

Hurricane Ian Advisory- Pawleys Island Thursday, September 29th, 2022

Dear Pawleys Island Property Owners,

Please be advised that the Town began elevating its safety precaution measures this morning. The 11:20 am high tide caused notable flooding on our roadways. The Police Department closed both the North and South Causeways from 10:45 am to 1:50 pm to protect property owners and vehicle passengers. Please see the following pictures near Town Hall this morning.



Please be advised that the Police Department is prepared to reclose the North and South Causeway as deemed necessary before, during, and after peak tides. The timing of high tides is as follows through the weekend:

9/29: 11:31 PM

9/30: 12:13PM

10/1: 12:27 AM And 1:13 PM

Thankfully weather conditions are forecast to improve beginning Saturday

10/2: 1:30 AM and 2:18 PM

Town officials, including Mayor Henry, participated in the daily Georgetown County Emergency Management Division Conference Call earlier this afternoon. They have activated the Disaster Call Center. The # is 843-545-3273.

We want to share these important messages from that meeting.

- The National Weather Service currently has issued a Hurricane Warning for the entire South Carolina coast, elevating the status of a Tropical Storm warning earlier this morning. Wind gusts could reach 80+ mph along the Georgetown County coast on Friday, September 30th. Peak storm surge is currently forecasted to reach an inundation level of 3-5ft. Ian is currently forecast to make a second landfall Friday mid-late morning. The flooding conditions could be exacerbated if the landfall coincides with Friday's scheduled high tide at 12:13 pm.
- The State of South Carolina does not intend to issue any evacuation orders for this storm event.
- The Town of Pawleys Island Police Department will likely close the North and South Causeways on Friday, September 29th during the high tide scheduled at 12:13 pm. We appreciate your cooperation during these road closures. Since the weather conditions are constantly changing, we cannot anticipate when we will be closing and reopening the causeways. The intention is to ensure public safety.
- Please also note that we have shut down normal business operations at Town Hall to focus on storm preparation and response.

We will be sure to update property owners via this email distribution list. For the most current updates please visit the Town website at: www.townofpawleysisland.com/hurricane-info/

We are actively sharing updates, particularly regarding road closures on the following social media accounts:

Twitter: @PawleysIslandPD

Facebook: Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina

If you need to contact the Town directly, please call Town Hall at 843-237-1698 or via email at info@townofpi.com If you face an emergency during the storm, please call 9-1-1.

Please remain diligent and safe throughout the storm.

Sincerely,

Daniel Newquist.