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Citizen Information Line:

- The Escambia County Citizens Information Line will no longer be operational effective at 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 8, 2004. There will be a recorded message for the citizen's convenience.

Community Services:

- Please use the following number listed to contact Community Services personnel until further notice
 - Community Services Director, Marilyn Wesley, 595-3324, 554-3076
 - Workfare program, Carla Jones, Chief, 554-3077
 - Community Centers, Valerie Jones, Chief, 554-3078
 - Veterans Services, Jerry White, (Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday only) 471-7694
 - Indigent Burial Program, etc., 595-3324
- Staff is available at the above numbers from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Price Gouging:

- Complaints on price gouging of services or goods contact State Attorney's Office at 595-4253 or local law enforcement.

Bridges:

- The toll on the Garcon Pointe Bridge is suspended.

FEMA Assistance:

- Escambia County residents may apply for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA. Residents who sustained damage from Hurricane Ivan must register to be eligible for assistance. When you apply for disaster assistance please have the following available:
 - Social Security Number (including spouse)
 - Address and zip code of the damaged property
 - Directions to the damaged property
 - Telephone numbers where you can be reached during the day

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- A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is a facility where persons can meet face-to-face with represented Federal, State, local, and volunteer agencies.
- Full service Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are open at the following locations:
 - St. Ann Catholic Church – Gulf Breeze, 100 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze.
 - Brent Oaks Shopping Center located at Palafox and Brent Lane.
 - Old Eckerds at the Food World Shopping Center on Sorrento Road.
 - Ag Center on Industrial Park in Century.
 - County Tax Office located at 292 Muskogee Road, Cantonment.
- Residents should call 1-800-621-FEMA prior to going to the DRC.
- Anyone representing FEMA will have credentials indicating they are an official representative.

Escambia County Clerk of the Circuit Court:

- Jurors:
 - Escambia County Jurors called for duty the week of October 11, 2004, should report to the Civic Center on Monday, October 11 at 8:00 a.m.
- Civil and Family Court:
 - Civil and family court hearings have resumed. Locations for these hearings vary, please confirm the location for your hearing through your attorney's office. If you are not represented by an attorney, please contact the judge's office for the location.
- Criminal Court:
 - If you missed a criminal court date in Escambia County during the period of Tuesday, Sept 14 through Weds Oct 6, you MUST contact your attorney immediately or report to the Warrants Division of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department at 1200 W. Leonard Street for processing.
- Domestic Violence Court:
 - Until further notice, Domestic Violence Court hearings will be held each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Board of County Commissioners Chambers, 3rd floor, Old Courthouse, corner of Palafox and Government Street.
- Juvenile Court:
 - All juvenile arraignments, detention and shelter hearings, pre-trial conferences, delinquency dispositions and judicial reviews will be conducted at the Bruno Building, 1800 St. Mary's Avenue. Access to the Bruno Building is limited – approach from Pace Blvd to St Mary's Avenue.
 - All juvenile trials and short miscellaneous hearings will continue to be held in the judge's hearing rooms at 2251 N. Palafox Street.
 - For further information relative to juvenile court proceedings, please contact the Clerk of Court, Juvenile Division at (850) 595-3780.

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- Court Administration:
 - Pensacola Civic Center, 201 E. Gregory Street
 - Administrative Services, (850) 595-4400
 - Court Reporters, (850) 595-4409
 - Family Law Domestic Violence Injunctions, (850) 595-4492
 - Family Law Pro Se (Selfhelp), (850) 595-4407
 - Human Resources, (850) 595-4481
 - Judicial Divisions, (No Changes)

The websites are: www.firstjudicialcircuit.org or www.flcourts.org.

Debris Removal Contractors:

- Solid Waste Management Department has returned to their normal operations at Perdido Landfill as well as at the Oak Grove Facility.
- Ash Britt, Crowder-Gulf or DRC have been hired by Escambia County to remove the debris on the County rights-of-way. There is no charge for this service. Any contractors attempting to charge Escambia County citizens for these services should be reported to the Sheriff's Department. If a citizen chooses to hire a private contractor for work on private property, that's their choice.
- All citizens are asked to ensure they stack the debris from their private property far enough away for any and all utility meters to prevent damage being done to these meters by debris removal equipment.
- It is possible that only part of your debris will be picked up at a given time and the company will return to pick up additional debris at a later date. Debris will continue to be picked up in all areas until an inspector clears the contractor.
- Follow these debris separation procedures to expedite clean-up:
 - Vegetative debris (trees, brush, etc.)
 - Construction debris (shingles, etc.)
 - Household garbage
- Place your debris on the right-of-way in front of your property. When doing so, be certain not to hide or cover fire hydrants.
- Do not place leaves or vegetative debris in plastic bags.
- Officials are asking homeowners to remove all grocery contents from any refrigerated appliances being disposed. These contents are subject to decomposition or decay and should be placed in plastic bags with your normal garbage.
- Debris drop off sites open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. They are:
 - Dickson Park, 1102 Paulding Rd, Warrington
 - Chimes Way, 5002 Chimes Way, Pensacola
 - Escambia County Equestrian Center, 7750 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola
 - Old Ensley School Park, 107 E. Detroit Blvd., Pensacola
 - Regency Park, 8245 Fathom Rd., Pensacola
 - Don Sutton Park 2320 Crabtree Church Rd., Molino
 - Byrnesville, 1707 Hwy 4-A, Century
- For removal of debris from State rights-of-way, contact (850) 981-3000.

