

MD31L-News

Caring for our Community
&
Loving our Lions Pride

EDITION III
STORM RECOVERY



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DAWSON HART

Fellow Lions,

First I want to say how proud and thankful I am of how this district has pulled together to help those affected by the hurricane. I had planned on canceling our district convention all together, but the bylaws and constitution will not allow me. I know there have been many dates mentioned and I apologize for the confusion. New information is coming in daily and I am working with focus to ensure first, the safety of our lions. A new set of dates has been set. Our District 31L's district convention will be held Friday, March 28, 2025 and Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Camp Dogwood. Unfortunately, due to family illness, International Director Debbie Cantrell will be unable to serve as our guest speaker to the event. I will be working with Past International President Sid Scruggs on finding a new speaker to attend our convention.

If you have already submitted payment for the convention, please leave your payment as is. As the date comes closer, if you are unable to attend, we will be able to process a refund at that time. Right now we are focused on the safety of our lions and ensuring everyone's everyday life needs are met. Please keep in mind that many of our leaders involved in the planning of the convention live in the highly affected areas in the mountains.

As District Governor, I am required to hold four cabinet meetings during the lions year. The first one was an enormous success back in July. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have the next cabinet meeting in person, but it will be held Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 6pm via Zoom. The link will be shared out to the district.

I am asking my cabinet members not to concern themselves with a report. It is important that all zone chairs attend the convention. After the cabinet meeting, I will be holding a zone meeting with all zone chairs. I would like a report on the clubs in your zone, how they are doing amidst the aftermath of Helene so we can direct our attention to those most in need.

My hopes and prayers are with each and everyone of you in the district and a big thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help see our district through this disaster. We are continuing to get aid from all over the state and the country.

An update on our grant: The \$15,000 grant that was awarded to our district by Lions Clubs International Foundation, was spent to purchase food and delivered to the Asheville/Hendersonville area.

Again, my hopes and prayers are with you all, if anyone has any needs or suggestions, please email me at dawsonhart313@gmail.com or call me at (828) 302-6957. Thank you to the NC Lions International Family, PCCs, and PDGs for your guidance during this time.

No contact/information yet from the following clubs:

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| -Balls Creek | -Brevard | -Chase |
| -East Gastonia | -Erwin District | -Marion |
| -Mount Holly | -Rutherfordton | -Shelby |
| -West Hickory VIPs | | |

We have not had contact with our four Leo clubs from the Black Mountain, Canton, Lake Lure, and Valdese Lions Clubs.

Update: Lake Lure Classical Academy, home to the Lake Lure Leos Club resumed school on Monday, October 14th. We are anticipating a report from them soon once they get settled back into their school routine and will keep you updated as we find out more.

 I hope to have an update on these clubs soon after the upcoming zone chair meeting

#LionFamilyStrong

Every county within District 31L has been affected by Hurricane Helene. Lions have been affected varying from no water, no power, dwindling resources of gasoline and food. Some have had flooding in their home, tree damage to their homes, and worse. Some have lost their homes and everything they own. Let's all keep each other in our thoughts and prayers and check in on one another.

ATTENTION

Any NC Lion that has been displaced due to the effects of Tropical Storm Helene, may receive free lodging for themselves and their family members by calling the Camp Dogwood office. The kitchen will not be opened, so bring your own meals. The dorms have refrigerators and microwaves. Laundry facilities are available. Camp Dogwood has acted as a shelter for at least six families in need.

If you are able to, please check in with DG Dawson to let us know if you are safe or need help.
cell: (828) 302-6957
dawsonhart313@gmail.com

DONATE



Visit the NCLF website: <https://nclf.org> and click on "DONATE TODAY" You will be redirected to the Zeffy page Be sure to note that donation is for Western NC Disaster Relief

Donations can be made out to and mailed to NCLF at PO Box 39, Sherrills Ford NC 28673- note in memo Disaster Relief.

