

Charlotte County added to Idalia disaster declaration

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Charlotte County has been added to the Hurricane Idalia major disaster declaration. County residents who have been affected by Hurricane Idalia can now apply to FEMA for individual assistance and debris removal. The deadline to apply for individual assistance is Oct. 30.

There are several ways to apply:

1. Visit DisasterAssistance.gov
2. Use the FEMA App for mobile devices
3. Call FEMA toll-free 800-621-3362

Follow Charlotte County Emergency Management important emergency information at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/em, www.facebook.com/oemcharlottecounty, and www.twitter.com/ccoem.

CC-TV YouTube stream

CC-TV, Charlotte County's local government television channel, is now livestreaming on our YouTube page, www.YouTube.com/CCTVcharlottecountyFL. The page has been expanded from CC-TV Charlotte County to Charlotte County, Florida Government to include additional content created for our social media platforms.

The channel is still available on the county website, www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/cctv and on Comcast channel 20 (or 97 in some areas). County Commission and other meetings held in the commission chambers are also livestreamed on the county Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/CharlotteCountyFlorida.

The Emmy-Award-winning channel features government meetings and original videos about county issues, programs, people and services. There are also documentaries such as War Stories, a series of video interviews with county veterans. Other videos series include News You Can Use, Charlotte County Spotlight, Animal Welfare League Pet of the Month, Artist Showcase and Let's Talk, Charlotte.

Cultural Center survey

The county is seeking public input on the former Cultural Center of Charlotte County. The buildings were significantly damaged by Hurricane Ian and it is being assessed to determine the scope of the damage and whether or not it is feasible to repair part of all the facility for potential future uses. Provide your input by taking a survey on what programs and services you would like to see offered. To take the survey, visit tinyurl.com/Input2023.

We will also be holding multiple public input charettes later this year. Check for updates on the times and dates for those meetings on the county website, www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov or in a future column.

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