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CITY OF MARCO ISLAND ISSUES VOLUNTARY EVACUATION

(September 27, 2022) The City of Marco Island encourages residents and visitors to voluntarily evacuate the Island in the face of Hurricane Ian. Given the strength and uncertainty of the track of Hurricane Ian, there is a potential threat to life and property. The threat is not yet imminent, but the timeline is less than 36 hours until the Island may be subject to 4-7 feet of storm surge, flooded roads and power outages. Now is the time for residents to consider leaving the Island and heading inland towards the East Coast of Florida.

This is also the time to prepare for a potential mandatory evacuation, should an order be issued. Due to the potential for rapidly changing conditions, residents are advised to prepare for the possibility of a mandatory evacuation order. To avoid additional stress during an already tense time, develop an evacuation plan now and consider leaving early. The City will not close the Jolley Bridge or impede egress from the Island.

When sustained winds reach a dangerous level, police, fire rescue and emergency medical response may be suspended. First responders may not be able to respond in the event of an emergency. Residents should not drive on flooded roads and should not be outdoors when tropical storm winds begin. Marco Island is expecting tropical storm winds to begin around 8:00pm Tuesday evening. Hurricane force winds are expected Wednesday morning.

The City's website <u>www.cityofmarcoisland.com</u> has helpful information including what should be included in your emergency supply kit, how to prepare your boat, generator safety, and flood safety.

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