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## **Portsmouth Officials Open Hurricane Evacuation Shelters**

**(Portsmouth, Virginia September 11, 2018)** – Due to the threat of Hurricane Florence, the city of Portsmouth will open evacuation shelters Wednesday, September 12, at 1 p.m. Evacuating shelters are located:

- I.C. Norcom High School, 1801 London Blvd.
- Wilson High School, 1401 Elmhurst Lane
- Churchland Middle School, 4051 River Shore Road

Residents with medical issues are directed to I.C. Norcom; for shelter and pets (two animals per household) will be allowed at Churchland Middle. Portsmouth will pick up at several evacuation pick-up sites from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, September 12. For a list of these sites, visit [www.portsmouthva.gov](http://www.portsmouthva.gov) (Emergency Alert) or the city's social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor.

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Residents whose cars are in low-lying areas may park their cars in several city garages beginning today, September 11 at 5 p.m. Available garages include:

- County Street
- Harbor
- Middle Street
- Water Street

Please do not park in reserved spaces, and be sure to observe garage clearances. County Street Garage has a clearance of 7'; Harbor – 6'2"; Middle Street – 6'10 and Water Street – 6'10.

Citizens with questions regarding the hurricane, may call the Portsmouth Emergency Operations Center for storm-related reports and citizen concerns at 757-393-5001.

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