

10/12 storm recovery update

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WATCH THE PANEL MEETING: The link to view the video from the 10/11/22 Community Panel meeting is <https://youtu.be/UvLg5L8wSLk>

CEPD update

Nicole Sharp with APTIM provided a preliminary update on Captiva's beaches at Tuesday's Community Panel meeting. A copy of her PowerPoint is [here](#), and the full report is in the panel video... probably past 1.5 hours in.

South Seas update

FROM BOB WALTER:

UPDATE 10/12/2022: The disaster relief fund for SSIR team members has been set up. We truly appreciate all the support everyone has shown. A big THANK YOU, from our team members. If you are able to assist, I have provided the link again. <https://gofund.me/ac53cf05>

UPDATE 10/12/2022: As many of you heard the causeway was opened this afternoon, for 1st responders today 10/11/2022. We have heard from the DOT that the causeway will be open to "normal traffic" on the 24th.

David Mintz from the Community Panel and I had a two-hour call with the

county today discussing Captiva needs as we move forward. A lot of the challenges we were facing are now less of a challenge with the causeway opening. More to come.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: FGUA is on site this week to verify that lift stations are in good condition as they suspect they are. Once power is restored the waste water treatment plant, we expect to be operational shortly thereafter. They are currently running on generator.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: Our event bathrooms are operational at the conference center. We are also receiving more in a request to the county.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: The county will confirm by Thursday, when the operation of the disaster relief center will be staffed and operational.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: The county is looking at incinerators for landscaping and building supplies, etc., versus hauling off debris. SSIR is looking at staging these on the South end of the resort. Location to be finalized soon. AGAIN, it is important that any debris is NOT placed on the road, but left on your property close to the road.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: LCSO has their eight additional officers for assistance and are also securing the Blind Pass bridge. FFWC is also patrolling the waterways to assist. Commissioner Ruane said he expects more to be added in the next week. We have our three dedicated officers; the additional teams are providing support for both Captiva and Sanibel.

UPDATE 10/12/2022: LCEC presented on today's Captiva Community panel call, they still do not have a timeline they will know a lot more by end of day Thursday, since they have plenty of staff on island now to focus on multiple areas at the same time. I will follow up with Tricia at LCEC and keep all posted.

CFD update

FROM CHIEF JEFF PAWUL: As I mentioned, it is imperative that as property owners or their representative start to clear debris both vegetation and construction/ personal items from properties on Captiva they are careful to not cause other issues:

- Do not pile up any debris in the roadway, this will make it very difficult for emergency crews to access properties.

- Separate vegetation from construction debris.
- Do not block fire hydrants with any debris.
- Do not cover up any water valves or meters, this will help speed up IWA service to the island.
- Do not burn any debris on Captiva... we are working with multiple agencies and contractors to help facilitate disaster debris management.

Please reach out to the Fire District if you have any specific questions.

We would also recommend that property owners turn their main breaker off during the re-energizing phase of the process. As electrical outlets and breakers have been destroyed during the hurricane, it is very common for structure fires to occur during this process of restoring power. Tricia Dorn could also elaborate further if needed.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can assist with during the recovery. Emails can be sent to info@captivafire.com or hurricane_request@captivafire.com.

LCEC update

FROM TRICIA DORN: Staying safe as power is restored to your home and/or business

Safely restoring power to your home and/or business following any hurricane is extensive. After returning to your home and/or business, customers must assess damage and perform clean-up and repairs which can be difficult. Make that time safe and productive by following these tips:

- If your electrical equipment has gotten wet or is near water, turn off the power at the main breaker. If you must enter water to access the main switch, call an electrician to turn it off.
- Do not turn electrical equipment back on until it has been inspected by a qualified electrician.
- Stay clear of downed power lines, as they may still be energized and dangerous. Puddles of water contacting downed lines are just as dangerous.
- Do not trim trees or remove debris located near downed power lines.
- If you must remove debris from in or around your home, do not pile it under or near electrical lines or equipment.
- If appliances were on when the power was lost, make sure all appliances are turned off. If left on, they could pose fire hazards when the power is restored.

- Refrain from using candles and instead, use a battery-operated flashlight as an alternative light source.
- Do not re-freeze food once it begins to thaw.
- Do not use tap water until it is safe. Boil water (rolling boil for at least a minute) before drinking until you receive official word that the water is safe.

For more ways to stay safe around electricity, visit lcec.net.

Contact list:

LCSO: Lt. Mike Sawicki – Send texts to 239-281-7210 if you're planning to come to the island

CFD: Chief Jeff Pawul – Send texts to 239-896-2057, send emails to info@captivafire.com or hurricane_request@captivafire.com

South Seas access and resort issues: Bob Walter – send email to bwalter@southseas.com

Tween Water landing (experienced captains only, no docking): Text Tony Lapi at 239-410-7795 for permission to land

Lee County issues: Commissioner Kevin Ruane – call 239-533-2224 or email dist1@leegov.com

LCEC: Online at lcec.net, call 239-656-2300 or 800-599-2356.

Island Water Association: Email customer_service@islandwater.com, call 239-472-1502 or go online to islandwater.com. A reactivation procedure to restore water service to your structure will be announced soon.

