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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HURRICANE MILTON UPDATE #6: TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES PREPARES AS STORM APPROACHES

Loxahatchee Groves, FL – October 09, 2024 – At 8:00 A.M. advisory Hurricane Milton is located 405 Miles SW of Tampa FL. Max sustained wind speeds are 155 MPH. The Storm is moving NE at 16 MPH. Palm Beach County is under a Tropical Storm Warning, Lake Okeechobee is under a Hurricane Watch.

Palm Beach County has issued evacuation orders of for residents of Zone A, those living in manufactured home or flood prone areas. This includes residents of Sunsport Gardens. Residents are encouraged to heed these orders and evacuate if you live in one of these areas.

Palm Beach County is opening 5 general population shelters, pet shelter, and special needs shelter today. Visit the PBC website for more info.

We have limited Public Works Staff completing final efforts. Loose debris has been removed from Town facilities and shutters installed. Town Hall is closed today and Thursday afternoon Town Management will discuss reopening of Town facilities depending on damage assessment. All residents should have completed preparation efforts to a close.

Canal levels have been lowered to storm levels staff continue to monitor water levels in the town. All residents need ensure swales and ditches in front of their properties are clear and free of debris. Verify the driveway culverts are clear of debris. It is the responsibility of the residents to ensure their driveway culverts are clear.

Should you lose power, contact FPL directly. <https://www.fpl.com/my-account/web-outage.html#wors/mainTab/phoneTab> The Town does not have the ability to restore your power. If a line is down or a dangerous condition exists, call PBSO.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE ANY LINES ON THE GROUND! THEY COULD BE LIVE!

Coastal will conduct regularly scheduled garbage, yard waste and bulk pickups today. They will not be conducting a special pickup for yard waste or bulk today DO NOT place bulk items or yard debris at the curb, they may not be picked up. Secure these items on your property as they could become projectiles in the coming winds. Coastal will not be picking up on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Thursdays pick up will be done on Saturday. All SWA facilities are open today but will be closed on Thursday October 10, 2024.

Should residents have any question or concerns please contact Town Hall at (561) 793-2418 or submit a request at <https://www.loxahatcheegrovesfl.gov/RequestTracker.aspx>.

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