



News Release

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TOWN OF BELVILLE DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

Belville – Mayor Jack Batson and the Belville Board of Commissioners met at 2:50 pm today and declared a state of emergency for the town.

Due to strong winds expected from Hurricane Irene, Mayor Batson encourages residents in low lying areas, mobile homes or structures that will not sustain high winds to evacuate.

The following Brunswick County Shelters opened at 2:00 pm today:

- *North Brunswick High School - 114 Scorpion Drive, Leland*
- *South Brunswick High School - 280 Cougar Road, Southport (Boiling Spring Lakes)*
- *West Brunswick High School - 550 Whiteville Road, Shallotte*

Pets will be accepted at all shelters, however West Brunswick High School is the only co-location shelter where pets will be kept in the same building as their owners. Pets taken to North or South Brunswick High Schools will be transported to another location for sheltering.

Residents that choose to evacuate are urged to secure all loose items outside of their homes prior to leaving.

For more information, please visit Brunswick County Emergency Management's website at www.brunswickes.com.

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