

Hurricane Jose to slowly weaken to tropical storm

Hurricane Jose is forecast to slowly weaken to a tropical storm as it tracks about 100 miles south of Nantucket on Wednesday. The main impact of Jose will be felt on Cape Cod and the Islands and will be similar to that of a strong nor'easter, with coastal flooding, beach erosion, locally heavy rainfall, and strong wind gusts.



Peak wind gusts up to 60 mph are possible on the Cape and Islands with 40 to 50 mph gusts across southeast Massachusetts and southern Rhode Island. Rainfall will be heaviest on Cape Cod and Nantucket, where 2 to 4 inches is possible. Severe beach erosion will occur along the coastlines of southeast Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with areas of minor to moderate coastal flooding, especially Nantucket.

On the coastal waters south and southeast of New England, seas will build to 20 feet, with up to 25 feet south of Nantucket. The combination of high seas and strong winds will result in life-threatening conditions.

New Bedford Guide's 'Meet the Candidates' live stream set

for 20 Sept

On September 20th, New Bedford Guide will be hosting a live Q&A with each of the candidates running for office in the October 3rd preliminary elections.

Each candidate will be allowed 10 minutes on a live stream on New Bedford Guide's Facebook account. Five minutes will be given to each of the candidates as open time to tell residents why they should be elected and then 5 minutes to answer live questions.

Here is the schedule:

TIME	CANDIDATE	NOTES
5:00	Edwin Antonio Cartagena	Ward 2
5:15	Melissa Costa	Ward 1
5:30	David Sullivan	Ward 5
5:45	Randy Santos	Ward 1
6:00	Chris Amaral	Ward 1
6:15	Kate Towers	ward 5
6:30	Maria Giesta	Ward 2
6:45	Steven Caton	Ward 1
7:00	Charlie Perry	Mayor
7:15	Mitchell Garner	Mayor
7:30	Scott Lima	Ward 5
7:45	Carlos Pimentel Felix	Ward 2
8:00	Nelson Macedo	Ward 5
8:15	Dan Costa	Ward 1
8:30	Paul Chasse	Ward 5
8:45	Jo Jo Fortes	Ward 4

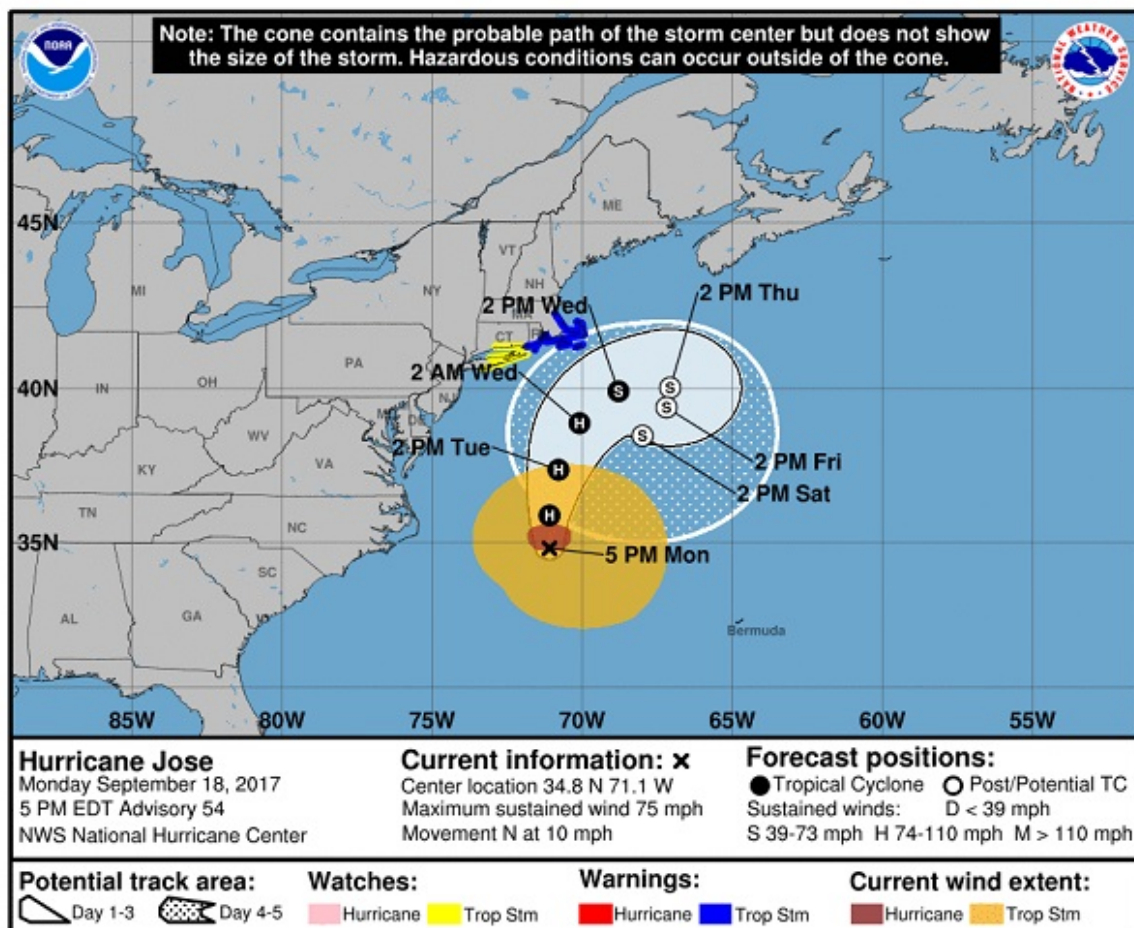
We have reached out to all the candidates. If you don't see one listed, it is because they haven't responded or the date doesn't fit into their schedule. We will make every effort to give them equal time on another date. Schedule is subject to change.

