



## **Town of Belville Braces for Tropical Storm Debby; Mayor Mike Allen Proclaims A State of Emergency**

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**BELVILLE, NC, August 6, 2024**

**Tropical Storm Debby** is making its way North, after its landfall in Florida as a hurricane. Mayor Mike Allen, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, has issued Proclamation P24-04 State of Emergency on August 6, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. to protect the health and safety of citizens in our town.

The National Hurricane Center has issued its latest forecast. Brunswick County is expected to experience a variety of weather impacts, including high winds with potential for historical rainfall. Brunswick County is at risk for flash flooding, rip currents, and severe weather which may include tornadoes.

If you are in a low-lying or flood prone area, move to higher ground. **DO NOT ATTEMPT** to walk or drive through flooded areas, which are sometimes deeper than you perceive. The National Weather Service encourages you to **TURN AROUND; DON'T DROWN**.

All residents with special needs are encouraged to register with the Brunswick County Emergency Services Department by calling (910)253-5383 or completing the special medical needs form online at <https://forms.brunswickcountync.gov/Forms/accessneeds>

Residents should be advised that tornadoes are a possibility with hurricanes or tropical storms, however tornadoes may spawn with short notice. Most injuries from tornadoes are caused by being struck by falling or wind-borne debris. Identify where you will seek cover should a tornado threaten the area.

Town officials are in constant contact with emergency management officials and the weather service and will provide information as necessary.

Mayor Mike Allen reminds everyone that the impacts from this storm could reach far outside the cone. Stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for any additional information.

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Posted: August 6, 2024  
Sharon A. Niemann, Town Clerk

