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Maurice Jones <mjones@townofchapelhill.org> Thursday, September 29, 2022 3:58 PM Town Email Users Hurricane Ian

Hello Everyone,

The National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Warning for our area until further notice. The timing of the storm is still a bit unknown. We encourage you to check in regularly with the forecast for your immediate area at <u>weather.gov/rah</u> and stay tuned to local media for timely updates.

OC Alerts

Sign up to receive OC Alerts, which provides intermittent/timely alerts like weather impacts in Orange County. Visit <u>https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611768#/login</u> to sign up or check your subscription settings.

Get Ready Now

Take the time now to prepare your home and your family. Make sure you have an emergency kit prepared in advance in case there is a utility outage: <u>Ready.gov/kit</u>

Please give yourself extra time to commute to and from work if you need to commute during the storm. Communication is very important. If you are unable to make it to work or you're going to be late, tell your supervisor as early as you can so you can work together on a solution.

Flooding Possible

The major impact from this storm is likely to be rain and potential flooding. If you experience high water, please keep these tips in mind:

- Immediately seek higher ground
- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, leave the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be swept away quickly.
- Do not park in low-lying areas.

Stay In Touch

Remember, it's important to communicate with your co-workers and your loved ones. Stay in touch so everyone knows you're okay.

If you have questions, please reach out to your supervisor, <u>Emergency Management</u>, or <u>Ombuds</u>. If any of those sources don't have the right answer for you, they will get it.

Town Operations

If there is a change in Town operations, your department will notify how that impacts you directly. We will also send a message through Everbridge (you may receive it via email, text message, or phone call, depending on your settings). If you are not sure if you are signed up to receive these messages, please ask your supervisor before the storm arrives.

Lastly, and most importantly: stay safe.

All the Best, Maurice Maurice Jones Town Manager Town of Chapel Hill, NC (919) 968-2743 www.townofchapelhill.org Go Heels!!!