



Bay Point Community Association

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Dear Bay Point Owner/Resident:

We would not even try to understand how each of you must feel in regards to the catastrophe that has come to our community. As fellow Bay Point residents, We empathize with your struggle, pain and loss. It truly is difficult to drive through our once beautiful community and see what three hours of destructive weather has left us all to deal with. But, deal with it we must, and deal with it we will! We have been absolutely amazed at the volume of community support that has been afforded during these difficult days and we thank each of you for the role you have played in these early stages of getting our home back in order.

Obviously, there is much to do and this letter will not even begin to scratch the surface of all the things that must take place in the coming weeks and months. Today we simply want to explain what our process will be to begin removing the vast amount of debris left behind by Michael and how you can help in getting that done.

Fortunately (and we really do mean FORTUNATELY), our county government has committed to assisting in getting debris taken out of Bay Point. Due to the efforts of our fellow resident and County Commissioner, Griff Griffiths, we aren't left alone to tackle this tremendous task. Typically, FEMA will not come into communities that have privately owned roads like Bay Point. Due to Griff's efforts, Bay County will handle the debris removal and they will deal with FEMA for whatever reimbursement may be available to the county. We are certainly indebted to Griff and his commitment and efforts to and for Bay Point. Also, we are grateful to Bay Point resident Tracy Rudhal for her diligence in assisting with the process of county approval and completion and submission of required forms. When you see Tracy, be sure and thank her for her service to Bay Point.

As there may be FEMA assistance now available, we will be required to follow certain guidelines for removal of debris from our homes, streets and right of ways. This is where you as a homeowner can provide assistance. We want to provide you with further information here regarding how all this will work in the coming days and weeks.

By way of explanation, the Bay Point Community Association will be removing all debris which is placed in the "right-of-way" in front of your home. This "right-of-way" may vary from lot to lot, but typically it will consist of about ten (10) feet from the edge of the road in front of and toward your home. So, all debris that is placed in that area will be removed. Although we referred to FEMA guidelines above as far as separating debris, the initial material which is now in the right-of-way will be removed as is. **As you put additional items out for collection, please place your items in three distinct stacks as follows:**

1. Vegetative debris – consisting of leaves (no bags), logs, plants, tree branches.
2. Construction/demolition debris – consisting of building materials, carpet, drywall, furniture, lumber mattresses, plumbing.
3. Household items – such as appliances, metals, etc.

Failure to comply with these directions could result in those materials not being removed which would become your responsibility for removal.

We are presently working on schedules with the county as to when debris removal will start taking place. We are sure you understand that this will not be done hastily or immediately as the removal of the vast amount of debris is going to take some time. As soon as we determine a schedule of debris removal, we will post notices at the gate, our website and the post office. Watch for those notices.

Now a comment or two regarding safety. Obviously, we are limited as to gate personnel and security at those gates. We are working diligently with our staff to involve them as much as possible in our requirements for security responsibilities. Keep in mind that most, if not all, of our staff have suffered damages and losses a well. We are doing our best to provide adequate gate coverage as well as patrol of the community. As days go by, we are able to add additional staff to cover any gaps. Gate operations will be limited, especially the unmanned gate on Thomas Drive. Your patience and understanding in this regard is very much appreciated. As to safety, you can help. Number one, we are noticing a number of our children out on the streets on bicycles, skateboards, etc. This is absolutely a safety hazard. With the amount of debris on the roads, the heavy equipment in the area, etc., our children's safety is at risk. We realize our kids are getting stir crazy, but the safety of your families is paramount to us and what a tragedy it would be for them to be involved in an accident. Please exercise your discretion in allowing your kids outside road access.

Finally, we wanted to address the upcoming Halloween holiday on Wednesday, October 31. Due to the excessive amount of debris and equipment in the community, we do not feel it in the best interest of the community to allow door to door "trick or treating" this year. Therefore, we are working on a Halloween party for all Bay Point families that will take place, weather permitting, on October 31 at the Marina Park. More detail will be sent out as the plan comes together, so watch for that. If you've already stocked up on candy, just bring to the party! We are sure it will be well distributed to our children. A costume contest is in the planning, so get those outfits ready!!

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and understanding. No doubt these are difficult times for us as a community. Michael has changed the landscape of Bay Point forever, but nothing can change the spirit and since of community of our beloved neighborhood. As always, if we can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to come by the office and visit with our awesome staff.

Sincerely,



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