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MITCHELL COUNTY

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY UPDATE

TOWN HALL CANCELED

Mitchell County's town hall on February 20 at 5:30PM at 410 S. Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC is canceled due to weather.

THE TOWN OF BAKERSVILLE TO HOST MEETING ON FEB 20

Every resident in the Town of Bakersville is encouraged to attend an important community meeting to kick off a planning and rebuilding process following the impacts of Hurricane Helene called *Recover, Rebuild, and Renew Bakersville*. The meeting will be Thursday, February 20 at 6 PM in the Mitchell County Historic Courthouse (11 N Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC 28705) and is open to the public.

BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION SITE UPDATE - CLOSING FEB 22

Starting February 1, Bowman will be open one day a week, on Saturdays, from 10AM until 2PM. Bowman will be closing February 22 and will transition the items to remaining distribution areas and non-profits. Items are also being collected to send to Kentucky.

FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 28

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center located in the Mitchell Senior Center in Ledger will be closing permanently on Friday, February 28 at 5PM. FEMA will still be available via phone and internet. Please visit:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827> to learn more.

NEW UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

FEBRUARY 15-21 – NC Highway 80 at Water Street (near Silver Chapel Church)

NORTH CAROLINA SHELTER TRAILER PROGRAM INFORMATION

The State of North Carolina Shelter Trailer Program offers temporary travel trailers for up to six months to eligible survivors whose homes cannot be occupied. This program is separate from FEMA's Temporary Housing Assistance.

<https://www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm>

FEMA EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE

At the request of the state of NC, Helene survivors now have until March 8, 2025, to apply for assistance with FEMA. Visit our local Disaster Recovery Center at 152 Ledger School Road, Bakersville, NC 28705.

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

NEW ROADSIDE DEBRIS PICKUP COMPANY

The county has hired Crowder Gulf to take over picking up debris on the northern end of the county. Their territory will be from Cane Creek North. SDR will continue to handle Bakersville City Limits - South. More information regarding their company will be released soon.