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The City of Washington feels the effects of Hurricane Irma



Hurricane Irma came through Washington as a tropical storm and produced winds like most residents have never seen. Power was lost to all residents of Washington on Monday, September 11th, but many were restored on Monday night and the early hours of Tuesday morning. Those hit hardest were without power on Wednesday and there was one customer out until Thursday due to severe damage of their service lines.

“Given the damage we experienced to our lines and utility poles, our Electric department did a great job of restoring power to our residents” stated Administrator Bailey.

Mayor Barnett was impressed with the coordination between the departments that responded. “I was out checking on the City in the aftermath of the storm and was impressed at the Electric Department and all they were having to deal with the wind damage, the Street department was out clearing the roads with the help of the Water department and the Fire department. Everyone was helping where they could and it was a team effort”.

Public Works director Bobby Mills was “very appreciative of all the help we got. We couldn’t have gotten the roads cleared so quickly without everyone pulling together like they did”.



What do you need to be Prepared for an Emergency Situation?

Be Prepared Before the Storm

Here are some basic items you should store in your home in case of emergency:

- ☑ **Water:** Three day supply, one gallon per person per day
- ☑ **Food:** Three day supply, non-perishable, high-energy
- ☑ **Clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies**
- ☑ **Tools:** Can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, hand sanitizer
- ☑ **First aid supplies, medicine**
- ☑ **Important documents**

Visit redcross.org/domore to learn more about disaster kits.

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

City Spay /Neuter Program a Huge Success!

For the second year in a row, the City of Washington budgeted funds to help City residents have their dogs & cats spayed or neutered. This was an effort by the City to reduce the number of strays being brought into the local Animal Shelter. The City partnered with local Veterinarian, Les Sales owner of Wilkes County Veterinary Services, for a cost-effective solution to a growing problem in Washington. Since 2016, the City program has issued **172** vouchers.

According to the ASPCA, not only are you reducing the animal population in your community with a spay/neuter program, but you are also giving your pet a longer and healthier life! Spaying female pets helps reduce uterine infections and reduces their risk of developing breast tumors which are malignant in 50% of the animals treated. Males also benefit by being neutered in that it eliminates their risk for testicular cancer and some prostate problems. And added bonus is that most pets that have been spayed or neutered are less likely to roam, which reduces their risk of being lost, stolen, or seriously injured.

Adopt a Pet in Need!



Silver is a female between one and two years old that loves to be held, and she would love to have all your attention! Please call the Animal Shelter today and schedule a visit with her today. 706-678-2287

Calendar:

- ❖ The City Council meets October 9th 6:00pm-Pope Center. Work session will begin at 5:30pm.
- ❖ Square on the Square & Movie Oct. 13th 6:30pm

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