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# Wildwood Crest making preparations ahead of Thanksgiving storm

WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest is making preparations in anticipation of a coastal storm threatening to impact the area beginning late Wednesday evening and lasting through Friday.

The National Weather Service is forecasting wind speeds of 40 miles per hour or more, with gusts up to as high as 70 miles per hour in coastal areas; rain of up to four inches; and the potential for major flooding, especially during times of high tide. Flooding could rise higher than levels experienced during the recent coastal storm in late September. High winds are expected to continue through Friday.

Conditions are expected to deteriorate Wednesday evening, with the worst of the flooding expected to occur on Thursday around the times of high tide from approximately 8 to 11 a.m. and 8 to 11 p.m.

In anticipation of major flooding, the Wildwood Crest Department of Public Works is planning to have gate valves open at all west-side bulkhead areas to allow the flow of water to recede as quickly as possible following the times of high tide and heavy rain. Closing gate valves would be ineffective since the flood level is expected to breach some of the lowest private and public bayside bulkheads The valves are designed to stop nuisance bay flooding, not breached bulkhead tides and heavy downpours.

Residents are urged to move vehicles from low-lying, flood-prone areas by early Wednesday evening. Residents should secure outdoor furniture and all loose items and to avoid unnecessary travel. Residents should also prepare for possible power outages.

Motorists should avoid driving on any flooded streets. Motorists and pedestrians should avoid the road construction area along Park Boulevard from Aster Road to Sweetbriar Road during the entirety of the storm.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected on Thursday and Friday, due to borough holidays. All zones with usual Thursday or Friday collection will have their trash/recyclables collected Monday, Nov. 30. Residents are urged not to put trash/recyclables curbside until the evening before or morning of their collection day.

Due to the threat of the storm, the T.J. Hunt Memorial Foundation Turkey Trot event scheduled for Thanksgiving morning at the Crest Pier Recreation Center has been cancelled.

The Borough of Wildwood Crest will continue to provide updates through its various social media pages.

For more information, contact the Borough of Wildwood Crest at (609) 522-5176.

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