

HELENE/MILTON UPDATE 10/25

(Please see previous updates for additional important information)

All updates available on townofnrb.com

As we finish another difficult week, I would like to wish you all well for the weekend. I am out next week so you may not receive daily updates during this time, however Renee will be reaching out with any pertinent information that is received. Please contact Safebuilt (727-202-6825) with building/permitting/assessment questions. I look forward to being in touch upon my return.

Substantial Damage Assessments

From Randy Spears, Building Official:

Pinellas County and FEMA have begun Substantial Damage Estimate inspections.

The Inspectors are making great progress.

Please remember that this is a multistep process and will take time. We will continue to update the progress as we receive information. Unfortunately, we do not have a completion date available currently and appreciate the community's continued patience.

As a reminder, we will issue only permits required for:

- Life safety, including
 - Electrical-
 - NOTE Wire and cable manufacturers at NEMA and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), state that Type NM-B cable (which includes Southwire's Romex® Brand) needs to be removed if the cable has been submerged in flood waters.
 - Mechanical,
- Demolition, including:
 - Structures to be razed.
 - Interior demolition (drywall removal) to allow the building to dry.

Permits are REQUIRED for all of this work. There will be NO PENALTIES for doing the work if you obtain an after-the fact permit. Permits are for your protection and information gathering only. Inspections will verify the extent of your damage, preparation for work, and proper completion.

Pinellas County Information of Damage Assessments

Pinellas County has provided excellent information on the damage assessment process. Please follow the link below and click on the second agenda item. There are two items – a memo and a power point presentation.

<https://pinellas.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1126954&GUID=11BCA8F3-3C6C-4C44-B6FE-FB6BD2CD710B&Search=>

Debris 2nd Push

We have been informed by our debris contractor that the 2nd push will begin at the end of next week. Vegetation/Yard Waste will be picked up on this run. Appliances will be collected during the final run prior to Thanksgiving. appliances.

We have had reports of debris being dumped on both town property such as the parks and cul-de-sacs and even on resident's private property. Please don't place any debris on any property other than your own and if having a private contractor remove debris, advise them it must be taken to a licensed debris site.

FEMA/Property Appraiser Webinar

Below is a link to the webinar hosted by Representative Linda Chaney yesterday. I apologize for any confusion on it being cancelled. The meeting that was cancelled yesterday was our town meeting that was a replacement for the one cancelled due to Milton.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_gTRAU9vvb_Ps8wFcz0jxit7jJ_HhPes/view?usp=sharing

Beach Accesses

We have been working on beach accesses this week and are happy to announce that two accesses are open (they aren't perfect yet, but we are getting there) and another will be available by the first of the week.

Currently open is the access between the Doubletree and Sandalwood hotels (17100/17120 Gulf Blvd) and the vehicle access at the

north end of the Tides Condominiums (16750/16800 Gulf Blvd). The pedestrian access at this location will be closed for some time due to extensive damage, however the vehicle access can be used by pedestrians.

The access at Emerald Isle (17334 Gulf Blvd) should be open at the first of next week.

Please be careful walking the beach as there is hidden debris in the sand and could be dangerous. Also, if you plan to be in the water, be aware that there could be dangerous, unseen debris there as well.

Beach Clean Up Reminder

A beach cleanup planned for this Saturday, October 26th at 9:00 am. Please meet at the vehicle access at the north end of the Tides Condominiums. Please wear closed toe shoes as there is unknown debris in the sand.

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/>

Please see previous updates at townofnrb.com for additional town specific information