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City of Pensacola Government:

- The City of Pensacola has established a call-in center to provide updated information to citizens on matters affecting the city and pertaining to Hurricane Ivan and the subsequent cleanup.
- The center will be open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. Residents or others with questions concerning sanitation, governmental relocation, code enforcement, public safety, or any other issues pertaining to the City of Pensacola and all of its agencies can call 437-9112.

Pensacola Naval Air Station:

- Any NAS personnel with housing related questions or issues, should call the Navy housing office at (850) 452-4412.
- The base remains closed to visitors.
- The Naval Aviation Museum will be reopening Oct 11.
- The Navy Ball will go on as scheduled on Nov. 10.
- The Air Show will go on as scheduled o Nov 11-13.
- The NHP pharmacy is open regular hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. All new prescriptions will be processed at the hospital pharmacy. If unable to call refill in for automated processing (850/505-6459 or toll free 1-888/513-4164) the main pharmacy will process refills at the pharmacy window.
- The Naval Hospital will process new and refill prescriptions for Branch Medical Clinics Whiting Field, NATTC, Corry Station and NAS Pensacola.
- Main pharmacy number is (850) 505-6640;
- Automated refill line: 1-888/513-4164; locally 505-6459;
- Branch clinic Whiting Field pharmacy number (850) 623-7707;
- Branch clinic NATTC pharmacy (850) 452-8651 ext. 148;
- Branch clinic Corry Station pharmacy (850) 452-6326 ext. 208;
- Branch clinic NASP pharmacy (850) 452-5242 ext. 117.

Utilities:

- **Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA):**
 - 100% of the school sites' first passes for debris removal will be complete by Friday, October 9, 2004, in time for resumption of classes on October 11, 2004.
 - All ECUA residential and commercial sanitation collections resumed on September 20, 2004 and have been caught up and current since September 22, 2004.
 - 31 water wells are online
 - All lift stations on the mainland are operational.
 - Water has been restored to the structures that are able to receive it in Grand Lagoon and Johnson Beach areas.
 - The #1 Wastewater plant on the beach is open.

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- ECUA is continuing work on Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key.
 - Citizens are urged to continue to conserve water.
 - A boiled-water advisory has been lifted for mainland Escambia County and the core area of Pensacola Beach from the Sheriff's substation to Avenida 10.
 - Citizens are urged to report water leaks by calling 476-0480.
- **City of Pensacola Sanitation:**
- Regular garbage collection has resumed.
- **BellSouth**
- Extra support forces have arrived from South Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. They will remain in the Pensacola area for approximately two weeks.
 - Reporting 90% of customers have phone service.
 - Customers can call BellSouth for repair service at:
 - Residential repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 611; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside of Florida, dial 1-800-432-1424.
 - Business repair from a BellSouth phone, dial 866-620-6900; from wireless or non-BellSouth phone or outside Florida, dial 1-800-252-0803.
- **Gulf Power:**
- Reports approximately 10,753 citizens cannot get power until they repair or rebuild. Anyone else who does not have power and can receive it, should call 1-800-GUPOWER.
 - 100% of the customers who have structures that can accommodate power have power restored system wide.
 - To report power problems, call 1-800-GUPOWER (487-6937).
- **Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc.:**
- 100% of Escambia River's customers who can receive power have been restored.
 - Call our outage response number 1-800-235-3848 if you see a power related emergency or if your neighbor has power and you do not.
- **Energy Services of Pensacola (ESP):**
- Call 474-5300 for all gas service requests.

Roads:

- The following are updates on roads and bridges in Escambia County:
- SR 292 Perdido Key Road sustained significant roadway damage. The anticipated opening is in late January, 2005. Efforts are currently underway to make it passable.
 - Bob Sikes Bridge is only open to emergency vehicles at this time and anticipate further opening within a week.

