

Oct. 7 storm recovery update

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Panel Zoom meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11

The next meeting of the Captiva Community Panel will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. Obviously, storm recovery updates and plans will be the focus of the meeting, and representatives from Lee County, LCEC and other critical island providers, as well as reports from the fire district and LCSO (assuming they are available). Zoom info is below:

When: Oct 11, 2022 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: October 2022 Community Panel meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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LCEC update

Bob Walter has been in constant contact with Tricia Dorn from LCEC. They have told us that there are 5 poles down in Captiva. Their primary goal is to get the substation up and running it feeds both Sanibel and Captiva.

The power comes across Roosevelt channel to the LCEC substation in northern Sanibel at this location it goes south to Sanibel and north to Captiva. Our switch heading north is in good condition. LCEC and the resort are working hard to get the LCEC trucks on island via barge ASAP. Once this happens, they can get boots on the ground and get it done.

CEPD update

Nicole Sharp from Aptim invited Daniel Munt and Carrie Shuman to join her on a Monday boat trip with the goal of assessing the state of the shoreline from the beach side. They touched down briefly on island, but for safety's sake, almost all of these are from the boat with a zoom lens. They couldn't really visually assess most of the Bayside. Photos are at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ky2a9ije992rsu/AABxw8WmPOtx3ZDBPNn8bRjea?dl=0>

Lee County EOC update

FROM BOB WALTER: The large 160 ramp barge is departing this afternoon from Punta Rassa to Sanibel. On that barge is the first drop of fire department vehicles for Captiva and two LCEC trucks. Working on a pump truck to assist us with our portable bathrooms.

Pump Truck: Glen Sayler Asst County Manager and Steve Boutelle Manger of public works operations are “moving this to the top of the list.” I explained to him we would move our portable bathrooms to the conference center and they would assist all Captiva, as well as the national Guard and the FEMA / County/ State operations support assets they are setting up in Chadwick’s square across the street.

We hope to get at least one of the restrooms up and running Friday. Since the fire department has water we should be able to use their water for the bathrooms and they can refill from the Island Water source. Island WATER still has valves shut off to businesses and residential areas, we are still working on getting island water to get us water at least to the conference center.

RSW re-opens

Southwest Florida International Airport open for limited commercial flight operations. The initial hours of operation for security checkpoints at RSW will be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with flights operating between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Due to the impacts from Hurricane Ian, please use caution and leave extra time to get to the airport. The roadways at RSW are open.

Some of the many amenities may not be available initially. Concessions will have limited food and beverage and other items may be in short supply. Airport Plaza gas station and the 7-Eleven convenience store are open but may have limited supplies.

The airport is not a public shelter. They ask that only people traveling come to the airport.

All Lee County boat ramps remain closed

Lee County was asked to convey the following information to boaters from the U.S. Coast Guard:

The U.S. Coast continues to conduct channel surveys and aids to navigation verifications due to potential navigational hazards caused by Hurricane Ian in the vicinity of Fort Myers Beach, Port Charlotte, and Boca Grande. This area remains closed to commercial vessel traffic unless previously authorized by the Captain of the Port. Recreational boaters are strongly advised to avoid this area due to potentially unsafe conditions.

The Coast Guard will continue to enforce all commercial vessel regulations. As a reminder, documented vessels may not be employed in any trade other than the trade endorsed upon the vessel's Certificate of Documentation. A vessel documented exclusively as a recreational vessel may not be used for any other purpose. Any consideration, payment, economic benefit, inducement, right or profit contributed as a condition of carriage on a vessel constitutes passenger service and must comply with all inspected or uninspected passenger vessel regulations.

“Blue Roof” program accepting applications

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist eligible homeowners with temporary roof repairs. The Operation Blue Roof program will provide a temporary blue covering with fiber-reinforced sheeting to help reduce further damage to property until permanent repairs can be made.

Operation Blue Roof is a free service to homeowners. The counties that have been identified are Charlotte and Lee. The initial sign up period is set for 21 days and will end on Oct. 23.

Residents impacted by Hurricane Ian can sign up at [Blueroof.us](https://blueroof.us).
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Operation Blue Roof is a priority mission managed by the U.S. Army Corps Engineers. It protects property, reduces temporary housing costs, and allows residents to remain in their homes while recovering from the storm. This program is for primary residences or a permanently occupied rental property with less than 50 percent structural damage. Vacation rental properties are not eligible for this program.

