



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
8/30/2017 – 2 p.m.**

We are still in this pause before the river overflow makes it to Lake Jackson.

At noon Oyster Creek at FM2004 (Dow Pump Station) was at 17.25 feet. It was at 17.20 at 6am this morning. Bastrop Bayou is also holding steady.

The Brazos River has crested at Rosharon and is dropping ever so slightly, but is forecast to remain around 52 feet for at least the next five (5) days. When the river reaches 50.8 feet at Rosharon is the level that we know when the river will overflow its bank north of the Harris Reservoir and into Oyster Creek. The Harris Reservoir is south of Rosharon. We get asked if there is a gauge at the Harris Reservoir. There is a private one belonging to Dow, but it is submerged at this time.

What all this means is that eventually we will see a rise in Oyster Creek close to bank full conditions in the next day or so. Bank full is about 20.5 feet. The highest we have ever recorded on the creek at FM2004 is 19.77, which we reached in 1992.

So, it will be touch and go, but, again, even if the creek begins to sheet flow into the city we have substantial capacity in our drainage and street system. Our effort continues to be to keep water out of homes and businesses.

This beautiful sunshine and northerly wind has been a blessing, let's hope it continues.