



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For Immediate Release

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Awareness Notice for Whitmarsh Island residents of an upcoming exercise hosted by the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).

WHERE: CEMA is scheduled to conduct a Damage Assessment Exercise on Whitmarsh Island in the Grays Subdivision and Battery Point Subdivision.

WHEN: Thursday, October 24, 2019.

PURPOSE: This exercise will simulate a coordinated response by first responders and damage assessment teams in an effort to exercise the evaluation and recording of simulated damage to private properties. Damage Assessment operations are conducted after a major emergency or disaster event in order to identify actual damages to properties in the impacted area. The damage assessment process is used to provide the foundation to request federal assistance and serves as a measure to determine the extent of damage associated with the emergency or disaster event.

PARTICIPATION: Residents in these two subdivisions will see yard signs along the rights-of-way throughout the neighborhoods. CEMA staff will begin placing these placards early Thursday morning. Throughout the morning, damage assessment teams will be walking through these neighborhoods reviewing the yard signs, and recording their findings as part of the exercise. *At no time are our damage assessment team members allowed to enter onto your property. All exercise activity will take place in the rights-of-way or along the street.*

We ask for your support to allow these yard signs to remain in place until they are collected by the exercise team in the early afternoon on the same day.

Thank you for your support of this exercise. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the exercise, please contact the CEMA office at 912-201-4500.

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