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Press Release Pinellas County Government PIO Updates

Please see the below information released by Pinellas County Government:

Operation Blue Roof signup events this weekend

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will station mobile registration units in St. Petersburg and Madeira Beach Saturday through Tuesday to assist Pinellas County residents with Hurricane Milton roof damage get a free temporary blue tarp installed through [Operation Blue Roof](#).

The Army Corps will station a mobile command unit at the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office, 2500 34th St. N., St. Petersburg, on Saturday, Oct. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The mobile unit will then be available at the Winn Dixie parking lot, 15200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, on Monday, Oct. 28, and Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Residents will need to show a driver's license or other proof of address.

Additionally, on Monday, Oct. 28, and Tuesday, Oct. 29, an Army Corps team will be available to help with in-person registrations at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the Botanical Gardens Magnolia Room, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo from 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Residents can register by calling (888) 766-3258 through Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Latest on debris collection

The state-operated storm debris collection sites on Solid Waste's property will close to residents and businesses on Monday, Oct. 28 at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, storm debris is not accepted at the Solid Waste Disposal Complex.

Residents in unincorporated areas can use the County's storm debris hauler or take storm debris to 13600 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. if they want to remove the storm debris themselves. To use the drop-off location, residents must show I.D. proof they live in an unincorporated area.

Residents who live in a municipality can contact their city/town for instructions.

Businesses and commercial haulers can visit [Pinellas.gov/debris](https://pinellas.gov/debris) to find a list of local private companies that accept storm debris.

For more information, visit [Pinellas.gov/debris](https://pinellas.gov/debris).

Upcoming assistance deadlines

As Pinellas County residents and businesses recover from hurricanes Milton, Helene and Debby, many resources are available to help, but deadlines to apply for these resources are approaching. To help them keep track of those deadlines, we put together a website with those upcoming deadlines. You can find them [on our website](#).

Some County parks to reopen Saturday

Pinellas County will reopen the following parks and preserve at noon on Saturday, Oct. 26, following closures related to Hurricanes Helene and Milton:

- Boca Ciega Millenium Park
- Ridgecrest Park
- Sawgrass Lake Park
- Weedon Island Preserve
- Weedon Island Preserve Cultural & Natural History Center

As a reminder, these parks reopened on Saturday, Oct. 19.

- A.L. Anderson Park
- Booker Creek Preserve
- Eagle Lake Park
- John Chesnut Sr. Park
- Philippe Park
- Ray Neri Park (partially closed due to construction)
- Walsingham Park

Some parks remain closed due to ongoing post-storm cleanup.

Substantial damage comms

The main advice we're offering residents right now continues as "muck out, dry out, wait." If your house was badly damaged from a flood, don't start building it back until you have a substantial damage inspection. We'll have both substantial damage letters as well as general information mailers going out in the unincorporated areas soon.

If you're looking for resources to start or support your own communications efforts on this topic, we recommend the [City of Oldsmar's webpage](#) and Pinellas County's [substantial damage/substantial improvement](#) page.

If you have any Substantial Damage or emergency events coming up, please [let us know](#).

Business mobile assistance center - Oct. 28-31

A FSBDC Pinellas Mobile Assistance Center will be open at Clearwater Main Library Oct. 28-31 to assist Pinellas County businesses with critical business recovery programs. This FSBDC office on wheels is one of two locations in Pinellas County where businesses can receive one-on-one consulting and assistance with the [Florida Small Business Emergency Loan Bridge Program](#), and the [SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#) and [Physical Disaster Loan](#).

- Location: Clearwater Main Library, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater
- Dates: Monday, Oct. 28 – Thursday, Oct. 31
- Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Business owners who cannot attend in person can request an appointment with a consultant online. Visit pced.org/sbdc to request a consulting appointment.

PSTA fares resume Monday

Reminder to everyone that PSTA's fare-free bus services runs until Sunday, Oct. 27. Fares will resume on Monday, October 28.

Job opening: Pinellas County Utilities Comms. Manager

Pinellas County Utilities is seeking a skilled, experienced [Communications Manager](#) to perform and oversee professional communications, public outreach, and engagement activities for their department. Learn more at Pinellas.gov/jobs and apply by Nov. 1, 2024.

No meetings over the weekend

Our next group meeting will be Monday, Oct. 28. We will continue with our Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule next week.

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