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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Port St. Lucie Advisory #7 on Hurricane Matthew

- What:** City of Port St. Lucie
- When:** Thursday, October 7, 2016, 12:30 p.m.
- Where:** City of Port St. Lucie City Hall
- Why:** The City of Port St. Lucie wants to keep residents informed with the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding Hurricane Matthew. Please see the following updates from key City departments.

PUBLIC WORKS: Crews are coordinating to be staged and at the ready as soon as the storm passes. The Department has lowered water levels throughout the City. Bridges in the City will remain open during the course of the storm.

Port St. Lucie's Public Works Department has removed traffic signal heads at many intersections in the City. The signal heads that were removed are supplemental to the signal head(s) that were left in place. If only a "green ball" indication -- which is a solid green light -- is provided, motorists making a left turn should yield the right of way to oncoming vehicles. In some instances, one signal head will control the movement for all lanes on that approach. If you are making a left turn on a "green ball" indication, don't assume you have the right of way. As always, please use caution and do not run red lights. After the storm, if all signals are out, please treat it as an all-way stop.

Sandbags that were being provided to residents ran out shortly before 10 a.m.

The City's public works compound on Thornhill Drive is now closed. They will open immediately after the storm passes and it is safe to return.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES: Waste Pro is no longer collecting any type of waste, regular trash, recycling or yard debris. Please secure your waste inside. Please do not park in swales.

PARKS AND RECREATION: All facilities are now closed. After the storm, staff will assess the conditions of each park/facility. Also, after the storm, residents can contact the Port St. Lucie Community Center Guest Services at 772-878-2277 to find out details regarding reservations.

UTILITY SYSTEMS: Utility Systems is operating normally at this time. Utility Systems encourages residents to conserve water during heavy rains and power outages. Residents and customers can reach Utility Systems with utility-related inquiries 24 hours a day at these number: 772-873-6400 and 772-871-5330.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Officers will continue to respond to calls until the winds reach 40 mph. The Port St. Lucie Police Department shred event that was scheduled to Saturday at Tradition Field has been canceled.

Please continue to check the City's website at www.cityofpsl.com/hurricanematthew for updates, along with the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpsl/> and Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/CityPortStLucie> . Also call the public information hotline at 772-873-NEWS. Shelter information is on the website.

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