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Disaster Recovery Center closed in Flagler, open in Putnam

October 24, 2017 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Recovery Center is no longer open in Flagler County, but the agency has opened one in neighboring Putnam County.

That center will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sunday, October 29, at the Putnam County Fairgrounds – 118 Fairgrounds Road, East Palatka – 18 miles from downtown Bunnell.

“We know we have residents in Flagler who are still in need of services,” said Sally Sherman, Flagler County’s Acting Public Safety Emergency Manager. “It’s pretty much a straight shot if you drive west on State Road 100. We encourage you to take advantage of the center.”

The deadline for “Individual Assistance” through the Federal Emergency Management Agency is Thursday, November 9. Residents can register with FEMA online at https://www.disasterassistance.gov. The FEMA helpline number is 800-621-3362, and TTY users can call 800-462-7585.

There is also a November 9 deadline for applications for low-interest loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration, which touts itself as the primary source of money for long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

“We while the Federal Emergency Management Agency was operating a Disaster Recovery Center at the Flagler County Library Main Palm Coast Branch last week (October 17-22), more than 1,400 specific needs were met by participating agencies,” said Janet Nickels, Flagler County Human Services Program Manager.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisted 464 residents with their registrations, inquiries, updates and corrections. The Small Business Association received 79 disaster-relief loan applications.

Flagler County’s State Housing Initiatives Partnerships (SHIP) program helped 52 residents with questions and applications for home repairs. Another 340 residents applied for other forms of mitigation.
Flagler County Social Services Department interviewed 292 residents. More than 160 residents pre-registered for D-SNAP – SNAP is the former Food Stamps program and the “D” designates need based on the Hurricane Irma disaster.

Flagler Volunteer Services took 45 applications from residents needing assistance with tree and debris cleanup, mucking and roof tarps.