After the blue roof is installed, the structure is declared habitable. Not all roof types qualify for the program. Roofs that are flat or made of metal or clay, slate, or asbestos tile do not qualify. All storm debris must be removed for the roof to qualify.

Residents can also call toll free 1-888-ROOF-BLU (1-888-766-3258) for more information.

Structural assessments

The link we sent to access structural assessments online was password protected, and we have been unable to find another more accessible source. When one is posted, we will forward it.

Lee County storm updates

Useful storm info is online at:

- <https://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm>
- <https://www.leegov.com/hurricane/storm/available-resources>
- <https://www.leegov.com/dcd/BldPermitServ/AppsProcd/EmergProcd>

Emergency Permitting Procedures: Temporary office is at 2115 Second Street, Fort Myers. Office hours are 7 days a week, 9 am-4 pm (beginning Wednesday, Oct. 5).

Services Provided for Well Permitting: Please visit the Natural Resources website for more information. (Beginning Wednesday 10/5/2022)

Services Provided for DOT: DOT is currently not accepting any new applications, and has temporarily suspended inspection scheduling for all Driveway and Right of Way permits, until further notice.

Permitting Information: The first phase of the Disaster Recovery procedures focuses on helping residents and business owners obtain the necessary permits and inspections to correct the damage to their current inhabitable homes and businesses, with expedited permitting and review. Certain permitting projects related to storm damage will be given priority over the processing of other work.

For a list of Record Types currently being permitted as part of Phase 1 of Disaster Recovery and for information related to the permitting requirements for each Record Type, please review the Disaster Recovery Permitting Requirements document online.

Work Not Requiring a Permit

- Removal of debris from on or inside a structure
- Minor demolition to prevent injury or prevent further damage to buildings
- Structural shoring and bracing
- Replacement of broken glass within existing framing for windows and doors
- Repair/Replacement of soffit and gutters
- Roof Shingle replacement of 1 square of shingles (10ft x 10ft area, or less)
- Minor non-structural repairs made to the exterior of structures
- Repair of minor water leaks that do not involve structural, mechanical, or electrical systems.

The FEMA 50% Rule is still in effect and will be enforced during review. Contractors are required to apply online via eConnect/ACA.

Owner Builders may apply online or in person at the temporary Permitting Office, and are temporarily not required to come in person to sign the required documents. Instead, they may upload the signed documents to the Record in eConnect/ACA or email documents and questions to eConnect@leegov.com.

Expired Permits/Permits Due to Expire: Existing Permitting Records (all Record Types) that have an Expiration Date of 9/26/2022 - 10/31/2022 will be auto-extended, with a new Expiration Date of 11/1/2022.

These procedures are designed to facilitate permitting during a major catastrophic event. These procedures may be subject to change, without notice, depending on circumstances which may occur during recovering from the catastrophic event.

Contractor Licensing Information

Inspections Information: It will be the responsibility of the Contractor or Owner-Builder to request the required inspections, based on the approved scope of work. The use of an approved Private Provider Inspection firm to perform the necessary inspections and provide inspection reports to the Lee County Building Inspections Office by email at inspections@leegov.com is acceptable.

- Inspections are being accepted for a 303 Service Change on an Electrical permit, regardless of Hurricane Damage.
- Inspections may only be scheduled if the work is in relation to Hurricane Damage. All other inspections will not be accepted at this time.
- Inspections can be scheduled via eConnect/ACA or by Phone (IVR) at 239-533-8997.
- Inspections must be scheduled by 5 pm for next business day inspections. We are temporarily suspending same-day inspection scheduling.

City of Sanibel Facebook updates

The City of Sanibel continues to provide updates about the City's response to Hurricane Ian via Facebook Live. Click [here](#) to watch the live feed.

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Beginning Thursday, Oct. 6, the Facebook Live update will stream at 5 pm.

Please be advised a Facebook account is not necessary to to view the live update. To watch Facebook Live without creating a Facebook account, go to <https://www.facebook.com/live>. You cannot comment or add reactions, but you can watch all you want! You can also go directly to a live video in your web browser if you have a link to the video.



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