



# CITY OF STUART PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **Stuart Prepares for Major Hurricane Matthew**

**Stuart, FL** – Tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m. in City Hall, the Stuart City Commission will hold a special meeting to adopt a local declaration of emergency for Hurricane Matthew.

During its 11:00 a.m. advisory On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch for South Florida, including the City of Stuart. Hurricane Matthew is currently a major hurricane with Category 4 force winds in excess of 140 mph. Hurricane conditions are expected to impact the local area within 48 hours including strong winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and potential flooding.

Red Cross and special needs shelters will open tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Martin County is set to announce further information related to times and locations shortly.

All City of Stuart city offices and recreational facilities will be closed by 12:00 p.m. (noon) tomorrow. Due to potential hurricane impacts city offices are not expected to reopen until Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The neighborhood cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at "Bahama Terrace" has also been cancelled.

In addition, city services relating to recycling and commercial sanitation pickup are cancelled for Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. However, regularly scheduled sanitation pickup services will still be offered for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents are urged not to leave any debris on or along roadways after Wednesday, until the storm has passed.

City residents are also advised to finalize storm plans as soon as possible and pay close attention to upcoming advisories and potential evacuation notices; more city updates to follow.

For more information on how to prepare and stay aware including important updates on Hurricane Matthew, please visit: <http://floridadisaster.org/info/>.

For additional city news and other media inquiries relating to Hurricane Matthew, please contact City of Stuart PIO **Ben Hogarth** at 772-288-5333 or by email at [bhogarth@ci.stuart.fl.us](mailto:bhogarth@ci.stuart.fl.us); or Stuart Police Department PIO **Brian Bossio** at 772-486-3305 or by email at [bbossio@ci.stuart.fl.us](mailto:bbossio@ci.stuart.fl.us).

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