

BAL HARBOUR

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As of this morning, the Village Manager has declared a State of Emergency in advance of the forecast path of Hurricane Irma. We continue to monitor Hurricane Irma's path and in preparation for the storm, Village Hall and all non-essential Village services will be closed on Thursday and Friday. While the Village has already begun executing our Hurricane Emergency Plan, we strongly encourage you to begin carrying out your personal emergency plans as soon as possible.

Bal Harbour will follow Miami-Dade County's guidance on evacuation, however, we fully expect an evacuation order for our area that will be issued soon. We strongly urge you to heed the evacuation order and consider evacuating ahead of the rush. As you're making your decision, please keep in mind that local hotels will not be available. Also, Miami-Dade County public facilities will be closed with the exception of evacuation shelters.

Please keep the following in mind as you're preparing for the storm:

- Bal Harbour Beach will be closed effective Thursday (9/7/17) morning.
- Access to the Gated Area will be restricted to residents and their guests only, beginning Wednesday, 9/6/17.
- Commercial construction and landscaping work will not be permitted after Wednesday, 9/6/17.
- Condominium Residents - please secure all balcony furniture and property.
- In the event an emergency evacuation is ordered, Bal Harbour is designated as Zone B in the County's storm surge planning zones.
- Transportation to evacuation centers will be provided by Miami-Dade County. Bal Harbour's designated bus pick-up sites for the County evacuation centers are located at Village Hall (655 96th Street) and Harbour House Condominium (10285 Collins Avenue).
- Please visit Miami-Dade County's Emergency Management website for a complete listing of evacuation centers.
- The Bal Harbour Shops parking garage will be accessible to Bal Harbour residents to store their vehicles once Miami-Dade County issues the evacuation order.
- The Bal Harbour Express Shuttle will cease service after Miami-Dade County's evacuation order.
- We urge you to sign up today for Emergency Weather Alerts, which will be sent directly to your cell phone. You can sign up on our website at www.balharbourfl.gov.
- As always, be sure to stock up on water, food, batteries, flashlights and other personal essentials. Make sure you have enough cash on-hand, a full tank of gas as well as any prescriptions or medicines you may need.
- Please remember that tap water safe to drink now and you may wish to store in bottles/containers if you don't have bottled water.
- Please monitor the Village website at www.balharbourfl.gov for official updates and be prepared in the event an evacuation is ordered. You may also find important local updates on our Twitter feeds: @balharbourgov and @balharbourPD.
- Remember to dial (305) 866-5000 for all non-emergencies and 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Please stay tuned for more updates as needed.

Stay safe,

Mayor Gabriel Groisman

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