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Subject:	Update from City of Clemson Mayor
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Good evening,

I hope you're all faring well. The following message from Mayor Robert Halfacre has been posted to the City's website and sent via email. I've also included a link to this post and the website and a link to the University's gameday updates post at the bottom of this email.

Good evening Clemson,

I hope you are all safe and doing as well as can be expected after Helene's not-so-welcome visit to South Carolina. Our community definitely took a hit, but we are fortunately not facing the levels of flooding and damage of other nearby areas, and we are not aware of any major injuries at this time. Our City buildings and vehicles seem to have been unscathed, but our staff is continuing to monitor and assess. We are also incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated City staff, an incredible community who stepped in to help, and the collaboration of neighboring towns and counties as well as the University to help us recover from the damage.

As we move into the evening and the sun goes down, please stay home and off the roads as much as possible. City first responders and front line workers have been working diligently and tirelessly to remove downed trees, communicate outages, and ensure that all of our roads are passable, but they are not all completely cleared. Additionally, much of the community is still without power, including traffic lights and street lights. While we all may be getting a little stir crazy, for the safety of yourself, the community, and our city staff, please remain off the roads as much as possible.

Tomorrow's homecoming game is still set to go on as scheduled, but this gameday will look a little different. We've been working with the University to develop a plan and communications related to this, and that information will be available shortly.

It has been a long day, and we likely still have a few of weeks of cleanup ahead of us, but we thank our staff and our community for all of their efforts preparing for this storm and responding to damages and emergencies in the aftermath.

Continue to check our City website and social media pages and sign up for email alerts for the latest updates. And most importantly, please be patient and safe in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Halfacre

This statement can be accessed on the website here:
https://www.clemsoncity.org/Activityfeed/Myarticles/TabId/197/ArtMID/2433/ArticleID/5172/Message-from-the-Mayor-Helene-Update.aspx

The University has posted their gameday guide for tomorrows game at https://clemsontigers.com/friday-update-clemson-vs-stanford-gameday-operations/

Thanks,
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