# A Message from Your Town Council

Dear Cutler Bay Residents and Business Owners,

Thank you for heeding warnings from Emergency Management Officials leading up to Hurricane Irma. When the storm made landfall on Sunday, September 10 our community was ready. Our residents are safe and we have not had any reports of major structural damage.

Immediately following the Storm, members of the Town Council joined the Town Manager, First Responders, and Town Staff to canvass the community and assess the damage. Our Police Department worked around the clock during and following the storm to keep us safe. Our Public Works Department and Code Enforcement Officers quickly began debris removal and securing potential hazards. Our Town Manager worked tirelessly to keep us updated and coordinate all of the Town's efforts.

We are grateful to the Parks Department for getting Cutler Ridge and Lakes by the Bay parks cleaned up and open to serve as ice distribution sites. Free access to the Cutler Ridge Park Pool was a welcomed relief from the sweltering heat. We also partnered with the Village of Palmetto Bay and Lennar Homes to distribute approximately 60,000 pounds of ice and bottles of water to families at Holy Rosary Catholic School.

On Monday, September 18, Miami-Dade County's Solid Waste Department rolled into Cutler Bay to collect storm debris from our swales. Our Public Works Department is working to save as many trees as possible and fix any damage to our sidewalks and local roadways. Please sign up for eNotifications and monitor the Town's website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov for continuous updates.

Again, we thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time of recovery. Our residents and business owners are what make Cutler Bay a great place to live, work, and play.

Kind Regards, Mayor Peggy R. Bell Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle Council Member Mary Ann Mixon Council Member Michael P. Callahan Council Member Roger Coriat





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## **Post Disaster Assistance**



#### **Help with Home Repairs**

• To Register for FEMA Emergency Assistance

Online: visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov

• **By Phone:** 800-621-FEMA (3362) and TTY: 800-462-7585

• **In Person:** Thursday, September 21 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm at South Dade Regional Library 10750 SW 211 Street

• To apply for SBA Low-Interest Federal Loans for Homeowners

Online: First Register with FEMA at <a href="www.DisasterAssistance.gov">www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a>
then visit <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela">https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela</a>

• **By Phone:** 800-659-2955 to have an application mailed to you

#### **Help for Businesses**

- Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to support businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma to provide short-term, interest-free loans to small businesses that experienced physical or economic damage during the storm. To complete an application by the October 31, 2017 deadline, visit www.floridadisasterloan.org. For more information contact the Florida Small Business Development Center Network at 1 (850) 898-3489 or email Disaster@FloridaSBDC.org.
- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program** to provide assistance to businesses and residents whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted as a result of Hurricane Irma. To file for DUA or for more information go to www.FloridaJobs.org or call 1 (800) 385-3920.
- The Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center business damage assessment surveying tool has been activated for businesses to report damages resulting from Hurricane Irma. Businesses are encouraged to visit <a href="http://flvbeoc.org/index.php">http://flvbeoc.org/index.php</a>. Click on Hurricane Irma.
- U.S. Small Business Disaster Loan Assistance: After registering with FEMA, businesses and homeowners that would like to apply for Small Business Assistance (SBA) loans can do so online at: <a href="http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans">http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/disaster-loans</a>. The IRS has a special toll-free number 1 (866) 562-5227 for taxpayers with questions regarding federally-declared disaster areas.