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CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH EVACUATION IS UNDERWAY

Restricted Access begins on the Barrier Island bridges.

Madeira Beach, FL, September 8, 2017– Restricted Access over the Barrier Island bridges began this morning at 10:00 a.m. Passage over Tom Stuart Causeway along with all neighboring bridges will be limited to those with Barrier Island re-entry passes, residents or business owners with identification, or persons with a legitimate need as determined by deputy discretion. The bridges will officially close for entry beginning Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Pinellas County has issued a mandatory evacuation of for Zone A which includes the entire City of Madeira Beach. Return to the islands will not be permitted until after the storm has passed and the bridges have been cleared and named safe for passage. Emergency access permits for residents and business owners can be obtained at Madeira Beach City Hall located at 300 Municipal Drive today until 12:00 noon.

Self-service sandbag stations are still open and located on the sand at Archibald Beach Park, 15100 Gulf Boulevard. The city is out of sand bags. Participants may bring their own bags out to fill. Strong, Heavy Duty, or ForceFlex kitchen bags are recommended.

City offices will be closed Friday, September 8, and Monday, September 11. Recreation Center will follow Pinellas County Schools decisions for closure, currently closed Friday, September 8, and Monday, September 11.

Residents with emergency storm questions please call the public works emergency mobile number at (727) 543-8154. Residents with non-emergency questions can reach a city employee during regular operation hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (727) 391-9951 or call Pinellas County Citizen Information Center at (727) 464-4333.

The Following Events and Meetings Have Been Canceled;

- All Recreational Activities through Monday, September 11
- September 11 Memorial Services at Madeira Beach Causeway Park
- September 11 Planning Commission Meeting
- September 12 Board of Commissioners Meeting, Rescheduled for September 19

For more information about the City of Madeira Beach please visit madeirabeachfl.gov.

If you would like more information about this topic or the City of Madeira Beach's emergency plan, please contact Derryl O'Neal, Acting City Manager at (727) 391-9951 or email at doneal@madeirabeachfl.gov.