of Newell Road which connects to River Road. If you have any further information on road issues, please contact our office annotated in question number 7 below.

5. Are law enforcement officers patrolling neighborhoods?

The Charlton County Sheriff's office along with the help of the City of Folkston Police Department has been patrolling the area all throughout the night and are continuing to do so.

6. What do I do if I see a downed power line?

Do not touch any fallen power lines as it may still be energized with power. If a tree has fallen on a power line, please do not attempt to cut the tree off as it too may act as a grounding rod for the power line.

7. Where do I report washed out roads, fallen trees, or other major road damage?

Please contact our County Road Department at (912) 496-4321.

8. Where do I call to report a Power Outage?

GA Power outage line is 1-888-891-0938

OREMC phone number is 1-800-262-5131

For updates from Charlton County authorities, please visit our website at www.charltoncountyga.us and sign up for our Citizen Alert program which sends out emergency information through text and phone calls as they are disbursed from the County.

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