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Town of Summerville Hurricane Florence Update #1 *Offices to close through Friday, September 14, 2018*

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. – (Monday, September 10, 2018) All Town of Summerville offices and parks will be closed from 12 p.m. Tuesday, September 11 through Friday, September 14, 2018 following Governor McMaster's lane reversal orders and mandatory evacuation of all hurricane evacuation zones. The eastbound lanes of Interstate 26 heading into Charleston will be reversed at 12 p.m. Tuesday when the mandatory evacuation takes effect. Town officials want to ensure that employees have enough time to prepare ahead of possible impacts from Hurricane Florence.

In preparation for Hurricane Florence, the Town will deploy employees from the Fire and Rescue, Police and Public Works departments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Officers will begin a heavy augmentation of traffic units for the I-26 lane reversal traffic and anticipate a full recall of all staff in the coming days.
- People can expect heavy traffic on Dorchester Rd., Hwy 78, and other main arteries with the I-26 reversal.
- The department has secured housing for all recalled personnel around town for the most efficient handling of service calls.
- Inclement weather could prevent public safety from responding to calls.
- Everything is predicated on the storm track and is subject to change.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- All fire facilities are currently being prepped for the potential of high winds.
- Additional fire equipment is being prepped for distribution.
- Crews will assist in the I-26 lane reversal with reserve fire trucks in coordination with the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

- The primary objective for the fire department is to quickly respond to incidents that occur on the interstate during the lane reversal.
- Having these resources staged allows for a quick response and mitigation an incident on the interstate in order to get traffic moving again.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Carolina Waste, LLC will begin garbage and recycling collections at 6 a.m. Tuesday as an effort to mitigate the heavy traffic anticipated from the I-26 reversal.
- The Stormwater Department has been inspecting low-lying and flood prone areas to make sure the drainage systems are free and clear.
- Assets will be staged later in the week to respond to downed storm debris.
- Staff has contacted the Town's debris removal contractor and they have resources on stand-by ready to mobilize.
- Yard debris and bulk collections will continue this week as weather conditions allow.

CANCELATIONS

- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday.
- Movies in the Park originally scheduled for Friday.

The Town is closely monitoring Dorchester County, Berkeley County, and Charleston County governments. All three counties have call centers open for citizens with questions related to Hurricane Florence.

- Dorchester County: (843) 832-0393 and (843) 569-0393
- Berkeley County: (843) 719-4800
- Charleston County: (843) 746-3900

Residents are encouraged to monitor trusted media outlets for the latest weather updates. All announcements from the Town will be posted on www.summervillesc.gov and social media. Information can also be found on the Town of Summerville app by downloading it from the Google Play or the Apple App Store.

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