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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Port St. Lucie Advisory on Hurricane Irma #3

- What:** City of Port St. Lucie
- When:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 3 p.m.
- Where:** City of Port St. Lucie City Hall Update
- Why:** Port St. Lucie is committed to ensuring the safety of citizens, and we're asking residents to prepare with us. The City's emergency operations team continues to prepare for Hurricane Irma landfall and impact. The City continues to work closely with St. Lucie County officials and community partners and will provide status updates as necessary.

As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, the City of Port St. Lucie has these important updates:

- The City's information hotline, **772-873-6397** is now activated. The city has set up a webpage at www.cityofpsl.com/irma where information for residents will be updated frequently. The City's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpsl/> and the City's Twitter page, <https://twitter.com/CityPortStLucie> also will have up-to-the-minute information.
- A Declaration of Emergency will be signed at the emergency Council meeting scheduled for 3pm today.
- St. Lucie County is responsible for deciding how many and if shelters will be opened. Please check our website, we will post any shelter updates received from the County.
- St. Lucie County will determine if evacuations are necessary.
- There is no alcohol ban in the City at this time.
- The City's Crosstown webcam will be taken down for the duration of the hurricane.
- The City's Emergency Operations Center will be partially-activated on Thursday.
- The City is working with Governor Scott and the Department of Revenue regarding the upcoming budget meetings and will provide updates as information becomes available.

- The City contractor and Public Works Traffic Operations crew will be removing many of the signal heads from span wire intersections starting on Thursday morning. Only crucial signal heads will be left in place.
 - Motorists and pedestrians are asked to use extra caution and treat these intersections as a four-way stop when attempting to navigate through these intersections with limited signal indications.
- The City must concentrate on securing its buildings and facilities. City staff will not be available to assist homeowners with their shutters. We encourage residents to reach out to local churches now to inquire about possible help with shutters.
- No sandbags are available for residents from the City's Public Works Department. Please continue to monitor the City's website and social media outlets to check to see if sandbags could be available later this week.
- Waste Pro is now operating on its regular pickup schedule **until Friday**.
 - There will be NO pick-up on Saturday as the St. Lucie County landfill will be closed.
 - Residents should NOT place any more vegetative yard debris out for pickup.
 - Please do NOT place any bulk items, such as appliances or fencing, out for pickup.

The City would like to remind residents:

- To replenish emergency supplies, know your family's emergency plan, review your important documents and obtain any necessary medications immediately.
- This is the time to shutter property.
- Know evacuation routes for your area.
- Use caution while operating generators.
- For those who wish to evacuate, Florida 511 can provide the necessary traffic information and urgent alerts; please visit: www.fl511.com for more information.
- Be aware of price gouging and report information to the Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline at 1-866-966-7226. Residents can also report violations online at <http://myfloridalegal.com>

City event and program **cancellations include**:

- City University Class #4, cancelled until further notice.
- Forum on Race Relations & Inclusion, GAAP Workshop Youth Session, scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at 6pm. Will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Torino Neighborhood Planning meeting, Wednesday, September 6 at IRSC's Schreiber Building (500 NW California Blvd, Building D) scheduled for 6pm. Will be rescheduled at a later date.
- Coffee with the Mayor, scheduled for Friday, September 8, at 8:30am. Will resume next month as scheduled.

The City of Port St. Lucie encourages all residents to monitor reliable sources of weather information, including the National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service, to stay informed about the storm's track and intensity.

Please check the City's website for the latest information and helpful links:
www.CityofPSL/Irma

For the latest updates follow us on:
Facebook: CityofPSL
Twitter: @CityPortStLucie

Port St. Lucie emergency officials will provide an update live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpsl/> following the emergency Council meeting. Residents can post questions during the live session.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 185,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

