

**SPECIAL WEATHER ADVISORY: (UPDATE #2 – 4:30 P.M. – 8 SEP 2017):**

Dear Residents, Property Owners and Friends:

As of 2:00 p.m. today Hurricane Irma continues to move towards the Florida Peninsula as a Category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 155 Mph moving WNW at 14 Mph. The latest update from the NWS shows the track becoming increasingly focused across the western side of the Florida Peninsula as it continues its westerly track. In essence, this would mean less in the way of potential impacts for our part of the Carolinas to include the Cape Fear Region, Brunswick County, and BHI. The system is forecasted to reach the Florida Keys Sunday morning and make its way into Georgia as a Category 1 mid-afternoon on Monday.

Of importance to note in this update is the potential wind, rain, and storm surge impacts now predicted given the systems continued westerly track. The winds are projected to increase along the coast Saturday between 15 – 20 mph with gust of 25 mph as a result of the high-pressure system to the north and is not specifically related to Irma. Increased speeds attributed to Irma are expected at some point Sunday in the range of 20 – 25 mph with gust of 30 mph and peaking on Monday at 30 – 35 mph with gust of 40 mph. Initial predictions of total accumulated rainfall amounts have been reduced from 4” to 7” and are now predicted to be 1” to 3” with rainfall beginning late Sunday and peaking on Monday. There may be the potential for minor coastal flooding with wave run-up and erosion expected along area ocean front beaches. This is primarily due to the potential timing of the system effecting our region during high tide on Monday.

**FUTURE PROJECTION:** The latest 5-day Hurrevac Advisory update shows the continued WNW path of the system along the western side of the Florida Peninsula through Georgia at which point it is downgraded to tropical storm force winds at 50 Mph. The system continues to move northward through the northeast corner of Alabama into central Tennessee by Wednesday morning of next week.

**UPDATE ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO BHI TRANSPORTATION BARGE & FERRY SERVICE:** BHI Transportation officials also continue to monitor Hurricane Irma and with the most recent update from the NWS on expected wind conditions indicated late this afternoon that although there still remains a possibility for ferry service disruption, particularly Sunday night and Monday, it is looking less likely that will be needed. Officials did emphasize that ferry operations would continue so long as it was safe for passengers, which is their primary concern.

At this juncture, if you are planning to come to the island or leave during this period of time, it may be best to check in advance with Transportation. Folks can visit their website at [www.baldheadislandferry.com](http://www.baldheadislandferry.com) and check the “Announcements” page under the “General Information” tab for the latest information. Also, you can call BHI Transportation at 910-457-5003 to check the status. Again, please know the Village and BHI Transportation will continue to communicate any significant changes and work together to get those out to the public as far in advance as possible!

**HELPFUL REMINDERS:** The Village Public Safety Department reminds folks to take caution if entering the ocean. Water safety and the impact of rip currents is often a concern along coastal areas when systems such as these pass. Residents should continue to closely follow the progression of this storm and consider being proactive by securing items that can be blown about by the wind. If you are unable to make it back to the island and either have a property management company, neighbor, or friend that can assist you that may be helpful. If you are here on island and have an emergency need please **Dial 911** and Brunswick County dispatch will notify Public Safety ASAP so they can respond accordingly.

Last, as we continue to monitor the system throughout the weekend and there are any significant updates with new information to be shared I will work to communicate that information out to you as soon as possible.

Thank you and enjoy the weekend but be safe!

Chris McCall  
Village Manager

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO BHI TRANSPORTATION FERRY & BARGE: BHI**

Transportation officials passed along late this evening that given current forecasts that it is likely tomorrow (Friday) will be the last full day for barge runs and they would continue to monitor the system in deciding as to when it might be possible to resume barge service.

Additionally, they indicated that the USCG Captain of the Port initiated Port Condition Whiskey earlier this afternoon and with the potential for closure of the river, depending on the track and severity of the system, there could be ferry service disruption. Transportation officials indicated at the time a potential for disruption of ferry service as early as Sunday evening throughout Monday and resuming service at some point Tuesday. Please know that the Village will continue to be in communication with BHI Transportation officials as they make preparations based on guidance received from the USCG and will pass that along.

At this time, we will continue to monitor the system and look to follow up with another update likely tomorrow afternoon or early evening. In the meantime, I would recommend that folks continue to closely monitor the storm and make any necessary arrangements they feel are necessary.

Thanks and be safe!

Chris McCall  
Village Manager