Donate Supplies from our



Link to NC Lions Foundation Inc/ Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired's Amazon wish list for Western NC Disaster Relief

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16WZ84ZQA5215/ref=hz_ls_biz_exfbclid=IwY2xjawGA31hleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHTl3J9J uMhuYhcXdeoRk8blok9GKDsMnZcCyKJE3IkAbWj0A6invl EJw_aem_KreCBpGicaG-SlUsvVwXvlg



There is a truckload of donations that Lions from Connecticut are driving down to the North Carolina Lions Foundation warehouse. **The plans are to unload on Tuesday, October 22nd at 9am. Please contact Lion Tammy at Camp Dogwood** if you are able to help and to stay updated on this volunteer opportunity.

Helping our Lions rebuild

Plans are in the works for a dinner fundraiser for one of the Lions couples who lost everything due to Hurricane Helene. Details will be shared when ready.



Link to Go-Fund-Me page to assist Lions PDG Larry & PCC Paulette who lost everything due to Hurricane Helene.

www.gofundme.com/f/help-larry-and-paulette-rebuild-their-home

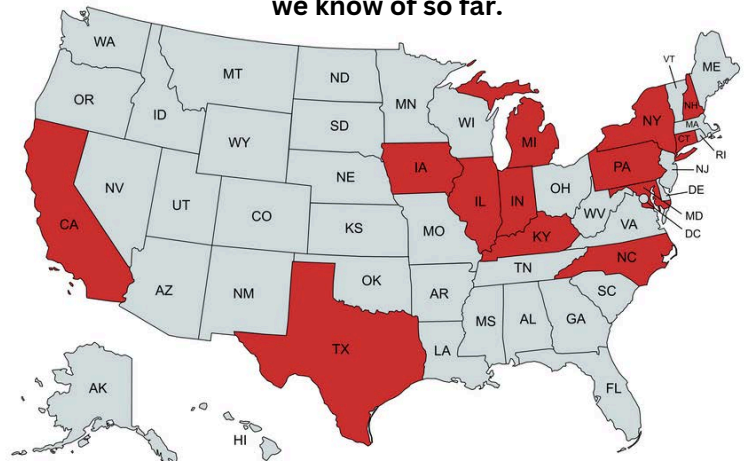
**At least 5 lions had total or unlivable damage to their homes
At least 3 other lions had damage to their homes**

OVER 50% OF ALL OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31L'S MEMBERSHIP RESIDES IN THE HARDEST HIT AREAS OF WESTERN NC FROM HURRICANE HELENE.

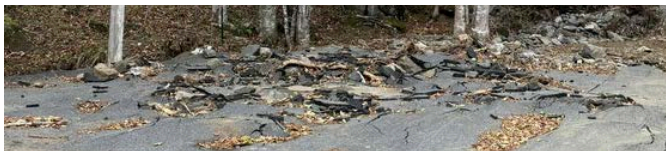
THIS PERCENTAGE RISES TO OVER 70% WHEN YOU INCLUDE AREAS WITH THAT WERE HIT WITH EFFECTS OF EXTENDED POWER AND WATER OUTAGES AND IMPACTS OF REDUCED OR LACK OF FOOD DELIVERIES TO THEIR TOWNS.

NOTE: *EXACT STATS ARE NOT AVAILABLE*

Here is a map of lions and leos that have assisted in NC relief efforts or have reached out about assisting of which we know of so far.



Tuesday, October 15th



The North Carolina Lions Foundation delivered much needed supplies to Lewis Chapel in Newland, NC. The parking lot is destroyed with the church playground washed downstream.

Wednesday, October 16th



The North Carolina Foundation delivered a pallet of diapers and 25 cases of formula to The Pregnancy Center of Catawba Valley. This center distributes to those centers in need in Western NC.



Also on Wednesday, the North Carolina Lions Foundation made a second trip for Hurricane Helene relief efforts with a truck load full of pet food.

Thursday, October 17th

The North Carolina Foundation made two supplies deliveries. The first delivery was winter supplies to Creston Riverview in Ashe County and the second was 28-foot box truck with food and various supplies delivered to the Presbyterian Church in Asheville.





On Friday, October 11th, the Long View Lions club delivered 6 pallets of drinking water and the camping shower unit donated by Blue Coast Camping to the McCune Community. Pictured is the initial set up of the camping shower. The residents were thrilled to be able to take a hot shower since before the storm!

