

HELENE/MILTON UPDATE 10/22

(Please see previous updates for additional important information)

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Debris

Our debris contractors have completed the first push throughout the residential sections of town. The second pick up is scheduled to begin this coming weekend with a third and final pickup scheduled prior to Thanksgiving. We will have exact dates soon.

We have contracted with Waste Pro to pick up the vegetation/yard debris. Their claw truck began yesterday and is working its way through town. Once again, this is only for yard debris.

When placing debris curbside for the coming pickups, please be sure to not bag any remaining debris. The company cannot pick it up if it is bagged. We had asked that small debris be bagged prior to Milton to avoid clogging of our drains, however at this point no debris can be bagged.

Nails/Small Debris

We have had several people ask how they can help. One very important thing we could use help with is removing nails and other small debris from our streets. If you could please sweep the area in front of your residence, this would help prevent damage and flat tires for your neighbors and everyone driving the neighborhood.

Voting

Voting will be held at Town Hall, as usual, on election day - November 5th. Early voting and ballot drop locations are available at www.votepinellas.gov.

Hazardous Waste

We have had several inquiries about paint/cleaning chemicals/and other hazardous waste that was not collected by our debris contractors. We are working on a solution and hope to have a collection site nearby soon.

Building Permits

We understand there is much frustration surrounding the rules involved with getting permits issued and with the application of the FEMA 50% rule. We want to assure you that the last thing we want to do is make things more difficult in the recovery process. These issues are due to federal processes and regulations, that the Town is required to follow as part of the National Flood Insurance Program, and we have no control or sway over these rules.

We have to rely on the knowledge of our Building Official Randy Spears, and Safebuilt, to apply these regulations appropriately. He is currently working on finding a solution that would allow some permits to be issued depending on the criteria. I will have more information from him in tomorrow's update.

We have heard through the municipal grapevine that FEMA representatives are nearby and estimates are being completed. As they do not consult with us, we have no guidelines on when they will be in NRB.

As a reminder, all permitting questions must go to the building department as we have no knowledge or authority over permitting here at town hall. Their contact information is 727-202-6825, redington@safebuilt.com or in person at 17985 Gulf Blvd, Suite 201 (the old Wells Fargo Bank building).

Hot Lunch Again on Sunday

A Taste of Laos will be distributing lunch again on this Sunday, October 27th in front of the Ocean Blue Nail Salon at the Redington Village Plaza on 173rd. It will be available from noon til the food is gone.

Where can I find additional information?

For updated important information, please visit Pinellas County's Emergency Management website for a full list of resources at:

<https://pinellas.gov/emergency-information/>

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