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Behind the Desk

A Message from Brian Swords, President of the Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce

Storm Resources

I pray each of you are safe and there wasn't any damage to your homes or businesses.

Like many of you, I am still without power at home and we lost a few trees, but I consider it a blessing that my family is safe.

Hurricane Helena dealt quite a blow as she came through Friday morning, but I remain in awe at the way our community has stepped up to serve one another in this unprecedented time. I have provided a few resources below that I hope you can use.

Our office has been without Internet or phones, but we have been assured they will be restored by the end of the day today (Tuesday). Our staff is working from home returning calls and responding to emails. Our office will reopen tomorrow at 9am. Please do not hesitate reaching out to us at 864/859-2693 (office) if we can be of any assistance. I can also be reached by cell at 864/901-4331.

Brian

Volunteers Needed for Storm Cleanup

We are working to help coordinate volunteers for storm damage cleanup. If you are a business or individual willing to volunteer to help with cleanup from storm damage, please contact the chamber office directly at (864) 859-2693 or ecc@easleychamber.org.

Pickens County Call Center / Updates

County Administrator, Ken Roper, and his staff are doing a tremendous job of keeping the county informed and updated. Mr. Roper is doing daily video updates on the county's Facebook page. The county has created a special Call Center that was activated this morning to handle ***"non-emergency"*** questions. The Call Center is staffed from 8am - 6pm and can be accessed by calling (864) 774-9743. The county has also dedicated a special website to pass along community updates and resources. The website can be found by ***clicking here***.

US Small Business Administration Disaster Relief Resources

The disaster relief declaration for South Carolina can be found by **clicking here**. Keep this handy as many of you may have questions as we continue to dig out. Keep in mind that the declaration covers

physical, as well as economic damage.

We expect to get location and contact information for local disaster assistance centers soon.

If you have any questions regarding the SBA Disaster Relief, please contact the Earl Gregorich, SBA Outreach Specialist, his contact information is below:

Earl Gregorich, CBA
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U.S. Small Business Administration
(803) 253-3123
Cell (202) 631-2141

Charging Stations / Shelters

A pet friendly shelter is open at Glenwood Baptist Church (325 Case Lowell Road in Easley). Charging stations are open at 5 Point Church and Easley Fire Station 2.

The Chamber Office will also be available for those that may need to charge devices or need a temporary location for Internet access for business purposes. We will be open beginning Wednesday. We are open each weekday 9am - 5pm.

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