Hurricane Ian Advisory- Pawleys Island Wednesday, September 28

The Town of Pawleys Island is enhancing preparations in advance of potential impacts associated with Hurricane Ian. The National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Warning for Georgetown County, SC. Below is the National Weather Service Hurricane Ian Advisory Report #24A issued on Wednesday, September 28 at 11:00 am. To view subsequent advisories please visit nhc.noaa.gov



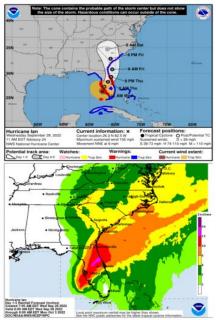
Key Messages for Hurricane Ian Advisory 24: 11:00 AM EDT Wed Sep 28, 2022

1. Catastrophic storm surge inundation of 12 to 18 feet above ground level along with destructive waves are expected somewhere along the southwest Florida coastline from Englewood to Bonita Beach, including Charlotte Harbor. Residents in these areas should urgently follow any evacuation orders in effect.

2. Catastrophic wind damage is beginning along the southwestern coast of Florida today near the landfall location. Hurricane-force winds are expected to extend well inland along near the core of lan. Preparations to protect life and property should be urgently rushed to completion.

3. Heavy rainfall will spread across the Florida peninsula through Thursday and reach portions of the Southeast U.S. later this week and this weekend. Widespread, life-threatening catastrophic flooding is expected across portions of central Florida with considerable flooding in southern Florida, northern Florida, southeastern Georgia and coastal South Carolina. Widespread, prolonged major and record river flooding is expected across central Florida.

4. Hurricane conditions are expected along the east-central Florida coast overnight, where a Hurricane Warning has been issued. Hurricane conditions are possible from northeastern Florida to portions of South Carolina on Thursday and Friday, and a Hurricane Watch has been issued for that area.



For more information go to hurricanes.gov

Please exercise caution on Pawleys Island throughout the next week. Hurricane Ian is forecasted to produce 6-8 inches of rain and wind gusts could exceed 50MPH. With these conditions, there is an elevated risk of tidal flooding on the island. Please be mindful of the following scheduled high tides through Sunday, October 2nd.

Thursday 9/29: 11:20 AM and 11:31 PM Friday 9/30: 12:13 PM Saturday 10/1: 12:27AM and 1:13PM Sunday 10/2: 1:30 AM and 2:18 PM

Roadway and property flooding is anticipated approximately 90 minutes before and after each high tide episode. The Pawleys Island Police Department is prepared to close the North and South Causeway as deemed necessary through the weekend. We encourage all residents and visitors to stay off the roadways during these times. While there are no evacuation advisements anticipated for this storm, Town staff are in active communication with the Georgetown County Emergency Management Division and will relay pertinent guidance from them throughout the storm event.

If you need to contact the Town directly, please call Town Hall at 843-237-1698 or via email at <u>info@townofpi.com</u> We will also provide updates via the following social media channels:

Twitter: <u>@PawleysIslandPD</u> Facebook: <u>Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina</u>

If you face an emergency during the storm, please call 9-1-1.

Please remain diligent and safe throughout the storm.