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PRESS RELEASE

Hurricane preparedness Commission Work Session & free sandbag distribution day for city residents

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (June 27, 2023) For the 2023 hurricane season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecasted a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, NOAA predicts five to nine of them could become hurricanes (winds 74 mph or higher).

In preparation for the season, the City Commission will hold a hurricane preparedness work session **Thursday, June 29, at 1 p.m.**, in Commission Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 401 S. Park Ave. At this meeting, city staff will share the steps that have been taken to improve the city's response and recovery efforts. This work session is open to the public, however, no public comment will be taken. Registration for virtual attendance can be accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/meetings.

Then **Thursday, July 13, from 2 to 6 p.m.**, the city will be hosting a free sandbag distribution day for all city residents who would like to pick up sandbags in preparation for a potential storm. Details are as follows:

Location (see attached map)

Ward Park & Showalter Field Parking Lot | 288 Perth Lane | enter site via Perth Lane

Quantity (while supplies last)

Limit eight per resident or business owner within the city limits.

Please bring a proof of residency - driver's license, valid ID or utility bill statement.

Please be prepared for a Fill-It-Yourself model with the city providing shovels, bags and sand on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are physically unable to fill your sandbags, city staff will be available to assist those in need.

To stay informed during a hurricane, please access the tools below:

- Official Hurricane Guide > cityofwinterpark.org/emergency
- citEnews email service > sign up at cityofwinterpark.org/citEnews
- Facebook® > [@WinterParkEmergencyInfo](https://facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo)
- Twitter® > [@winterparkfla](https://twitter.com/WinterParkFla)
- Nextdoor® > sign up at nextdoor.com
- Outreach > city's emergency alert system > sign up at cityofwinterpark.org/outreach

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Map of sandbag distribution

Thursday, July 13, from 2 to 6 p.m.

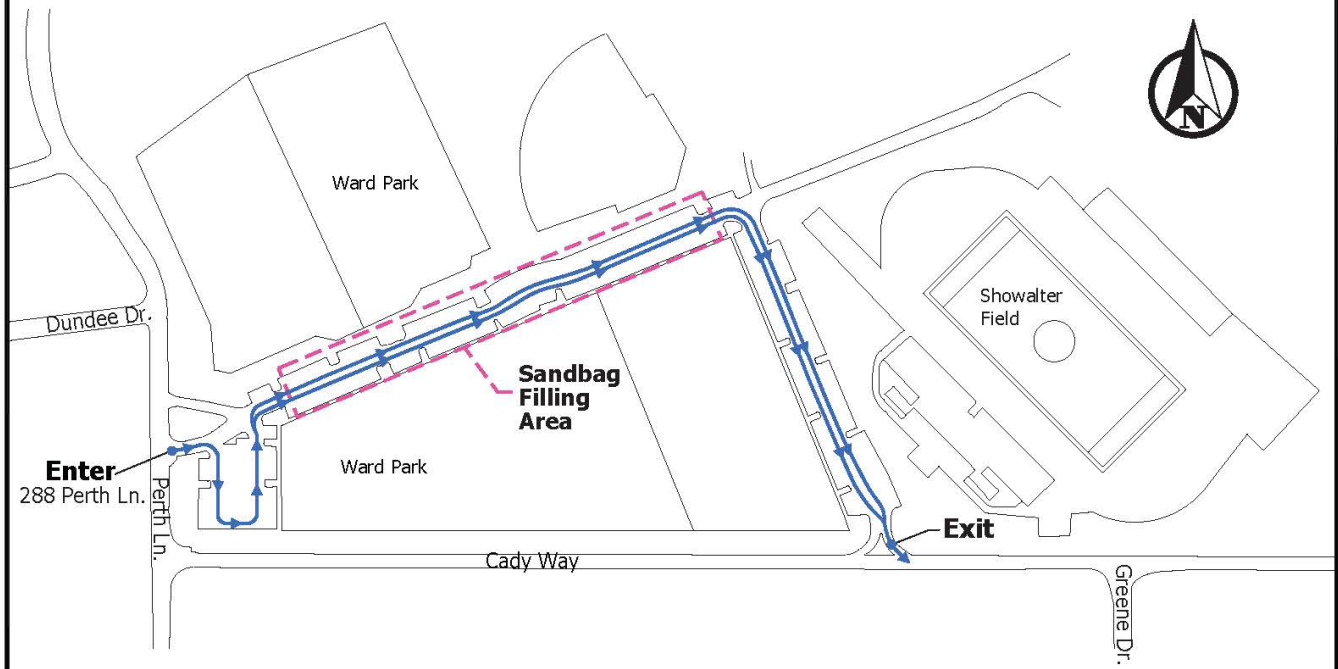
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