



Sunday, September 10, 2017

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City of Port St. Lucie Advisory on Hurricane Irma # 11

What: City of Port St. Lucie Update #11

When: Sunday, September 10, 2017, 9 a.m.

Where: City of Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd

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 9:00a.m. Sunday, the City of Port St. Lucie has these important updates:

- Hurricane Irma (Category 4) is forecast to make landfall in the Florida Keys and Southwest Florida, and its path north is expected to have a severe impact on St. Lucie County.
- Residents are at risk of Irma's threats, such as storm surge, high winds, large rain amounts, flooding, tornadic activity, and flying debris.
- The National Weather Service is telling Port St. Lucie residents to expect flooding rain which includes peak rainfall amounts of 6 to 10 inches with isolated areas of 15 inches.
- Port St. Lucie Police are asking residents to remain indoors and off the roadways. There have been reports of localized flooding and some trees down in the City.
- Heavy rainfall has caused flooding in some areas of St. Lucie County, it is recommended that residents avoid driving unless it is absolutely necessary.
- As of 9 a.m., 8,320 St. Lucie County residents are out of power, according to Florida Power and Light. Residents are encouraged to check www.fplmaps.com to report an outage and see where outages are in the county.
- As of Sunday morning, there are just over 2,300 people currently in St. Lucie County shelters. Full-capacity is 5,700.

- City Hall will be closed to normal business on Monday, September 11, 2017 to enable staff resources to concentrate on post-event evaluation and clean-up operations.
- Reminder: The Special Port St. Lucie City Council meeting – **the budget hearing – that was scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, is CANCELED.** This meeting is tentatively rescheduled to Monday, Sept. 25, 2017. The **Regular City Council meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 will still be held.**
- The Neighborhood Services Department will be keeping a list of anyone wishing to volunteer after the storm event. Volunteers will be matched with the needs of the community to the extent resources are available. Please send an e-mail to nsd@cityofpsl.com for more information.
- **If residents have specific hurricane-related questions regarding Port St. Lucie, they can call 772-871-7315.** The City’s information hotline, 772-873-6397 also is 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.

Please check the City’s website for the latest information, closures, cancellations and helpful links:
www.CityofPSL/irma

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