



FEMA Disaster Recovery Center relocates to Keaton Beach

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) has recently been moved to the volunteer-run disaster relief point of distribution set up at the Keaton Beach Boat Ramp overflow parking lot (20131 Beach Road). The DRC can assist with the FEMA application process, answer questions and help submit information. In the month since Hurricane Helene destroyed many of the homes along the Taylor County coast, many local volunteers have stepped up to coordinate with state and federal agencies, as well as receiving and distributing truckloads of disaster relief items from non-profit agencies, businesses, groups and generous individuals. In addition to cleaning and work supplies, tools, toiletries, baby and pet supplies, ice and bedding, the Keaton Beach facility (headed up by Haley Blanco and Lindsey Vaughn), Bird Rack Sports Bar and Grill (led by Amy Dykes) and a Steinhatchee-based relief station (headed up by Janalea England at Steinhatchee Fish Company) have served thousands of hot meals and distributed tons of aid to local residents in need.



Mail ballots must be returned to elections office by 7 p.m. Tuesday

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and Milton. Early voting will be available each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland's office located at 433 U.S. 19 North in Perry. Southerland recommends

that voters fill out their sample ballots prior to heading to the elections office.

Although the deadline has passed and voters can no longer request a ballot be mailed to them, mail ballots can still be picked up in person at the elections office.

As for those who have

not returned their mail ballot, Southerland is strongly recommending they bring their ballots in person to her office and not put them in the mail.

"All mail ballots must be received in the Supervisors of Elections office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day,"

Southerland said. "Mail ballots that are postmarked on election day or prior, but not received before the 7 p.m. election day deadline, will not be tabulated.

"New postal guidelines state it could take up to five business days for a first-class piece of mail to be

delivered," she said.

As for those who plan to vote on election day at their precinct location, Southerland reminds them that their precinct location is printed on their voter registration card and can also be found online at <https://www.taylor-elections.com/> and clicking on "Where's

my precinct?" Thirteen of the county's 14 precinct voting locations escaped significant damage from Helene and will be open as usual on election day.

The lone exception is Blue Creek Baptist Church (Precinct 3), which will have a mobile voting unit on the church grounds.

City utility customers can pay online or in person at City Hall

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in 2023 to help residents impacted by Hurricane Idalia and the closure of the Georgia-Pacific Foley Cellulose Mill. After nearly five months without late fees and cut-offs, the city resumed water service disconnections and charging normal late

fees for customers who do not pay their utility bills on time in January this year.

At the city's recent Oct. 22 meeting, city staff received approval from the city council to again temporarily suspend collection of late fees on delinquent accounts in the wake of another natural disaster.

The city has roughly 3,500 water customers, and roughly 10% of those (310) were scheduled to be disconnected in January 2024 when the city prepared to resume its normal practice of cutting off water if bills on accounts that are not current by the 23rd of the month.

However, after a large number of customers

were apparently caught by surprise in January this year, the city reconnected over 100 disconnected water customers and limited cut-offs to those who were two months behind.

The issue of city utility bills arriving late has been a recurring concern over the past several years.

City staff members have continued to report

that utility bills (printed on postcards) have not been delivered in a timely manner, despite being delivered to the local post office several days prior to the end of the month.

The city is in the process of installing new billing software that will allow for electronic billing, email reminders and online

payment, while those who want to continue receiving a paper bill can opt to receive a traditional tri-fold bill in an envelope.

Anyone with a question about their utility bill can call the city's billing office at (850) 584-2721. Customers can pay online or in person at City Hall.

Planning office 'overwhelmed' with permit applications

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damage through Thursday, Oct. 31.

However, during the board's workshop held Tuesday, County

Administrator LaWanda Pemberton provided an update to the commission, explaining that the massive wave of permit applications since Helene's landfall has "overwhelmed" the county's planning office.

Although the planning office has been working through around 60 applications a week, there is often a "line out the door," she explained.

During the county's Oct. 29 workshop discussion, Commissioner Pam Feagle suggested extending the deadline to secure a permit without paying the fee, and Pemberton said she was about to suggest the same thing.

Although the board could not vote on the issue, there was a consensus to extend the deadline through the end of November (Nov. 30).

The commission is

expected to take formal action on the extension at its regular meeting on next Monday, Nov. 4.

Complicating matters is the fact that newly-hired County Building Official Lee Ellison recently resigned less than one month after being hired.

The county is currently advertising for applications to fill the position.

Ellison was the fourth person this year to hold the title of county building official.

Former Lafayette County Building Official Bobby Johnson has been serving as a temporary, part-time building official

(32 hours per week) for the county since May, when Earl Ketring was dismissed at the conclusion of his probationary period following a contentious period marked by citizen complaints and county commission debate over building codes and permitting.

Ketring, a local electrician, was hired as Taylor County's building official in November 2023 after former building official Danny Griner announced his retirement following 26 years of service.

In other county building and planning department

news, the county commission agreed to create a temporary building/planning technical position and a temporary disaster recovery building inspector position during a special meeting held Tuesday prior to the workshop.

Both positions will be funded through a state workforce grant and could last up to a year, which officials hope will help the county's building and planning department handle the increased workload created by residents seeking to repair and rebuild following the widespread coastal destruction caused by Hurricane Helene.

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CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 23-00567CA
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE AGGREGATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HORACE TYSON DECEASED WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DOLLIE JOANN TYSON DECEASED WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT, et al, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 4, 2024, and entered in Case No. 23-00567CA of the

Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB not individually, but solely as trustee for Residential Mortgage Aggregation Trust is the Plaintiff and TRAVIS SADLER, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HORACE TYSON DECEASED WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DOLLIE JOANN TYSON DECEASED WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANT, LINDSEY HAMMOND, and

CHRIS TOUCHTON the defendants. Gary Knowles, Clerk of the Circuit Court in Taylor County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the East side of Taylor County Courthouse, 108 N. Jefferson Street, Perry, FL at 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of December, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5 BLOCK 6 OF CARLTON SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 146, PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT 1997 CHAD MOBILE HOME WITH SERIAL NUMBERS GAFLT05A25920CW21 AND GAFLT05B25920CW21 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS

OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF THE RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney. DATED at Taylor County, Florida, this 29th day of October, 2024. Gary Knowles, Clerk Taylor County, Florida By: Kathryn Lago

Deputy Clerk "In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Taylor County, 108 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, FL 32347, Telephone (850) 838-3506, via Florida Relay Service".

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