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RE: Flood Risk/Elevation Notification

This letter is being sent to residents located in the heavily flooded areas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Some of you may not have experienced any problems from the flood event. However, since the County has experienced three major floods in three years, we felt it necessary to provide appropriate notifications and information to those located within these flood risk areas.

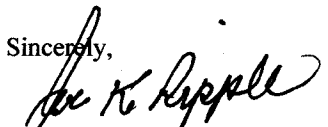
Approximately 12,000 properties throughout Brazoria County were flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Over the last few weeks, FEMA personnel evaluated approximately 1300 of the 12,000 flood-damaged properties making "substantial damage" determinations. Any structure that FEMA determined to be "substantially damaged" is required to elevate the structure to County requirements of 2 feet above the base flood elevation or lose the right to have flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.

Many residents have delayed repairs to structures awaiting the final FEMA determination. Due to the limited number of structures evaluated by FEMA, many of you will not receive a "substantial damage" letter. However, this office has been informed that many property owners have received flood insurance payouts equal to 100% of the value of their property that are not on the substantial damage list. As a result, a concern exists as to the elevation of many structures located throughout the heavily flooded areas of the County.

Based upon past storm events, there is a likelihood that properties located within the heavily flooded areas will flood again. The County recommends property owners within the heavily flooded areas explore elevating their properties to the FEMA and County requirements of 2 feet above the base flood elevation. The investment of elevating properties in these areas to current requirements may preserve properties into the future.

We realize the unexpected damage many have suffered to their property as a result of the flooding event and the abundant hardship they are experiencing at this difficult time. My office is here to assist property owners through this process.

Sincerely,


Joe K. Ripple
Brazoria County Floodplain Director