

Hurricane Laura continues to rapidly intensify and is now predicted to be a catastrophic CATEGORY 4 Hurricane at landfall along the TX/LA State Line. If you are still here, there's still time to leave and you must do so now!!

If you are unable to evacuate yourself and have no other means to leave, I have buses at the Silsbee Middle School this morning. You must arrive there before 12 noon today. The busses will leave at noon. First come will be first served and those who registered to be evacuated will have preference. A pet that can ride in your lap in its carrier can come as well. Buses will take you to a congregate shelter well out of harm's way and will bring you back when it's safe to do so - I cannot predict when that will be at this time. Please have someone drop you off at the school campus - any vehicles left in the parking will be left there at your own risk.

To reiterate, this hurricane is going to devastate SETX, including Hardin County. It appears many have chosen to stay and ride it out. I don't blame you! However, seeing the new forecast this morning and the fact that it continues to look worse for us with each update, that is definitely not a good decision and waiting any longer could be a deadly choice for you and your family. Food, water, emergency services and other life safety resources will not be available to you for at least DAYS - electricity, water, sewer and other utilities will be out for WEEKS in many areas. If you still decide to stay, please know the risks and the fact that there will be no way to recover from this disaster in a matter of hours or days... We WILL once again recover and rebuild, but it will take a long time.