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City of Lake Jackson Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood Weather Update 8/28/2017 6 A.M. Update

It was quiet overnight. We continue to be spared the heavy rains. We received only 0.12 inches of rain at City Hall overnight. We have totaled 7.85 inches since the event began Thursday.

The continuing concern remains the Brazos River. Locations north of the river (i.e. College Station, Richmond, Rosenburg) have received substantial rain.

This morning at 5 a.m. the river at Rosharon is at 48.09 ft. The forecast has is it going to 52.2 feet later today or sometime tomorrow. The trigger level for our concern is 50.8 feet. At that level or above, the river will begin spilling into the Oyster Creek watershed just north of the Harris Reservoir.

At 6 p.m. last night (Sat 8/27) Oyster Creek was at 13.50 feet and rising, at the gauge near FM 2004 behind the mall (the Dow pump station). In the June 2016 river flood Oyster Creek reached a of 17.62 feet. In the 1991/92 river flood, the creek at FM 2004 reached a level of 19.77 and was pretty much bank fall. At that time we probably had about one foot or less of "freeboard" left.

Our hope is that as Harvey moves past us the tides will release and we can get a better outflow to the gulf.

We will be monitoring the Brazos River, Oyster Creek, and the Bastrop Bayou closely.

Garbage will be picked up today and tomorrow. Remember there will be no heavy trash pick up this week. You can take **brush only** to the Mulch Site from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today.

City offices are open today. The Recreation Center will be closed until further notice because we are housing emergency workers there.

There will be another update around noon today.