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- SR 8 (I-10) Escambia Bay Bridge is open to two-way traffic on the westbound side. Permitted loads (oversized and over weight trucks) will use US 90 as a detour.
- Millview Bayou Bridge (SR 298) damage was sustained to the approach and is anticipated to open next week.
- SR 191 Garcon Point Bridge is open. The tolls are currently suspended.
- The detour for cars/light trucks will be moved to US 90, the route that is the parallel to I-10, and commercial trucks will move to the current detour for cars.
- Pine Barren Road is closed south of Highway 168.
- Fannie Road is closed.
- 80% of all local roads are cleared. The total system should be open by Friday except those areas previously specified.
- 83% of the signals in the impacted area are operating. The remaining signals have a higher degree of damage.

Escambia County Area Transit:

- ECAT resumed full service, including the weekends, with the exception of Route 21 to Pensacola Beach

Escambia County Animal Regulation/Control:

- Escambia County Animal Control and The Animal Shelter can be reached at 595-3075 for non-emergency calls, and 595-3080 for emergencies. The Animal Shelter resumed normal operating hours 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Saturday.
- Injured wildlife should be taken to the Wildlife Sanctuary, 105 N S Street, Pensacola.
- For lost pets, please go to the Animal Control Office at 200 W. Fairfield Drive.

Burn Ban:

- The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners established an emergency ordinance implementing a Burn Ban for the County until further notice.

Red Cross:

- Two service centers are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday (closed Sunday) at:
 - East Brent Baptist Church Family Life Center, 4801 N. Davis Highway,
 - Pine Forest Methodist Church, 2800 Wild Lake Blvd.
- There will be no casework done at the headquarters on Pace Boulevard. At the service center, each individual or family will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a trained caseworker to help determine needs and provide urgently needed assistance which may include new clothing, first month's rent, emergency home repairs, transportation, household items, medicines, groceries, counseling and tools. Red Cross may also be able to refer victims to other agencies, which can assist with their needs.
- Disaster victims who because of age, physical difficulty or similar reasons are not able to visit a Red Cross service center may call the Red Cross hotline at 1-866-438-4636. Hearing impaired callers may call TDD 1-800-526-1417.

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- Olive Baptist Church kitchen and food distribution has closed.
- No casework will be done at the 3300 Pace Blvd office.

Salvation Army Service:

- There is a homeless shelter located at 1310 N. "S" Street. The bed capacity is 40 males and 10 females. The phone number is 432-1579.
- Roving Canteens:
 - Molino
 - Florida Town
 - Navy Point neighborhood
 - Perdido Key at Eckerds
- Aiding in the emergency food stamps office.

Army Corps of Engineers:

- The Army Corps of Engineers will place temporary roof covering on homes damaged by the hurricane. Residents must complete a right of entry form before work can begin. Call 1-888-ROOF BLU (1-888-766-3258) for additional information. This information is free of charge.
- You may go to the following locations in Pensacola:
 - County Tax Office located at 292 Muskogee Road, Cantonment, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Warrington: Winn Dixie, 400 N. Navy Blvd, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Ag Center, Industrial Road, Century, FL from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, 4600 Mobile Highway, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, 2650 Creighton Road, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, Blue Angel Parkway, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, Highway 29, Pensacola, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Food World, 6032 Highway 90, Milton from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Old Eckerd Building @ intersection of Gulf Beach Highway and Innerarity Road in Perdido Key
 - Old Scotty's Building at Mobile Highway and Fairfield Drive
 - The Ag Building, Scotty's, Winn Dixie on Highway 29 and on Navy Boulevard will have "self help tarps", all other locations will not have tarps. These are the locations where you need to go to sign the "right of entry" forms to get the blue tarps put on.
 - Operation Blue Roof is working in the North End of the County to enroll property owners who need tarps in the program.

Schools:

- The target date for reopening the Escambia County schools is Oct 11.
- School District hotline number is 469-6373 for parents and employees.
- All School bus drivers and bus assistants who have not been in contact with the Transportation Department need to call 469-5591.

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- The School district has released the following information on before and after school child care for Bellview and Longleaf Elementary Schools:
 - Pine Summit Baptist Church has been identified as the before child care site for Longleaf Elementary School students in the morning (7:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and after school child care for Bellview Elementary School students in the afternoon (12:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.).
 - Longleaf Elementary School parents are responsible for dropping off child care students after 7:00 a.m. each morning and Bellview Elementary School parents are responsible for picking up child care students by 5:50 p.m. each afternoon.
 - The school district will be providing transportation at 12:15 p.m. for Longleaf students from Pine Summit Baptist Church to Bellview Elementary School and for Bellview students from Bellview Elementary School to Pine Summit Baptist Church.
 - Longleaf Elementary School parents still in need of child care should contact La-Vonne Have, with Campfire USA, the contractor for the Longleaf Elementary School Child Care Program, at 476-1760. Those currently enrolled in the program do not need to call.
 - Bellview Elementary School parents still in need of child care should contact Lynne Olsen, with the school district, at 941-6064. Those currently enrolled in the program do not need to call.
 - Parents interested in additional before and after school child care options may call the Child Care Resource and Referral line at 595-5915. Any parent seeking financial assistance for before and after school child care may call the Children Services Center at 595-5900.
 - If parents are interested in other early childhood services, they may call the School Readiness Coalition at 595-5400.
- The School District has released the following update regarding this week-end's football games:
 - All high school football games will be played as originally scheduled on Friday, October 8, 2004, with the exception of the following games:
 - Tate High School will play Pine Forest High School at Woodham High School, Friday, October 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Woodham High School will play Pensacola High School at Pensacola High School on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Health/Safety

