

Hurricane Information Correction/Update

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It is important that everyone reading this article knows that this is only a suggestion, yet I *strongly* advise doing the hurricane related research described herein as soon as possible so that you have the official facts and suggestions from Pinellas County. This is an independent choice of your own! *Please do not rely* on any statement provided in this newsletter to protect you or your property during a hurricane or storm.

That said, in last month's newsletter, I duplicated the "Hurricane Evacuation Plan for CCMHP" article from the 2009 newsletter. After it went to print, I learned that for at least part of the summer months, the high school referenced in the article will be closed for renovations.

I also learned that Pinellas County has a *free* and very detailed booklet ("2010 Surviving the Storm" guide) and website (<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hurricanequide.htm>) devoted to providing citizens with all of the official information and procedures that kick into action should a hurricane warning for our area be issued, as well as many good tips for being prepared in advance. If you don't have access to a computer, *PLEASE* get a printed copy of this guide and keep it handy just in case... It can be obtained at the following locations:

- City Halls
- All libraries
- City Fire Departments
- Pinellas County Court Houses

For a detailed list of shelters in Pinellas County, visit the following website (please note that if all shelters are noted "closed" it is because there is not an active hurricane warning at the time of viewing): <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm>

Here is just a small amount of some information from part of the Pinellas County Emergency Information pages ("Evacuation Lookup" for our MHP at: [http://gis.pinellascounty.org/knowyourzone/results.aspx?pid=&gid=9769228&add=9790 66TH ST N&mh=CLEARWATER CASCADES](http://gis.pinellascounty.org/knowyourzone/results.aspx?pid=&gid=9769228&add=9790%2066TH%20ST%20N&mh=CLEARWATER%20CASCADES)):

Hurricane Emergency

**CLEARWATER CASCADE MOBILE HOME PARK
9790 66TH ST N
Pinellas Park 33782**

You are located in Hurricane Evacuation Zone: Mobile Home

Your jurisdiction is Pinellas Park

Your Police Department is Pinellas Park PD

Your Fire Department is Pinellas Park Fire

Mobile Home Residents must evacuate during all mandatory evacuations.

Closest Hurricane Shelters

Pinellas Park High School

6305 118th Ave N Pinellas Park

1.32 miles from location

High Point Elementary

5921 150th Ave N Clearwater
3.34 miles from location

Northside Baptist Church

6000 38th Ave N St Petersburg
3.68 miles from location

Special Needs Shelters

Oak Grove Middle School

1370 S. Belcher Rd Clearwater
5.69 miles from location

John Hopkins Middle School

701 16th St S St Petersburg
7.89 miles from location

Dunedin Highland Middle School

70 Patricia Ave Dunedin
9.57 miles from location

Important Phone Numbers and Websites

- Pinellas County Emergency Management: (727) 464-3800 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency (regular business hours are 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Find your evacuation level: (727) 453-3150 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm
- Register for special needs transportation: (727) 464-3800 www.pinellascounty.org/forms/special-needs.htm
- Sign up for the Community Notification Service to receive text emergency information on your cell phone: (888) 689-8905
- Set your Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) equipped all-hazards alert radio for Pinellas County: Enter code 012103
- If you know of someone who would like to receive the E-Lert newsletter, have them visit: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/subscribe.htm
- Follow Pinellas County Emergency Management on Twitter: twitter.com/PinellasEM