Other questions: Email to captivacommunitypanel@gmail.com and they will be forwarded as necessary

Blue Roof update

Operation Blue Roof is active in your county. **Deadline to apply is October 23.** This is a FREE, NO COST program, where a contractor installs a fiber-reinforced, industrial-strength sheeting to protect storm-damaged roofs until homeowners can make permanent repairs. You can sign-up three ways: Call 888-766-3258; visit Blueroof.us; or go to the mobile sign-up location.

Mail pickup changes

Starting on Tuesday (Oct. 11), postal customers in Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel who were affected by Hurricane Ian will be directed to a new location in Lee County for mail and package pick-up.

The new location at the Fort Myers Processing & Distribution Center, located at

14080 Jetport Loop, offers more space and ample parking. For customers arriving by car, there is signage directing them where to park. A mobile retail unit has been set up in the parking lot to assist customers with mailing and shipping needs, stamp and money order purchases and change of address requests.

This new location will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

USPS says all customers impacted by Hurricane Ian should file for a change of address to ensure they can receive uninterrupted and accurate mail delivery service.

The USPS Care Center (1-800-275-8777) is available for customers in areas affected by Hurricane Ian with questions about their mail or package delivery service, or any other matter involving postal operations.

Lee County building damage assessments, permits and inspection guidelines

FROM LEE COUNTY: Due to both public and private damage generated by Hurricane Ian, Unincorporated Lee County is temporarily altering routine construction permitting and inspections for rebuilding.

Damage assessment:

- Unincorporated Lee County, following the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements, has the responsibility to determine "substantial damage" and "substantial improvement," and has implemented the procedures to do so.
 - o Substantial damage is defined as damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its "before damage" condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the structure. (Note: The cost of the repairs must include all costs necessary to fully repair the structure to its "before damage" condition.)

- Substantial improvement is defined as any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure (before any improvements are performed).

- Historic structures may be exempt from these requirements if the compliance would threaten the structure's continued eligibility for historic

designation.

- These laws are required by the NFIP to protect lives and investment from future flood damages. The county must enforce these laws in order for federally-backed flood insurance to be made available to Unincorporated Lee County residents and property owners.

FEMA 50% rule:

- This is in effect and will be enforced during review.
- Basic rule: If the cost of improvements or the cost to repair the damage exceeds 50% of the market value of the building, it must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Visit www.leegov.com/dcd/flood/building/improvements or www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_p213_08232018.pdf for more information.

Permitting: Phase II of the Disaster Recovery procedures extends permitting, review and inspection services to all record types regardless of damage, while ensuring those with hurricane damage are given priority.

Please review the Phase II Disaster Recovery Permitting Requirements and the Guides and Forms webpage for information about Permitting Requirements by record type.

1. 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 one square of shingles (10-foot by 10-foot 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
- Previously permitted fences destroyed due to the storm may be re-installed, like for like, in the exact same location

2. Minor damage

- Permits for minor damage, consisting of roof covering, screen enclosures, wood decks, doors, windows and other non-structural components may be obtained upon the submission of an itemized list from the contractor or owner-

builder stating the items to be repaired, with an accurate cost estimate of the repairs. It will be the responsibility of the owner-builder or contractor to request the required inspections from the Lee County Inspections Office at 239-533-8997 or use an approved architect or engineer to perform the inspections and provide inspection reports to the Lee County Building Inspections Office.

3. Major damage

- Permits for minimal structural components such as damaged glass rooms, trusses on single family houses, cladding (roof and wall sheathing) and non-structural components, including mechanical (air conditioning), electrical and insulation, may be issued to a contractor or owner-builder upon submission of an itemized list signed and sealed by an approved architect or engineer.
- Considered Substantial Damage per FEMA guidelines, requiring a more complex permit review process described here:
www.leegov.com/dcd/flood/building/improvements.

4. Major structural damage

- Permits for collapsed roofing systems, destroyed walls, foundation damage, damage to beams and other major structural components, will only be issued upon submission of detailed construction drawings prepared and sealed by an approved architect or engineer.
- Considered Substantial Damage per FEMA guidelines, requiring a more complex permit review process described here:
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Expired permits/permits due to expire:

- Existing permitting records (all record types) that have an expiration date of Sept. 26 through Oct. 31, 2022, will be auto-extended, with a new expiration date of Nov. 1, 2022, and is subject to further extension.

Inspections:

- All inspection requests are being accepted at this time, with priority being given to hurricane related repairs.
- 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 is acceptable. Email inspections@leegov.com.
- Inspections can be scheduled via eConnect/ACA or by phone at 239-533-8997.
- Inspections must be scheduled by 5 p.m. for next business day inspections. Lee County is temporarily suspending same-day inspection scheduling.

Tips for rebuilding:

- Homeowners may perform their own repairs per state statute 489.103.
- Anyone hired to do repairs for the homeowner must be a properly licensed contractor. The homeowner should visit the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation website at www.myfloridalicense.com or contact the Lee County Contractor Licensing Office at ContractorLicensing@leegov.com, to assure the contractor is properly licensed to perform the work being requested.
- Getting a permit for permanent repairs will help prevent post-storm scams and price-gouging. Your community's permitting process can help ensure that repairmen are licensed and performing repairs to code.

Please note: These procedures are designed to facilitate permitting during the aftermath of a major catastrophic event. Changes may occur, depending on circumstances.

Hurricane Ian recovery updates and resources can be found from Lee County government by following @Lee County Government on Facebook, www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc. More information is available at www.leegov.com/storm.



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