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A Hurricane Preparedness Message From Mayor Angelo Castillo

The 2024 hurricane season is now upon us. This season is expected to be very active due to the combination of a predicted La Niña and warmer ocean temperatures. The National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts 17-25 named storms, with 8-13 becoming hurricanes in the Atlantic and at least 7 that could become major hurricanes. New updates will continue to evolve but the predictions remain the same – it's going to be an extremely busy hurricane season.

In light of this, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) will be launching a new hurricane cone beginning on or around August 15. This new experimental cone will run together with the traditional cone we've come to know and will include tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings for the counties in the hurricane's path, so they are in a single graphic. This will allow us to understand the hazards and potential wind impact of a hurricane that can spread dozens of miles in all directions. With new technology, we are learning that we need to pay more attention to the entire cone, not just the center line, to understand the full scope of storm hazards and how they will impact us.

Please don't wait for a storm to develop before undertaking preparations to protect your home, your family and yourself. Create an emergency plan now and assemble a hurricane supply kit, so you're ready if a storm is expected to impact our area. Remember to have a three- to five-day supply of food and water, with at least one gallon of water per person per day. Also have non-perishable food that is ready to eat, a battery powered flashlight, a battery-powered radio, a first-aid kit, and a reserve of prescription medicine.

The City of Pembroke Pines has additional helpful hurricane preparation information, videos, and resources translated into Spanish and other languages on the city's website under Pembroke Pines Prepared. You can easily access it at www.ppines.com/hurricane. The website itself can translate into different languages by clicking the Select Language button on the bottom left of the website. We want everyone to be informed and prepared. We, as a city, are prepared and want you to be also.

Please remember that being prepared can save lives and property when disaster strikes.

Sincerely,

Angelo Castillo
Mayor