Tropical Storm Warning issued Massachusetts coast

As of 5:15 PM, the National Weather service has a Tropical Storm Warning in effect for most of the east and south east coast of Massachusetts.

* LOCATIONS AFFECTED

- Fall River
- New Bedford



More details:
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/graphics_at2.shtml?cone#contents

* WIND

- LATEST LOCAL FORECAST: Below tropical storm force wind
- Peak Wind Forecast: 20-30 mph with gusts to 45 mph

- CURRENT THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY: Moderate
- The wind threat has remained nearly steady from the previous assessment.
- Emergency plans should include a reasonable threat for strong tropical storm force wind of 58 to 73 mph.
- To be safe, earnestly prepare for the potential of significant wind impacts. Remaining efforts to secure properties should now be brought to completion.
- Dangerous wind is possible. Failure to adequately shelter may result in injury. Move to safe shelter before the wind becomes hazardous.

– POTENTIAL IMPACTS: Significant

- Some damage to roofing and siding materials, along with damage to porches, awnings, carports, and sheds. A few buildings experiencing window, door, and garage door failures. Mobile homes damaged, especially if unanchored. Unsecured lightweight objects become dangerous projectiles.
- Several large trees snapped or uprooted, but with greater numbers in places where trees are shallow rooted. Several fences and roadway signs blown over.
- Some roads impassable from large debris, and more within urban or heavily wooded places. A few bridges, causeways, and access routes impassable.
- Scattered power and communications outages, but more prevalent in areas with above ground lines.

* STORM SURGE

- No storm surge inundation forecast

– CURRENT THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY: None

- The storm surge threat has decreased from the previous assessment.
- Surf conditions may still be rough with some beach erosion. Stronger than normal rip currents may also be present.
- Exercise due safety.
- Review your seasonal plan and ensure readiness for the next storm surge event.

- REALIZED IMPACTS: Being Assessed
- Little to no additional surge impacts expected. Community officials are now assessing the extent of actual surge impacts accordingly.

* FLOODING RAIN

- LATEST LOCAL FORECAST:
 - Peak Rainfall Amounts: 2-4 inches, with locally higher amounts
- CURRENT THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY: Elevated
 - The flooding rain threat has remained nearly steady from the previous assessment.
 - Emergency plans should include a reasonable threat for minor flooding where peak rainfall totals are near amounts conducive for localized flash flooding and rapid inundation.
 - To be safe, prepare for the potential of limited flooding rain impacts.
 - Localized flooding is possible. If flood related watches and warnings are issued, heed recommended actions.
- POTENTIAL IMPACTS: Limited
 - Localized rainfall flooding may prompt a few evacuations.
 - Rivers and tributaries may quickly rise with swifter currents. Small streams, creeks, canals, arroyos, and ditches may become swollen and overflow in spots.
 - Flood waters can enter a few structures, especially in usually vulnerable spots. A few places where rapid ponding of water occurs at underpasses, low-lying spots, and poor drainage areas. Several storm drains and retention ponds become near-full and begin to overflow. Some brief road and bridge closures.

* TORNADO

- LATEST LOCAL FORECAST:
 - Situation is unfavorable for tornadoes
- CURRENT THREAT TO LIFE AND PROPERTY: None

- The tornado threat has remained nearly steady from the previous assessment.
 - Emergency plans need not include a threat for tornadoes. Showers and thunderstorms with strong gusty winds may still occur.
 - Little to no preparations needed to guard against tropical tornadoes.
 - Ensure readiness for the next tropical tornado event.
 - POTENTIAL IMPACTS: Little to None
 - Little to no potential impacts from tornadoes.
- * FOR MORE INFORMATION:
- <http://weather.gov/box>
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New Bedford City Council Ward 1 Candidate Forum set for Sep. 25

The Far North End Neighborhood Association under the leadership of President Robert Souza will be hosting a forum for the seven Ward 1 Candidates that will appear on the October 3rd Preliminary Election Ballot.

