

FEMA: Week in Review



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November 20 to November 26, 2010

Calendar

Events

Carter G. Woodson Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking was held Nov. 22nd for Carter G. Woodson Elementary School. The Woodson School is one of more than 80 New Orleans Public Schools projects that will be constructed with funding from the recently approved \$1.837 billion in grant funding for the Orleans Parish School Board and the Recovery School District.



The Recovery School District will build a new, state-of-the art 97,500 square foot pre-K through 8th grade elementary school at the site.

Dec. 6: F.C. Williams School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 14: Parkview School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 16: Crocker School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Jan. 6: Colton School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Announcements

FEMA Initiates Plan to Assist Katrina and Rita Survivors Transition into Long-Term Housing

FEMA has set a plan in motion to ensure that the remaining hurricane Katrina and Rita survivors currently occupying a travel trailer, park model or mobile home (collectively known as Temporary Housing Units (THUs)) can transition into longer term housing. This plan is the latest step in FEMA's continued commitment to assist those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

FEMA will convene a team of federal, state, local and voluntary agency partners to evaluate the needs of the remaining temporary housing unit population on a community by community basis. This "Team Approach" will focus on identifying and implementing the collective resources available to assist the THU population in achieving their permanent housing plan.

Concurrently, FEMA will also inform the same THU population of an additional option, which would allow eligible THU residents to purchase a mobile home. This option would allow the current THU which is not eligible for sale (i.e. a travel trailer, a park model that was not permitted, or a unit that did not pass the formaldehyde test) to be swapped out for a mobile home, and for the household to purchase the mobile home. Replacement mobile homes have been tested and meet the State's acceptable formaldehyde threshold.

FEMA may also relocate currently occupied mobile homes in order to complete the sale of the unit. In both the swapout and relocation of the unit, the THU resident must be able to secure a permit and show proof of insurance for the mobile home. The mobile home, which is HUD certified, can be used as a permanent housing solution for the THU resident or be an interim solution until they repair or replace their damaged home.

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
552 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
186 occupied units

New Flood Maps for Acadia and Beauregard Parishes Become Effective Nov. 26, 2010

The latest flood hazard maps, known as Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS), delineate new flood-risk zones and serve as an integral part of the National Flood Insurance Plan, which plays a key role in defense against flood losses. Property owners need to know that this could mean a change in their floodplain status. For more information, contact your floodplain administrator.



FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to rebuild, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

