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### **Government Offices to Re-Open on Monday, Sept. 15**

The Lafourche Parish Government offices will re-open on Monday, September 15. Normal office hours will resume Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. All employees should report to work as normal on Monday.

Due to damages sustained during Hurricane Gustav, Lafourche Parish Government has moved all of its government offices and services offered from the Sondra B. Barrios Building in Raceland to the old Wal-Mart building at 4876 Highway 1 in Mathews. These offices include Lafourche Parish Head Start offices, the Office of Community Action, Council on Aging, Recreation, Solid Waste, the Department of Public Works, Planning and Permits.

The Barrios Building was damaged by Gustav's high winds, ripping parts of the roof off of the far right side of the building. The Council Chamber, Executive Session meeting room and some Head Start offices suffered the most damage, with other areas receiving some minor damage as well.

Due to this move, telephone services to our new office location may be hindered. "We ask for the public's patience as our full staff returns on Monday," said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. "We expect our offices to be very busy next week as life begins returning to normal for most of our residents."

"I want to thank all of our employees who did such an outstanding job throughout the storm," said Randolph. "Their cooperation and hard work made it possible for us to recover so quickly. We also want to thank our citizens for the patience and resolve they showed throughout the preparation, evacuation and recovery from Hurricane Gustav."

Officials said they expect to be in the temporary site in Mathews for at least six months. This time period could be extended depending on the level of damage at the Raceland site. Inspectors will soon be assessing the damage to determine the level of repairs needed at the site.

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