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BASTROP COUNTY TO SPONSOR TOWN HALL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Bastrop County is sponsoring its first Town Hall Community Conversation on Monday, Oct. 10, for everyone affected by the Labor Day wildfires.

Bastrop County: On the Road Back will be a come-and-go Town Hall Community Conversation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Cedar Street, Bastrop.

“We’ve got a long road ahead of us, but we’ve already started on our way back,” Bastrop County Judge Ronnie McDonald said. “We know people have questions about what happens next, so we’re getting representatives from government agencies and other public sector providers together so people can get their questions answered in one place.”

Judge McDonald encourages everyone with questions about recovery from the fire to stop by the meeting to get information directly from the agencies in charge.

Stations will be set up to provide visitors with information on topics such as:

- Debris removal and permitting
- What FEMA/SBA help is available for fire victims?
- How to prevent and protect property from future wildfires,
- Plans for the Bastrop and Buescher State Park,
- Rebuilding the environment and habitat, Agriculture assistance
- Crime prevention
- Chamber of Commerce assistance
- Utility questions
- Others

The Bastrop County Wildfire Historical Project also will have a table at the meeting, and will be videotaping interviews with both officials and residents. The project is working to create a historical record of the fires and Bastrop’s road to recovery.