



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Brazos River Flood
Sept. 8, 2017 -9:30 A.M. Final Update**

Water levels continue to drop and conditions are improving steadily. The Brazos River at Rosharon is down to 32.06 as of 7 a.m. this morning. Oyster Creek is at 17.60 this morning. Bastrop Bayou has dropped below 14 feet at Old Angleton Road.

The evacuation order for Jackson Oaks was lifted yesterday. Water is almost gone from Spanish Oaks Circle and sewer service was restored yesterday.

After more investigation it appears only two houses in Lake Jackson received water, both in Spanish Oaks.

Efforts to dewater Northwood continue. Water continues to linger in this area. Hopefully we can get to their subdivision dam and be able to release flow out of the subdivision.

We will close the EOC today at noon.

We continue to be so thankful and grateful for all the help and hard work and assistance we have received from volunteers and employees; the state, the county, other cities, industry, local business, the Velasco Drainage District, and oh so many more incredible people.

We would like to take this time to recognize our Mayor and City Council. Their leadership and support has been outstanding. Mayor Joe Rinehart has been here every day, putting in as many hours or more than anyone else. His counsel, his leadership, and his steady hand have helped guide us through this hurricane/flood. He has been in constant contact with our county officials (who have been fantastic by the way), state officials (Dennis Bonnen has been amazing), Velasco Drainage District officials, and residents. His love and concern for this city is remarkable.

Our Councilmembers, Gerald Roznovsky, Buster Buell, Tim Scott, Matthew Broaddus, and Will Brooks have been inspirations. They worked the phones at the EOC helping answer

citizens' questions and to calm their fears. They worked filling sandbags and they worked on the sandbag lines. They were on the front lines helping our city to fight this flood. Mr. Brooks was out of state but called regularly checking on everyone. Our Mayor and Council exemplify what it means to be a true public servant. They, along with our citizens, simply rolled up their sleeves and did whatever needed to be done to protect our city.

This will be our last update on Hurricane Harvey and the Brazos River Flood. We will continue to push out information as it becomes available to help during this recovery period.

We hope these updates have been helpful.

Lake Jackson Emergency Operations Center out.