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Dear Friend,
The Upstate was hit hard by Helene, and many folks are in need of up-to-date information and resources. Thankfully, our state has many organizations and individuals who are up to the task.

I'd like to share some information that may be of interest.

For those of you living in the city of Greenville, here is a newsletter from Greenville Councilman Wil Brasington (District 4) with important information that might be helpful to you and your family, as well as some updates on resources available to you:

From: Wil Brasington
City Councilman, District 4
Date: September 30, 2024 at 9:50 PM
Greetings once again, everyone -

Hope your week is off to a good start! Here's another round of post-Helene storm response updates for you, intended to keep you closely posted on progress towards returning our neighborhoods and city back to the "pre-September 27th" version of ourselves... :)

1) Successful Solid Waste Pick-Up: Despite the presence of post-storm debris along the roadsides and with a number of streets still partially closed, the City of Greenville successfully carried out today's Solid Waste/Trash and Recycling pick-up for the Monday route! Once again, kudos to the City's Public Works team for their commitment. The remainder of the week's pick-up routes should play out according to the traditional schedule...

2) Storm-Debris Pick-Up and Street Clearing: As previously reported and for our shared expectations, storm debris pick-up from the curb and roadside will begin en masse tomorrow/Wednesday and should continue for several days. The countless piles of sticks/limbs/vegetative debris that currently decorate our neighborhoods will begin to disappear soon and hopefully will be a thing of the past by this coming weekend!

3) Update on Street Closures: The City of Greenville confirmed 101 roadway blockages and closures within the city limits due to storm damage as of last Friday. As of today, 39 of these routes have been re-opened. This leaves 62 street closures (mostly partial), with 38 of these 62 involving downed or damaged powerlines awaiting attention by Duke Energy or partnering/volunteering utilities.

4) Update on City Traffic Signals: As of this afternoon, 174 of the City's 207 traffic signals are now operational. This is good progress, considering nearly all were non-operational in the immediate aftermath of the storm.

5) Beware of Scams: Reports are circulating of spoofs, scams, and misinformation. Unfortunately, people are evidently even posing as City of Greenville workers trying get people to pay money for staff services. Additionally, the City has also heard of alleged "FEMA workers" going door-to-door for items - this is not legitimate! If any member of the community has any question about legitimacy of City workers, please have them call Greenville Cares at 864-232-2273.

6) Power Restoration: Work continues by Duke Energy and teams of contract and out-of-town volunteering utility providers. Reports of restored power have been trickling in throughout the day, ranging from the North Main area, Chanticleer, Meyers Drive, Kellett Park, and places in between. More to come tomorrow, and hopefully the lion's share remainder between Wednesday and Thursday per Duke's guidance.

How may I lend support and assistance to you? Please continue to let me know of any needs/issues/concerns you may have and I'll gladly go to work on your behalf. Thanks to those from Alta Vista, Brookside Forest, Cleveland Forest, Gower and the Augusta Road area who brought forth opportunities to help out in the past 24 hours - should you need anything at all, I'd love to hear from you!

Please continue to take care and best wishes to you and yours,

Wil Brasington
Greenville City Councilman, District 4
Meals, water and hygiene:

- **WYFF: LIST: Where food, water is being distributed in the Upstate area of South Carolina**
    - Click the link above for an ongoing list of food distribution in the Upstate for Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson and Oconee counties.

WYFF: Woodruff Road Walmart provides showers

- The Walmart on Woodruff Road is open from 7am-7pm for the next 13 days. They are offering hot showers and a chance to wash clothes.

- **Greenwood County Government is posting information about food and water distribution.**
  - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/greenwoodcountysc/
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SCGwd

Clean-up and property damage:

- If you don't already, follow Greenville County Emergency Management for important updates.
  - Website: https://gceoc.com/
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GreenvilleCoEM
  - Twitter: https://x.com/GreenvilleCoEM
- If you need help with damage cleanup following Hurricane Helene, call Crisis Cleanup at 844-965-1386. All services are free. Service is not guaranteed. Volunteers may be able to assist with:
  - Mucking out
  - Cleaning up trees
  - Tarping roofs
  - Clearing debris

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- If there is property damage from Hurricane Helene, report it using the "Damage Assessment tool" in the SC Emergency Manager app to notify authorities. Download the app on the App Store and on Google Play here.

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My staff and I are monitoring the impacts of Hurricane Helene, and we will continue to work with federal, state, and local officials. I have urged Congress to reconvene in order to pass a supplemental aid package to fund Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. To read my statement, click here.

I've also included a list of helpful resources in response to the hurricane on my website, and it will be updated continually as we receive more information. To view the website, click here.

As a result of the hurricane, my offices around the state have lost phone service, so if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to give my Washington, D.C. office a call at 202-224-5972.

Stay safe, and God bless.
Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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