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Dewatering and Cleanup Efforts Continue in Harlingen

Harlingen, Texas– The City of Harlingen continues to remove standing water from neighborhoods and City roadways caused by Monday night’s unexpected rain event that dumped more than 13 inches of rain throughout the City within a 3-4 hour time period. The heavy rainfall caused flash flooding in several areas of the City and temporarily exceeded the five-year designed capacity of the City’s interior storm drainage system. This amount of rainfall is classified between a 100-500 year storm event.

City staff along with help from Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 4 Gustavo Ruiz, continue to pump water out of the most inundated neighborhoods where the water is receding very slowly such as, Hickory Hill Subdivision and Stuart Place Road which runs through Primera and Palm Valley.



Crews have already cleared the water in the Spanish Acres Subdivision which includes Barcelona, Buena Vista, Marchita, and La Paloma Ave. and the Secluded Acres Subdivision that includes Vinson, Farley, Hayden,

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Dalton, Hapner Court, Burke, Kratze, and Sterling Avenue.

Residents that have already started cleanup efforts should place debris in the front curb so that crews can pick up as soon as reasonably possible.

Today only one major street remains closed due to flooding.

- Stuart Place Road from Wilson to the frontage.

There are several streets in neighborhoods off of Bass Boulevard that have standing water and drivers are strongly encouraged not to drive through there so as not to push water into homes. As a reminder cleanouts should never be opened in the yard to drain yard flooding as this will only cause more problems for people downstream and can increase the chance for backups into houses in the same neighborhood. It is also illegal and will jeopardize the offender's water account.

The Health Department has also commenced to larvicide standing water throughout the City to diminish the breeding of mosquitoes. In addition, we are awaiting word from the Federal Government as to whether FEMA help will be available. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has already signed a disaster declaration for our area and it has been sent to the President for his approval. We will notify you as soon as more information becomes available.

Meantime, all City pools are open and the Summer School Program has resumed. At the Tony Butler Golf Course, holes 1-9 and 19-27 are playable but 10-18 are closed.

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