



Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Resident Questions:

Utility Systems – 772-873-6400

Trash questions: Waste Pro – 772-595-9390

All other questions – 772-871-5225

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Port St. Lucie Advisory on Hurricane Irma # 17

What: City of Port St. Lucie Update #17

When: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 5 p.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 work with us. The City is focused on recovery efforts and is working closely with St. Lucie County officials and community partners and will provide status updates as necessary.

As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, the City of Port St. Lucie has these important updates:

Waste Pickup Information:

- The Public Works Department is overseeing the storm cleanup efforts. All yard waste (and other storm generated debris) will be picked up by the City's emergency debris removal contractor for the next several weeks, beginning Monday, Sept. 18, 2017.
 - For questions about storm debris please call the debris management hotline at 772-529-0934.
 - This hotline will be manned from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week, starting Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017.
 - The City will keep updated debris management progress online at www.cityofpsl.com beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017.
- The City is asking residents to assist with the cleanup effort by:
 - Piling their storm generated debris by the street.

- Please be advised that the emergency debris contractor utilizes clam trucks, which cannot collect containerized or bagged debris.
- These clam trucks can only pick up storm-related debris in piles directly on the ground. Storm-related debris that is containerized or bagged will not be collected.
- Having all debris ready for collection, which will start on Monday, September 18, 2017.
- Separating yard waste from all other storm-generated debris, such as fence and construction materials. Please do not mix vegetative debris with non-vegetative debris.
- Putting out your household garbage and recycling per your normal schedule.
 - Those schedules can be found at:
 - <https://pslgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=5a8c0b630ddd47d5b867e886ec2a2f79> Please note, your household garbage and recycling will be collected by Waste Pro, NOT the debris collection contractor.

FEMA Information

- If Port St. Lucie and any St. Lucie County residents suffered property damage or loss directly caused by Hurricane Irma, they are urged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and apply for disaster assistance – even if they have insurance.
- Help may be available for uninsured or underinsured losses or when insurance claims are not promptly settled.
- Residents must first act through their individual Insurance companies.
- A vast number of people are registering for assistance.
 - FEMA is working to make the process as simple and easy-to-understand as possible but back-to-back major disasters have stretched resources.
- It typically takes FEMA a few weeks to process an application, but it has been standing up additional call centers to support the high volume of registrations from Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.
- Help from FEMA for homeowners and renters can include grants for rent, temporary housing, home repairs to primary residences as well as other serious disaster-related needs.
 - The assistance FEMA provides is limited and intended to meet survivors' basic needs and to help them on their way to recovery, not compensate for all their losses.
- There are several ways to register with FEMA:
 - Go online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Or, if residents have a smartphone, download the [FEMA app](https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app) at <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app>.
 - Online registration is the quickest way to register for assistance, but if there is no access to the internet, residents can call 800-621-3362. For TTY call 800-462-7585.
 - Residents also can register with FEMA at a Disaster Recovery Center when it arrives to St Lucie County in the weeks to come. Locations will be listed at www.fema.gov/DRC, or available via the FEMA app.

Utility Systems Information

- Port St. Lucie Utility Systems has established emergency water supply depots to provide water to residents who do not have access to water at their homes due to power outages at the following locations:
 - Shell gas station at Tulip Blvd. /Darwin Blvd.

- Publix at Prima Vista Crossings at U.S. 1 /Prima Vista Blvd.
- Speedway on U.S. 1 near Kitterman Rd. (note new location)
- Please bring your own containers, as these depots are self-serve stations.
 - Customer Service is working hard to maintain multiple lines of communications: phones, email, Access PSL app. We appreciate your patience.
 - Crews are working hard to respond to calls for service.

Other important information

The CareerSource Research Coast St. Lucie County Career Center in St. Lucie West at 584 NW University Blvd. Suite 300 will open at 8am tomorrow for residents who might need assistance with Emergency Unemployment or other services offered at CSRC.

The City would like to remind residents that City Code prohibits the open burning of trash and garbage, building materials and similar items.

When hiring someone to handle home repairs, remember to only use licensed contractors and be aware of scammers or predators that may be in our neighborhoods looking for an easy opportunity. For a list of licensed contractors check your city or county website or with the Treasure Coast Builders Association for a list of reputable and licensed contractors.

St. Lucie County local businesses impacted by Hurricane Irma are asked to complete the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center "Hurricane Irma Survey." This survey will assist local and state governments in learning the impacts to our business community and expedite resources available to you and your employees to get your business back up and running and your employees back to work. Click here to access the survey: <http://flvbeoc.org/index.php?action=bda>.