- Owners of private wells need to make sure they have checked the water by using the test package that is provided by the Health Department.
- The Dept. of Health has established locations for mobile clinics to provide primary care (other than emergency care):
 - Quietwater Beach parking lot at Pensacola Beach
 - 17400 Perdido Key Drive (parking lot adjacent to Panama Macs)
 - 940 Massachusetts Avenue (Circle, Inc.)
- Emergency mental health locations:

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- CSU located at “J” and Avery (469-3497)
- Baptist Hospital Emergency Room, 1700 “E” Street, Pensacola
- Regular patients should go to Lakeview Center
- Dept. of Health and County Officials are urging all users of portable generators to exercise due care in order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. When operating a generator, be sure the generator remains outside the home or business. DO NOT operate a portable generator within a confined space such as a garage or in a home. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be lethal.

Mosquito Control:

- With all the rain and standing water from Hurricane Ivan, Neighborhood Environmental Services Department would like to remind everyone of the Five “D’s” for mosquito control.
 - Dusk - Avoid being outside at dusk.
 - Dawn - Avoid being outside at dawn.
 - Deet - Use repellent with DEET as an ingredient.
 - Drain- Remove standing water in any thing that is located in the yard.
 - Dress- Wear light colored clothing and cover all exposed areas of skin.

Water and Boat Safety:

- Under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, the Coast Guard has established a temporary safety zone closing the navigable waters with the following exceptions:
 - Pensacola Bay and Escambia Bay are open to vessels with 10-foot draft or less, and the Escambia Rive is open with no restrictions.
 - The Pensacola Bay Channel and Pensacola Bar Channel are open with no restrictions. Aids to navigation in Pensacola Bay and Escambia Bay have not been verified and all mariners are urged to use extreme caution while transiting this area.
 - All mariners are urged to exercise caution when transiting waterways due to post Hurricane Ivan debris.
 - The Captain of the Port Mobile will inform the public through broadcast notice to mariners and press release on any changes.
- Anyone who has information or needs information on a boat, should call the Vessel Lost and Found hotline at 888-404-3922.

United States Postal Service:

- Pensacola City and Associates Offices have resumed delivery to all accessible areas. Retail operations have returned to normal hours.
- The Pensacola Plant is processing mail and the Pensacola Main Post Office (1400 W. Jordan Street) Retail (window) Unit is back to normal hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.
- NAS Branch is closed until further notice.
- Residents should ensure that there is a clear path to their mailboxes for mail delivery.
- The Postal Service is recommending that residents, whose houses were damaged, not change addresses. Please put a hold on your mail and pick it up at the post office.

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Escambia County Government:

- The Property Appraiser's Office is now located in a temporary office. For limited services, please go to the office located behind the main office on Romano between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., phone 434-2735. Another temporary office is located in Molino. The Property Appraiser's website – www.escpa.org is also up and running. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- All Tax Collector offices are in full operation. For additional information, call 438-6500 ext. 252.
- Building Inspections moved back to their office in the Town and Country Plaza and can be reached at 595-3550. As they inspect electric panels and homes, they will be placing a green sticker on the meter box or house to indicate it has been inspected. This green sticker needs to remain until further notice.

Agriculture Disaster Relief:

- If you had any damage to your farm, ranch, or timberland due to Hurricane Ivan, several local officials are gathering to offer information related to alleviating losses. This meeting will be held the evening of October 7, 2004 at the Molino Park Elementary School on Highway 97.
- The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:
 - 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Storm Damage in Timer and Recovery
 - 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. NRCS Technical Assistance
 - 8:00 to 8:20 p.m. Livestock Fences and Debris Removal
 - 8:20 to 8:40 p.m. Emergency Loans
 - 8:40 to 9:00 p.m. Crop Disaster.
- If more information is needed, please call 475-5230.

Insurance Information:

- Citizens should check credentials on anyone who claims to be an insurance adjuster to ensure the adjuster has been processed by the Florida Insurance Council.
- To question or report insurance fraud, contact The Division of Insurance Fraud at (850) 453-7802.

Citizen Information Line (850) 595-3344

Media Note: For more information, call Sonya M. Smith, Public Information Manager at (850) 595-3315 or (850) 595-3362.