

CITY OF CRISFIELD
HURRICANE FLORENCE
PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE #2

As of Friday morning, September 14, 2018, the City of Crisfield remains under a **COASTAL FLOOD WARNING** until 6:00 am Sunday morning. Residents are cautioned against becoming complacent by the absence of wind and rain and the path of Hurricane Florence far to our south. Moderate to heavy flooding is predicted for our area a few hours on either side of High Tide from this evening through Sunday morning. See tide chart below for Crisfield/Little Annemessex River:

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri 14	4:51 AM EDT / 2.3 ft	11:05 AM EDT / 0.2 ft	5:19 PM EDT / 2.5 ft	11:54 PM EDT / 0.3 ft			6:44 AM EDT	7:12 PM EDT
Sat 15	5:39 AM EDT / 2.1 ft	11:52 AM EDT / 0.3 ft	6:09 PM EDT / 2.4 ft				6:45 AM EDT	7:11 PM EDT
Sun 16		12:49 AM EDT / 0.5 ft	6:31 AM EDT / 2.0 ft	12:42 PM EDT / 0.4 ft	7:04 PM EDT / 2.3 ft	First Quarter	6:46 AM EDT	7:09 PM EDT
Mon 17		1:47 AM EDT / 0.6 ft	7:27 AM EDT / 1.9 ft	1:37 PM EDT / 0.6 ft	8:01 PM EDT / 2.2 ft		6:46 AM EDT	7:08 PM EDT

For those wishing to relocate your personal vehicles or heavy equipment to high ground, the parking lot at Carvel Hall will remain open as long as needed. You may use it at your own risk but we ask that you be aware of others using the facility and avoid blocking them from leaving the property when they choose. Due to an overwhelming response from the public, the City will provide a station there for people to leave your name, phone number, vehicle description and tag number. Please look for a sign directing you to the sign-up spot.

Sand for bagging at no charge is still available to the public behind the parking lot at Crisfield High School and empty bags may be obtained from City Hall until 4:00 pm today, Friday. After then, the bags will be available from the headquarters of the Lower Somerset Ambulance Squad.

People are reminded that driving through flooded streets creates a wake that causes damage to homes and property. **DO NOT DO IT!** If travel through a flooded street is necessary, **PLEASE** proceed slowly and cautiously. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

Following is the latest information bulletin from NOAA, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration:

* LOCATION...Areas adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay on the lower Maryland Eastern Shore, including tidal tributaries.

* TIMING...Minor flooding expected within a few hours either side of high tide early this morning, with minor to moderate flooding expected within a few hours either side of each high tide from this evening through Saturday evening.

* COASTAL FLOOD IMPACTS...Widespread flooding of vulnerable areas will result in an elevated threat of property damage to homes and businesses near the waterfront and shoreline. Water will be 1 to 2 feet above ground level in some areas resulting in a sufficient depth to close numerous roads and threaten homes and businesses. Flooding will extend inland from the waterfront along tidal rivers and bays resulting in some road closures and flooding of vehicles.

A Coastal Flood Warning means that flooding is occurring or imminent. Coastal residents in the warned area should be alert for rising water...and take appropriate action to protect life and property. Be prepared for the possibility of road closures and flooding of properties. If travel is necessary...do not attempt to drive through water of unknown depth.

<http://www.weather.gov>

As always, in the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. If you have storm-related questions over the week-end (after 4:00 pm Friday) you may call Somerset County Emergency Services at 410-651-3457.

Once again, on behalf of Mayor Barry Dize, the Crisfield City Council and all of us at City Hall, Good Luck, Stay Safe and God Bless.

Rick Pollitt

City Manager