



Hurricane Matthew

7:00 AM EDT Friday October 7, 2016 Update

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OCEAN ISLE BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS

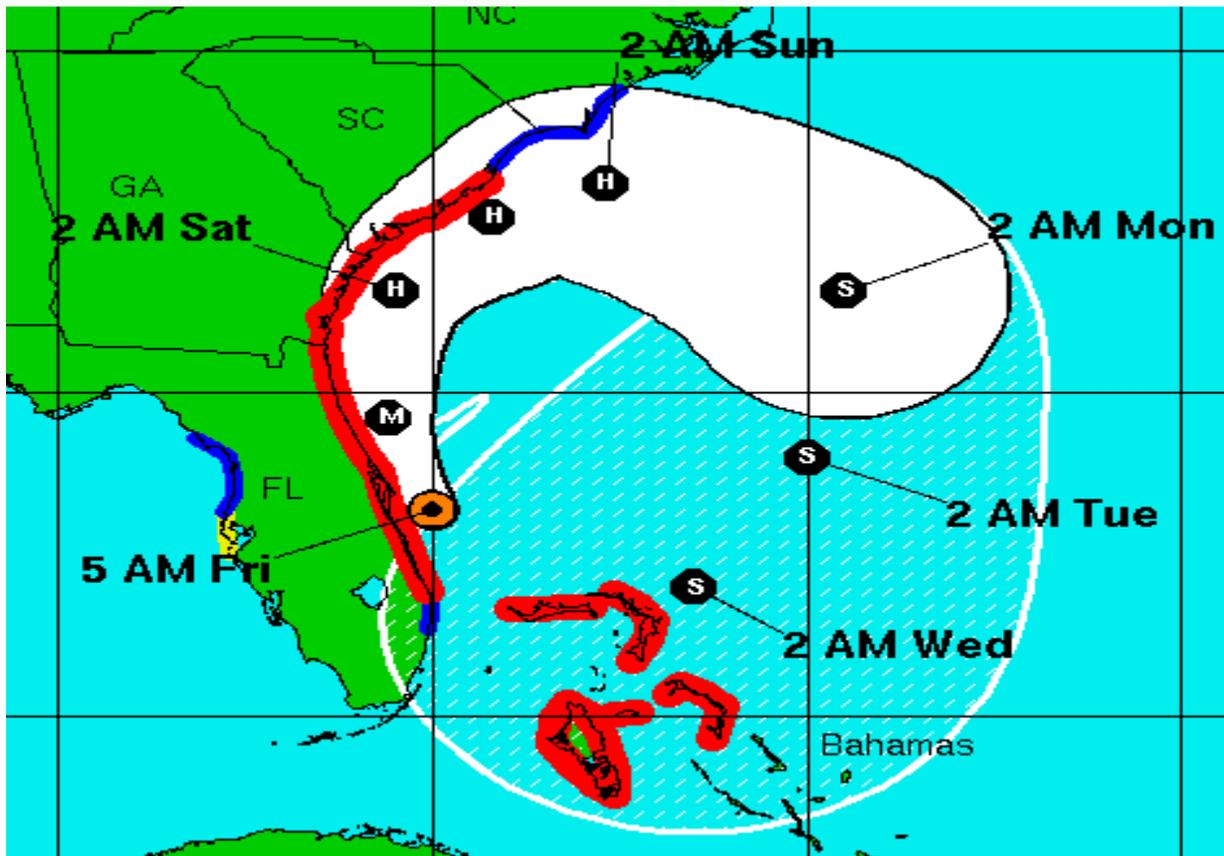
The Town of Ocean Isle Beach issued a State of Emergency and Voluntary Evacuation beginning at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Shelters are now open at West Brunswick High School (Pet Friendly), South Brunswick High School and North Brunswick High School.

Please remember during a Voluntary Evacuation the Town will maintain basic services (EMS, Fire and Police) to the extent reasonably possible during a hurricane. However, it is possible that a Mandatory Evacuation could be necessary, at which time these services may not be available depending on the strength of the storm.

It is important to note that the Odell Williamson Bridge will be closed to traffic should there be sustained winds of 50 mph or greater. The bridge would not be reopened until conditions subside and passage is deemed safe by the Chief of Police.

The track of Matthew has shifted farther to the north and it moving slightly slower, with a turn expected to occur off the middle and upper SC coast. The official track continues just off the South Carolina coast and passing south of Cape Fear during Saturday night. The forecast cone still includes all of northeast SC and southeast NC. Hurricane Matthew's closest approach to southeast NC is expected Saturday and Saturday night.

Do not focus on the exact track of Matthew as it will shift over time.



- Rain chances will continue to increase during the day ahead of the storm. Heavy rain is possible with an increasing potential for flash flooding, especially Saturday and Saturday night.
- Rainfall totals greater than 10 inches are possible, especially across the eastern half of the forecast area.
- Impacts from rain could include: impassable roads, road wash-outs, and flooding.
- Tropical Storm force wind speed probabilities have increased across southeast NC and the probability for Hurricane Force Winds have slightly increased as well.
- Winds will begin increasing Friday night across northeast SC and southeast NC. During Saturday winds will continue to increase to 40 to 50 mph with gusts over 60 mph, stronger near the coast.

- Strong winds may also occur on the backside as Matthew pulls away from our area Saturday evening. Winds will begin decreasing on Sunday.
- Wind impacts could include: downed trees, trees blocking roads and power outages.
- A Storm Surge Watch is in effect from South Santee River northward to Cape Fear NC. For western Brunswick County, Horry and Georgetown County surge above ground level may be 3 to 6 ft. along the oceanfront, tidal areas/creeks and adjoining rivers.
- Any coastal inundation will likely be highest with high tide Friday night and early Saturday afternoon.

It is important that you stay informed in regards to this storm. Please continue to make preparations for this storm and be prepared. This site will be updated periodically as new information is available

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Town Administrator/Finance Officer