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10/22 storm recovery update

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CEPD meeting Monday

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District will be hosting an emergency meeting via Zoom on Monday, Oct. 24, beginning at 1 p.m. to discuss sand over-wash. The public is encouraged to attend. You can access the meeting by clicking this URL to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82603730318 or join by phone: US: +1 312 626 6799. Webinar ID: 826 0373 0318.

The agenda is online at

https://www.mycepd.com/files/d54396e44/October+State+of+Emergency+Meeting+Agenda.pdf

Property damaged? Let the property appraiser know

FROM LEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER:

For those of you that were impacted by the hurricane and have hurricane damage, you may tell us about your property damage by using this hurricane reporting link. You may also directly upload photos and other information here.

As to the taxable valuation of property in Lee County, you can connect with our office here to submit information about the damage your property sustained in the hurricane. At the least, this information will help our office make

adjustments to the property record in advance of the January 1, 2023 tax year. Additionally, after previous historic hurricanes, the State of Florida has passed retroactive tax breaks of varying degrees. If that occurs again, this information will also be used in determining which properties qualify under the standards adopted by the Legislature, if any.

DeSantis extends property tax deadline

FROM WWW.FLGOV.COM:

Thursday, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order (EO) 22-242 to suspend deadlines for payment of property taxes in counties that have been impacted by Hurricane Ian. The EO extends to real property including personal homes and commercial property that was destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable. The Executive Order can be found here.

"Floridians who have lost their homes and businesses because of Hurricane Ian shouldn't have to now worry about their property taxes," said DeSantis. "Through this Executive Order, we are providing temporary relief until we can get the Legislature back to Tallahassee to establish more permanent solutions for property taxes, provide additional economic relief to Southwest Florida, and implement necessary reforms to the property insurance market.

"I look forward to working with our legislators to find innovative solutions and I am glad we have a legislature that's ready and willing to address these issues soon."

Counties included in the order are Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, and Volusia.

The Governor also announced that he is working with the Legislature to call a Special Session in December to address property tax obligations and provide needed economic relief for Southwest Florida residents. Additionally, the Special Session will address solutions to stabilize Florida's property insurance market that will introduce more competition and policies that will lower prices for consumers.

Sanibel re-entry procedures

FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

Wednesday, Oct. 19, through Sunday, Oct. 30:

- Inbound Causeway traffic is allowed 8 am-5 pm.
- There are two Inbound Lanes: Right Lane Emergency Vehicles & Emergency Government Contractors ONLY; Left Lane - Sanibel residents, businesses, property owners and private contractors. (Traffic will merge into one lane before the Punta Rassa turnoff.)
- A valid 2021 or 2022 Sanibel re-entry pass must be prominently displayed or a Florida driver's license with a Sanibel or Captiva address readily available when approaching the checkpoint.
- Any vehicle may leave between 6 am-9 pm. There is one Outbound Lane from Sanibel and the causeway; there are two Outbound Lanes on McGregor Boulevard.
- A curfew is in effect between 9 pm-6 am. No vehicle, bicycle, or pedestrian movement is permitted, except for essential response personnel. The curfew will be strictly enforced.

Beginning Monday, October 31, 2022

- Access to Sanibel on MONDAY and TUESDAY of each week will be restricted to ESSENTIAL RESPONSE PERSONNEL ONLY.
- SANIBEL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, AND PROPERTY OWNERS may access Sanibel WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY OF EACH WEEK.
- All the traffic rules in the first section will still apply.

Speed limits on Sanibel roads are 20 mph, and it will be enforced. Details showing the traffic patterns are available on the City of Sanibel website (mysanibel.com).

ISLAND SHUTTLE SERVICE

LeeTran is now providing temporary ground transportation on Sanibel and Captiva islands, operating two shuttle bus routes to help residents move through the islands. Buses will run on a continuous loop from 8 am to 6 pm and the service is free.

The Sanibel route will begin at the Sanibel Captiva Chamber parking lot, with additional stops at the following locations: Jerry's Plaza, Bailey's Center, Ding Darling Overflow Lot, Bowmans Beach Road, and South Seas Island Resort. The Captiva route will begin at South Seas Island and follow the reverse route to the Sanibel Captiva Chamber.

Please click here to see the <u>Sanibel shuttle route</u> with stops. Please click here to see the <u>Captiva shuttle route</u> with stops.







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