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TOWN OFFICIALS ISSUE A VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FOR THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT; RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK SHELTER INLAND

The National Hurricane Center's forecast for Hurricane Dorian projects it will begin affecting our area late on Wednesday, Sept. 4 and continue throughout the day Thursday and Friday. The Mayor of the Town of Beaufort has signed a proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in advance of the storm and has ordered a voluntary evacuation of the Town of Beaufort, N.C. Town officials and emergency management are closely monitoring the storm.

A Mandatory Evacuation may be issued on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 depending on the track of Hurricane Dorian. A decision will be made by 10 a.m. on Sept. 3, and if warranted, will begin at 3 p.m. Please prepare and make plans to relocate inland for the duration of the storm.

All residents are cautioned to stay calm, evacuate their home and proceed to a safe location.

Residents are urged to cut off gas valves and turn off the main electrical breaker to their homes and apartments prior to evacuation. Residents should also shut off water valves to their docks and piers.

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