As of Wednesday, October 16th, the McCune Community has a water system; however, it is under a boil to consume directive. They are able to use the water to flush toilets, plan to start using the laundry machines, and plan on possibly on starting to take showers inside.

They will still need bottled water to drink and cook with, but the situation has improved drastically with this development. They still plan on keeping the portable shower and the bulk water tanks for a few weeks so they will have a water supply just in case that while water line repairs continue there would be an interruption. They will keep a supply of bottled water that they have until the boil to consume directive is lifted and then make it available to the surrounding community.

CORRECTION:

Thank you not only to the Claremont Lions Club, but the clubs of Zone 5 for doing McCune's laundry during their water outage.

TRICK or TREAT

SEEKING CANDY DONATIONS FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO ENJOY THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREAT & TO BRING BACK SOME NORMALCY TO KIDS AFTER HURRICANE HELENE.

A SERVICE PROJECT OF LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31L WESTERN NC LIONS INC

SHIP TO:
MCCUNE COMMUNITY
101 LIONS WAY
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

Oriental Trading **amazon**

Get your candy bags ready!!!

HALLOWEEN

October 31, 2024

101 Lions way
Black Mountain Nc 28711

Marjorie McCune Community @ 6p - 8p

Trick o' Treat Inside

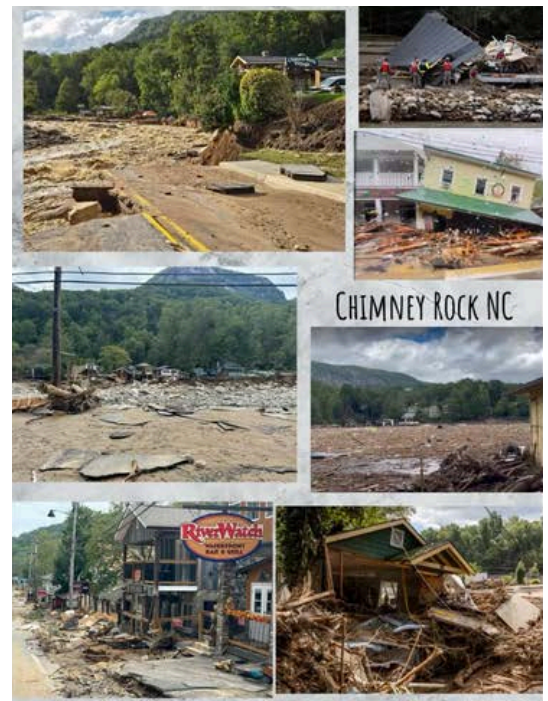
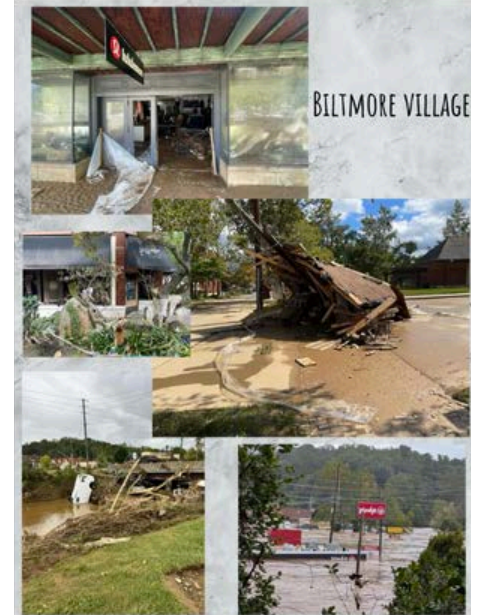
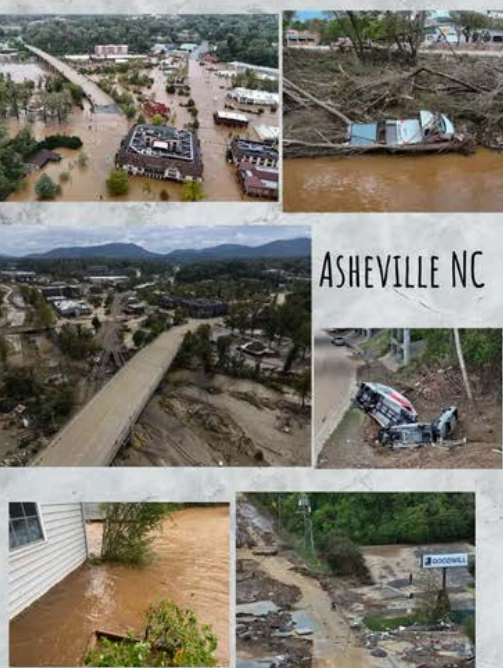
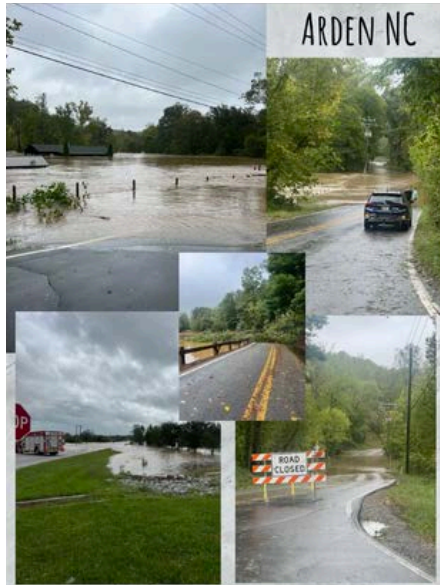
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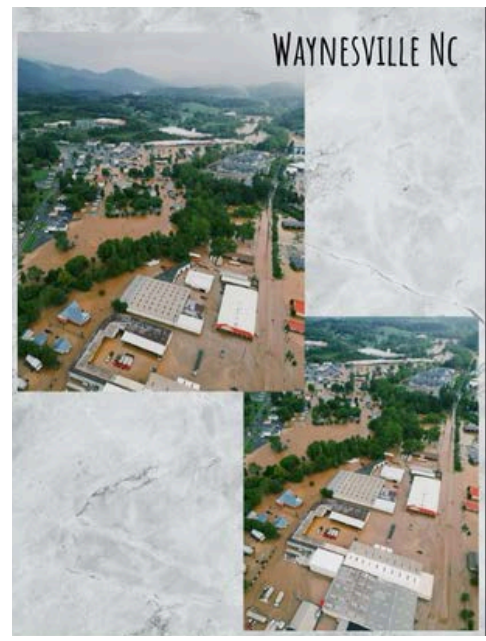
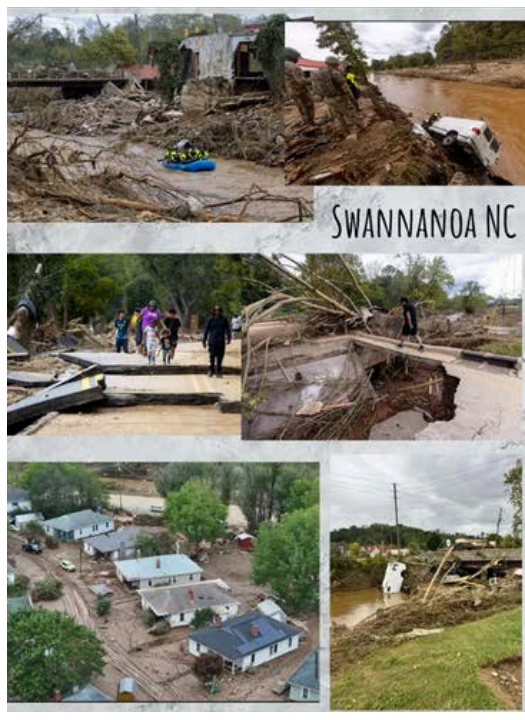
TOGETHER, WE WILL OVERCOME THIS TRADGEY

MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE, BUT THERE IS A LONG ROAD

AHEAD...YEARS OF RECOVERY

NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS IDENTIFIED OVER 6,900 SITES WHERE BRIDGES AND ROAD NEED REPAIRED.
ATLEAST 100 OF THE APPROXIMATELY 600 ROADS CLOSED ARE INTERSTATES, STATE, AND FEDERAL HIGHWAYS





LET'S REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORING DISTRICT I.
BOONE HAS ALREADY HAD SNOW THIS WEEK AND
MANY ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER.

