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MITCHELL COUNTY

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY UPDATE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE TOMORROW

If you are a local, Mitchell County business or organization, Senator Ralph Hise will be at the Grassy Creek Golf and Country Club on (1/23) to present a legislative update on Helene relief and the upcoming legislative session. The event begins at 8:30AM. Please RSVP to info@mitchellcountychamber.org

BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION SITE UPDATE

Starting February 1, Bowman will be opened one day a week, on Saturdays, from 10AM until 2PM

FEMA EXTENDS TRANSITIONAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE

FEMA has announced its decision to extend the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program through May 26, 2025.

NC DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

NC-DCM is available to guide survivors through the recovery process. After you complete the initial needs survey, a case manager will help you make a recovery plan, find available resources, and work through challenges caused by the storm. Learn more at www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm.

CHUCK EDWARDS HOUSING HOTLINE

U.S. Congressman Chuck Edwards (NC-11) announced that his office launched a dedicated phone number, **223-FIX-FEMA**, to help Western North Carolinians with issues regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following Hurricane Helene.

DEBRIS PICK-UP CONTACT

First Watch Rapid Response phone line and email has been created for the residents and business owners to call in or email with concerns about areas in their neighborhood that need debris removal. Phone # (828)797-8188 email: report@firstwatchrapidresponse.com

TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

If you are a tourism related business, Discover Mitchell invites you to attend a recovery meeting on February 13 from 8AM until noon. Visit NC, local officials, small business resources, Blue Ridge Parkway + Roan Mountain reps, and others will be in attendance. Please RSVP by Feb 1 to tda@mitchellcountync.gov The event will take place at 31 Cross St, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

RED CROSS SHELTERING TRAINING

The American Red Cross is hosting a sheltering volunteer training session on January 25 from 9AM until 1PM. The training will take place at the Yancey Senior Center at 503 Medical Campus Dr, Burnsville, NC 28714. Lunch will be provided. Register here: <https://rb.gy/e7zw12>

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

Location: *152 Ledger School Road, Bakersville, NC 28705*. Hours: 8 AM-6 PM weekdays and 9 AM to 2 PM Saturdays. The SBA is located at the Mayland Small Business Center (*67 Hotel Place, Spruce Pine, NC 28777*) hours: Mon- Friday 8AM until 6PM, Saturday 9AM until 3PM, and closed Sunday.