

FLOOD RECOVERY HELP FOR PALO

It has been a few weeks since Iowa was hit with devastating floods throughout the state. Many along the 100 and even 500 year flood plain lost everything. Closer to home for the Pigman Triathlon are the cities of Cedar Rapids, Palo and Vinton. Each of these cities suffered major damage.

Especially hard hit was the city of Palo. I believe almost every home and business in this small town was somehow affected by the water. Since the first year of the Pigman in 1992, this city has welcomed with open arms the sport of triathlon and in particular the Pigman Triathlon into its community.

Now Palo needs our help. I spoke to a city official a few days ago to find out how best we could support them in this time of need. Their number one need is volunteers to help with the clean up process.

Please contact John Burianek at 319-350-2684 if you are able to volunteer some of your time. He would prefer to receive a call ahead of time so that volunteers can be matched up with the needs of the cities long term recovery. However, I am sure they will not turn away any help if you just show up. As of a few days ago, the only way into Palo was from highway 94. John can be found at 110 Freeze Court in Palo.

Not everyone can volunteer. If you would like to make a donation they are asking for gift cards from Hyvee, Lowes, Menards, Sams Club and Wal Mart. These are all businesses that are close to Palo. Of course a check will work too.

The Pigman will match the first \$1,000 of gift cards and or dollars that are donated. The easiest way to handle this is to send the gift cards and or checks to the Pigman Triathlon. I will make sure the funds and gift cards get to the right people. My mailing address is John Snitko, 939 Grand Avenue Court, Marion, IA 52302.

For more than 16 years the Pigman Triathlon has held its race on the streets of Palo. Many of the cities residents and businesses have unconditionally supported this event. I am asking for your help. Feel free to call me at 319-373-0741 for more details.

Thank you,

John Snitko

Pigman Triathlon