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Fall Fish Fry time at WVFD

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Walters Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) will be holding its annual Fall Fish Fry Fundraiser on Saturday, October 22, 4 to 7 p.m. The fish fry will be located at their station at 125 Walters Rd., Pelahatchie.

The plates will consist of US Farm raised catfish, hush puppies, fries and cole slaw. Eat in or carry out. Each fish plate is \$13.

WVFD was incorporated in the fall of 1991 as a non-profit organization. Station 1 is their primary station, and it is located in the Walters community. They have two additional stations, one located on Hwy. 43 South at Antioch, and one on Shiloh Rd. The WVFD is not a taxing district, so they rely on fundraisers such as the fish fry as a primary source of operating



revenue.

They have ten active members who are 100% volunteer. Six members are certified through the Mississippi Fire Academy as either 1001 or Certified Volunteer Fire Fighters. WVFD has one critical care paramedic, two EMTs and one EMR. Typically, they receive 200 dispatches a year. Their response area is currently rated as a Class 7 by the State Rating Bureau, which result in savings on homeowners' insurance.

WVFD meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. They need additional members and encourage anyone that would like to help serve their community to attend a meeting to learn more about the department. No experience is necessary. They will provide the training.

EIDLs available for businesses impacted by Jackson water crisis

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Mississippi small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and private nonprofit organizations affected by the Jackson Water Crisis that began August 30, may apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Eligible applicants in the SBA's declared disaster area can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA. The declaration covers Hinds County and the adjacent counties of Claiborne, Copiah, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo.

"SBA's mission-driven team stands ready to help small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in Hinds County impacted by the Jackson Water Crisis," said SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. "We're committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild."

"Needless to say, safe drinking water is a necessity, and the loss of this essential resource has resulted in devastating economic impacts on the people and businesses of Jackson and surrounding communities," said Francisco Sanchez, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration. "Those that have suffered economic losses should find comfort that the SBA is now ready to move rapidly to



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provide federal disaster assistance."

"For eligible applicants, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster," said SBA's Mississippi District Director Janita R. Stewart.

Interest rates are 3.04 percent for businesses and 1.875 percent for nonprofit organizations, with terms up to thirty years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s and should apply under SBA declaration # 17621, not for the COVID-19 incident.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications may be downloaded at sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return economic injury applications is June 14, 2023.