



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
8/29/2017 - noon**

Harvey is slowly leaving us. Rain should end tonight. The forecast is for some clear weather through the week and into the weekend. We may not see rain again until next week. That would be great! Hopefully that forecast is correct.

Now to the flood - The Brazos River at Rosharon is peaking at around 52.60. By way of reference, this is the level the river reached at this location during last years flood. The river forecast is for the river stay above 51' for a week or more. So, the river is leaving its bank just north of the Harris Reservoir and beginning to move into the Oyster Creek watershed. It will then take a couple of days for the river overflow to reach Lake Jackson. In the interim we are hoping to get the current rain runoff through our system.

Oyster Creek at 6 a.m. today at the FM2004 gauge (Dow Pump Station) was at 17.50. This is where the creek peaked last year at 17.50 feet. We still have three feet until we are bank full at that location. We probably will get to that level. We have all our pumps running working to clear our internal drainage system of the runoff from our recent rains.

The only evacuation we have called is a voluntary one in the Northwood Subdivision which is located on the Northeast side of the intersection of SH288 and FM2004.

The report on Channel 2/KPRC that there was an evacuation called for all of Lake Jackson is incorrect.

If conditions worsen we will simply ask citizens to shelter in place.

Next update will be this evening.