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MEDIA ADVISORY
Treasurer offers disaster recovery loans
Holds town meeting to discuss eligibility

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will provide an overview of the office's Disaster Recovery Loan program for Southern Illinois residents in the wake of recent storms.

Partnering with Sen. Gary Forby and Rep. Brandon Phelps, town hall meetings will take place in Alexander, Hardin, Gallatin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union and White Counties. Partnering with Sen. Gary Forby and Rep. John Bradley town hall meetings will also take place in Franklin, Hamilton and Williamson Counties.

The representatives on site will share how residents whose homes, farms or businesses have sustained weather-related damage can qualify for low-interest loans through the State Treasurer's Opportunity Illinois: Disaster Recovery Loan program.

"This is an opportunity for Southern Illinois residents to get their lives back on track faster," Giannoulas said. "Waiting months for insurance settlements can be very frustrating and we want to help as much as we can in the meantime."

Under the Opportunity Illinois Disaster Recovery Loan program, the Treasurer's Office provides low-interest loans to residents of declared disaster areas who are waiting for insurance settlements or other aid programs to take effect and to residents whose insurance policies do not fully cover natural disaster damage.

For more information on applying for a loan, finding a participating financial institution, or becoming a participating financial institution, call the Disaster Recovery hotline at (866) 523-0641 or email opportunityillinois@treasurer.state.il.us.

TIME: Noon to 1 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 21
PLACE: Gallatin County Courthouse
484 Lincoln Blvd.
Shawneetown

State Capitol
Room 219
Springfield, IL 62706
Phone: (217) 782-2211
Fax: (217) 785-2777

James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
Suite 15-600
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 814-1700
Fax: (312) 814-5930

Jefferson Terrace
300 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Phone: (217) 782-6540
Fax: (217) 524-3822

Myers Building
One West Old State Capitol Plaza
Suite 400
Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: (217) 785-6998
Fax: (217) 557-9365

Municipal Building West
200 Potomac Boulevard
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Phone: (618) 244.8369
Fax: (618) 244.8370

TIME: 3 to 4 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 21
PLACE: Hardin County Courthouse
1 Main St. & Market St.
Elizabethtown

TIME: 9 to 10 a.m.
DATE: Tuesday, April 22
PLACE: Metropolis City Hall Council Chambers
106 W. Fifth St.
Metropolis

TIME: 11 a.m. to noon
DATE: Tuesday, April 22
PLACE: Gambit Golf Course
2080 State Route 146 E.
Vienna

TIME: 1 to 2 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, April 22
PLACE: Pope County Courthouse
310 E. Main St.
Golconda

TIME: 9 to 10 a.m.
DATE: Friday, April 25
PLACE: Olive Branch Community Building
Olive Branch

TIME: Noon to 1 p.m.
DATE: Friday, April 25
PLACE: Pulaski County Business Center
330 Enterprise Lane, Suite 110
Mounds

TIME: 3 to 4 p.m.
DATE: Friday, April 25
PLACE: Sunshine Inn Community Center
400 S. Main St.
Anna

TIME: 9 to 10 a.m.
DATE: Monday, April 28
PLACE: John A. Logan College, Crisp Room
700 Logan College Road
Carterville

TIME: 11 a.m. to noon
DATE: Monday, April 28
PLACE: Franklin County Highway Building
13034 Oddfellow Lane
Benton

TIME: 1 to 2 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 28
PLACE: McLeansboro City Hall
102 W. Main St.
McLeansboro

TIME: 3 to 4 p.m.
DATE: Monday, April 28
PLACE: Carmi City Council Chamber
225 E. Main St.
Carmi