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HURRICANE HARVEY CONTINUES TO BE UNWELCOME VISITOR --- UPDATE #2

UPDATE FROM THE CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM SHENANDOAH, TEXAS. August 27, 2017.

Good morning, Shenandoah. Your city Emergency Operations Center and City Council continue to monitor the weather and conditions that may impact you as residents. In the last few hours we have been under tornado watch, flash flood warning, and severe thunderstorm and river flooding advisories. These alerts will continue as we go through the next few days with Hurricane Harvey hanging around on his extended visit. You can follow the different warnings and watches on television, radio or on the National Weather Service website.

As we learn information, we are sharing in multiple locations such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and the city website, <http://www.shenandoahtx.us/news.cfm>.

At this time, the word of the day is STAY. We are asking all residents to remain off the roads if at all possible. Rainfall is causing pooled water on local roads and this will only get worse. Areas that you know generally flood will probably do so before this storm leaves our area, so be prepared.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Police are reporting the following road conditions in Shenandoah:

- I45 NB service road/Pappasitos and Living Earth – impassable with a vehicle stalled out
- I45/ SB at BMW dealership – water over the roadway and impassable

Silverwood Ranch Dr/ Silverstone - water is on yards and coming over the roadways
- Entrance to Malaga Forest – Police Tahoe had a tough time getting through. Entire subdivision has high water on the roads
- Wellman Road area – high water on the roadway

Let me remind you that high water is dangerous, mainly because people underestimate the force and power of water. Many deaths occur in vehicles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.

- A mere **6 inches** of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult.
- It takes just **12 inches** of rushing water to carry away a small car,
- **2 feet** of rushing water can carry away most vehicles.
- **Turn around; don't drown.**

POWER

We have not received any reports of power outages in the area. In the event of a **total** power outage, those residents with special needs may contact the Police Department at 281-367-8952. The city will have air-conditioned space available for those residents. Special needs residents are those residents requiring special medical assistance such as oxygen users or the elderly. If this happens and you have questions about whether you qualify to use the facility, please contact the Police number above.

Unfortunately, that space will not be available to all residents experiencing power outages; we simply do not have space. This space will be available ONLY in the case of a total power outage which is not expected.

WATER

Kids love the opportunity to play in water and our hurricane visit has certainly provided that. Please remember that floodwaters are not safe from a drowning standpoint but also from health standpoint. Floodwaters may have been exposed to chemicals and other hazardous materials and/or pet waste and other biological wastes. In addition, they may have broken glass, wire, tree branches, garbage and more that are unseen. Waters also may hide rocks, ditches, open storm drains that could cause injury. Please do not let your children play in the floodwaters, especially if they have any kind of open sores.

COMMUNITY

Check on your neighbors as we continue to deal with weather conditions, especially those that may not use social media or internet sources of news or who live alone. Make sure we stay connected. Stay safe!

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