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Town Hurricane Event Media & Resident Release:

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Ocean Ridge Post-Hurricane Irma Update #11

The Town's preapproved storm contractors are fully engaged with debris removal, cleanup and restoration activities from impacts of Hurricane Irma. In cooperation with Solid Waste Authority, State of Florida and FEMA rules criteria; and under provision of the Town's current Declaration of Emergency (Res. No. 2017-11), the Town Manager and Police Chief have directed altered rules to return the town to the safest and restored condition as quickly as possible. Accordingly:

- **Town contracted Hurricane Debris removal companies have been authorized to work 7 days per week from 0700-1900 hours (7am-7pm) in order to clear the roads of obstruction and clear storm drains of blockage. This is only for Town haulers (pre-authorized debris removal contractors) and does not allow for regular landscapers/landscaping companies to work outside of the normal hours.**
- **The contractors are easily identifiable as they are using large equipment and stage on Ocean Ave for load review and dispatch to specific areas. This group of contract debris removal contractors, along with Able Tree Service (also Town Contract) will be used as our official removal personnel until further notice.**

A majority of electric service is restored, though specific areas are still undergoing more complicated repair by FPL, Comcast, AT&T and their contract providers. Town staff and other partners are working diligently to coordinate return to normal.

Important things to remember:

- DO NOT cover stormdrains, critical infrastructure, or sidewalks with trimming/debris piles. Household trash, landscape trimmings, and construction debris must be in separate piles.
- After the majority of large debris piles have been removed from ROW (Right of Way) areas under Town post-storm collection contracts; return to normal curbside garbage, recycling and landscaping collection practices prescribed under Town Code.
- New debris piles created after Town contracted pickups may not be collected by the Town vendors and can generate code violations to the responsible property owners.

Rescheduled Town Meetings are:

- Planning & Zoning meeting is Monday, Sept. 25th at 8:30 AM. 2nd Public Hearing for Budget Adoption & Special Commission with 2nd Read Ordinances is Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 6 PM.

Police, Public Works, all staff and town contractors are working non-stop intent on returning the town to normal service. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience.

James Titcomb
Town Manager

Chief Hal Hutchins
Ocean Ridge Police Department