

10/13 Captiva storm recovery update

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Panel website updated

The Community Panel website – www.captivacommunitypanel.com – has added new sections to collect news and updates on storm recovery, to list possible contractors to assist in repairs (not vouched for by the panel, but as a public service) and to get information on those people who want to volunteer to assist in the recovery. Items will be added as we receive them, so check it out.

Sanibel update

CITY OF SANIBEL HURRICANE RECOVERY UPDATE - OCTOBER 11, 2022

- Click [here](#) to access the city's daily update -- many of the issues Captivans may face as well are covered. (https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001T4IJiOJFq4KY5crMqvWMibQWr_jeVPef6bgjbnfGpG3dvqhZz3_EWRrOQbklmT885Z-gleGHiFyHag16UgF4QmmzNOL8UKzHrtCLPtlzEISWQhwdfqSCkn69mxA2HcbXax8pg2MFVRWWZ-au52dHabALIjW5JOjrkCts_7ghrKcVGgtYXPCnJUFFT3HkEQ&c=bhY3Wo-o8y8s6VulZnZiUI9Wg2gHljxax6q1Kel-quvkXlgik49YOA==&ch=87SYEOg9Ntuevs4zJSDRLCNYZ-4hCgrA7M1T5l-jRAraPAsDc28aPQ==))

KEY 10/11 MESSAGES FROM CITY OF SANIBEL PARTNERS

Island Water

- Working to repair all major lines. IWA will provide an update when repaired.
- Keep meter boxes clear from trash and debris piles.
- Billing questions – go to Islandwater.com

LCEC

- 350 trucks and 50 pieces of equipment arrived on Sanibel Wednesday via the Causeway.
- Base camp will be completed Thursday; 500 line crew expected to arrive soon.
- Command center is located at the BIG Arts parking lot (city owned).

Comcast

- Current estimate for restoration is December 16, 2022.

Island Resident Mail

- Residents may pick up mail at the Jetport Loop Mail Facility (14080 Jetport Loop, Fort Myers), Hours: 9 am-4 pm Monday-Saturday

CITY OPERATIONS:

The City of Sanibel is operating from a temporary City Hall located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower (13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers). Hurricane passes are available there,

Lee County update

FROM LEE COUNTY:

About Storm Debris:

Storm debris is collected separately from household garbage. Storm debris assessment is already underway throughout the county collections will begin in the next few days, giving residents time to get storm debris to the curb.

Click [here](#) to view guidelines so that work crews can quickly and efficiently remove storm debris from your property. (**NOTE:** A schedule for collecting debris from Captiva has not been established, so this is provided more to guide how and where you store debris.)

Most Important – Please set storm debris at the curb away from your normal household trash and recycling; it will be collected and documented separately.

Place storm debris at the curb in three separate piles: garbage, yard waste and building debris. Federal Emergency Management Agency rules require documentation of the volume and type of debris collected to reimburse the county for storm cleanup.

Garbage must be placed in a 40-gallon can or heavy mil plastic bag each weighing no more than 50 pounds. If you have a larger county-provided container for automated garbage collection, you may use that as well.

Yard waste does not need to be bundled after the storm. Place it in piles that can easily be managed by collection personnel with a claw truck.

To expedite collection, do not place anything beneath low-hanging obstacles like trees or power lines or near things like fire hydrants or mail boxes.

Food must be removed from any appliance set at the curb. Inedible food should be placed with the garbage. Disaster debris is collected separately from household garbage by a specialized contractor.

Storm recovery status is updated daily on the county website www.leegov.com. Regular updates can also be found at Lee County Government Facebook. For solid waste collection questions, email solidwaste@leegov.com.

Landscaping Companies: Landscaping companies hauling vegetative storm debris cleared from residential properties will need a signed declaration from the resident indicating the address where the debris was generated. No debris will be accepted without a signed declaration.

Elections update

FROM LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

ONLINE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE: Many online voter services are available on our website. A person can [register to vote](#), [update their voter registration record](#), [request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot](#), or [contact us](#).

BEGINNING OCTOBER 12, IN-PERSON VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT PICK UP

A voter can request and pick-up a Vote-by-Mail Ballot in person at the [Main](#)

[Office](#) and Lee County Elections Center [South Fort Myers Branch Office](#).

Vote-by-Mail Ballot in-person pick-up will be available soon at our [Bonita Springs](#) and [Cape Coral](#) branches. Please continue to visit this page for an update.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 12, SECURE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF

Once you receive your ballot, if you do not want to return it to the Supervisor of Elections by mail, you may drop it off in person at any authorized Secure Ballot Intake Station.

An authorized Secure Ballot Intake Station is currently available at the [Main Office](#). The stations will be available at all [branch offices](#) beginning Oct. 12.

THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE IS 5:00 P.M., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Voting by mail is the most convenient way to vote if you cannot vote in person. The deadline to [request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot](#) to be mailed to you is 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 29. Please allow sufficient time for the post office to deliver your ballot.

EARLY VOTING SITES AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS

We continue to work closely with state and local officials to assess damages and losses to Lee County Early Voting sites and Election Day polling locations. Once we determine the condition and availability of these places, we will post detailed lists on this site. Our voters' and election workers' safety is important to us. We want to ensure that following Hurricane Ian, voting locations under the current conditions are stable, safe, and secure for those working and casting their ballots.

Contractors with private barges authorized to transport equipment to Sanibel

Beginning Oct 10, contractors who have barge access to Sanibel may bring equipment to the island to help their customers with mitigation efforts. This includes removal of wet and damaged drywall, securing buildings, tarping, landscape work, tree removal, etc. This is for work that does not require a building permit.

The following conditions will apply to contractor use of barges to bring equipment to Sanibel:

1. Cannot use the City/County/Contractor barges reserved for emergency

operation.

2. Cannot land at the City Boat Ramp. ***Strictly Enforced***

3. Barge landing locations include the:

a. Tarpon Bay Marina

b. Sanibel Marina

c. Island Inn

d. All contractors who wish to land at one of those locations need to coordinate their arrival and departure times with the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce.

- 239-291-5567
- 239-206-4603
- 239-215-3284

e. Contractors that have additional landing locations to recommend should call the Chamber of Commerce.

f. Barges may not land anywhere on the City beaches (except for the approved Island Inn location).

4. Curfew (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) - Prohibits people from being out on the streets, beaches, and canals between those hours. Police and Lee County Sheriff's Office are enforcing the curfew. The City is not encouraging residents to stay overnight on the island as Sanibel remains without water, sewer service, fire suppression, and electricity.

5. Contractors must have a valid City of Sanibel Hurricane Re-entry pass or be accompanied by a resident, business owner, or property owner with a re-entry pass.

a. If driving a contractor vehicle, you must have the pass hanging from the rear-view mirror.

6. Contractors who do not have a City of Sanibel Re-entry pass can obtain one at the Crown Plaza Hotel by providing the following:

a. Sanibel Business Tax Receipt

b. **Contactors doing work on Captiva – must have a Lee County Business License**

c. **State Licensure** – Confirmed through the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

d. **Out of State Contractors** must have Florida State Licensure through the

DBPR.

7. Field Interview – Police and Sheriff Deputies will conduct field interviews as needed.

8. Generators may be used provided it has a 20' clear distance from all points, it is not in a garage or other closed space. Please do not fill a hot generator with gasoline. This is about fire risk.



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