



LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

On Friday, August 25th, Harvey made a direct hit on the port Aransas Pass line. While the direct hit was South of the greater Houston area, we were already feeling the effects in Conroe. River Plantation, our 50-year-old neighborhood with beautiful treasured custom homes, tall shady trees, golf courses, and narrow weaving streets experienced flooding before, but we were not prepared for what Harvey had in store. Among all these homes 420 were directly affected by Harvey, many of which had not experienced flooding before. These homeowners flooded with levels up to fifteen feet with nasty, dirty, damaging water that swept away not just the shelter but the memories of their family's lives, photos, gifts, mementos, and irreplaceable items. Most of which are gone forever.

Following the flood, we began to go out and assess the damage. The experience was overwhelming. I witnessed a man coming out of the water with his three very young children crying. They had been trapped in the attic for 3 days with no water and food due to the water not receding fast enough. This family had only lived in the home for 3-4 months and had no idea about flooding. I watched a wonderful homeowner hand out food he had prepared early that morning and was passing it out on his golf cart to anyone coming out of their homes. Many people were in shock and my heart broke for them.

Prior to the hurricane hitting land we realized that we needed to put a plan into place. Immediately after the hurricane passed, your RPCIA board members reported for duty and directed the sourcing and arrival of food supplies, shovels, trash bags, mops and brooms, buckets, face mask, bleach, paper towels, empty boxes, and much, much more. The blessing of thousands of volunteers helped oil this machine. Homeowners that sought help received multiple volunteers to tear out sheet rock, remove flooring and doors, and remove furniture and trash. Other volunteers took charge of sourcing and delivering food. Everyone affected and involved received plenty of drinking water, ice and three meals a day. We opened the RPCIA building as a hurricane relief center for fourteen straight days with many of your board members and homeowners working non-stop twelve to fourteen hours each day.

There is strength in numbers, the savior for RP was county commissioner Charlie Riley. He was prepared, had his plan in place and helped us with our plans. Without Commissioner Riley, we would have not received the sourcing of mops and other tools needed. He helped locate the supplier of fans, shovels and food available for our volunteer team. When we needed more volunteers, he sourced assistance from the Marines, Mormon Church and many other organizations. His daily presence kept spirits up for the crews involved. He made sure we were getting what we needed to help everyone. Without his support and guidance, our progress would not be what it is today.

We received donations and assistance from people all around the US, including California, Arkansas, Chicago, Mississippi, Louisiana, South and North Carolina and Florida. Many of these individuals loaded their trucks and trailers with supplies and stayed for days to help our community. The Woodlands Church, VFW and Methodist Church provided us with volunteers and food. We received an eighteen wheeler of supplies from HEB, truck load from Lowes, Kroger and a pod from Equipment Managements Services. The Dumpster Guys provided a dumpster, Perm – O-Green Lawn Inc. provided us with food from McKenzie's BBQ, Eagle Express Hotshot Svc. sent a truckload of cleaning supplies, and I could keep going. There are so many more angels that provided us support and we cannot thank everyone enough. What we witnessed and experienced was heart wrenching and we will never forget the tears we shared with all our neighbors.

We were able to muck out approximately 90% of the homes affected and begin picking up debris in one week. No other community has had this success. None of this would have been possible without everyone involved. Harvey will be the name that many will never want to hear again. There will be weeks and months of rebuilding. Many tears will flow, tempers will flare, and hearts will break from realizing all that is gone, but there is a support system in place and the RPCIA will do everything we can to ease the struggle. The board is continuing to coordinate with the County to ensure the debris is picked up and RP gets back to her beauty. I am proud to be a neighbor, friend and Board Member of this community. Thank you all for your support!



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ARCHTECTICURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:

When making improvements or changes to your home, you must apply by filling out the ACC form by going to rpcia.com and searching for ACC application. All applications must be complete and all questions answered. If this is not done your application will be rejected.

COMPLIANCE OF DEED RESTRICTIONS:

We will continue to monitor the subdivision and look for anyone that is not in compliance with the deed restrictions. This is important to keeping your property values up. For those that were affected by the flood we ask that you notify Crest Management to obtain an extension to any work that is being done. We understand that this will take time, but we need to see progress.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Due to the flooding the fall garage sale has been canceled. The Community Large Trash Dumpster Day will be at the sports park on October 14th. No appliances or electronics (TV, computer, etc.) will be accepted. Also we will have the shredder truck to shred any documents.

FALLOWEEN will be October 28th, so get your little goblins together and let's have a great time. We will post on our website time and location.

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE:

Many areas were damaged during the flood belonging to the community. Downed trees and branches have and are still being removed. The gazebo at Tom Phillips Park was damaged, therefore, the park is closed until the repairs are made. One of the columns at the front of RP was damaged and has been repaired, the pool house was completely damaged and we lost 4 pumps. We are working hard to obtain bids for these repairs and so that the repairs will be done in a timely matter. We have filed without insurance company to obtain funds for the repairs.

SECURITY:

Security during the flood could've not been any better. We had officers here from all over Texas and the US. We were instrumental in capturing three looters. It is important that you be vigilant and making sure that your neighbors and yourself are safe. There are many scammers in the neighborhood trying to take advantage of our homeowners. No one should come to your door without credentials. Please check to make sure that these people are legitimate. If someone is coming to your door asking to do work take caution, the good contractors are all very busy and they will not be contacting you. As always, please dial 911 for help.

COMMUNICATION:

During the flooding I realized quickly that we did not have everyone's information to inform them of what was going on. It is imperative that you register with Crest Management so that we can send emails to warn you when necessary.

STEWARTS CREEK:

I have contacted Jack of Hargrove Construction, the company doing the work at Stewarts Creek, and he has informed me that the country club owner called him and wanted to setup a meeting to review the scope of work. He is still waiting for the call back to meet.

LAWSUIT:

Due to the hurricane, both sides agreed to put things on a pause. We are trying to resume communication.