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) will be closed Thursday and Friday. SLPS remains dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of students. Breakfast and lunch will be served to students (pre-K through age 18) on Thursday, September 14 and Friday, September 15 at the following school locations: Bayshore Elementary, C.A. Moore Elementary, Northport K-8, Samuel S. Gaines K-8 Academy, St. Lucie Elementary, Village Green Elementary, Weatherbee Elementary, and Windmill Point Elementary. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and lunch will be served from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM on both days. The meals are free, and students may go to any location. They are not required to go to their home school. Students choosing to enjoy meals at any of the identified SLPS sites will report to the front office prior to each meal.

As of 4 p.m., there were 31,970 Florida Power and Light customers in St. Lucie County without service.

Parks and Recreation Information

Open Facilities

- Apache Park, 1449 SW Apache Avenue
- PSL Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.
- PSL Community Fitness & Wellness Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.
- Deacon Street Transit Station, 395 PV SE Deacon Avenue

- Doat Street Park, 425 SE Doat Street
 - Loyalty Park, 2810 SE Morningside Blvd
 - Mary Ann Cernuto Park, 2600 SE Grand Drive
 - McChesney Park, 1585 SW Cashmere Blvd.
 - Midport Lake, 2010 SE Veterans Memorial Parkway
 - Milner Tot Lot, 5160 NW Milner
 - O.L. Peacock, Sr. Park, 1950 SW Dreyfus Blvd.
 - Ravenswood Racquetball Courts, 400 SW Ravenswood Lane
 - Swan Park, 700 SW Carmelite Street
 - Tom Hooper Family Park, 2340 SE Rivergate Parkway
 - Treasure Coast Model Railroad Club, 273 SW Becker Road
 - Whitmore Park, 474 SE Whitmore Drive
 - Wilderness Park, 2701 SE Westmoreland Blvd.
 - Winterlakes Park, 5234 NW Jannebo Street
 - Turtle Run Park, 1945 SW Cameo Blvd.
 - *Lyngate Park and Dog Park, 1301 SE Lyngate Drive
 - River Place Park, 690 NW Bayou Country Road
 - *Sportsman's Park, 201 NW Prima Vista Blvd.
 - Robert E. Minsky Gymnasium, 750 SW Darwin Blvd.
 - C-24 Canal Park, 500 SE Oakridge Drive
 - Rotary Park, 2101 SE Tiffany Avenue
 - Jessica Clinton Park, 3200 SE Southbend Blvd.
 - Sportsman's Park, 201 NW Prima Vista Blvd.---UPDATE – there is no power to the facility, therefore, restrooms remain closed.
 - Sportsman's Park West, 220 NW Irving Street— there is no power to the facility, therefore, restrooms remain closed.
 - Parks Yard, 1901 SW Hampshire Lane
 - Sandhill Crane Park, 2355 SE Scenic Drive
 - Turtle Run Park, 1945 SW Cameo Blvd.
 - Oak Hammock Park, 1872 SW Villanova Road (park is open, but trails remain closed)
 - Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd. (Building is open but Garden paths are closed.)
 - Charles Ray Park, 5626 NW Manville Drive (playground remains closed)
 - Veterans Park @ Rivergate, 2200 SE Veteran's Memorial Parkway – boat ramp and parking lot open.
- *Parks are open to the public, however, not all amenities may be available until crews address needed maintenance.

FACILITIES THAT REMAIN CLOSED AS OF 09-13-17 AT 4:01 P.M.

- Fred Cook Park, 400 SE Glenwood Avenue
- Girl Scout Friendship Park, 315 NW Heather Street
- Gulf Stream Park, 210 NE Ardsley Drive
- Harborview Park, 624 SE Harborview Drive
- Ian T. Zook Park, 5600 NW Manville Drive
- Jaycee Park, 1301 SW Bayshore Blvd.
- Kiwanis Park, 1320 SE Floresta Drive
- Mariposa Cane Slough Preserve, 2280 SE Mariposa Avenue
- PSL Elks Lodge #2658 Friendship Park, 2264 SE West Blackwell Drive

- Sandpiper Bay Park, 1870 SE Morningside Blvd.
- Saints at PSL Golf Course, 2601 SE Morningside Blvd.
- Veteran's Memorial Park, 2100 SE Veteran's Memorial Parkway
- Whispering Pines Park, 800 SW Darwin Blvd.
- Woodstork Trail, 1957 SE Hillmoor Drive

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

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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

