

Our phones receive messages back and forth between person to person and based on this (our only source of information) we have total confusion and chaos. Honesty is the best policy. If the county doesn't have a plan, then make one and share it with us. In addition, instead of side stepping the issue of the Peninsula, address it head on and have clear answers. If you don't have the answer, then decide when you will be able to provide that answer. That will prevent confusion. We understand that there is much devastation everywhere and we aren't looking for quick fixes, but we need something more than Judge Yarbrough had stated: "not a race, a marathon." We aren't looking to race; for that matter, it would have to start first. From those that I have communicated with, everyone plans on returning (when we are permitted and just like Galveston, want to rebuild (even though many of our homes are gone) and begin restoration as soon as possible.

Here are the questions that have been text to me or from people that have called me:

1a. ARE WE GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO REBUILD?

1b. IS THE PENINSULA BEING CONSIDERED TO BECOME A NATURE HABITAT?

1c. IF SO, HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF DOING IT? WHAT GIVES YOU, COUNTY, STATE THE RIGHT TO DO THIS?

1d. WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY OR WHOEVER MUST FOLLOW IN REGARDS TO PENINSULA DECISIONS?

1e. WHO IS MAKING THE DECISIONS FOR OUR PENINSULA?

1f. WHY ARE WE BEING LEFT IN THE DARK? WHY AREN'T WE BEING INFORMED IN REGARDS TO WHAT THE PLANS ARE FOR OUR HOME?

1. WHAT IS THE SOONEST TIME WE CAN RETURN TO TRY TO SALVAGE PERSONAL ITEMS AND MEMORIES BEFORE THEY ARE WASHED AWAY?

2. Although the state manages the roads and bridges, why can't Galveston County at least start questioning them as to the date they can address the Roll Over Pass Bridge? (Called TXDOT, not one person told me that they had received anything about Rollover, except that it was inspected.)

3. We need a definitive answer in regards to crossing the bridge? National Guard and military create temporary bridges constantly. Why can't someone request that they do just that for Roll Over Bridge?

It would be temporary, but it would allow people to collect items and then even permit equipment onto the Peninsula so that it can begin being restored. It would allow our water company to get in there and restore water so that the clean up can begin.

3. Why isn't Judge Vondra included in ar



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4. Why aren't the constables informed as to the processes that are being decided for the Peninsula?

5. How can you establish Martial Law on the Peninsula when you aren't doing it on the Island?

6. Why won't the county let people into High Island?

7. If the county is willing to provide water, food and etc. for the citizens that stayed on the island, why can't they do that for those that are staying to protect our property?

\*\*By the way, word is that they are staying because the county or state might take our property.

8. Looked like a ferry crossed from Galveston today, why can't we when the island is opened back up in a week?

9. Many animals are still there, they need fresh water. Why are we not allowed to bring them fresh water? We can't allow them to die when we can easily prevent it?

We can bring them water, county doesn't have to. We will. We need someone to say yes you can bring in water so that the animals are not suffering and left to die.

10. We are going to rebuild. We are not walking away from our homes. There are more people that live on the Peninsula then the county realizes. It is not a couple of people. The area has been booming and growing with more permanent residents constantly. The county needs to realize that the Peninsula is NOT JUST a vacation resort. We love our community, and our neighbors. For us, it is our peace of heaven and we need someone to recognize that they understand this concept. We want to know, do you realize what this place truly means to us?

11. We want a site that has our information available for us. We are tired of having to call, guess, and question everything. What is our site to find information specific to our Peninsula?

12. We want a representative that does not reside on Galveston Island. Can we designate a communication representative? S

Someone that must be called and informed when decisions about the Peninsula are being made, and be allowed to participate in meetings concerning the Peninsula.

13. Can we make sure that our interests are protected and represented by someone that actually lives on the Peninsula?

They don't have to be official, but someone that would make sure that we are a priority, and not the step-child of Galveston.



14. If our residents are forced out, who is going to stay and protect our belongings since we can't get back in right now?
15. What can those that owned businesses do if they can't get in?
16. If the water can be restored, won't that mean the county can't declare Martial Law?
17. Who makes these decisions?
18. Who do we need to contact in regards to how the Peninsula needs have become back burner?
19. Why can't officials take care of both the Peninsula and Galveston?
20. If the county doesn't want to get in there and clean up, why can't we?
21. Has the search and rescue completed their search?
22. What about the animals? Why can't we get in there to save the animals that survived?
23. Who do we need to harrass to get our bridge fixed so we can get over there and salvage something?
24. What else do we need to do to make the county and state know that we want answers and that we want something started over on the Peninsula?

Thank you for asking these questions for us. These are not all my questions, this is a cumulation of a multitude of friends, family, and neighbors that reside on the Peninsula. There are more, but we want these answered right now. We would like the opportunity to send other questions, but we want a communication representative that lives on the Peninsula so that we can start our "marathon." Kind of hard to run it, when you don't have any idea when it is going to begin. We do not want the answer to be months, months, we want start dates...when can we drive by the Peninula on a boat and actually see something taking place?

Can you please email me when the information is available? Many residents are still in areas without electricity and we will have to call them with the information. I just have internet on my cell phone and access it that way (charge with a generator). We are not idiots, we do know that this will be a long process, but if it isn't ever started, it won't ever finish, and we are a resilient, determined, and dedicated group. We truly are a gigantic family on the Peninsula. One resident, made it through and saw that his house was collapsed, but he still felt relieved the moment he stepped onto the ground. Standing there looking at nothing but rubble, he still felt like he was at home. His family has been on the Peninula for about 100 years.



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