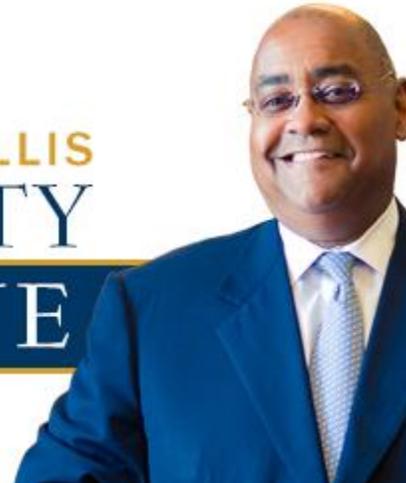


COMMISSIONER RODNEY ELLIS
HARRIS COUNTY
PRECINCT ONE



Dear Friends,

As you are probably aware, our community is **bracing for Hurricane Laura's landfall tonight**. This year continues to bring new challenges for everyone, but know that Precinct One is here to provide support and the latest information to ensure that you and your loved ones are safe and informed.

GET READY STAY READY

Emergency Preparation List:

- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Bottled Water (5-7 days)
- Non-Perishable Food (5-7 days)
- Fully Charged Cell Phone
- Full Tank of Gas
- Copies of Important Docs
- First Aid Supplies & Meds
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Pet supplies
- Change of Clothes & Bedding
- Masks & Hand Sanitizer
- Cash

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The time to prepare is Now! We strongly recommend that everyone **finish preparations by 6:00PM tonight**. Landfall is predicted to be between Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

The following

information and updates can help guide your preparations over the next few days. Feel free to download Precinct One's **Get Ready, Stay Ready** flyer in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). You can also find the most up-to-date weather information at ReadyHarris.org and sign up for alerts [here](#).

What to Expect

- As Laura tracks near the Houston area, we may experience a **prolonged period of hazardous weather** to including high winds and isolated rainfall accumulation.
- Winds may cause damage to property. Tropical storm force winds are expected throughout the day on Thursday. Care should be taken to **secure outside items that could be destroyed by high winds or become projectiles.**

Evacuation Updates

At this time, **voluntary evacuations of coastal Harris County communities are currently in effect.**

Harris County residents living in [Zone A & B](#) may consider evacuating north and west. The recommendation is to evacuate tens of miles and not hundreds of miles. If you need assistance evacuating, you may call 2-1-1 or [go online](#) to register for assistance.

Closures & Suspensions

- [Houston Food Bank](#) food deliveries will be temporarily suspended.
- [COVID-19 Testing sites](#) will be temporarily closed today and tomorrow (Thursday, August 27).
- [METRO](#) services are suspended after 4pm today
- Tolls are suspended on [Harris County Toll Roads](#)
- [Harris County Public Health WIC Clinics](#) will close today at noon and tentatively reopen on Friday.
- **Precinct One Parks** will be closing at 5 pm today.
- All [Harris County maintained facilities](#) closed at noon today and will remain closed until they can be safely reopened.
- [Other closures and cancellations around Houston](#)

Helpful Information

Having reliable information from trusted sources allows you and your family to make informed decisions during a storm. You can rely on the following websites: [Harris County Flood Warning System](#), [National Weather Service Houston](#), [ReadyHarris.org](#) and [Houston Transtar](#).

TRUSTED HURRICANE EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Harris County Flood Warning System
www.harriscountyfws.org

National Weather Service Houston
www.weather.gov/hgx

Harris County Office of Emergency Management
www.readyharris.org

Houston Road Conditions
www.houstontranstar.org

[Informational guides](#) from Lone Star Legal Aid and American Red Cross are free and available to help residents before, during and after the storm.

Emergency Contacts

For all life-threatening emergencies: 9-1-1

For non-life-threatening situations:

- City of Houston 3-1-1
- Evacuation Assistance 2-1-1
- Harris County Emergency Management:

713-881-3100

- Harris County Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency): 713-221-6000

We know how dangerous these storms can be. **Please take the time to get prepared now.** Precinct One will continue to monitor this storm and will provide updates throughout this serious weather event.

You can also count on us to be here for you after the storm. Stay safe and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rodney Ellis



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