

Galena Community Newsletter

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July 29, 2013 Edition

RECOVERY OPERATIONS JULY 29-August 4

FEMA is now authorized to provide financial assistance towards shipping costs for repair materials. If you paid for shipping of materials to repair your home, bring your receipt to the DRC or contact your caseworker for information. Some or all of the amount may be reimbursable. Please ask your shipping company for a "line item" invoice when shipping rebuilding materials. Personal items are not eligible. If you have not yet purchased materials, please call your caseworker.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is testing water pressure and burying pipes in Galena. The main line is operational. The city anticipates restoral of city water services soon and asks all Galena residents to make sure their water valves are turned off until further notice.

SBA will meet with borrowers in Galena and Fairbanks to sign closing documents for low interest loans.

A team including FEMA, Salvation Army and Red Cross will visit Galena on July 29 to work on a plan for a community shelter and continued feeding after August 8.

If you have unmet needs (essential household items not being provided by government assistance) including pet needs (food, shelter), visit the donations center and list them. Dog food is also available at the donations center. Evacuees outside Galena should contact their case manager to identify their needs.

City of Galena is providing information to residents that are rebuilding concerning the "base flood elevation" required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For more information contact the City of Galena or your case manager.



Galena residents gather outside the theater after the first Recover Galena Movie Night.

Flooded Vehicle Removal

A service is now available to remove vehicles ruined by flooding. If your vehicle was ruined, contact the city at 656-1301.

You will be asked to sign the title to the ruined car, truck, or ATV over to the City of Galena. The Department of Environmental Conservation will oversee fluid removal and drainage from the flooded vehicles, which will then be moved to the boneyard.

Galena residents making use of this service are asked to keep a copy of the title or some type of receipt from the city and photos of the vehicle. It may be an eligible Individual Assistance item at a later date.

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are working to record flood heights in the community to determine requirements for safe building. USACE will complete the flood rebuild height requirement survey on July 29. Additional crews will assess the levee for structural soundness and to make recommendations for improvements.

Flood insurance through NFIP will be required if you accept assistance from Individual Assistance (IA) or the Small Business Administration (SBA) for insurable flood damage to your homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Galena Community Mtg

Tuesday, July 30
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Community Hall

Galena Recovery Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 30
7:30 p.m. on
Community Hall

Galena Community Meeting in Fairbanks

Friday, August 2
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall

Recover Galena Community Movie Night

Every Saturday at 7:00 p.m. until August 10
Building 1847, Composite Bldg.
Galena Interior Learning Academy

FEMA Registration Deadline

August 26

SBA Deadline Physical Damage

August 26



Elder Charlotte Gowan helps prepare the Galena Post Office for re-opening.

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RECOVERY RECAP JULY 22– 28

- More than \$1.5 million in Federal Individual Assistance was dispersed. This included \$919,845 for Other Needs Assistance and \$584,582 for Housing Assistance.
- 199 homes registered by FEMA as of July 29 in the Yukon Koyukuk REAA.
- 139 homes and 36 businesses statewide were referred by FEMA to SBA for loan assistance.
- SBA approved statewide more than **\$1.7 million** in loans to individuals and businesses to provide support to the long-term recovery of the community.
- Statewide 347 homes have been inspected by FEMA out of 357.
- FEMA Public Assistance program has more than 60 project worksheets in Galena. State/FEMA Public Assistance staff have completed kickoff meetings in Galena.
- Alaska Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) established donations warehouses in Fairbanks and Anchorage. AmeriCorps sent four members to the Fairbanks warehouse.
- AmeriCorps, in Galena (Yukon Koyukuk REAA) have received 80 work orders and completed a total of 33 work orders, including muck outs and debris removal.
- Social media updates continue to be posted throughout the week. Hashtags #RecoverGalena and #AK13Floods were set-up to follow conversation online.
- State and FEMA Mitigation teams visited Galena to meet with the Louden Tribal Council representative and GRAC. They provided mitigation options including elevation, acquisition/relocation, and discussed potential community project sites and priorities.
- A Community Movie Night was held on Saturday, July 27 in Galena. Movie night will continue at the GILA School Theater until August 10. The movies shown were *The Muppets Take Manhattan* and *Jerry Maguire*.
- A debris management consultant team of State, FEMA and United States Army Corps of Engineers visited Galena to develop a plan for debris removal.



Children's Services in Galena on July 9, 2013.



Children's Services on July 24, 2013.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Disaster Recovery Center

9am-5pm, Monday-Saturday
Closed Sunday
Building 1847, Composite Bldg.
Galena Interior Learning Academy
359 Challenger Road
Galena, AK 99741

Disaster Recovery Center

9am-5pm, Monday-Saturday
Closed Sunday
751 Old Richardson Hwy,
Suite 202
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Alaska Resources

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FEMA Resources

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
TTY 1-800-462-7585
www.DisasterAssistance.gov
Facebook.com/FEMA

SBA Resources

1-800-659-2955
TTY 1-800-877-8339
www.SBA.gov
https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ELA

Ntl Flood Insurance Program

1-877-875-7681 or
907-792-4761

AmeriCorps Volunteer Reception Center

P.O.L. Building
8 am-4:30 pm Monday –Saturday
907-444-9519