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## SAGINAW COUNTY LONG-TERM DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP

### REMEDiation MONDAY for August 3, 2020 ACTION ITEMS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY MAY'S FLOODING

#### FEMA UPDATE

Three weeks after President Trump declared a major disaster for mid-Michigan following the May floods, more than 1,200 homeowners and renters have been approved for more than \$25 million in assistance from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA has approved 141 loans to individuals and businesses nearing \$11 million.

As of today, 319 Saginaw County households have valid registrations with FEMA under consideration for funding – which represents a little over half of those impacted by the floods in our county. We encourage others to register as soon as possible. Remember, renters may apply as well as homeowners.

Here's how to apply with FEMA:

Online: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

Mobile: Download FEMA app

Phone: 800-621-3362 | TTY: 800-462-7585

For individuals and businesses seeking low-interest SBA loans, know that you must first register with FEMA. Once that is complete, we encourage you to talk directly with an SBA agent for help with the loan application. You can do so at any of these numbers: 571-442-8013, 571-422-6016, 571-422-0331 M-F 8 am-5 pm (TTY: 800-877-8339).

In the event that SBA denies a loan application, applicants can return to FEMA to request funding.

#### DEADLINE

The deadline to register with FEMA is September 8.

#### NO COMPUTER?

Our one-stop flood recovery drive-through "center" at Holy Spirit Parish on River Rd. in Thomas Township will open in mid-August. FEMA and SBA representatives will be available to help those who are unable to fill out and submit paperwork virtually.

DO NOT WAIT for this event if you have other means of applying and submitting documents online.

#### CONSTRUCTION

We are extremely fortunate to have Herb Spence of Spence Brothers as the chair of our construction committee. Herb has volunteered to lend his time, expertise, and leadership to coordinate local and national volunteer organizations that will be doing long-term repairs and rebuilds associated with the disaster damage in Saginaw County.



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### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Herb is just one example of Saginaw County's outpouring of support for our neighbors impacted by the flood. Though much of the initial damage is cleaned up and trash has been removed from properties, this event is far from over. The long-term recovery is ongoing and active, focused on getting families back into safe, livable homes. Individuals, businesses, and organizations are still stepping up with donations, clean-up supplies, and volunteer service. And we couldn't do it without the unwavering support from a close network of nonprofit agencies and charitable organizations that remain committed to lending a hand as well as their limited financial resources.

### NEED HELP?

If you are a Saginaw County resident and would like personalized help navigating the process of accessing federal, state, and local dollars for assistance, call case manager Felicia Rose-Barry at (989) 598-3772.

### NOT CLEANED UP?

Don't wait any longer! Call 211 and apply to FEMA.

### CONNECT WITH US

Follow [www.reliefsaginaw.org](http://www.reliefsaginaw.org) and Facebook @SaginawCoEM for developing details, future distributions, and other timely details.

*The Saginaw County Long-Term Disaster Recovery Group is comprised of representatives of Saginaw County government, local non-profit agencies, charitable organizations, corporations, and faith-based groups working collaboratively to meet the needs of 600+ families in Saginaw County.*

*The group's goal is to make sure everyone affected by May's devastating severe storms and flooding is aware of and connected to recovery process details.*

*For more information, visit [www.reliefsaginaw.org](http://www.reliefsaginaw.org), follow us on Facebook @Saginaw COEM, or call 211.*