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# Shoreacres Shorts

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## Road to Ike Recovery Filled with Potholes

By some measures the City and its residents have made giant strides towards recovering from the third most destructive hurricane in U.S. history.

On the other hand we all still have a mountain of work ahead. The city is busy working not only to restore its public facilities but to protect them from future storms and wherever possible incorporate improvements. Residents are doing the same.

#### **Storm Debris**

The city will continue the collection of storm debris for as long as FEMA reimbursement is authorized. There is no set schedule and the collection may be ended with little or no notice. Remember we can only remove debris from the street right-of-way (within 15 feet of the roadway).

Owners of vacant lots have been sent letters asking that storm debris be remove. Next, the city will focus on occupied lots.

Storm debris, as well as construction debris, must be promptly removed from yards.

#### **Storm Repair Notices**

Within the next few days the city will begin sending notices to storm damaged property owners who are required to give immediate attention to debris removal and/or make minimum home repairs.

Our goal is to ensure the health and safety of those residents who are returning to their homes.

The city will require that those flooded homes that have been left abandoned now be cleared of contents and properly secured. Failure to meet minimum health and safety standards will result in the city taking legal action to enforce the City Code.

Dangerous buildings that are not repaired or removed may be condemned and demolished.

## **Swimming Pools**

Swimming pools are required to be fully enclosed with a fence. The Police Department has been asked to assist with enforcement and will issue citations for those that are not properly enclosed.

#### **Fast Track Building Permits**

If you received a Fast Track Permit one inspection is required before you can put up insulation or hang wallboard. Don't forget to call for your inspection.

### **Wednesday Night Hurricane Ike Workshops**

The City Administrator will continue to hold informal flood recovery workshops in an effort to assist citizens. Topics include flood damage repairs, NFIP, ICC, elevating homes, city requirements, regulations and building permits.

January 28 — February 11 & 25 6:00 P.M. City Hall — Council Room