



## CORRECTIVE STATEMENT REGARDING JULY 6 PUBLIC SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

On July 6, 2025, the Town of Southern Pines shared public safety information related to Tropical Storm Chantal through social media, CodeRED, and a media release. In that communication, we referenced a retaining wall failure at the Southern Pines Village shopping center and stated that “a retaining wall failed and flooded a shopping center on Brucewood Road.”

We want to clarify that this statement was issued during an active evacuation at the site, as Town staff responded to rapidly rising floodwaters and a visible structural failure. Our intent was to convey the urgency of the situation and prioritize public safety during a fast-evolving emergency. However, we recognize that the wording used may have *incorrectly implied that the wall failure caused the flooding*. That was not a correct characterization and we apologize for any inaccurate impression this may have caused.

The Town of Southern Pines takes accountability for the information we share with the public and are committed to providing timely and accurate information. We have removed the original statement from our online materials and appreciate the opportunity to correct the record.

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