

97 Flooding information, Monkey Joe's, Movies and More

Dearest Advocates:

My heart goes out to those families that have had water damage to your home and business during this flooding in Georgia. Our basement got significant water in it and still dealing with that so please be patient with me issuing these newsletters and getting back to you via email/phone calls. Below is information I received from State Representative Ed Setzler regarding flooding information that may be helpful.

Monkey Joe's of Roswell is once again having another FREE Special Night for Special Kids night celebration on **Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30PM**. All children ages 2-12 with special needs will be admitted free along with their siblings (again up to age 12). See below for more information and the flyer is posted on my "events" page. I know we have attended for the last two years and had a blast. I hope you take this opportunity to check it out. Many thanks to Brooke Hawkins for doing this again this year for our families. This is what community is about! Hope to see you there!

In addition, there will be a **movie night** at Milton High School for individuals with disabilities on **Friday, September 25 from 6:00pm-9:00pm**. All proceeds help to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Please call Cindy Smith at 678-923-9700 with questions. The flyer is posted on <http://www.heidijmoore.com/events/index.asp>.

Also below is information from Act Together Ministries regarding additional events for families of children with disabilities.

Just in case you have not heard – Dr. Stephen Hall (formally DD director for State of Georgia) has taken a new position in Kentucky. I wish Kentucky the best of luck!

<http://migration.kentucky.gov/Newsroom/chfs/Commissioner+of+BHDID+Named.htm>

I hope you find this information helpful. Have a great day!

"UNITED – WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

Sincerely,

Heidi

(Proud Mother to Jacob - 9 yrs old with Down syndrome and Jared - 7 yrs old)

"Help the Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"

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fantastic. This is just a small way to help give back to those who have supported us over the years. We truly love putting on this event each year and hopefully, with the Lord's blessing, we can continue to do it for a few more years to come.

On another note, our Cumming location, on Post Road next to Midway Park, (now called the Midway Family Festival) will be opening either late October or early November and we are totally stoked about this store as well. And once we get our feet on the ground there, we will repeat our Special Night function up there as well, most likely in the spring time.

My best to you,

Brooke Hawkins
Owner of Monkey Joe's Roswell
<http://www.monkeyjoes.com/Roswell>

Flood Information from State Rep. Ed. Setzler

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is an update on the status of flooding as well as some points of contact within the State to assist you and family members:

Governor Sonny Perdue announced yesterday that he has asked President Obama for an emergency declaration to assist 17 Georgia counties with recovery efforts due to flooding and severe weather on Sunday, September 20 and Monday, September 21, 2009. If approved, this declaration will provide federal funds for emergency response measures and aid for losses in Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Crawford, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker counties.

We offer our prayers and deepest regrets to the families of at least seven people who have lost their lives in the flood waters. More than 30,000 residences in metro Atlanta have been without power and more than 1,000 residences are estimated to be seriously flooded as indicated by aerial surveillance and 911 calls for help.

To assist you with general flood related issues, I encourage you to contact Georgia Emergency Management Agency's (GEMA) Office of Constituent Services at 404-635-2154 or feel free to contact my capitol office at 404-656-0178.

For life-threatening emergencies, please call 911 or your local emergency number.

For requests regarding other disaster-related inquiries, please contact your local Emergency Management Agency (EMA). A list of other county EMAs can be found at www.gema.state.ga.us under ♦Field Operations♦ under ♦Local EMA Info♦.

In Cobb County, the Cobb Emergency Management Agency is located at 140 North Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30060, Phone: 770-499-4567, ema@cobbcounty.org.

The following resources are also available to you:

Transportation

To learn about roads closed and the latest traffic conditions, please call 511 or go to the Georgia Department of Transportation 511 Web site at www.georgianavigator.com.

Insurance-related Inquiries

Please contact the insurance company directly. If there continue to problems, you may contact the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner at 800-656-2298.

Shelter/Mass Care

To locate temporary housing and other relief services, please call the American Red Cross at 404-870-4440.

Drinking Water

If you do not have running water, contact the local EMA or county/city water authority for information about available alternatives.

Financial Disaster Assistance

At this time, no financial assistance is available for individuals. The Governors declaration of a State of Emergency only opens assistance to counties and cities in responding to the emergency.

However, assistance may become available to individuals if the federal declaration of a disaster is made. It will depend on the scope of the assistance made available by FEMA.

Again, if there is any way I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office at 404-656-0178.

Very Respectfully,

Ed Setzler
State Representative
Georgia House District 35

More Events for children with disabilities and their families:

Dear families with special needs children:

I met with the founder of Act Together Ministries this morning and found out what a blessing this can be. This is a non-profit organization that wants to help families of children under stress. They want to help families with single moms, families with one parent in the military, low income families, AND **Families with Special Needs kids.** They partner up with local churches.

There are two events coming up. One this weekend Saturday September 26th from 9:00am-12:00noon at **John's Creek Baptist church**. This one is free child care so parents can go run errands. You need to make a reservations by clicking on www.bclark@acttogetherministries.com for them to provide adequate care. They will tell you what they need to know.

The second event is at **Fellowship Bible Church (on HWY 92)** October 3 from 10:00am-2:000pm! There will be a BBQ lunch and activities (including face painting, balloon animals and an inflatable) for our kids. There is also **free oil changing** for those who RSVP with the year, make and model of your car/cars. Again, to RSVP for this event go to: www.bclark@acttogetherministries.com just to let them know how many family members want to eat and do crafts/activities.
