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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published from time to time on behalf of the municipal government of the Town of Cape Charles. The Gazette provides a variety of information that we believe will be useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those who plan to travel to Cape Charles or have any interest in our Town or the Town's government. The Gazette provides information on actions being undertaken or being considered by the Town government, upcoming activities in the Town, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

We welcome your responses which may be sent to gazette@capecharles.org, by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by calling (757) 331-3259.

We also encourage you to visit the Town's website at www.capecharles.org where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



TROPICAL STORM HERMINE – WEATHER BRIEFING

Tropical Storm Hermine is expected to pass to the east of the Town in the Atlantic Ocean, but the area may experience winds stronger than normal along with rain Friday night and Saturday.

There are many homes in Cape Charles that have part time residents. With the impending storm and the possibility of strong winds and heavy rains, it would be prudent for each of us to pay attention to your neighbors' homes as well as your own. Below is a list of items for consideration to avoid damages from the winds that may come with the storm:

SECURE ALL OUTDOOR ITEMS IN CASE OF STRONG WINDS:

- Lawn / yard furniture (tables, chairs, umbrellas, etc.)
- Grills
- Decorative items
- Boat and utility trailers in the yard or the street
- Trash Receptacles
- Please **DO NOT** put any yard debris, brush or other trash on the street curb. Any debris can pose a safety hazard in strong winds and will clog storm drains if any flooding occurs.

If there is any street flooding, **DO NOT** drive your vehicle through high water. If you cannot see the pavement, **DO NOT** go through it as this could cause irreparable damage to your vehicle.

Mayor Proto and the Town staff appreciate everyone's assistance during this period. For emergencies, please call 911 or 678-0458.

The Northampton County Department of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation with the National Weather Service. Updates will be issued as necessary depending on the updated information. Updates are typically issued via the Northampton County Emergency Alert System.

INFORMATION ON SECURING YOUR BOAT

Please review the following advice to help you prepare and secure your boat:

- If you own a boat that can be taken out of the water, you should do so. Once you get the boat to its destination and if it is going to remain outside, you can do 1 of 2 things:
 - Purchase 4 ground anchors and 2 ratchet straps. Place 2 anchors near the bow on both sides and place 2 anchors near the stern on both sides and run the straps across the top. Have the bow blocked up a little higher than the stern so the water will run out.
 - Make the boat as level as possible, insert the boat plug and fill the boat with water.
- If the boat/vessel must stay at the Harbor or in a marina:
 - Make sure the batteries are fully charged before the storm because the power will most likely be shut off around the docks due to high water.
 - Make sure all scupper holes are clear and that the automatic bilge pumps work properly.
 - Make sure that anything loose is tied down.
 - When adding extra lines, make sure the lines are at the top of the piling and that all lines leading in the same direction have equal tension. *(Please see diagram)*

