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Memo: Tropical Storm Nate

From: Jeff Collier, Mayor

Dauphin Island continues to be in the "cone of uncertainty" as Tropical Storm Nate moves northward toward the Gulf of Mexico. Latest projected paths have shifted slightly eastward which could bring the storm closer to our stretch of the northern Gulf coast region as early as Saturday night. Impacts could include strong winds, heavy rain, abnormally high tide and wave action, salt water flooding, sand over roadways (especially on the west end and other low lying areas), power outages, possible closure of Hwy. 193 (to be determined by the Alabama Dept. of Transportation) and more. For those in need, town hall will be open on Saturday morning 8am-11am to issue Hurricane Re-Entry passes (ONLY). In addition, Dauphin Island Water & Sewer is making storm preparations and has issued the following important message:

*With tropical storm Nate about to enter the gulf, Dauphin Island Water and Sewer is working to maintain water and sewer service to the entire Island. At this time we fully expect to maintain service to the majority, if not all, of the Island. That said, the west end of the Island is of particular concern because of its vulnerability to flooding and storm surge, and the strength and location of landfall will be crucial. If at any point it is determined that the west end poses a risk to the 'system' as a whole, service to that area will be terminated. With employee safety a concern, master valves that have to be manually closed on the west end will occur prior to roadway flooding. As we know, streets on the west end tend to flood and become impassable rather quickly, and a decision to continue or discontinue service to that area could come as early as **Saturday morning**. If service is discontinued, we will work to restore it as soon as possible. Following hurricanes and or tropical storms, water is a precious commodity and water loss is a genuine concern. For those with properties that have docks and water lines attached to those docks, we ask that you shut off water to those areas. In the past, broken water lines due to floating dock-boards have proven to be an enormous burden to the water system and costly to homeowners.*

Due to the aforementioned possibilities of impact associated with what could be Hurricane Nate by the time it makes landfall, you are strongly encouraged to take **ALL** necessary precautions to protect life and property up to and including voluntary evacuation from all vulnerable areas on the island. Keep in mind that emergency response personnel may NOT be able to respond during certain weather conditions...be careful and most of all be smart! Our Police Dept. (861-5523) will remain operational throughout the storm.