

Town of Jupiter Parks & Recreation Department

Civic Center and Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season: June 1st–November 30th

Hurricanes and the Civic Center

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the many factors that will affect your event at all stages of a hurricane.

The many factors that will determine the availability of the Civic Center are:

- Is Carlin Park Open?
- Is the Civic Center structurally safe?
- Is there a curfew?
- Is there electric and water?
- Is it safe to reach the Civic Center?
- Are communication lines open?

Is Carlin Park Open?

The Jupiter Civic Center is scheduled through the Town of Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department but is located in a Palm Beach County park – Carlin Park. This means that Carlin Park falls under the jurisdiction of PBC Parks and Recreation. When PBC Parks and Recreation Department closes its park system you will not have access to the Civic Center in Carlin Park, therefore your event will be cancelled until the park is reopened. There is no

As we have witnessed in the past few years, June through November can be a very hair raising time here in South Florida. When you add a major life event, for example a wedding, one can easily see how the stress can be overwhelming.

The Parks and Recreation Department wants you to know that your event is important and we will do everything we can to make sure you have a successful event. **However there will come a time when factors will dictate closing the Civic Center. We are asking you to be aware, prepare and stay calm if a hurricane threatens the success of your event.**

set time to close or open the parks before or after a storm as all storms are different. The Town of Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department and PBC Parks and Recreation Department act on information provided by the Palm Beach County EOC. The Town of Jupiter will communicate with PBC Parks and Recreation Department regarding the status of Carlin Park.



Town of Jupiter Civic Center

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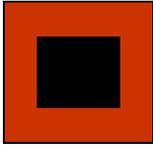
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Special points of interest:

- If the Town of Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department cancels your event due to a hurricane you will have the option of a full refund or rescheduling your event.
- Unfortunately, at some point this hurricane season we may be affected by a hurricane so the reality is this could happen to YOUR event so be prepared.



A Hurricane Watch is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours.

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A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

Phones, Water, Electric

Something else to consider is whether the basic necessities are restored such as phones, water and electric.

Just after a storm communication is very difficult. Phones lines and cell towers may be down preventing communication. Patience is key in this situation. Immediately after a storm, the Town of Jupiter and all of the Town’s employees are working together in Recovery Mode. Our top priorities will be assessing damage and getting basic needs restored so the Town

Hall and the Community Center can operate to the capacity of which they are needed.

Your event is important, however, in this instance, redirecting resources and personnel to more critical areas becomes top priority . In addition to a few other factors, there must be water and electricity available at the Civic Center for any rentals to be permitted.

Civic Center Safety and Curfews?

Immediately after a storm, the Town of Jupiter and all of it’s employees will be working together in Recovery Mode so the main priorities will be assessing damage and getting basic needs restored.

Once a storm has passed we will need to assess the safety of the Civic Center structure. High winds and storm surge all take their toll on a structure which can create an unsafe environment. Taking into consideration the amount of parks and facilities within the Town of Jupiter this

could take a few days to thoroughly check all the Town parks and facilities.

After Wilma, Palm Beach County was under a curfew which lasted for several days after the storm. Most of the major storm damage was in southern Palm Beach County but there was a mandatory curfew in all of Palm Beach County. **In the event a curfew is in affect you will not be able to use the facility while a curfew is in place.**

In Summary . . .

The Town of Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department wants everyone to have a successful event at the Civic Center and will do everything possible to make sure that happens. However, chances are a severe tropical storm or hurricane will impact our area during this hurricane sea-

son, (June 1st-Nov. 30th). In the event of such a storm you will have one of two options, (1) You may choose to reschedule your event to another open date or (2) receive a full refund.

Remember to be aware, prepare and stay calm.