The forum will be held on Monday September 25, 2017 at Pulaski School.

Doors at the Pulaski School will open 6:00pm. The Candidate Forum will be held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to make an opening statement followed by a series of questions that will be addressed to the candidates by the moderator.

Because of the number of candidates and the time constraints there will be no questions in this session from the audience. There will be an opportunity before and after the forum for residents to speak with the candidates individually.

The seven Ward 1 Candidates are: Christopher Amaral, Steven Caton, Daniel Costa, Melissa Costa, William Markey, Randall Santos and Mark Ventura.

Councillors Linda Morad and James Oliveira, both whom have served the residents of Ward 1 for many years will be assisting Bob Souza during the forum.

Ward 1 Councilor, Jim Oliveira commented, "This forum is increasingly important to meet the candidates, learn of their views on key issues both in the Ward and across the City. It is imperative such a forum be held due to the large number of candidates seeking to earn a final election slot in November."

"I am pleased to be involved in facilitating this forum which will give the residents of the north end an opportunity to hear from those seeking the Ward 1 position" said Councillor Morad.

New Bedford trash collection delayed one day beginning Sep. 20

Trash collection in the City of New Bedford will be delayed beginning Wednesday morning, September 20, 2017, due to the expected winds and impact of Hurricane Jose.

Residents should not leave garbage cans out on Tuesday

evening, September 19.

Wednesday trash collection will be delayed to Thursday morning.

Thursday trash collection will be delayed to Friday morning, and Friday trash collection will be delayed until Saturday morning.

City officials are continuing to monitor the path of Hurricane Jose. Currently, Jose is a Category 1 hurricane. The National Weather Service has forecast that it will soon downgrade to a tropical storm. According to the latest forecast, wind gusts of 40 to 60 miles per hour may occur as the storm begins in our area Tuesday evening and into Wednesday.

Rainfall amounts are uncertain and could range from as low as 1-3 inches to as high as 5-7 inches. City residents are advised to begin preparing their homes this evening, before we feel effects of the storm tomorrow, by bringing in lawn furniture, flags, or other items that aren't secured. Please ensure all pets are indoors during the storm.

As the City continues to monitor the storm and its impact, more updates will be provided. Storm preparedness information is also located on the city website: <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/emergency-management/prepared/>.

Allen C. Haskell Public gardens to host Fall Plant

Sale on Sep. 30

The Allen C. Haskell Public gardens will be hosting a fall plant sale on Saturday, September 30th from 9am – 1pm. The event is open to the public.



New Bedford murder defendant held without bail

A 23-year-old New Bedford woman arrested during the early morning hours today in connection to a homicide which occurred in the City of New Bedford last night, was ordered held without bail during her arraignment today in New Bedford District Court.

Zaishary Gonzalez was arraigned this morning in New Bedford District Court on charges of murder, witness intimidation and malicious destruction of a motor vehicle. Her next court date is scheduled for October 18.

New Bedford Police responded to the area of 91 Nauset Street last night around 9:35 pm in response to calls reporting a stabbing at that location. When police arrived they located the victim, 45-year-old Juan Roman, and transported him to St. Luke's Hospital. The victim, who is believed to be homeless, was pronounced dead at 10:14 p.m.

The defendant was arrested at her home on Newcomb Street without incident.

The investigation is being coordinated by Assistant District

Attorney Michael Sheehan and Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill. The probe is being conducted by Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to this office and New Bedford Police Detectives.

Police arrest 20-year old New Bedford man for unlawfully possessing large capacity firearm

Port security and members of the narcotics and gang units took a loaded firearm off the street Sunday and arrested Ejanie Trent Nascimento, 20, of New Bedford, on charges of possession of a large capacity firearm, improper storage of a large capacity firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and unlawful possession of a large capacity feeding device.

Police executed a search warrant at a Sycamore Street apartment as part of an investigation into illegal possession of a firearm.

When police entered the apartment, they located a Glock 40 caliber firearm loaded with 14 rounds of ammunition in an unsecure location.

The arrest was made at 2:16 p.m.

Freetown police searching for suspect who robbed man at Profile Rock

Freetown police are seeking a suspect wanted for the robbery of a man visiting Profile Rock on Friday, September 15, 2017, at approximately 7:30 pm.

According to police, the victim and his friends were in the visitors parking area when the suspect approached them and offered to sell them drugs. When the victim declined, the suspect demanded money and stated that he had a pistol. The victim surrendered his money before fleeing from the area.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 30-35 years of age, and about 6' - 4" in height. At the time of the robbery, his hair was dreadlock-styled and he was wearing a gray crew neck sweatshirt and blue shorts.

Anyone with information is asked to call Freetown Detective Shane Kelley at 508-763-4017.

Sunday Night Homicide In New Bedford Leads to Quick Arrest; Arraignment Slated for Today

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Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.