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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 177-2016

To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: October 5, 2016
Subject: Preparations for Hurricane Matthew

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to advise you of the preparations that the Village administration has made in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew.

This system has become the first major hurricane to threaten South Florida (Category 3 on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale) since the start of the current hurricane season. As of the latest NOAA advisory at 2 PM EDT today, NOAA research planes have spotted Hurricane Matthew at about 400 miles southeast of Bal Harbour with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph and with the possibility of strengthening over the next 48 hours. The hurricane is expected to continue tracking north-northwest, reaching Florida's Atlantic shoreline tomorrow. Although Matthew's full hurricane force is not anticipated to impact the Village directly, Bal Harbour remains under a tropical storm warning (winds expected in excess of 39 mph) with conditions expected to begin deteriorating Thursday morning and lasting until Matthew completes its pass late tomorrow evening.

As outlined in the Village's Critical Incident Operations Plan, the administration has instituted the following actions in preparation for the storm:

- Village Hall will be closed at 2:30 PM, Wednesday with anticipation to re-open Friday, October 7 at regular hours.
- Essential personnel, namely Police and Public Works will remain on shift for debris clearance and critical emergencies.
- Construction work in the Village has ceased as of 3 PM, Wednesday.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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